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The *Holy Bible Aionian Edition* ® is the world's first Bible *un-translation*! What is an *un-translation*? Bibles are translated into each of our languages from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek. Occasionally, the best word translation cannot be found and these words are transliterated letter by letter. Four well known transliterations are *Christ*, *baptism*, *angel*, and *apostle*. The meaning is then preserved more accurately through context and a dictionary. The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven additional Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

The first three words are *aiōn*, *aiōnios*, and *aīdios*, typically translated as *eternal* and also *world* or *eon*. The Aionian Bible is named after an alternative spelling of *aiōnios*. Consider that researchers question if *aiōn* and *aiōnios* actually mean *eternal*. Translating *aiōn* as *eternal* in Matthew 28:20 makes no sense, as all agree. The Greek word for *eternal* is *aīdios*, used in Romans 1:20 about God and in Jude 6 about demon imprisonment. Yet what about *aiōnios* in John 3:16? Certainly we do not question whether salvation is *eternal*! However, *aiōnios* means something much more wonderful than infinite time! Ancient Greeks used *aiōn* to mean *eon* or *age*. They also used the adjective *aiōnios* to mean *entirety*, such as *complete* or even *consummate*, but never infinite time. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs. So *aiōnios* is the perfect description of God's Word which has *everything* we need for life and godliness! And the *aiōnios* life promised in John 3:16 is not simply a ticket to *eternal* life in the future, but the invitation through faith to the *consummate* life beginning now!

The next seven words are *Sheol*, *Hadēs*, *Geenna*, *Tartaroō*, *Abyssos*, and *Limnē Pyr*. These words are often translated as *Hell*, the place of *eternal punishment*. However, *Hell* is ill-defined when compared with the Hebrew and Greek. For example, *Sheol* is the abode of deceased believers and unbelievers and should never be translated as *Hell*. *Hadēs* is a temporary place of punishment, Revelation 20:13-14. *Geenna* is the Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's refuse dump, a temporal judgment for sin. *Tartaroō* is a prison for demons, mentioned once in 2 Peter 2:4. *Abyssos* is a temporary prison for the Beast and Satan. Translators are also inconsistent because *Hell* is used by the King James Version 54 times, the New International Version 14 times, and the World English Bible zero times. Finally, *Limnē Pyr* is the Lake of Fire, yet Matthew 25:41 explains that these fires are prepared for the Devil and his angels. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The eleventh word, *eleēsē*, reveals the grand conclusion of grace in Romans 11:32. Please understand these eleven words. The original translation is unaltered and a highlighted note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. To help parallel study and Strong's Concordance use, apocryphal text is removed and most variant verse numbering is mapped to the English standard. We thank our sources at [eBible.org](http://eBible.org), [Crosswire.org](http://Crosswire.org), [unbound.Biola.edu](http://unbound.Biola.edu), [Bible4u.net](http://Bible4u.net), and [NHEB.net](http://NHEB.net). The Aionian Bible is copyrighted with [creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0](http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0), allowing 100% freedom to copy and print, if respecting source copyrights. Check the Reader's Guide and read at [AionianBible.org](http://AionianBible.org), with Android, and with TOR network. Why purple? King Jesus' Word is royal and purple is the color of royalty! All profits are given to [CoolCup.org](http://CoolCup.org).

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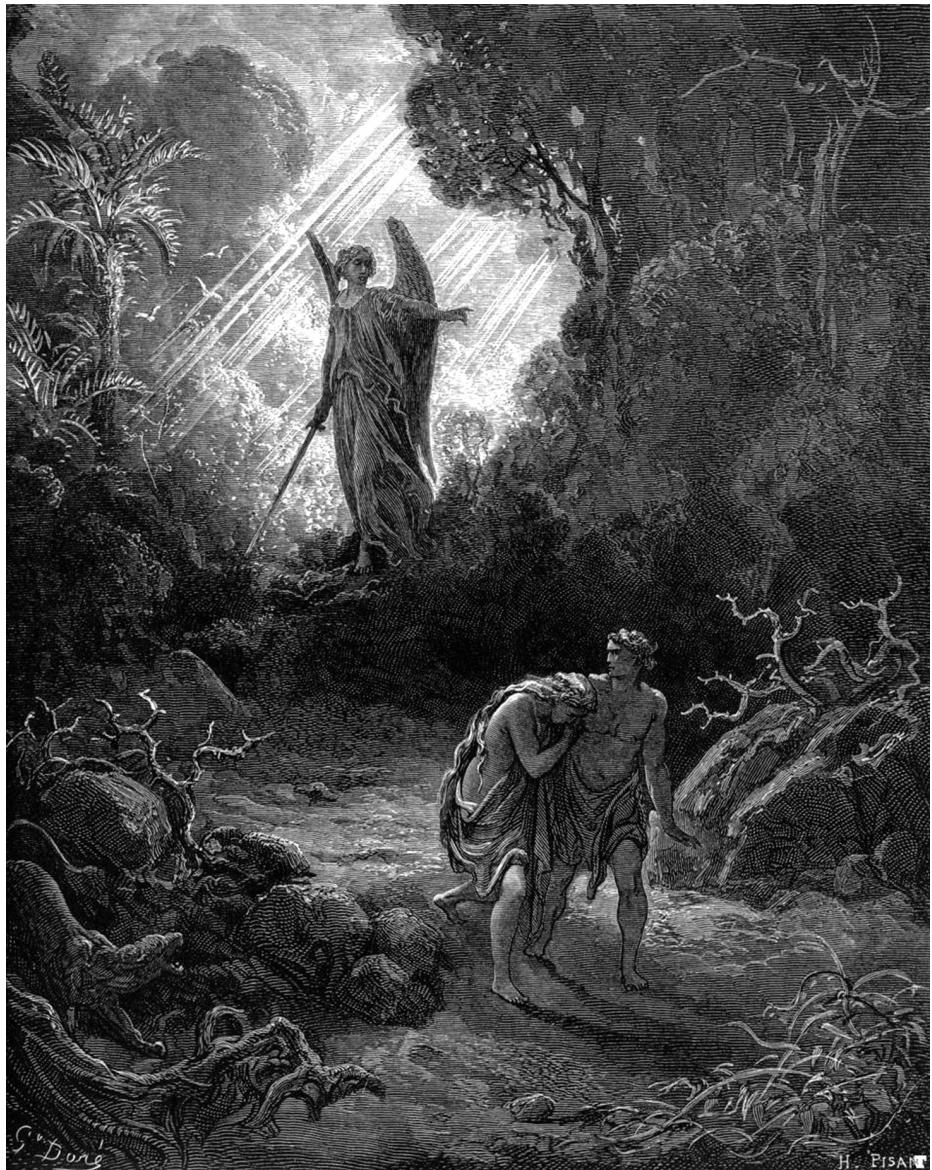
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ebhebhayo, iphazima isiyale lale ukulinda indlela eya esihlahleni sokuphila.

UGenesis 3:24

# UGenesisI

**1** Ekualeni uNkulunkulu wadala amazulu lomhlaba. **2** Umhlaba wawungelasimo njalo ungelalutho, ubumnyama babengame phezulu kolwandle njalo uMoya kaNkulunkulu wayehambahamba phezu kwamanzi. **3** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Akubekhona ukukhanya," lakanye kwabakhona ukukhanya. **4** UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi ukukhanya kwakukuhle, waseselhukanisa ukukhanya lobumnyama. **5** UNkulunkulu wabiza ukukhanya ngokuthi "yimini," ubumnyama wabubiza ngokuthi "yibusuku." Ngakho kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa, kwaba lusuku lwakuqala. **6** Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, "Kakube lomkhandlu phakathi kwamanzi ukwehlukanisa amanzi kwamanye amanzi." **7** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wehlukanisa amanzi angaphansi komkhandlu kulawo amanzi angapehzelu kwavo. Kwabanjalo. **8** UNkulunkulu wabiza umkhandlu lo ngokuthi "ngumkhathi." Njalo kwabakhona ukuhlwa, kwabakhona njalo ukusa, usuku lwestibili. **9** Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, "Kakuthi amanzi angaphansi komkhathi abuthane ndawonye njalo kakuvele umhlabathi owomileyo." Ngakho kwabanjalo. **10** UNkulunkulu wabiza umhlaba owomileyo ngokuthi "ngumhlabathi," lamanzi abutheneyo wathi "lulwandle." Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **11** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Umhlabathi kawuthele izimila: imlimela ethela intanga lezihlahla emhlabathini ezithela izithelo ezilentanga phakathi, kusiya ngemihlobo yazo ehlukeneyo." Kwabanjalo. **12** Umhlaba wathela izimila: izihlahla ezilentanga kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, lezihlahla ezithela izithelo ezilentanga phakathi kwazo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **13** Kwabakhona njalo ukuhlwa lokusa, usuku lwestithathu. **14** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Akube lezibane emkhandlwini womkhathi ukwehlukanisa imini lobusuku, njalo zibe laphawu lokubonisa izigaba zomnyaka, lezinsuku lemnyaka, **15** njalo zibe yizibane emkhandlwini womkhathi ukuletha ukukhanya emhlabeni." Kwabanjalo. **16** UNkulunkulu wenza izibane ezimbili ezinkulu, isibane esikhulu ukubusa emini lesibane esincinyane ukubusa ebusuku. Wenza futhi lezinkanyezi. **17** UNkulunkulu wazibeka emkhandlwini womkhathi ukuletha ukukhanya emhlabeni, **18** ukubusa imini lobusuku, kanye lokwahlukanisa ukukhanya lobumnyama. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **19** Njalo kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa, usuku lwestine. **20** Njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, "Akube lezidalwa eziphilayo emanzini, njalo akuthi izinyoni ziphaphe ngaphezulu komhlaba zidabule emkhandlwini womkhathi." **21** Yikho uNkulunkulu wadala izidalwa ezinkulu zowlandle layo yonke into ephilayo lehambayo lenyakazelayo emanzini, kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, lezinyoni zonke ezilamaphiko, ngemihlobo yazo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **22** UNkulunkulu wazibusisa wathi, "Zalanani lande ngobunengi ligcwaliise amanzi olwandle, njalo akuthi lezinyoni lazo zande emhlabeni." **23** Kwabakhona ukuhlwa, kwabakhona njalo lokusa, usuku lwestishlanu. **24** UNkulunkulu wabuya wathi, "Akuthi umhlaba uveze izidalwa eziphilayo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo: izinanakazana ezihuquzelu emhlabathini, kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, yilezo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo." Lakanye kwabanjalo. **25** UNkulunkulu wenza izinyamazana zeganga kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, izifuyo kusiya ngemihlobo yazo, njalo zonke izinanakazana ezihuquzelu emhlabathini kusiya ngemihlobo yazo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi kwakukuhle. **26** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Asenze umuntu ngesimo sethu langomfanekiso wethu ukuze abuse phezu kwenhlanzi zowlandle lezinyoni zemkhathini, phezu kwezfifayo, phezu kwavo wonke umhlaba laphezu kwazo zonke izinanakazana ezihuquzelu emhlabathini." **27** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wadala umuntu ngomfanekiso wakhe, ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu wabada, owesilisa lowesifazane. **28** UNkulunkulu wababusisa wathi kubo, "Zalanani lande ngobunengi; liwugcwaliise umhlaba, liwubuse. Busani phezu kwenhlanzi zowlandle lezinyoni zemkhathini laphezu kwezdialwa zonke ezihambayo emhlabathini." **29** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Ngilinika zonke izihlahla ezithela intanga ezesemhlabeni wonke lazozonke izihlahla eezilezithelo ezilentanga phakathi. Zingezenu ukuba lizidle. **30** Njalo nginginika zonke izihlahla eziuhluza kuzozonke izinyamazana zomhlaba lakuzo zonke izinyoni zemkhathini lakuzo zonke izidalwa ezihambayo emhlabathini, yonke into ephefumula impilo phakathi kwayo ukuba zibe yikudla kwazo." Kwabanjalo. **31** UNkulunkulu wakubona konke lokho ayesekwenzile, njalo kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwabakhona ukuhlwa lokusa, usuku lwestithupha.

**2** Kanjalo amazulu lomhlaba kwaphelisiswa ngakho konke ukuhlotshiswa okukhulu. **2** Ngosoku lwestikhombisa uNkulunkulu wayesewuqedile umsebenzi ayewenza; ngakho wasephumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wakhe. **3** Njalo uNkulunkulu walbusisa usuku lwestikhombisa walwenza lwaba ngcwele ngoba waphumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wokudala lokho ayesekwenzile. **4** Lo ngumlando wamazulu lomhlaba ekudalweni kwakho, lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu enza khona umhlaba lamazulu. **5** Kwakungakabi lezihlahlakazana seganga emhlabathini njalo kungakamili loba yini emila emhlabathini, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wayengakanisi izulu emhlabeni, njalo kwakungelamuntu wokusebenza umhlabathi, **6** kodwa inkungu yayisenyuka emhlabathini, ithelele umhlabathi wonke. **7** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wasebumba umuntu ngothuli lomhlabathi, waphefumulela emakhaleni akhe umphefumulo wokuphila, umuntu wasesiba yisidalwa esiphilayo. **8** Ngalesosikhathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wayelungise isivande empumalanga, e-Edeni; wambeka khona umuntu ayembumble. **9** Njalo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenza yonke imihlobo yezihlaha ukuthi zikhule emhlabathini, izihlahla ezazibukeka emehlweni njalo zizinhle ekudleni.

Phakathi laphakathi kjesivande kwakulesihlahla basebemcatshela uThixo uNkulunkulu phakathi sokuphila lesihlahla sokwazi okuhle lokubi. **10** Umfula kwezihlahla zesivande. **9** Kodwa uThixo uNkulunkulu owawuthelela isivande wawugeleza usuka e-Edeni; wayimemeza indoda wathi, "Ungaphi?" **10** Yaphendula usuka lapho wehlukana waba yimifudlana emine. **11** yathi, "Ngikuzwile esivandeni, ngesaba ngoba lbizo lowokuqala yiPhishoni; ozungeze lonke ilizwe benginqunu; yikho ngasengicatsha." **11** Wasesithi, laseHavila, lapho okulegolide khona. **12** (Iglide "Ngubani okutshelileyo ukuthi unqunu? Usudile yini lalelolizwe liphle; amakha erezini le-onikisi lawo isihlahla engalilaya ukuthi lingasidli?" **12** Indoda yathi, akhona.) **13** Ibizo lomfudlana wesibili yiGihoni; usekele kulolonke ilizwe laseKhushi. **14** Ibizo lomfudlana wesithathu yiThigris; ubhoda ngempumalanga kwe-Asirya. Njalo umfudlana wesine yiYufrathe. **15** Uthixo uNkulunkulu wamthatha umuntu wambeka eSivandeni se-Edeni ukuthi asisbenzene njalo asinakekele. **16** "Ngoba usukwenzile lokhu, Uqalekisiwe ngaphezu Njalo uThixo uNkulunkulu wamlaya umuntu wathi, kweziyfu zoanke lezinyamazana zoanke zeganga "Ukhululekile ukudla loba yisiphi isihlahla esivandeni; **17** kodwa ungadli isihlahla sokwazi okuhle lokubi, zoanke insuku zokuphila kwakho. **15** Njalo ngizafaka ngoba ungaze usidle uzakufa ngempela." **18** UThixo ubutha phakathi kwakho lowesifazane, laphakathi uNkulunkulu wathi, "Kakukuhle ukuba indoda ibe kwenzalo yakho leyowesifazane; uzacobodisa ikhanda yodwa. Ngizayenzela umsizi oyifaneleyo." **19** UThixo lakho, njalo wena uzagamula isithende sakhe." **16** uNkulunkulu wayesezibumble ngomhlabathi zoanke izinyamazana zeganga lazonke izinyoni zemoyeni. Waziletha emuntwini ukuthi aziphe amabizo; kwathi loba yiliphi ibizo asibiza ngalo isidalwa esiphilayo, kwaba yilo ibizo laso. **20** Ngakho umuntu wapha amabizo zoanke izifuyo, lezinyoni zemkhathini lazonke izinyamazana zeganga. Kodwa u-Adamu wayengelaye umsizi omfaneleyo. **21** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenza indoda yalala ubuthongo bokufa; kwathi khonapho isalele wathatha olunye ubhambo lwendoda waseyivala leyondawo ngenyama. **22** Emva zebunzi lakho uzakudla ukudla kwakho uze ubuye kwalokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wasesenza umfazi emhlabathini, njengoba wathathwa kuwo; ngoba ngobhambo ayeluthethe endodeneni, wasemletha uluthuli njalo uzabuyela othulini." **20** U-Adamu endodeneni. **23** Indoda yathi, "Lo manje uselithambo lamathambo ami lenyama yenyama yami; usezabizwa ngokuthi 'mfazi,' ngoba wakhitshwa endodeneni." **24** Ngalesisizatho indoda izatshiya uyise lonina imanyane lomkayo, babe nyamanye. **25** Indoda lomkayo babehambaze, bengelazo inhloni.

**3** Inyoka yayiliqili ukwedlula zoanke izinyamazana zeganga uThixo uNkulunkulu ayezenzile. Yathi kowesifazane, "Kambe uNkulunkulu watsho ngeqiniso ukuthi, 'Lingadli noma yisiphi isihlahla esivandeni?'" **2** Owesifazane wathi enyokeni, "Singadla izithelo zezihlahla esivandeni, **3** kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi, 'Lingazidli izithelo zesihlahla esiphakathi laphakathi kjesivande, njalo lingasithinti, hlezi life.'" **4** Inyoka yathi kowesifazane, "Kalisoze life ngempela. **5** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyazi ukuthi lingasidla amehlo enu azavuleka, beselisiba njengoNkulunkulu, lazi okuhle lokubi." **6** Kwathi owesifazane ngokubona ukuthi izithelo zesihlahla leso zaziyikudla okuhle njalo zibukeka emehlwani, njalo kudingeka ukuzuza ukuhlanipha, wakha ezinye wadla. Wapha njalo ezinye indoda yakhe ayelayo khonapho, layo yadla. **7** Amehlo abo bobabili asevuleka, basebenanzelela ukuthi babenqunu; yikho basebethungela ndawonye amahlamu omkhiwa bazenzela izembatho ngawo. **8** Indoda lomkayo basebesizwa umsindo kaThixo uNkulunkulu ehamba esivandeni ilanga selithambeme,

wethu, usekwazi okuhle lokubi. Kangavunyelwa ukuthi elule isandla sakhe akhe njalo isihlahla sokuphila adle, aphile laphakade." **23** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wanxotsa eSivandeni se-Edeni ukuthi asebenze umhlabathi ayethethwe kuwo. **24** Esemxotshile umuntu wamisa ngempumalanga kweSivande se-Edeni amakherubhi lenkemba ebhebhayo, iphazima isiyale lale ukulinda indlela eya esihlahleni sokuphila.

**4** U-Adamu wembatha lomkakhe u-Eva, wasezithwala, wabeletha uKhayini. Wathi, "Ngosizo lukaThixo sengibelethe indoda." **2** Muva wabeletha umfowabو u-Abheli. U-Abheli waba ngumfuyi wemihlambi yezimu, uKhayini yena wasebenza umhlabathi. **3** Ngokuya kwasikhathi uKhayini waletha ezinye izithelo zomhlabathi ukuba ngumnikelo kuThixo. **4** Kodwa u-Abheli waletha izitho ezinonileyo zisuka wathokoza ngo-Abheli kanye lomnikelo wakhe. UThixo kodwa kathokozanga ngoKhayini lomnikelo wakhe. Ngakho uKhayini wazonda kakhulu, lobuso bakhe bahloba. **6** UThixo wasesithi kuKhayini, "Uzondeleni na? Kungani ubuso bakho buhlobile?" **7** Nxa usenza

okulungileyo, kawuyikwamukelwa yini? Kodwa nxu wathola indodana eyafana laye xathu; wayibiza ungenzi okulungileyo, isono sikucathamele emnyango ngokuthi nguSethi. **4** USethi esezelwe, u-Adamu wakho; sinxwanele ukukuthumba, kodwa kumele waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili usehlule.” **8** UKhayini wasesithi kumfowabo u-Abheli, njalo wayelamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **5** “Ake sihambe siye egangeni.” Kwathibekhonale Isiyonke iminyaka ka-Adamu yayingamakhulu egangeni uKhayini wamhlasela umfowabo u-Abheli ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu, wambulala. **9** UThixo wasesithi kuKhayini, “Ungaphi wasesifa. **6** Kwathi uSethi esephile iminyaka umfowenu u-Abheli na?” Waphendula wathi, “Angazi. elikhulu lanhlanu waba nguyise ka-Enoshi. **7** Ngungumginci womfowethu na?” **10** UThixo wathi, Ngemva kokuzala u-Enoshi uSethi waphila iminyaka “Usuyenzeni? Lalela! Igazi lomfowenu liyakhala kimi engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa, njalo lisu emhlabathini. **11** Marje usuqalekisiwe njalo wayelamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **8** Isiyonke usuxotshiwe kuwo umhlabathi ovule umlomo wawo iminyaka eyaphilwa ngamakhulu ukwamukela igazi lomfowenu lisu esandleni sakho. ayisificamunwemunye letshumi lambili, wasesifa. **9** **12** Lapho uwusebenza umhlabathi kawusayi kuthela Kwathi u-Enoshi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amabele kuwe. Uzakuba luzulane emhlabeni.” **13** ayisificamunwemunye wazala uKhenani. **10** Ngemva UKhayini wathi kuThixo, “Isijeziso sami singaphezu kokuzala uKhenani, u-Enoshi waphila iminyaka kwamandla ami. **14** Lamuhla usungixotsha elizweni, engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lanhlanu ngakho sengizasithela ngingabi khona kuwe; njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. ngizakuba luzulane olungela kuphumula emhlabeni, **11** Isiyonke iminyaka, u-Enoshi waphila iminyaka kuthi loba ngubani ongifumanayo angibulale.” engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu, **15** Kodwa uThixo wathi kuye, “Akunjalo; lowo wasesifa. **12** Kwathi uKhenani esephile iminyaka ozabulala uKhayini uzaphindiselwa ngokuphindwe engamatshumi ayisikhombisa wazala uMahalaleli. kasikhombisa.” Ngakho uThixo wasebeka uphawu **13** Ngemva kokuba esezele uMahalaleli, uKhenani kuKhayini ukue kuthi lowo omfumanayo angambulali. waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili **16** Ngakho uKhayini wasesuka emehlwensi kaThixo lamatshumi amane njalo waba lamanye amadodana wayahlala elizweni laseNodi, empumalanga kwase lamadodakazi. **14** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa Edeni. **17** UKhayini wembatha lomkakhe, wathatha ngukhenani yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye isisu wazala u-Enoki. Ngalesosikhathi uKhayini letshumi, wasesifa. **15** Kwathi uMahalaleli esephile wayesakha idolobho alibiza ngendodana yakhe u iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, Enoki. **18** Ku-Enoki kwazalwa u-Iradi, yena u wazala ujaredi. **16** Ngemva kokuzala kwakhe Iradi waba nguyise kaMehujayeli, uMehujayeli waba ujaredi, uMahalaleli waphila iminyaka engamakhulu nguyise kaMethushayeli, uMethushayeli waba nguyise ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu njalo kaLameki. **19** ULameki wathatha abafazi ababili, waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **17** omunye ethiwa ngu-Ada, omunye ethiwa nguzila. Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa ngumahalaleli yaba **20** U-Ada wazala ujabhali; owayenguyise walabo ngamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi abahlala emathenteni befuye izifuyo. **21** Ibizo ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu, wasesifa. **18** UJaredi lomfowabo lalingujubhali; wayenguyise wabo bonke esephile iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha abatshaya umhubhe lechacho. **22** UZila laye waba lambili, wazala u-Enoki. **19** Ngemva kokuzala kwakhe lendodana, uThubhali-Khayini, owayekhanda zonke u-Enoki, ujaredi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu inhlobo zezinto ngethusi langensimbi. Udadewabo ayisificaminwembili njalo waba lamanye amadodana kaThubhali-Khayini wayenguNaHama. **23** ULameki lamadodakazi. **20** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa wathi kubomkakhe, “Ada loZila, ngilalelani; bafazi ngujaredi yaba ngamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye bakaLameki, zwanini amazwi ami. Sengibilele umuntu lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, wasesifa. **21** ngenxa yokungilimaza, ijaha ngoba lingihlasele. **24** Nxa Kwathi u-Enoki esephile iminyaka engamatshumi uKhayini ephindiselwa kasikhombisa ngakho uLameki ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uMethuzela. **22** Ngemva amatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa.” **25** U-Adamu kokuzala uMethuzela, u-Enoki wahamba loNkulunkulu waphinda wembatha lomkakhe njalo, wazala indodana okweminyaka engamakhulu amathathu njalo waba wayithi nguSethi, esithi, “UNKulunkulu usengiphile lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **23** Isiyonke omunye umntwana endaweni ka-Abheli, njengoba iminyaka eyaphilwa ngu-Enoki yaba ngamakhulu uKhayini wambulala.” **26** USethi laye waba lendodana, amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa wanyamalala, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamthatha. **25** Kwathi uMethuzela esephile okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa wazala uLameki. **26** Ngemva kokuzala uLameki, uMethuzela waphila iminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **27** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilwa nguMethuzela yaba ngamakhulu

**5** Lo ngumlando olotshiweyo ngosendo luka-Adamu.

Lapho uNkulunkulu edala umuntu, wamenza ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. **2** Wababala, owestilisa lowesifazane wasebabusa. Wababiza ngokuthi “Ngabantu” emva kokubadala. **3** Kwathi u-Adamu esephile iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu

ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha Ufake umnyango eceleni komkhumbi njalo wenze layisificamunwemunye, wasesifa. **28** ULameki esephile isigcawu saphansi, esaphakathi laphakathi kanye iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesaphezulu. **17** Ngizathumela uzamcolo emhlabeni lambili wazala indodana. **29** Wayitha ibizo ukubhubhisa konke okuphilayo ngaphansi kwezulu, wathi nguNowa, wathi, “Izasiduduza emsebenzini zonke izidalwa eziphefumulayo. Yonke into emhlabeni lasekutshikatshikeni kwethu okubuhlungu ngezandla izabhubha. **18** Kodwa ngizakwenza isivumelwano lawe, zethu okubangwa ngumhlabathi uThixo awuthukileyo.” njalo wena uzangena emkhunjini, wena lamadodana **30** Ngemva kokuzalwa kukaNowa, uLameki waphila akho lomkakho kanye labomalukazana bakho. **19** iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi Kuzamele utelethe emkhunjini okubili kwezidalwa zonke eziphilayo, okuduna lokusikazi, uzigcine ziphila zilawe. amadodana lamadodakazi. **31** Isiyonke iminyaka eyaphilayo ngulameki yaba ngamakhulu ayisikhombisa **20** Okubili kwemihlolo yonke yezinyoni, okwemihlolo lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa, wasesifa. **32** ezihiquzela emhlabathini zizakuza kuwe zizogcina Ngemva kokuphila iminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu, ziphila. **21** Kumele uthathe yonke imihlolo yokudla okuzadliwa, ukulondolozele wena kanye lazo.” **22** UNowa wakwenza konke njengokulaywa kwakhe nguNkulunkulu.

**6** Kwathi abantu sebesanda ngobunengi emhlabeni, bezala amadodakazi, **2** amadodana kaNkulunkulu abona ukuthi amadodakazi abantu ayemahle, bazikhethela abawafunayo bawathatha. **3** UThixo wasesithi, “UMoya wami kawuyikuphikisana lomuntu ngokungapheliyo, ngoba yena ngowenya nje; insuku zakhe zizakuba likhulu elilamatshumi amabili kuphela.” **4** AmaNefilimi ayesemhlabeni ngalezonksuku. Njalo langemva kwazo amadodana kaNkulunkulu angenela amadodakazi abantu azala lawo abantwana. Ayengamaqhawe ekadeni, amadoda odumo. **5** UThixo wabona ukuthi ukuxhwa kwabantu kwasekukukhulu kakhulu emhlabeni, njalo lokuthi zonke izinkanuko zeminakano yezinhliyizo zabo zaziyibubi kuphela sonke isikhathi. **6** UThixo wadabuka ngokuthi wayemenzile umuntu emhlabeni, ngakho inhilizyo yakhe yagcwala ubuhlungu. **7** Ngakho uThixo wasesithi, “Umuntu engandalayo ngizamkhucula emhlabeni, abantu lezinyamazana, lezinanakazana ezihiquzela emhlabathini, lezinyoni zemkhathini ngoba kuyangidabukisa ukuthi ngakwenza.” **8** Kodwa uNowa wathola umusa emehlweni kaThixo. **9** Lo ngumlando kaNowa. UNowa wayeyindoda elungileyo, engelasici phakathi kwabantu ngesikhathi aphiла ngaso, njalo wabambelela kuNkulunkulu. **10** UNowa wayelamadodana amathathu: UShemu, uHamu loJafethi. **11** Umhlabi wawuxhwalie phambi kukaNkulunkulu njalo ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu. **12** UNkulunkulu wabona ukuthi umhlabi wawusuxhwale njani, ngoba bonke abantu emhlabeni basebehamba ngezindlela zabo ezixhwalileyo. **13** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa, “Ngizabatshabalalisa bonke abantu, ngoba umhlabi ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu ngenxa yabo. Ngeqiniso ngizababhubhisa bona kanye lomhlaba. **14** Ngakho zakhele umkhumbi ngezigido zesihlahla sokubaza; wenze amakamelo kuwo, uwuhue ngenhlaka ngaphakathi langaphandle. **15** Uzawakha kanje: Umkhumbi kawube ngamalunga ezingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu ubude, ububanzi bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu lezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ukuphakama kwavo. **16** Uwenzele uphahla, utshiye ngaphansi kophahla intuba eyingxene ye lunga lengalo ukufika phezulu.

**7** UThixo wathi kuNowa, “Ngena emkhunjini, wena kanye lendlu yakho yonke, ngoba ngikufumane ulungile kulesi isizukulwane. **2** Ngena lezinyamazana eziyiikhombisa ezemihlolo yonke yezinyamazana ezihilanzekileyo, enduna lensikazi, lezimbili ezemihlolo yonke yezinyamazana ezingcolileyo, enduna lensikazi yayo, **3** njalo eziyiikhombisa zezinyoni zemihlolo yonke, ezinduna lezinsikazi, ukuze kuginakale uhlobo lwazo zonke emhlabeni. **4** Ngemva kwensuku eziyiikhombisa kusukela manje ngizathumela izulu emhlabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, njalo ngizatshabalala sonke isidalwa eziphilayo engasenzayo emhlabeni.” **5** UNowa wakwenza konke lokho akulaywa nguThixo. **6** UNowa wayeleminyaka engamakhulu ayisithupha yobudala ekufikeni kukazamcolo emhlabeni. **7** UNowa lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe kanye labomalukazana bakhe bangena emkhunjini ukuze baphephe emanzini kazamcolo. **8** Ngazimbili izinyamazana ezihilanzekileyo lezingcolileyo, ezezinyoni lezezinanakazana zonke ezihiquzela emhlabathini, **9** ezinduna lezinsikazi zeza kuNowa zangena emkhunjini, njengokulaywa kukaNowa nguNkulunkulu. **10** Kwathi ngemva kwensuku eziyiikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo eza emhlabeni. **11** Ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha wokuphila kukaNowa, ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga yesibili, ngalolosuku yonke imithombo yowlandle olukhulu yadabuka, lamasango amanzi amazulu avuleka. **12** Izulu lana emhlabeni okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane. **13** Ngalolosuku uNowa lamadodana akhe, uShemu, uHamu loJafethi, kanye lomkakhe labomalukazana bakhe bamadodana akhe womathathu bangena emkhunjini. **14** Babelazo zonke izinyamazana zeganga kusiya ngemihlolo yazo, zonke izifuyo kusiya ngemihlolo yazo, zonke izinanakazana ezihiquzela emhlabathini kusiya ngemihlolo yazo lazozonke izinyoni kusiya ngemihlolo yazo, yonke into elempiko. **15** Zeza kuNowa ngazimbili zonke izidalwa eziolomphefumulo wokuphila zangena emkhunjini. **16** Izinyamazana ezazingena zazingezinduna lezinsikazi

ezezinto zonke eziphilayo, njengalokho uNkulunkulu wawusuwome qha. **15** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa, ayekulaye uNowa. Emva kwalokho uThixo wasemvalela **16** "Phuma emkhunjini, wena lomkakho, lamadodana phakathi. **17** Okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane akho labomkabo. **17** Khupha yonke into ephilayo impophoma zaphikelela zithululeka emhlabeni, kwathi olayo, izinyoni, izinyamazana lazozonke izinanakazana ngokwanda kwamanzi awuphakamisa umkhumbi ezihuquzelu emhlabathini ukuze zande emhlabeni, waba ngaphezulu komhlaba. **18** Amanzi akhwela zizale zande ngobunengi bazo." **18** Ngakho uNowa anda kakhulu emhlabeni, umkhumbi wandenda wasephuma lamadodana akhe, lomkakhe kanye phezu kwamanzi. **19** Akhwela kakhulu emhlabeni, labomalukazana bakhe. **19** Zonke izinyamazana kwathi zonke izintaba eziphakemayo ngaphansi kanye lezinanakazana ezihuquzelu emhlabathini kwavo wonke amazulu zasibekelwa. **20** Amanzi lazozonke izinyoni, yonke into enyakazayo emhlabeni, akhwela asibekela izintaba zatshona okudlula izingalo kwaphuma emkhunjini, ngemihlobo kundelana. **20** ezingamatshumi amabili. **21** Zonke izinto eziphilayo UNowa wasesakhela uThixo i-alithari, wathatha ezinye ezihamba phezu komhlaba zafa, izinyoni, izifuyo, izinyamazana lezinyoni ezihanzekileyo wanikela izinyamazana zeganga, zonke izidalwa eazitshatshama iminikelo yokutshisa phezu kwalo. **21** UThixo phezu komhlaba, loluntu lonke. **22** Yonke into wahotsha iphunga eliminandi wathi enhliziwayeni ephefumula impilo ngamakhala ayo nxo isemhlabathini yakhe: "Kangisayikuphinda ngiwiqalekise njalo owomileyo yafa. **23** Yonke into ephilayo phezu umhlabu ngenxa yabantu, ngoba imicabango yenhliziyo komhlaba yakhukhulwa; abantu lezinyamazana yomuntu mibi kusukela ebuntwaneni bakhe. Njalo lezinanakazana ezihuquzelu emhlabathini kanye kangisoze lanini ngiphinde ngibhubhise zonke izidalwa lezinyoni zemkhathini kwakhuculwa emhlabeni. eziphilayo, njengalokho engikwenzileyo. **22** Nxo NguNowa kuphela owasalayo, lalabo ababelaye umhlabu ulokhu usekhona, iskhathi sokuhlanyela emkhunjini. **24** Amanzi agcwala emhlabeni okwensuku lesokuvuna, umqando lokutshisa, ihlobo lobusika, ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.

**8** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uNowa **9** UNkulunkulu wambusisa uNowa lamadodana akhe wathi kubo, "Zalanani lande ngobunengi ligcwalise umhlabu. **2** Zizalesaba zibe lovalo ngani zonke izinyamazana zomhlaba, lazozonke izinyoni zemoyeni, lamasango amanzi asemazulwini kwasekuvaliwe, lezinanakazana ezihuquzelu emhlabathini, kanye lezulu laselisile emkhathini. **3** Amanzi entsha lenhlanzi zonke zowlandle; ziphiwe ezandleni zakho. kancanekancane emhlabeni. Ekupheleni kwensuku **3** Yonke into ephilayo lenyakazayo izakuba yikudla ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu amanzi ayesentshile, kuwe. Njengalokhu ngalipha iziqliahlah eziulhaza, **4** kwathi ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga manje sengilipha yonke into. **4** Kodwa lingadli inyama yesikhombisa umkhumbi wayakuma phezu kwezintaba ilegazi lokuphila phakathi kwayo. **5** Njalo igazi zase-Ararathi. **5** Amanzi aqhube ka esentsha kwaze lokuphila kwenu ngizafuna impendulo ngalo, ngizafuna kwaba yinyanga yetshumi, kwathi ngosuko lokuqala impendulo kuyo yonke inyamazana. Njalo emuntwini lwenyanga yetshumi iziqongo zezintaba zaqala wonke ngizafuna ukwazi ngempilo yomzalwane ukubonakala. **6** Ngemva kwensuku ezingamatshumi wakhe. **6** Loba ngubani ochitha igazi lomuntu, igazi amane uNowa wavula iwindi ayelenzile emkhunjini lakhe lizachithwa ngumuntu; ngoba ngomfanekiso **7** wathuma iwabayi, lazulazula emoyeni amanzi kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu umenziile umuntu. **7** aze atsha emhlabeni. **8** Wasethuma ijuba ukuthi Mayelana lani, zalanani lande ngobunengi; yandani abone ingabe amanzi ayesephelie emhlabathini. **9** Kodwa ijuba laswela indawo yokubeka unyawo emhlabeni libe banengi." **8** UNkulunkulu wasesithi ngoba kwakulamanzi yonke indawo phezu komhlaba; **9** "Manje ngakho labuyela kuNowa emkhunjini. Wakhupha sengimisa isivumelwano sami lani lezizukulwane isandla walamukela ijuba walibuya kuye emkhunjini. esasilawe, izinyoni, izifuyo lezinyamazana zeganga, **10** Walinda okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa zonke lezo ezaphuma lani emkhunjini, sonke isidalwa waphinda walithuma ijuba lisuka emkhunjini. **11** esiphilayo emhlabeni. **11** Ngiyasiomisa isivumelwano Kwathi ijuba selibuya kuye ntambama, Laliphethe sami lani: Kakusoze njalo impilo yonke iqunywe ngomloalo walo ihlamvu lesihlahla se-oliva elalisanda ngamanzi kazamcolo; kakusoze njalo kube lozamcolo kukhiwa! UNowa wahle wazi ukuthi amanzi ozabhubhisa umhlabu." **12** UNkulunkulu wathi, "Lesi ayeshelile kakhulu emhlabeni. **12** Walinda okwezinye yisiboniso sesivumelwano engisenzayo phakathi insuku eziyisikhombisa walithuma ijuba njalo, kwami lani lasosonke isidalwa esiphilayo elilaso, kodwa ngalesi isikhathi kalisabuyanga kuye. **13** isivumelwano sezizukulwane zonke eziyayo: **13** Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala yomnyaka Sengibeke umchilowamakhosikazi wami emayezini, wamakhulu ayisithupha lanye wokuphila kukaNowa, wona uzakuba yisiboniso sesivumelwano phakathi amanzi ayesomile emhlabeni. Ngakho uNowa kwami lomhlaba. **14** Kuzakuthi nxo ngiletha amayezzi wasesusa uphahlala lomkhumbi esebona ukuthi iphansi phezu komhlaba besekuvela umchilowamakhosikazi lomhlabathi laselomile. **14** Ngosuku lwamatshumi emayezini, **15** ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga yesibili umhlabathi phakathi kwami lani lazozonke izidalwa eziphilayo

ezemihlobo yonke. Kakusoze njalo lanini amanzi abe e-Asiriya lapho akha khona iNiniva, iRehobothi, yisikhukhula esizabhubhisa impilo. **16** Kuzakuthi i-Iri, iKhala **12** leReseni ephakathi kweNiniva nxa kungavela umchilowamakhosikazi emayezini leKhala; yilo idolobho elikhulukazi. **13** UMizirayimi ngizawubona besengikhumbula isivumelwano wayenguyise wamaLudi, ama-Anami, amaLehabhi, saphakade phakathi kukaNkulunkulu lezidalwa amaNafithuhi, **14** amaPhathrosi lamaKhasiluhu zonke eziphilayo ezemihlobo yonke emhlabeni.” **17** (okwadabuka khona amaFilistiya) lamaKhafithori. UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa, “Lesi yisiboniso **15** Ukenani wayenguyise kaSidoni izibulo lakhe, sesivumelwano esengisimisile phakathi kwami lakho amaHithi, **16** amajebusi, ama-Amori, amaGigashi, konke okuphilayo emhlabeni.” **18** Amadodana kaNowa **17** amaHivi, ama-Arikhi, amaSini, **18** ama-Avadi, aphuma emkhunjini ayengoShemu, uHamu loJafethi. amaZemari kanye lamaHamathi. (Muva izizwana (UHamu wayenguyise kaKhenani.) **19** La ayeysi zamaKhenani zasabalala **19** kwathi imingcele amadodana amathathu kaNowa, kuwo kwadabuka yeKhenani yasukela eSidoni isiya eGerari kufika abantu abasabalala emhlabeni wonke. **20** UNowa, eGaza, besekuqonda eSodoma, leGomora, le-Adima indoda yomhlabathi, wasuka wahlanyela isivini. **21** leZebhoyomi kuze kuyefika eLasha.) **20** La yiwo Wathi esenathe iwayini lakhona, wadakwa walala amadodana kaHamu ngokosendo lwavo langezindimi enqunu phakathi kwethente lakhe. **22** UHamu, uyise zazo, ezigodini zazo kanye langezizwe zazo. **21** kaKhenani, wabona ubunqunu bukayise wasetshela Amadodana azalwa njalo kuShemu, umnewabo abafowabo phandle. **23** Kodwa uShemu loJafethi owayengujafethi; uShemu wayengukhokho wawo bathatha isivunulo basiphosela emahломbe abo; wonke amadodana ka-Ebha. **22** Amadodana kaShemu bangena behamba nyovane bamboza ubunqunu ayejila: u-Elamu, u-Ashuri, u-Afazadi, uLudi lo-Aramu. bukayise. Ubuso babo babukhangele emuva ukuze **23** Amadodana ka-Aramu ayejila: u-Uzi, uHuli, uGetha bangaboni ubunqunu bukayise. **24** Kwathi uNowa loMesheki. **24** U-Afazadi wayenguyise kaShela, uShela esevukile selehlile iwayini wezwa ngokwakwensiwe wazala u-Ebha. **25** Amadodana amabili ayezalwa kuye yindodana yakhe encane kulamanye, **25** wathi, ngu-Ebha ayejila: Omunye wayenguPhelegi, ngoba “Uqalekisiwe uKhenani! Isigqili esizakuba phansi kubafowabo.” **26** Wabuya wathi njalo, “Udumo kalube kuThixo, uNkulunkulu kaShemu! Sangathi uKhenan angaba yisigqili sikaShemu. **27** Sangathi uNkulunkulu angaqhelisa indawo kajafethi; sangathi uJafethi angahlala emathenteni kaShemu, njalo sengathi uKhenani angaba yisichaka sakhe.” **28** **30** Isigodi ababehlala kuso sasisukela eMesha kusiya Ngemva kukazamcolo uNowa waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amahlanu. **29** UNowa waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu isiyonke, wasesifa.

**10** Lo ngumlando kaShemu, loHamu loJafethi, amadodana kaNowa, okwathi bona ngokwabobo

baba lamadodana ngemva kwasikhukhula. **2** Amadodana kajafethi ayejila: uGomeri, uMagogi, uMadaij ujavani, uThubhali, uMesheki loThirasi. **3** Amadodana kaGomeri ayejila: u-Ashikenazi, uRifathi kanye loThogarima. **4** Amadodana kajavani ayejila: u-Elisha, uThashishi, uKhithimi loRodanamu. **5** (Kusukela kulaba abahlala ngasolwandle behlukana ngezigodi zabo, yilabo ngosendo lwabo bephakathi kwezizwe zabo, kuyilabo lalabo bekhuluma ulimi lwabo.) **6** Amadodana kaHamu ayejila: uKhushi, uMizirayimi, uPhuthi loKhenani. **7** Amadodana kaKhushi ayejila: uSebha, uHavila, uSabhitha, uRahama loSabithekha. Amadodana kaRahama ayejila: uShebha loDedani. **8** UKhushi wayenguyise kaNimrodi, owakhula waba liqhawe elilamandla emhlabeni. **9** Wayengumzingeli omkhulu phambi kukaThixo; kungakho lokho kwathiwa, “NjengoNimrodi, umzingeli omkhulu phambi kukaThixo.” **10** Izindawo ezinkulu zembusweni wakhe kwakuyiBhabhiloni, i-Erekhi, i-Akhadi leKhaline eshinari. **11** Esuka kulelolizwe waya

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**11** Umhlabo wonke wawulolimi lunye lokukhuluma okufananayo. **2** Kwathi abantu belokhu beqhelela empumalanga, bafumana indawo evulekileyo eShinari basebesakha khona. **3** Basebetshelana bathi, “Kasitshayeni izitina sizitshise kakhulu.” Babesebenzisa izitina endaweni yamatshe, lethara endaweni yodaka. **4** Basebesithi, “Zwanini, kasizakheleni idolobho libe lomphongolo ofika emazulwini, ukuze sizenzele ibizo singaze sasabalala umhlabo wonke.” **5** Kodwa uThixo wehla wazalibona idolobho kanye lomphongolo abantu ababewakha. **6** UThixo wathi, “Nxa bengabantu banye bekhuluma limi lunye sebequalisie ukwenza lokhu, pho kakukho okungabehlula. **7** Zwanini, kasehleni siye phansi sisanganise ulimi lwabo bangabe besazwana.” **8** Kanjalo uThixo wabahlakaza emhlabeni wonke, bayekela ukwakha idolobho. **9** Kungakho labizwa ngokuthi yiBhabheli, ngoba khonapho uThixo wasanganisa ulimi lomhlabo wonke. Kusukela lapho uThixo wabahlakaza emhlabeni wonke. **10** Lo ngumlando wosendo lukaShemu. Eminyakeni emibili emva kukazamcolo, uShemu eseleminyaka elikhulu

wazala u-Afazadi. **11** Esezele u-Afazadi, uShemu waphila Abhra wasuka, njengokutshelwa kwakhe nguThixo; okweminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu, njalo waba njalo uLothi wahamba laye. U-Abhra wayeleminyaka lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **12** Kwathi u-Abhra esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ekusukeni lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **13** Esezele uShela, u-Afazadi lanhlanu, wazala uShela. **14** Esezele uShela, u-Afazadi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu, ababeyizuzile kanye labantu ababebatholile eHarani, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **15** Esezele u-Ebha, uShela waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **16** U-Abhra esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu wazala u-Ebha. **17** Esezele uPhelegi, u-Ebha waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **18** UPhelegi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala uRewu, waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **19** Esezele uRewu, uPhelegi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili lesificamunwemunye, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **20** Kwathi uRewu esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, wazala uSerugi. **21** Esezele uSerugi, uRewu waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili lesikhombisa, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **22** Kwathi uSerugi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **23** Esezele uNahori, uSerugi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **24** Kwathi uNahori esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **25** Esezele uThera, uNahori waphila okweminyaka elikhulu letshumi lesificamunwemunye, njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **26** UThera esephile iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa wazala u-Abhra, uNahori loHarani. **27** Lo ngumlando wosendo lukaThera. UThera wazala u-Abhra, uNahori loHarani. Kwathi uHarani wazala uLothi. **28** Ngakho u-Abhra wazala izimvu lenkomo, obabhemti amathathu, wazala uNahori. **29** U-Abhra loNahori bathatha bobabili. Ibizo lomka-Abhra lalinguSarayi, kwathi ibizo likamkaNahori linguMilikha; wayeyindodakazi kaHarani uyise kaMilikha kanye lo-Isikha. **30** Kodwa uSarayi wayeyinyumba; wayengelabantwana. **31** UThera wathatha indodana yakhe u-Abhra, lomzukulu wakhe uLothi indodana kaHarani, lomalokazana wakhe uSarayi umfazi wendodana yakhe u-Abhra, basuka bonke e-Uri lamaKhaladiya baqonda eKhenani. Kodwa bafika eHarani basebesaka khona. **32** UThera waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili lanhlanu, wafela eHarani.

**12** UThixo wathi ku-Abhra, “Suka elizweni lakini, lebantwini bakini lasendlini kayihlo uye elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. **2** Ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu njalo ngizakubusisa; ngizakwenza ibizo lakho libe likhulu, njalo uzakuba yisibusiso. **3** Ngizababusisa labo abakubusayo, lalowo okuqalekisayo ngizamqalekisa; njalo bonke abantu emhlabenzi bazakubusiswa ngawe.” **4** Ngakho u-

Abhra wasuka, njengokutshelwa kwakhe nguThixo; engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ekusukeni kwakhe eHarani. **5** Wathatha umkakhe uSarayi, lanhlanu, wazala uShela. **6** U-Abhra esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu wazala u-Ebha. **7** U-Abhra wahamba walidabula ilizwe waze wafika endaweni yesihlahla esikhulu saseMore eShekhemu. **8** Esuka lapho waqonda ezintabeni empumalanga lamatshumi amathathu, njalo waba lamanye kweBhetheli warnisa ithente lakhe, iBhetheli isentshonalanga le-Ayi isempumalanga. Khonapho wakhela uThixo i-alithari walidumisa ibizo likaThixo. **9** U-Abhra wasuka waqhubeka eqonda eNegebi. **10** Kwasekusiba lendlala elizweni, okwenza u-Abhra waya eGibhithe ukuyahlala khona okwesikhathi esithile ngoba indlala yayinkulu kakhulu. **11** Kwathi esebanga ukungena eGibhithe wathi kumkakhe uSarayi, “Ngiyazi ukuthi ungumfazi omuhle kakhulu. **12** AmaGibhithe njalo waba lamanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **13** azakuthi ekubona athi, ‘Lo ngumkakhe.’ Lapho-ke Kwathi uSerugi esephile iminyaka engamatshumi bazangibulala wena bakuyekele uphile. **14** Ubokuthi amathathu, wazala uNahori. **15** Esezele uNahori, unctiongudadewethu, ukuze ngipathhwe kuhle ngenxa uSerugi waphila okweminyaka engamakhulu amabili, yakhlo njalo lempilo yami isinde ngenxa yakho.” **16** Kwathi u-Abhra efika eGibhithe, amaGibhithe abona UNahori esephile iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye wazala uThera. **17** Kwathi u-Abhra efika eGibhithe, amaGibhithe abona umkakhe ukuthi wayengumfazi omuhle kakhulu. **18** Izikhulu zikaFaro sezimbonile zamncoma kakhulu kuFaro, uSarayi wasengeniswa esigodlwensi sakhe. **19** Wamphatha kuhle u-Abhra, u-Abhra ngenxa kaSarayi, ngakho u-Abhra wazuza izimvu lenkomo, obabhemti abaduna labasikazi, izinceku zesilisa lezesifazane lamakamela. **20** Kwathi uThixo wehlisel uFaro lendlu yakhe izifo ezimbi ngenxa kaSarayi umka-Abhra. **21** Ngakho uFaro wabiza u-Abhra wath, “Wenzeni Kwathi uyise uThera esaphila uHarani wafa bese-Uri idolobho lamaKhaladiya, elizweni lokuzalwa kwakhe. **22** U-Abhra loNahori bathatha bobabili. Ibizo lomka-Abhra lalinguSarayi, kwathi ibizo likamkaNahori linguMilikha; wayeyindodakazi kaHarani uyise kaMilikha kanye lo-Isikha. **23** Kwathi u-Abhra lamadoda ayelawo basuswe elizweni, kanye lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho.

**13** Ngakho u-Abhra wasuka eGibhithe waya eNegebi, kanye lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho, loLothi ehamba laye. **2** U-Abhra wayeseno thile kakhulu negezfuyo langesiliva legolide. **3** Esuka eNegebi wazula lapha lalapha waze wafika eBhetheli, endaweni eyayiphakathi kweBhetheli le-Ayi lapho ayemise khona ithente lakhe kuqala **4** njalo lapho ayeqale khona ukwakha i-alithari. Khonapho u-Abhra wadumisa ibizo likaThixo. **5** ULothi wayehamba lo-Abhra, laye wayelemhambi yezimvu lenkomo lamathene. **6** Kwabi indawo yayingasoze ibenele bonke nxababengahlala ndawonye, ngoba impahla yabo yayingengi kakhulu, isala ukuthi bahlale ndawonye. **7** Kwabi lokuxabana phakathi kwabelusi baka-Abhra labelusi bakaLothi. AmaKhenani lamaPherizi lawo ayehlala kulelolizwe ngalesikhathi. **8** U-Abhra wasesithi

kuLothi, "Kasingalwi mina lawe, kumbe abelusi bakho bawo bawela kuyo, abanengi babalekela ezintabeni. labami ngoba siyizinini zegazi. **9** Umhlaba wonke **11** Amakhosi la amane athumba zonke impahla kawukho phambi kwakho na? Kasehlukane. Ungaya zaseSodoma leGomora lokudla kwabo konke; asehamba. kwesokhohlo mina ngizakuya kwesokunene; ungaya **12** Bathumba njalo loLothi umntanomfowabo ka-kwesokunene mina ngizakuya kwesokhohlo." **10** Abhraama lempahla zakhe, njengoba wayehlala ULothi wakhangela wabona ukuthi lonke igceke eSodoma. **13** Omunye owayephunyukile wafika laseJodani lalilamanzi amanengi, njengesivande wazabikela u-Abhraama umHebheru. U-Abhraama sikaThixo, njengelizwe laseGibhithe kusiya eZowari. wayehlala phansi kwezihlahla ezinkulu zikaMamure (Ngalesikhathi uThixo wayengakabhubhisi iSodoma um'Amori, umfowabo ka-Eshikholi lo-Aneri, bonke leGomora.) **11** Ngakho uLothi wazikhethella lonke labo babeambene lo-Abhraama. **14** Kwathi u-igceke laseJodani, wasesuka waya empumalanga. Abhraama esizwa ukuthi isihlobo sakhe sasithunjiwe, Amadoda la womabili ehlukan: **12** U-Abhraama wahlala wabutha amadoda ayengamakhulu amathathu letshumi elizweni laseKhenani, kwathi uLothi wahlala phakathi layisificaminwembi ababefundiswe ukulwa, bezalwa kwamadolobho asemagecekeni wamisa amathente endlini yakhe, wangena emzileni baze bayafika akhe eduze leSodoma. **13** Abantu baseSodoma eDani. **15** Ebusuku u-Abhraama wehlukanisa abantu babexhwalile kakhulu, besenza izono ezinkulu kuThixo. **14** UThixo wathi ku-Abhraama ngemva kokuba uLothi esesukile kuye, "Phakamisa amehlo akho asuke lapho okhona, ukhangele enhla leningizimu, empumalanga lentshonalanga. **15** Lonke ilizwe olibonayo ngizaliniwa wena kanye lesizukulwane sakho okulaphakade. **16** Ngizakwenza isizukulwane sakho sibe njengothuli lomhlabathi, okukuthi nxa ekhona ongabala uthuli, lesizukulwane sakho sibe lokubalwa. **17** Hamba udabule ubude lobubanzi belizwe, ngoba ngiyakupha lona." **18** Ngakho u-Abhraama wathutha amathente akhe wahamba wayakwakha eduze kwezihlahla ezinkulu zikaMamure eHebhroni, lapho akhela khona uThixo i-alithari.

**14** Ngesikhathi u-Amrafeli inkosi yaseShinari, lo-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasari, loKhedolawoma inkosi yase-Elamu kanye loThidali inkosi yaseGoyimi **2** baya empini behlasela uBhera inkosi yaseSodoma, loBhirisha inkosi yaseGomora, loShinabhi inkosi yase-Adima, loShemebheri inkosi yaseZebhoyimi lenkosi yaseBhela (kutsho iZowari). **3** Wonke amakhosi la abikwe muva ahlanganyela eSigodini saseSidimu (uLwandle lweTswai). **4** Okweminyaka elitshumi lambili ayebuswa nguKhedolawoma, kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu amvukela. **5** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane, uKhedolawoma lamakhosi ayemanyene laye baphuma bayanqoba amaRefayi e-Ashitherothi Khanayimi, lamaZuzi eHamu, lama-Emi eShave Khiriyathayimi **6** lamaHori elizweni lamaqaqa laseSeyiri, kwaze kwayafika e-Eli Pharani eduze lenkangala. **7** Yikho basebephenduka baye e-Eni Mishiphathi (kutsho eKhadeshi), banqoba isigodi sonke sama-Amaleki kanye lama-Amori ayeahlala eHazazoni Thamari. **8** Ngakho inkosi yaseSodoma, lenkosi yaseGomora, lenkosi yase-Adima, lenkosi yaseZebhoyimi kanye lenkosi yaseBhela (kutsho iZowari) baphuma bayahlela izimpi zabo eSigodini saseSidimu **9** baqondana loKhedolawoma inkosi yase-Elamu, loThidali inkosi yaseGoyimi, lo-Amrafeli inkosi yaseShinari kanye lo-Ariyoki inkosi yase-Elasari, amakhosi amane eqondene lamahlantu. **10** Ngalesikhathi iSigodi saseSidimu sasigcwele imigodi yengcino, ngakho kwathi amakhosi aseSodoma leGomora, esebaleka, abanye abantu

bakhe ukuthi babahlasele, wabalandela, waxotshana labo waze wafika eHobha, enhla kweDamaseko. **16** Wabemuka zonke impahla wathola lomhlabo wakhe uLothi kanye lemfuyo yakhe, ndawonye labesifazane labanye abantu. **17** U-Abhraama esebuyile ekunkqobeni kwakhe uKhedolawoma lamakhosi ayebambene laye, inkosi yaseSodoma yaphuma yazahlangana laye eSigodini saseShave (okutsho iSigodi seNkos). **18** UMelikhizedekhi inkosi yaseSalema, waseletha isinkwa lewayini. Wayengumphristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, **19** wabusisa u-Abhraama esithi, "Ubusisiwe u-Abhraama nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMdali wezulu lomhlaba. **20** Njalo kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, owanikela izitha zakho esandleni sakho." U-Abhraama wasemupha okwetshumi kwakho konke ayelakho. **21** Inkosi yaseSodoma yathi ku-Abhraama, "Ngipha abantu wena uzicnele impahla." **22** Kodwa u-Abhraama wathi enkosini yaseSodoma, "Sengiphakamisele isandla sami kuThixo, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMdali wezulu lomhlaba, ngenza isifungo **23** ukuthi kangisoze ngamukele lutho olungolwakho, loba kungaze kube ngumuca wohali loba umchilo wamanyathela, ukuze lanini ungaze wathi, 'U-Abhraama wanothiswa yimi.' **24** Angisoze ngamukele lutho ngaphandle kwalokho abantu bami asebekudlile lesabelo esingesalababantu ababehamba lami, u-Aneri, lo-Eshikholi loMamure. Kabazuze isabelo sabo."

**15** Ngemva kwalokho ilizwi likaThixo leza ku-Abhraama ngombono: "Ungesabi, Abhraama. Ngiyisihlangu sakho, umvuzo wakho omkhulu kakhulu." **2** Kodwa u-Abhraama wathi, "Oh Thixo Wobukhosu, ungangiphani njengoba ngilokhu rgingelamntwana, ilifa lami lizdliwa ngu-Elyezari waseDamaseko na?" **3** U-Abhraama wathi njalo, "Awungiphanga bantwana; ngakho inceku endlini yami izakuba yindlalifa yami." **4** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye lathi: "Umuntu lo kayikuba yindlalifa yakho, kodwa indodana ephuma kowakho umzimba izakuba yindlalifa yakho." **5** Wamkhuphela phandle wathi, "Khangela emkhathini ubale izinkanyezi, nxa useselisa ukuzibala." Wasesithi kuye, "Sizakuba njalo isizukulwane sakho." **6** U-Abhraama wamkholwa uThixo, lokho kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga. **7** Waphinda wathi

kuye, "NginguThixo owakususa e-Uri lamaKhaladiya uylalele." **10** Ingilosí kaThixo yengeza yathi, ukuzakupha lelilizwe ukuthi libe ngelakho." **8** Kodwa "Ngizakwandisa izizukulwane zakho zibe zinengi u-Abhraoma wathi, "Oh Thixo Wobukhosí, ngingazi okungelakubalwa." **11** Ingilosí kaThixo yaphinda kanjani ukuthi lizakuba ngelami na?" **9** UThixo yathi kuye: "Khathesi usuzithwele njalo uzabusiswa wathi kuye, "Ngilethela ithokazi, imbuzi, lenqama, ngendodana. Kumele uyethe uthi ngu-Ishumayeli, konke kuleminyaka emithathu yokuzalwa, kanye ngoba uThixo usekuzwile ukukhala kwakho. **12** lejuba lenkwilimba esesencinyane." **10** U-Abhraoma wakuletha konke lokhu kuye, yilokho wakudabula phakathi ngakunye wakuhlela izingxenyenye zakho zakhangelan; kodwa izinyoni kazidabulanga phakathi. **11** Izinyoni ezidla inyama zehlela ezidunjini, kodwa u-Abhraoma wazixotsha. **12** Kwathi ilanga selitshona, u-Abhraoma wathathwa yibuthongo obukhulu, wehlelwe yibumnyama obesabekayo. **13** UThixo wasesithi kuye, "Yazi ngempela ukuthi Izizukulwane zakho zizakuba ngabezizweni elizweni elingayisilo labo okweminyaka engamakhulu amane, njalo bazagqilazwa, bahlukuluzwe khonale. **14** Kodwa ngizasijezisa lesosizwe esibaggilazayo, kuthi emva kweskathathi baphume belemfuyo enengi kakhulu. **15** Kodwa wena, uzakuya kubokkhoko bakho ngokuthula, ungcwatschwe usukhulile kakhulu. **16** Isizukulwane sakho sesine sizabuya lapha, ngoba isono sama-Amori kasifikiki ekucineni." **17** Kwathi ilanga selitshonile, ubumnyama sebufikile, kwavela imbwawula yomlilo, ithunqa intuthu, ilelangabi elibhebhayo, yadabula phakathi kweziqa zenyama. **18** Ngalelolanga uThixo wenza isivumelwano lo-Abhraoma wathi, "Ilizwe leli ngilipha izizukulwane zakho, kusukela emfuleni waseGibhithe kusiyafika emfuleni omkhulu, iYufrathe, **19** ilizwe lamaKheni, lamaKhenizi, lamaKhadimoni, **20** lamaHithi, lamaPherizi, lamaRefayi, **21** lama-Amori, lamaKhenani, lamaGigashi kanye lamaJebusi."

**16** USarayi umka-Abhraoma wayengamzaelanga bantwana. Kodwa wayelenceukazi yomGibhithe eyayithiwa nguHagari; **2** ngakho uSarayi wathi ku-Abhraoma, "UThixo ungingitshile abantwana. Hamba, wembathe lenceukazi yami; mhlawumbe lami ningabza lendlu ngaye." U-Abhraoma wavuma kulokho okwakutshiwo nguSarayi. **3** Ngakho kwathi u-Abhraoma esehlale eKhenani okweminyaka elitshumi, uSarayi umkakhe wathatha inceukazi yakhe yomGibhithe uHagari wamupha indoda yakhe ukuba ngumkayo. **4** U-Abhraoma wambatha loHagari, wazithwala. Wathi esezibona esezithwele, waseqalisa ukweyisa inkosikazi yakhe. **5** USarayi wasesithi ku-Abhraoma, "Ngumlandu wakho ukuze ngihlupheke kangaka. Inceukazi yami ngayethula ezandleni zakho, kodwa ithi ngoba isisazi ukuthi isizithwele isingeysi. Sengathi uThixo angahlulela phakathi kwami lawe." **6** U-Abhraoma wathi, "Inceukazi yakho isezandlensi zakho. Yenza lokho obona kufanele ngayo." USarayi wasemphatha kubi uHagari; wacina embalekela. **7** Ingilosí kaThixo yamfumana uHagari eduze komthombo enkangala; kwakungumthombo oseceleni kwendlela eya eshuri. **8** Yathi, "Hagari, ncekukazi kaSarayi, uvela ngaphi njalo uya ngaphi?" Waphendula wathi, "Ngibalekela inkosikazi yami, uSarayi." **9** Ngakho ingilosí kaThixo yamtshela yathi, "Buyela enkosikazini yakho ufike

**10** Ingilosí kaThixo yengeza yathi, sizaxabana labantu bonke lesandla somuntu wonke sixabane laye, njalo uzaphila ngenzondano labafowabo bonke. **13** UThixo owakhuluma laye wamutha lelibizo elithi: "UnguNkulunkulu ongibonayo," ngoba wathi, "Manje sengimbonile lowo ongibonayo." **14** Yikhona je umthombo lowo wabizwa ngokuthi yBheri-Lahayi-Royi; ulokhu usekhona, phakathi kweKhadeshi leBheredi. **15** Ngakho uHagari wazalela u-Abhraoma indodana, u-Abhraoma wamutha ibizo lokuthi ngu-Ishumayeli. **16** U-Abhraoma wayeleminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesthupha lapho uHagari emzalela u-Ishumayeli.

**17** U-Abhraoma eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye yobudala, uThixo wabonakala kuye wathi, "NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; hamba ngokwethembeka phambi kwami, ungasoleki. **2** Ngizasiqinisa isivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe, ngandise njalo ubunengi benu." **3** U-Abhraoma wawa wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, **4** "Mina ngokwami ngithi lesi yisivumelwano sami lawe: uzakuba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi. **5** Kawusayi kubizwa ngokuthi Abhraoma; ibizo lakho selizakuba ngu-Abrahama, ngoba sengikwenze uyise wezizwe ezinengi. **6** Ngizakwenza uzuze inzalo enengi; ngizakwenza izizwe ngawe, njalo amakhosí azaphuma kuwe. **7** Ngizaqinisa isivumelwano sami sibe yisivumelwano sanini lanini phakathi kwami lawe kanye lezizukulwane ezizayo ukuba nguNkulunkulu wakho, loNkulunkulu wezizukulwane zakho ngemva kwakho. **8** Ilizwe lonke laseKhenani, okwamanje olhala njengowezizwe kulo, ngizakuba libe yilifa laphakade kuwe lezizukulwane zakho ngemva kwakho; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo." **9** UNkulunkulu wasesithi ku-Abrahama, "Wena kumele ugcine isivumelwano sami, wena lezizukulwane zakho ezizayo. **10** Lesi yisivumelwano sami lawe lezizukulwane ezizayo, isivumelwano okumele usigcine: Wonke umuntu wesilisa phakathi kwenu kuzamele asokwe. **11** Wena kumele usokwe, lokho kuzakuba yisiboniso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe. **12** Kuzizukulwane ezizayo umuntu wonke wesilisa ophakathi kwenu oseleziinsuku eziyisificaminwembili kumele asokwe, kusitsho lalabo abazalwa emzini wakho loba abathengwa ngemali emuntwini wezizwe, labo abangazalwa nguwe. **13** Loba abazalwa emzini wakho kumbe abathengwa ngemali, kumele basokwe. Isivumelwano sami enyameni yakho sizakuba yisivumelwano esingapheliyo. **14** Lowo owesilisa ongasokwanga, ongazange ake asokwe enyameni uzakhalalwa ngabantu bakibo; usephule

isivumelwano sami.” **15** UNkulunkulu waphinda njalo Bathi besidla yena wema eduzane labo ngaphansi wathi ku-Abhrahamama, “Umkakho uSarayi, ungabe kwesihlahla. **9** Bambusa bathi, “Ungaphi umkakho usambiza ngokuthi nguSarayi; ibizo lakhe selinguSara. **16** Ngizambusisa, njalo ngizakunika indodana ngaye. **17** U-Abhrahamama wawa wathi Ngizambusisa ukuze abe ngunina wezizwe; amakhosi eziphe azavela kuye.” **18** U-Abhrahamama wawa wathi mbo ngobuso phansi; wahleka wazitshele wathi, “Kambe indodana ingazalwa ngumuntu oseleminyaka elikhulu na? USara angamzala umntwana yena eseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye na?” **19** Ngakho u-Abhrahamama wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, “Nxa u-Ishumayeli engaphila ngaphansi kwesibusiso sakho kuphela!” **20** UNkulunkulu wasesithi, “Yebo, uSara uzakuzalela indodana, wena uyibize ngokuthi ngu-Isaka. Ngizaqinisa isivumelwano sami laye sibe ngemba kwakhe. **21** Kodwa isivumelwano sami ngizasiqinisa lo-Isaka, ozamzaletwa nguSara ngalesiskathathi ngomnyaka ozayo.” **22** Eseqedile inzalo enku, ngandise ubunengi bayo. Uzakuba nguyise wababusi abalitshumi lambili, ngimenze abe yisizwe esikhulu. **23** Ngalelolanga u-Abhrahamama wathatha indodana yakhe u-Ishumayeli labo bonke abazalelwemzini wakhe loba abathengwayo ngemali yakhe wabasoka, njengoba uNkulunkulu wayemtshelile. **24** U-Abhrahamama wyeleminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye mhlalesokwa, **25** indodana yakhe u-Ishumayeli yayileminyaka yokuzalwa elitshumi lantathu; **26** u-Abhrahamama lendodana yakhe u-Ishumayeli bobabili basokwa mhlalokho ngalanga linye. **27** Njalo bonke abesilisa ababesemzini ka-Abhrahamama, kugogela labo abazalelwakonapho ekhaya labathengwa kwabezizwe, basokwa kanye laye.

**18** UThixo wabonakala ku-Abhrahamama eduzane lezihlahla ezinkulu zikaMamure, ehlezi emnyango wethente lakhe, ilanga litshisa kakhulu. **2** U-Abhrahamama waphosa amehlo wabona amadoda amathathu emi eduze. Wonela ukuwabona wasuka ngokuphangisa emnyango wethente lakhe wawahlangabeza wafika wakhothama phansi. **3** Wathi, “Nxa ngifumene umusa kuwe, nkosi yami, ungedduli eceleni kwenceku yakho. **4** Akulethwe amanzi amalutshwana nje, ukuze lonke ligeze inyawozenu, keliphumule ngaphansi kwesihlahla lesi. **5** Wothoni ngilidingele ukudla ukuze lizuze amandla andubana liqbubeke ngohambo lwenu njengoba nje selizile encekwini yenu.” Baphendula bathi, “Kulungile, yenza lokho okutshoyo.” **6** Ngakho u-Abhrahamama waphanga waya ethenteni kuSara. Wathi, “Phangisa, thatha izilinganiso ezintathu zefulawa ecoleleyo, uvube inhlama wenze isinkwa.” **7** Waphanga waya emhlambini wakhetha iguqana elihle, elibuthakathaka walipha isisebenzi ukuba silihlinze. **8** Waseletha izankefu zamasi, lochago kanye leguqa elaselilungisiwe, konke wakubeka phambi kwabo.

Bathi besidla yena wema eduzane labo ngaphansi wathi ku-Abhrahamama, “Umkakho uSarayi, ungabe kwesihlahla. **9** Bambusa bathi, “Ungaphi umkakho usambiza ngokuthi nguSarayi; ibizo lakhe selinguSara. **10** UThixo wasesithi, “Ngizabuya ngempela kuwe ngalesiskathathi ngomnyaka ozayo, njalo umkakho uSara uzakuba lendodana.” USara wayelokhu elalele esemnyango loSara basebevele sebebada kakhulu, uSara esedlule isikhathi sokuba labantwana. **12** Ngakho uSara wahleka yedwa, wakhumbula wathi, “Kambe sengigugile na?” **13** UThixo wasesithi ku-Abhrahamama, kanje lenkosi yami isindala, ngingakhona ngizuba intokozo le?” **14** Kambe sibilis ngizakuba lomntwana mina sengiluphele? **15** Kambe kulolutho olwehlula uThixo na? Ngizabuya kuwe ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngomnyaka ozayo, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana.” **16** Amadoda asuka ahamba aqonda eSodoma, u-Abhrahamama wawaphelekezela ukuwakhupha. **17** UThixo wasesithi, “Ngimfihlele yini u-Abhrahamama lokho esengizakwenza na? **18** Ngempela u-Abhrahamama uzakuba yisizwe esikhulu esilamandla, njalo zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa ngaye. **19** Ngoba sengimkhethile, ukuze aqondise abantwabakhe lomuzi wakhe, yena esedlule, ukugcina indlela kaThixo ngokwenza okulungileyo lokuqondileyo, ukuze uThixo amenze u-Abhrahamama lokho anthembise khona.” **20** UThixo wasesithi kuye, “Insolo ngeSodoma leGomora inkulu kakhulu njalo isono sakhona siyesabeka **21** okokuthi sengizakuya khona ngiyebona ingabe lokho abakwenzileyo kubi okulingana lensolo le esifikile kimi. Nxa kungenjalo, ngizakwazi.” **22** Amadoda akhangela phambil aqonda eSodoma, kodwa u-Abhrahamama wasala emi phambi kukaThixo. **23** Ngakho u-Abhrahamama waya kuye wathi: “Uzabhubhisa abalungileyo kanye lababi na? **24** Pho nxa kukhona abangamatshumi amahlanu kulelodolobho ke? Ngempela uzalikhucula na ungalixoleli ngenxa yabangamatshumi amahlanu abalungileyo abakulo na? **25** Akube khatshana lawe ukwenza into enjalo, ukubulala abalungileyo lababi. Kakube khatshana lawe lokho! Kambe uMahluleli womhlaba wonke kayikwenza okufaneleyo na?” **26** UThixo wathi, “Nxa ngifumana abangamatshumi amahlanu abalungileyo edolobheni laseSodoma, ngizalixolela lonke idolobho ngenxa yabo.” **27** U-Abhrahamama waphinda wakhuluma njalo wathi: “Njengoba sengibe lesibindi esingaka sokukhuluma loThixo, loba ngingasulutho mina, ngiluthuli nje lomlotha, **28** pho nxa inani labalungileyo lingaphansi ngabahlanu ematshumini amahlanu? Uzalibhubhisa idolobho lonke ngenxa yabantu abahlanu na?” Wathi, “Ngingafumana abangamatshumi amane lanhlunu kangiyikulibhubhisa.” **29** Waphinda njalo wakhuluma laye wathi, “Nxa kufunyanwa amatshumi amane kuphela-ke?” Yena wathi, “Ngenxa yabangamatshumi amane kangizukukwenza.” **30** Ngakho wasesithi, “UThixo makangathukutheli, kodwa ake ngikhulume. Kungafunyanwa khona

amatshumi amathathu ke?" Waphendula wathi, "Kangizukukwenza ngingafumana khona amatshumi amathathu." **31** U-Abhrahamma wathi, "Kambe njengoba ngibe lesibindi esingaka ngaze ngakhulumo loThixo, pho nxa kufunyanwa abangamatshumi amabili khona kuphela-ke?" Wathi, "Ngenxa yabangamatshumi amabili kangiyikulibhubhisa." **32** Waphinda wathi, "UThixo angathukutheli, kodwa ake ngikhulume kanye kuphela njalo. Kambe nxa kungafunyanwa itsumi lodwa-ke?" Waphendula wathi, "Ngenxa yabalitshumi kangiyikulibhubhisa." **33** Kwathi uThixo eseqedile ukukhuluma lo-Abhrahamma wasuka, lo-Abhrahamma wabuyela ngekhaya.

**19** Izingilosи zombili zafika eSodoma kusihlwa, uLothi ehelezi esangweni ledolobho. Wathi ezipona wasukuma wazihlangabeza wathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **2** Wathi, "Makhosi ami, ake liphambukele endlini yenceku yenu. Lingageza inyawo zenu, lilale khona andubana liqhubeke ngendlela yenu ekuseni." Zaphendula zathi, "Hatshi, sizalala egcekeni phandle." **3** Kodwa waphikelela kakhulukazi zaze zahamba laye zangena endlini yakhe. Wazilungisela ukudla, wazenzela isinkwa esingelamvubelo, zadla. **4** Zingakayilala, amadoda aqhamuka kuzozonke izindawo zedolobho laseSodoma, amajaha lamaxhegu, ayihanqa indlu. **5** Amemeza uLothi athi, "Angaphi amadoda afike emzini wakho lamuhla kusihlwa? Akhuphe eze lapha ngoba sifuna ukulala lawo siwenze abafazi." **6** ULothi waphuma wayakhuluma lawo wavala umnyango ngemva kwakhe, **7** wathi, "Hatshi, basalwane. Lingenzi linto embi kangaka. **8** Khangelani, ngilamadodakazi amabili angakaze alale lendoda. Wothini ngiwalethe lapha kini lenze elikuthandayo ngawo. Kodwa lingenzi lutho emadodenı ngoba angaphansi komthunzi wophahla lwami." **9** Aphendula athi, "Suka endleleni yethu." Babuye bathi, "Umuntu lo weza lapha njengowezizwe, kodwa khathesi usefuna ukuba ngumahluleli! Wena-ke sizakuthwalisa nzima kulawo." Babelokhu beminyezel uLothi, bafugela phambilil bezama ukwephula isivalo. **10** Kodwa amadoda lawo ayephakathi avula adonsela uLothi endlini avala isivalo. **11** Asewatshaya ngobuphofu amadoda ayesemnyango wendul leyo, amajaha lamaxhegu, asesehluleka ukubona umnyango. **12** Amadoda lawo amabili athi kuLothi, "Bakhona yini abanye olabo lapha abakhwenyana, amadodana kumbe amadodakazi, loba nje omunye edolobheni leli ongowakho? Bakhuphe lapha, **13** ngoba sizayibhubhisa indawo le. Insolo efika kuThixo ngalababantu inkulu kabi okokuthi useze wasithuma ukuthi silibhubhise." **14** Ngakho uLothi waphuma wayakhuluma labakhwenyana bakhe, labo abasebethembise ukulobola amadodakazi akhe. Wathi, "Phangisan, phumanı kulindawo, ngoba uThixo usezalibhubhisa idolobho leli!" Kodwa abakhwenyana bakhe bacabanga ukuthi wenza amahlaya. **15** Kwathi emathathakusa izingilosи zakhuthaza uLothi zathi, "Phangisa! Thatha umkakho lamadodakazi akho womabili akhona lapha, ngoba lizaqabuka likhukhulwa

nxa idolobho selijeziwa." **16** Wathi esatomatoma, amadoda ambamba ngesandla kanye lesandla somkakhe lezamadodakazi akhe womabili abaholela ngaphandle kwedolobho bephephile, ngoba uThixo wayelomusa kubo. **17** Bonela ukuthi bakhutshwe, omunye wazo wathi, "Balekanı liqinise! Lingakhangeli emuva, njalo lingemi ndawo emagecekeni! Balekelani ezintabeni funa likhukhulwe!" **18** Kodwa uLothi wathi kuzo, "Hatshi, makhosi ami, bakithi! **19** Inceku yenu isizuse umusa emehlweni enu, njalo selitshengise umusa omkhulu kimi ngokuphephisa impilo yami. Kodwa ngingeke ngibalekele ezintabeni; ububi lobu buzangifika ngingile ngife. **20** Khangelani, nanku umu oseduze engingabaleka kuwo, njalo mncinyane, wothini ngibalekele kuwo, mncinyane, kawunjalo? Lapho ngizasinda." **21** Yathi kuye, "Kulungle, ngingasamukela njalo lalesisicelo; kangizukuwubhidiza umuzi okhuluma ngawo. **22** Kodwa balekela khona masinyane, ngoba kangiyikwenza lutho uze ufike khona." (Yikho umuzi lowo wabizwa ngokuthi yizWari.) **23** Ngesikhathi uLothi efika eZowari ilanga laseliphumile elizweni. **24** UThixo wasenisa umlilo wesolufa etshisayo phezu kweSodoma leGomora, uvela kuThixo usehla emazulwini. **25** Kanjalo wawabhidiza amadolobho lamagecke wonke, labo bonke ababehlala kuwo amadolobho kanye lokumila emhlabathini. **26** Kodwa umkaLothi wakhangela emuva, waphenduka isiduli setswayi. **27** Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku olulandelayo u-Abhrahamma wasuka wabuyela endaweni lapho ayeme phambi kukaThixo khona. **28** Wakhangela malungana leSodoma leGomora, malungana lalo lonke ilizwe lamagecke, wabona izikhatha zentuthu ziqonga zisuka phansi, njengomlilo usuka esithandweni somlilo. **29** Ngakho kwathi uNkulunkulu ebhubhisa amadolobho asemagcekeni wakhumbula u-Abhrahamma, wamkhupha uLothi enkemenkemeni eyatshabalalisa amadolobho lapho uLothi ayekade ehlala khona. **30** ULothi lamadodakazi akhe womabili basuka eZowari bayahlala ezintabeni, ngoba wayesesaba ukuhlala eZowari. Yena lamadodakazi akhe womabili babehlala ebhalwini. **31** Ngolunye usuku indodakazi endala yathi kwencinyane, "Ubaba usesuphelle, njalo kakulandoda lapha engalala lathi, njengoba kungumkhuba emhlabeni wonke. **32** Kasidakise ubaba ngewayini besesilala laye ukuze silombe usando lwakwethu ngobaba." **33** Ngalobobusuku uyise bamnathisa iwayini, indodakazi endala yangena yembatha laye. Yena kayibonanga izolala loba isivuka. **34** Ngosuku olulandelayo indodakazi endala yathi kwencinyane, "Izolo ebusuko ngembathe lobaba. Kasimdkaise futhi ngewayini ngobusuku balamuhla lawe uhambé uyokwembatha laye ukuze silondolo usoendo lwakithi ngobaba." **35** Bamdakisa-ke uyise ngewayini ngalobobusuku njalo, indodakazi encinyane yahamba yayakwembatha laye. Njalo kazange anarizelele ukuthi walala nini lokuthi wavuka nini. **36** Ngakho womabili amadodakazi kaLothi athatha izisu kuyise. **37** Indodakazi endala yazala indodana yamutha ibizo yathi nguMowabi: nguye uyise wamaMowabi alamuhla nje. **38** Indodakazi encinyane

layo yazala indodana, yayitha yathi nguBheni-Ami; ngyue uyise wama-Amoni alamuhla nje.

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

**21** Ngakho uThixo waba lomusa kuSara njengoba wayetshilo, uThixo wamenzela uSara lokho ayekuthembisile. **2** USara wazithwala wazalela u-

Abrahama ebudaleni bakhe indodana ngesikhathi sonaleso uNkulunkulu ayemthembise sona. **3** U-Abrahama wayitha ibizo elithi Isaka leyondodana ayizalelwu nguSara. **4** Kwathi indodana yakhe u-Isaka isilensku eziyisificaminwembili izelwe, u-Abrahama wayisoka, njengoba walaywa nguNkulunkulu. **5** U-Abrahama wayeseleminyaka elikhulu ekuzalweni kwendodana yakhe u-Isaka. **6** USara wathi, "UNkulunkulu usengilethele intokozo, njalo bonke abazakuzwa lokhu bazathokoza lami." **7** Wabuye wengeza wathi, "Kambe ngubani obengatsho ku-Abrahama ukuthi uSara angondla abantwana? Kodwa sengimzalele indodana ebudaleni bakhe." **8** Wakhula umntwana, walunyulwa, kwathi mhla u-Isaka elunyulwa u-Abrahama wenza idili elikhulu. **9** Kodwa uSara wabona ukuthi indodana kaHagari umGibhithe, ayeiyizalele u-Abrahama yayikloloda, **10** wasesithi ku-Abrahama, "Mxotshe umfazi lo oyisigqili kanye lendodana yakhe, ngoba indodana yesiqlikazi lesi kayisoze yabelana ilifa lendodana yami u-Isaka." **11** Indaba le yamhlupa kakhulu u-Abrahama ngoba yayithintana lendodana yakhe. **12** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, "Ungakhathazeki kakhulu ngomfana kanye lesiqlikazi sakho. Lalela konke uSara akutshela khona ngoba isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka. **13** Indodana le eyesiqlikazi layo ngizayenza ibe yisizwe ngoba iyinzalo yakho." **14** Ngosotu olulandelayo ekuseni kakhulu u-Abrahama wathatha ukudla lesigxingi samanzi wakunika uHagari. Wakwetshata emahlolome kaHagari, wasebakupha lomfana. Owesifazane wasuka wayantula enkangala yaseBherishebha. **15** Esephelile amanzi esigxingini, wabeka umntwana ngaphansi kwasixuku. **16** Yena wasuka wayahlala bucwadlana, okungaba libanga lokuphosa umtshoko, ngoba wacabanga wathi, "Ngeke ngibukele umfana esifa." Kwathi ehlezi khonapho bucwala wakhala ebubula. **17** UNkulunkulu wanuza umfanyana ekhala, ingilosu kaNkulunkulu yasibiza uHagari isezelwini yathi kuye, "Kwenzenjani, Hagari? Ungeabisu; uNkulunkulu usekuzwile ukukhala komfana elele khonaphayana. **18** Mphakamise umfana umbambe ngesandla, ngoba ngizamenza abe yisizwe esikhulu." **19** UNkulunkulu wasemvula amehlo, wabona umthombo wamanzi. Ngakho wasesiyagcwaliswa umgodla ngamanzi wapha umfana wanatha. **20** UNkulunkulu wayelaye umfana ekhula. Wahlala enkangala waba ngumcibi womtshoko. **21** Wathi ehlala eNkangala yasePharani, unina wamdingela umfazi eGibhithe. **22** Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhimelekhi loFikholi, umlawuli wamabutho akhe bathi ku-Abrahama, "UNkulunkulu ulawe kukho konke okwenzayo. **23** Khathesi-ke funga kimi khonapha phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi kawusoze wenze izinto zobuqili kimi, loba ebantwaneni bami loba kuzizukulwane zami. Tshengisa kimi lakulo ilizwe ohlezi kulo njengesizwe wona lowomusa engikwenzele wona." **24** U-Abrahama wathi, "Ngiyafunga." **25** U-Abrahama wasesola ku-Abhimelekhi ngomthombo izinceku zika-Abhimelekhi ezaziwuthumbile. **26** Kodwa u-Abhimelekhi wathi,

"Angikwazi ukuthi ngubani okwenzileyo lokho. U-Abhrahamama wathi uyakhangela wabona inqama Kawuzange ungitsheli, sekuyikhona ngikuzwa nje esixukwini ibanjiwe ngempondo zayo. Waya khona lamhla." 27 Ngakho u-Abhrahamama waletha izimvu wayithatha inqama wenza umhlatshele womnikelo lenkomo wazipha u-Abhimelekhi, amadoda womabili wokutshiswa esikhundleni sendodana yakhe. 14 enza isivumelwano. 28 U-Abhrahamama wehlukanisa amazinyane amasikazi ayisikhombisa emhlambini, uThixo Uzakupha. Kuze kuge lamuhla kuthiwa, 29 u-Abhimelekhi wambuza u-Abhrahamama wathi, "EntabenikaThixo kuzaphiwa." 15 IngilosikaThixo "Atshoni amazinyane la amasikazi ayisikhombisa owehlukanise emhlambini wawabeka wodwa na?" yathi, "Ngifunga ngami uqobo, kutsho uThixo, 30 Waphendula wathi, "Yamukela ezandleni zami amazinyane la ayisikhombisa njengobufakazi bokuthi yimi engembu umthombo lo." 31 Ngakho indawo leyo yathiwa yiBherishebha ngoba amadoda la womabili enza isifungo khonapho. 32 Ngemva kokuba isivumelwano sesibotshiwe eBherishebha, u-Abhimelekhi loFikholi umlawuli wamabutho akhe babuyela elizweni lamaFilistiya. 33 U-Abhrahamama wahlanyela isihlahla sethamarisiki eBherishebha, khonapho walibiza ibizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu Waphakade. 34 U-Abhrahamama wahlala elizweni lamaFilistiya okwesikhathi eside.

**22** Emva kjesikhathi esithile uNkulunkulu walinga u-Abhrahamama. Wathi kuye, "Abhraham!" Waphendula wathi, "Ngilapha." 2 UNkulunkulu wasesithi, "Thatha indodana yakho, indodana yakho eyiyo yodwa, u-Isaka, omthandayo, uye emangweni waseMoriya. Khonapho menze umhlatshele abe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwenye yezintaba engizakutshengisa yona." 3 Kusisa ekuseni kakhulu u-Abhrahamama wavuka wabopha ubabhemi wakhe. Wahamba lezincke zakhe ezimbili kanye lendodana yakhe u-Isaka. Kwathi esegamule inkuni ezaneleyo zomnikelo wokutshiswa, waqhubecka waya kuleyondawo uNkulunkulu ayemtsheli yona. 4 Ngelanga lesithathu u-Abhrahamama wakhangela, wayibona leyondawo kude le. 5 Wathi ezincekwini zakhe, "Hlalani lapha lobabhemi, mina lomfana sisake siye laphayana. Sizakuthi singakhonza sibuye kini." 6 U-Abhrahamama wathatha inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa wazithwala umntanakhe u-Isaka, yena ngokwakhe waphatha umlilo lengqamu. Kwathi belokhu beqhubeka bobabili, 7 u-Isaka wakhuluma wambuza uyise u-Abhrahamama wathi, "Baba?" U-Abhrahamama wasabela wathi, "Yebo, ndodana yami!" U-Isaka wathi, "Umlilo lenkuni nanku kukhona, kodwa iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa lingaphi?" 8 U-Abhrahamama waphendula wathi, "Ndodana yami, uNkulunkulu ngokwakhe uzasipha iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa." Baqhubeka bobabili bahamba. 9 Sebefitile endaweni uNkulunkulu amtshele yona, u-Abhrahamama wakha i-Alithari khonapho walungisa inkuni phezu kwalo. Wabopha indodana yakhe u-Isaka wayilalisa e-alithareni phezu kwenkuni. 10 Waseselula isandla sakhe ethatha ingqamu ukuba abulale indodana yakhe. 11 Kodwa ingilosikaThixo yamemeza iseuzulwini yathi, "Abhraham! Abhraham!" Waphendula wathi, "Ngilapha." 12 Yathi, "Ungamthinti ngesandla sakho umfana. Ungenzi lutho kuye. Khathesi sengisazi ukuthi uyamesaba uNkulunkulu, ngoba kawuyigodlanga indodana yakho eyiyo yodwa." 13

yakho zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa, ngoba ungilale." 19 Emva kwalokho u-Abhrahamama wabuyela ezincekwini zakhe, basebehamba bonke eBherishebha. U-Abhrahamama wahlala eBherishebha. 20 Emva kjesikhathi esithile u-Abhrahamama watshelwa ukuthi, "UMilikha laye uselabantwana; sewazalela umfowenu uNahori amadodana: 21 u-Uzi izibulo, uBhuzi umfowabo, uKhemuweli (uyise ka-Aramu), 22 uKhesedi, uHazo, uPhilidashi, uJidilafu loBhethuwelli." 23 UBhethuwelli wazala uRabheka. UMilikha wazala amadodana la ayisificaminwembili loNahori umfowabo ka-Abhrahamama. 24 Umfazi wakhe omncane owayethiwa nguRewuma laye wayelamadodana la: uThebha, uGahamu, uThahashi kanye loMahakha.

**23** USara waphila waze waba leminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa obudala. 2 Wafela eKhriyathi Aribha (kutsho eHebhroni) elizweni laseKhenani, u-Abhrahamama wahamba ukuyamzilela lokumlilela khona. 3 U-Abhrahamama wasukuma eseceleli komkakhe ofileyo wakhuluma lamaHithi. Wathi, 4 "Ngingowezizweni lesihambi phakathi kwenu. Ngithengiseleni isiqinti sokuba yindawo yokungwabela khona abakithi abafileyo." 5 AmaHithi amphendula u-Abhrahamama athi, 6 "Silalele, nkosi yami. Uyinkosana elamandla phakathi kwethu. Ngcwaba abafileyo bakini loba kukuwaphi amangcwaba ethu athandeka kakhulu. Kakho owakithi ozakwalela ingcwaba lakhe ukuthi uncgwabe kulo ofileyo wakini." 7 Ngakho u-Abhrahamama wasukuma wakhothamela phansi phambi kwamaHithi, abanikazi balelolizwe. 8 Wathi kubo, "Nxa lithanda ukuthi ngimbele abafileyo bami, lalelani kimi, lingincengele ku-Efroni indodana kaZohari 9 ukuthi angithengisele ubhalu Lwakhe IwaseMakhaphela olusekucineni kwiqinti. Mceleni ukuthi angithengisele sona ngentengo egcweleyo sibe yindawo yamangcwaba phakathi kwenu." 10 U-Efroni umHithi owayehilezi khonapho phakathi kwabantu bakibo waphendula u-Abhrahamama wonke amaHithi ayefikile esangweni ledolobho lakhe eziqwela. 11 Wathi, "Hatshi, nkosi yami. Lalela kimi; ngiyakupha isiqinti, njalo ngiyakupha lobhalu oluphakathi kwaso. Ngikupha sona phambi kwabantu bakithi. Mbela abafileyo bakho." 12 U-Abhrahamama waphinda wakhothamela phansi

phambi kwabantu balelolizwe **13** wathi ku-Efroni amadodakazi abantu balelidolobho asesiza ukuzakukha bona besizwa, "Ake ulalelisise engikutshoyo. Mina amanzi. **14** Kungasake kuthi ngingathii entombini, 'Ake ngizayikhupha intengo yesiqinti. Ngicela uyamukele ungikhele amanzi ngenkezo yakho nginathe,' yona ithi, kimi ukuze ngimbele khona abafileyo bami." **15** U-Efroni 'Natha, njalo ngizanathisa lamakamela akho,' kube yiyo waphendula u-Abhrahamama wathi, **15** "Lalela kimi, nkosi kanye oyikhethele inceku yakho u-Isaka. Ngalokho yami; isiqinti lesi sibiza amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ngizakwazi ukuthi usutshengise umusa enkosini amane, kodwa kungena njani lokho phakathi kwami yami." **15** Ingakaqedi ukukhuleka, uRabheka waphuma lawe? Wena mbela abafileyo bakho." **16** U-Abrahama ethwele imbiza yakhe yamanzi ehlombe lakhe, wayivuma intengo ka-Efroni wasemlinganisela Wayeyindodakazi kaBhethuweli indodana kaMilikha, ubunzima bentengo ayeiyibizile amaHithi esizwa: **16** Intombi le yainhle kakhulu, igcwele; ingakaze lesisindo esasisetshenziswa ngabathengisi. **17** Ngakho ilale lenda. Yehlela emthonjeni, yagcwala imbiza isiqinti sika-Efroni eMakhaphela, eduze leMamure, yayo yasiqansa. **17** Inceku yaphanga yamhlangabeza isiqinti kanye lobhalu olwaluphakathi kwaso, lazonke yathi, "Ngicela amanzi embizeni yakho." **18** Wathi, izihlahla ezaziphakathi kwaso, kwabhaliswa **18** ngo- "Natha nkosi yami," watsho esehlisa imbiza eyibamba Abrahama ukuthi sekuyimpahla yakhe, kusenziwa phambi kwamaHithi wonke ayefikile esangweni ledolobho. **19** Ngemva kwalokho u-Abrahama wangcwaba umkakhe uSara ebhalwini olwalusesiqintini saseMakhaphela eduze leMamure (eseHebhroni) elizweni laseKhenani. **20** Kanjalo isiqinti lobhalu olwaluphakathi kwaso kwabhaliswa ngo-Abrahama ngama-Hithi ukuba yindawo yamangcwaba.

**24** U-Abrahama wayeselupheli kakhulu, njalo uThixo wayembusisile kukho konke. **2** Wasesithi encekwini yakhe enku, leyo eyayilawula konke ayalakho, "Beka isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami. **3** Ngifuna ukuthi ufunge ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini loNkulunkulu wasemhlabeni, ukuthi kawuyikuzuzela indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhenani engihlala phakathi kwavo, **4** kodwa uzakuya elizweni lakithi lasezihlotsheni zami uzuzele indodana yami u-Isaka umfazi." **5** Inceku yambuza yathi, "Pho nxa lowo wesifazane engavumi ukuza lami kulelizwe-ke? Ngizathatha indodana yakho ngiyise kulelizwe lapho owavela khona na?" **6** U-Abrahama wathi, "Ungaqali ukuhambisa indodana yami khonale. **7** UThixo, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, owangikhupha emzini kababa laselizweni lakithi njalo owakhulumka kimi, wangithembisa ngesifungo wathi, "Ilizwe leli ngizalinika inzalo yakho," uzathuma ingilosu yakhe ihambe phambi kwakho ukuze ukwazi ukutholela indodana yami umfazi khonale. **8** Nxa owesifazane lowo esala ukuza lapha lawe, uzabe usukhululwe kulesi isifungo sami. Kodwa ungaqali ukusa indodana yami khonale." **9** Ngakho inceku yasifaka isandla sayo ngaphansi kwethangazi lenkosi yayo u-Abrahama yafunga isifungo kuye ngodaba lolu. **10** Inceku yaithatha amakamela enkosi yayo alitshumi yasuka, yathatha yonke imihlobo yezinto ezhinle zenkosi yayo. Yaqonda e-Aramu Naharayimu, yahamba yaze yayafika emzini waseNahori. **11** Amakamela yawaguqisa phansi eduzane lomthombo ngaphandle komuzi; kwasekuntambama, sekuyisikhathi sabesifazane ukyayukha amanzi. **12** Yasikhuleka yathi, "Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abrahama, yenza ngiphumelele lamuhla, utshengise umusa enkosini yami u-Abrahama. **13** Khangelake, nanku ngimi lapha eceleni komthombo lo, njalo

amadodakazi abantu balelidolobho asesiza ukuzakukha amanzi. **14** Kungasake kuthi ngingathii entombini, 'Ake ngizakhelela lamakamela akho lawo ngiwanathise.' **15** Wasethululela imbiza yakhe emkolweni, wagijimela emthonjeni njalo ukukha amanye, wawakhelela wonke amakamela akhe. **21** Indoda yabukela ithule ilokhu inanzelela idinga ukubona ukuthi ngeqiniso uThixo wayeluphumelelisile yini uhumbo lwayo. **22** Amakamela eseqedile ukunatha, indoda leyo yakhupha isongo lamakhala elenziwe ngegolide efilobunzima obungaba yingxene yeshekeli, leziggizo zegolide ezimbili ezilobunzima bamashekeli alitshumi. **23** Yasibuza yathi, "Uyindodakazi kabani na? Ake ungitshele, kambe singazuza indawo yini emzini kayihlo kescatshise amakanda ubususka balamuha nje?" **24** URabheka wampwendula wathi, "Ngiyindodakazi kaBhethuweli, indodana kaMilikha ayizalela uNahori." **25** Waphinda wengeza wathi, "Silotshani obunengi lamahlanga, kanye lendawo yokulala ikhona okwalamuhla ebusuku." **26** Indoda yakhothamela phansi yakhonza uThixo, **27** isithi, "Udumo kalube kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abrahama, ongadelanga umusa wakhe lokuthembeka kwakhe enkosini yami. Mina ngokwami uThixo ungikhokhele ohanjweni lwami ngazafika endlini yezinini zenkosi yami." **28** Intombi yajigima yayabikela abendlu kanina ngalezizinto. **29** URabheka wayelomnewabo owayethiya ngulabhani, yena waphanga waya kuleyondoda eyaisemthonjeni. **30** Wonela ukubona isongo lamakhala kanye leziggizo engalweni kadadewabo, njalo esezwile uRabheka elandisa ngokwakhulunyu yindoda leyo kuye, wasuka waya kuyo wayifica imi eceleni kwamakamela eduze komthombo. **31** Wathi, "Woza, wena obusisiwego nguThixo. Umeleni phandle lapha? Sengilungisile indlu lendawo yamakamela." **32** Ngakho indoda yaya ngekhaya, lamakamela ethulwa imithwalo. Utshani lamahlanga kwaletethwa emakameleni, yena lamadoda ayalawo baletethwa amanzi okugeza inyawo zabo. **33** Kwasekulethwa ukudla kwabekwa phambi kwakhe, kodwa wathi, "Kangizukudla ngize ngiqale ngilitshele lokho okumele ngikutsho." ULabhani wathi, "Sitshela phela." **34** Ngakho wasesithi, "Ngiyinceku ka-Abrahama. **35** UThixo uyibusisile inkosi yami kakhulu, isinothile kakhulu. Uyiphile izimvu lenkomio, isiliva legolide, lezincke zesisilisa lezesifazane kanye

lamakamela labobabhem. **36** Inkosikazi yenkoski yami, ukuze ngiyefika enkosini yami.” **57** Basebesithi, “Wothi uSara, imzalele indodana ebudaleni bayo, inkosi sibize intombazana kesiyibuze ngakho.” **58** Ngakho yami yasiyinika leyondodana konke elakho. **37** Njalo inkosi yami yangifungisa isifungo yathi, ‘Ungazuzeli indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhenani, engihlala elizweni lawo, **38** kodwa yana ezininini yami umfazi.’ **39** Ngasengiyibuza inkosi yami ngathi, ‘Pho nxa owestifazane lowo esala ukuba lapha-ke?’ **40** Yaphendula yathi, ‘UTHixo, engihamba phambi kwake, uzathumela ingilosyi yakhe ihambé lawe, iphumelisele, uhambo lwakho ukube uzuzele indodana yami umfazi kwabosendo lwakithi, lasezininini zikababa. **41** Ngakho uzakuthi ungaya kwabosendo lwakithi, uzakhululwa esifungweni sami loba bangaze bale laye.’ **42** Ngithe ukufika kwami emthonjeni lamuhla ngathi, ‘Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abrahama, nxa uthanda, ngicela uphumelelese uhambu lolu engingalo lapha. **43** Akubone, ngimi eceleni kwalo umthombo; nxa kufika intombi izokukha amanzi, ngithi kuyo, “Akunginathise amanzi amalutshwana enkonxeni yakho,” **44** ingaze ithi kimi, “Natha, njalo ngizanathisa lamakamela akho lawo,” kabe nguye uThixo elilula wazemboza ngalo. **45** Nginingakaqedi ukukhuleka enhliziyweni yami, uRabheka waphuma, ethwele imbiza yakhe ehломbe. Wehlela emthonjeni wakha amanzi, ngathi kuye, ‘Akunginathise.’ **46** Waphanga wethula imbiza yakhe ehломbe lakhe wathi, ‘Natha, ngizanathisa lamakamela akho njalo.’ Ngakho nganatha, waphinda wanathisa lamakamela njalo. **47** Ngambuza ngathi, ‘Uyindodakazi kabani wena?’ Wathi, ‘Indodakazi kaBhethuweli indodana kaNahori, amzala kuMilikha.’ Ngasengimgqizisa isongo emakhaleni lezigqizo ezingalweni zakhe, **48** ngasengikhothamela phansi, ngamkhonza uThixo. Ngadumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami u-Abrahama, ongikhokhele endleleni eqondileyo ngazathola intombi engumzukulu womfowabo wenkosi yami ngayizuzela indodana yayo inkosi yami. **49** Manjekene nxa lizatshengisa umusa lokwethembeka enkosini yami, ngitshelani; loba kungenjalo, ngitshelani ukuze ngazi ukuthi ngithini.” **50** ULabhani loBhethuweli baphendula bathi, “Lokhu kuvela kuThixo; kakukho esingakutsho kuwe, loba yini. **51** Nangu uRabheka; mthathe uhambé laye ayekuba ngumfazi wendodana yenkoski yakho, njengalokhu okuqondiswe nguThixo.” **52** Kwathi inceku ka-Abrahama, ikuzwa lokhu abakutshoyo yakhothama phansi emhlabathini phambi kukaThixo. **53** Ngakho inceku yasikhupha igolide lesiliva kanye lempahla zokugqoka yakupha uRabheka; yapha njalo umnewabo lonina izipho ezidulayo. **54** Yena lamadoda ayeHamba lawo basebesidla njalo banatha, balala khona. Bathi bevuka ekuseni wathi, “Sivumeleni sibuyele enkosini yami.” **55** Kodwa umnewabo lonina baphendula bathi, “Ake ume kesihlale lentombazana okwensukwana ezingaba litshumi; lapho selingahamba-ke.” **56** Kodwa wathi kubo, “Lingangibambeleli, njengoba uThixo eseluphumelisile uhambu lwami. Wothini ngihambe bambiza uRabheka bambuza bathi, “Uyafuna ukuhamba layo indoda le na?” Wathi, “Ngizahamba layo.” **59** Ngakho basebemkhulula udadewabo uRabheka ukuba ahambé kanye lomlizane wakhe, bahamba lenceku kaAbhrahamama lamadoda ayelayo. **60** Njalo bambusisa uRabheka bathi kuye, “Dadewethu, sengathi ungandisa izinkulungwane zezikulungwane; sengathi inzalo URabheka lamantombazana akhe bazilungiselela, basebekhwela amakamela abo bahamba lendoda leyo. Ngakho inceku yamthatha uRabheka yahama. **62** Ngalesosikhathi u-Isaka wayesefikile evela eBheri-Lahayi-Royi, ngoba wayehlala eNegebi. **63** Ngenye intambama waya ensimini ehambahamba ukuthi ake ahluze ingqondo, wasesithi uyakhangela wabona amakamela esiza. **64** URabheka laye wakhangela wambona u-Isaka. Wehla ekameleni lakhe **65** wabuza inceku wathi, “Indoda leyana esensimini ngubani, leyana esihlangabezayo?” Inceku yaphendula yathi, “Uyinkosi yami.” Yikho uRabheka wasethatha ilembu konke lokho eyayikwenzile. **67** U-Isaka wamnigenisa ethenteni likanina uSara, wahle wamthatha uRabheka. Ngakho wasesiba ngumkakhe, wamthanda; u-Isaka waduduzeka ngemva kokufa kukanina.

**25** U-Abrahama wathatha omunye umfazi okwakuthiwa nguKhethura. **2** Wamzalela uZimirani, uJokishani, uMedani, uMidiani, uIshibaki loShuwa. **3** UJokishani wazala uShebha loDedani; isizukulwane sikaDedani saba ngama-Ashuri, amaLethushi lamaLehum. **4** Amadodana kaMidiani kwakungu-Efa, u-Eferi, uHanokhi, u-Abhida lo-Elida. Bonke laba babeyizukulwane zikaKhethura. **5** Konke u-Abrahama ayelako wakutshiyela u-Isaka. **6** Kodwa esaphila wanika amadodana akhe awazala labafazi bakhe beceleni izipho, wabasusa eduze kwendodana yakhe u-Isaka baya elizweni lasempumalanga. **7** U-Abrahama waphila okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlana. **8** Lapho u-Abrahama waphefumula okokucina njalo wafa eseluphele, eselixhegu elileminyaka eminengi; wembelwa labakibo. **9** Amadodana akhe u-Isaka lo-Ishumayeli bamngcwaba ebhalwini lwaseMakhaphela eduze leMamure, esiqintini sika-Efroni indodana kaZohari umHithi, **10** isiqinti lesu u-Abrahama asithenga kumaHithi. Khonapho u-Abrahama wangcwatshwa lomkakhe uSara. **11** Ngemva kokuba esefile u-Abrahama uNkulunkulu wayibusisa indodana yakhe u-Isaka, owayehlala eBheri-Lahayi-Royi. **12** Lo ngumlando wendodana ka-Abrahama u-Ishumayeli, inceukazi kaSara uHagari eyamzalela u-Abrahama. **13** La ngamabizo abantwana baka-Ishumayeli behlewe ngokwelamana kwabo: uNebhayothi izibulo lika-Ishumayeli, uKhedari, u-Adibheli, loMibhisamu, **14** uMishima, uDuma, uMasa, **15** uHadadi, uThema, uJethuri, uNafishi kanye loKhedema. **16** La ayengamadodana ka-Ishumayeli, njalo la

ngamabizo ababusi bezizwana ezilitshumi lambili zibe zinengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini, ngizinike kulandela ukuhlalisa kwazo lemizi yaho. **17** U-wonke lamazwe, njalo kuthi ngenzalo yakho zonke Ishumayeli waphila okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi izizwe emhlabeni zizabusiswa, **5** ngoba u-Abhrahamam amathathu lesikhombisa. Waphefumula okokucina wangilalela, wagcina izimiso zami, lemilayo yami, wafa, wembelwa labakibo. **18** Ibizukulwane zakhe kanye lemithetho yami.” **6** Ngakho u-Isaka wahlala zakhela emangweni osuka eHavila kusiya eShuri, eGerari. **7** Kwathi lapho abantu baleyondawo bembusa eduzane lomngcele waseGibhithe, nxa uqonda ngomkakhe wathi, “Ngudadewethu,” ngoba wayesesaba e-Asirya. Njalo baphila belenzondo labafowabo ukuthi, “Ngumkami.” Wacabanga wathi, “Amadoda bonke. **19** Lo ngumlando wendodana ka-Abhrahamam alapha angangibulala ngenxa kaRabheka, ngoba u-Isaka. U-Abhrahamam wazala u-Isaka, **20** u-muhle kakhulu.” **8** Kwathi u-Isaka esehlale khona Isaka wathi eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane okwesikhathi eside, u-Abhimelekhi inkosi yamaFilistiya obudala wathatha uRabheka indodakazi kaBhethuweli wakhangelia nefasida wabona u-Isaka egone umkakhe um’Aramu wasePhadani Aramu njalo engudadewabo uRabheka. **9** Ngakho wasebiza u-Isaka wathi, “Kanti kaLabhani um’Aramu. **21** U-Isaka wakhuleka kuThixo ngumkakho ngeqiniso! Kungani uthe ungdadewenu?” ekhulekela umkakhe ngoba wayeyinyumba. UThixo U-Isaka wampwendula wathi, “Ngoba ngakhumbula wawuphendula umkhuleko wakhe, umkakhe uRabheka ukuthi ngingalahlekela yimpilo yami ngenxa yakhe.” wazithwala. **22** Abantwana bafuqana phakathi kwakhe, **10** U-Abhimelekhi wasesithi, “Kuyini lokhu okwenzileyo wathi, “Kungani lokhu kusenzakala kimi?” Ngakho kithi? Omunye wamadoda ubezaqabuka elala laye wasehamba wayabuza kuThixo. **23** UThixo wathi umkakho, ubususibangela icala.” **11** Ngakho u-kuye, “Izizwe ezimbili zisesiswini sakho, njalo abantu Abhimelekhi wasekhupha umlayo ebantwini bonke ababili phakathi kwakho bazakweliukaniswa; omunye wathi, “Lowo ozake ayithinte indoda le loba umkayo uzakuba lamandla kulomunye, kuthi omdala uzakhonza ngempela uzabulawa.” **12** U-Isaka walima amabele omncinyane.” **24** Kwathi isikhathi sakhe sokubeletha kulelolizwe, ngalowomnyaka wavuna okuphindwe sesifikasi, kwakulamaphahla angabafana esisiswini ngekhulu, ngoba uThixo wambusisa. **13** Umuntu lo sakhe. **25** Owabona ilanga kuqala wayebomvu, wanota kakhulu, lemfuyo yakhe yanda kakhulukazi. umzimba wakhe wonke ulihwanqa njengengubo **14** Waba lemhilambi yezimvu lenkomo emikhulu yoboya; yikho bamutha bathi ngu-Esawu. **26** Ngemva kakhulu, kanye lezisebenzi ezinengi, amaFilistiya kwalokhu, umfowabo walandela, isandla sakheшибame aze aba lomona ngaye. **15** Kwasekusithi yonke isithende sika-Esawu; ngakho wathiwa ngujakhobe. imithombo eyayigejwe yizisebenzi ngesikhathi sikayise U-Isaka wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha u-Abhrahamam, amaFilistiya ayivala ngokuyiggibela ngesikhathi uRabheka ebazala. **27** Bakhula abafana, u-Isaku waba lamandla kakhulu kodwa uJakhobe wayeyindoda ethuleyo, engasuki ngenhlabathi. **16** U-Abhimelekhi wasesithi ku-Esawu waba ngumzingeli omkhulu, indoda yegangeni, Isaka, “Suka kithi; ususuke waba lamandla kakhulu mabizo uyise ayeyibiza ngawo. **17** Ngakho u-Isaka wasuka lapho wayakuma ngekhaya emathenteni. **28** U-Isaka owayethanda eSigodini saseGerari, wahle wakha khona. **18** U-inyama yenyamazana wayethanda u-Esawu, kodwa Isaka wayiphanda imithombo eyayigejwe ngesikhathi uRabheka wayethanda uJakhobe. **29** Ngesinye isikhathi sikayise u-Abhrahamam, eyayigqitshelwe ngamaFilistiya uJakhobe wayepheka inyama, u-Esawu wafika evela ngemva kokuba u-Abhrahamam esefile, wayibiza ngalawo egangeni elambile. **30** Wathi kujakhobe, “Phangisa, mabizo uyise ayeyibiza ngawo. **19** Izisebenzi zikakungiphe ukudla kwakho lokho osukukhanzinge Isaka zagebha esigodini zafumana umthombo olamanzi kwaba bomvanal! Sengifile ngendilala!” (Yikho wabizwa amahle khonapho. **20** Kodwa abelusi baseGerari ngokuthi ngu-Edomi.) **31** UJakhobe waphendula wathi, baxabana labelusi baka-Isaka bathi, “Amanzi la “Qala ungithengisele ubuzibulo bakho.” **32** U-Esawu ngawethu!” Ngakho umthombo lowo wawuthi yi-wathi, “Khanga, sengisifa. Bungisiza ngani ubuzibulo Eseki, ngoba bawubanga laye. **21** Ngakho basebesimba lobo?” **33** Kodwa uJakhobe wathi, “Qala ufunge kimi.” omunye umthombo, kodwa lawo bawubanga njalo; Yikho wasefunga isifungo kuye, ethengisa ubuzibulo wasewubiza ngokuthi yiSithina. **22** Wasuka lapho bakhe kujakhobe. **34** Ngakho uJakhobe wasesipha wayagebha omunye umthombo, akwabe kusaba khona u-Esawu isinkwa lokudla kwendumba eziphekwa owubangayo. Wawuthi yiRehobhotti, esithi, “Manje ziluhlaza. Wadla, wanatha, wasukuma wahamba. uThixo usesiphile indawo, sesizaphumelela kuleli Ngaleyondlela u-Esawu wabeyisa ubuzibulo bakhe. **23** Esuka lapho waya eBherisheba. **24**

**26** Kwasekusiba lendala elizweni, ngaphandle kwendlala yakuqala eyayikhona ngesikhathi sika-Abhrahamam, u-Isaka waya ku-Abhimelekhi inkosi yamaFilistiya eGerari. **2** UThixo wabonakala ku-Isaka wathi, “Ungehleli eGibhithe; hlala elizweni engithi hlala khona. **3** Ake uhlale kulelilizwe okwesikhathshana, mina ngizakuba lawe ngikubuse. Ngoba wena lezizukulwane zakho ngizalinika wonke amazwe la njalo ngiqinise isifungo engasfunga kuyihlo u-Abhrahamam. **4** Ngizakwenza izizukulwane zakho

Isaka wababuza wathi, "Lilandeni kimi, njengoba yakhe uJakhobe ukudla lokho okumnandi kanye lalingizonda laze langixotsha?" **28** Bamphendula bathi, lesinkwa ayesenzile. **18** Waya kuyise wafika wathi, "Sabona kamhlophe ukuthi uThixo wayelawe; yikho sasesicabanga ukuthi kumele kube lesivumelwano esibotshiweyo phakathi kwethu lawe. Kasenze isibopho lawe **29** esokuthi kawusoze usihlukuluze, njengoba lathi singazange sikulimaze ngalutho kodwa sakuvalelisa ngokuthula. Khathesi usubusisiwe nguThixo." **30** indodana yakhe wathi, "Uyizuze njani masinyane U-Isaka wasebenzela idili, badla banatha. **31** kangaka, ndodana yami?" Waphendula wathi, "uThixo Ekuseni kakhulu ngelanga elilandelayo amadoda wonke enza isifungo omunye komunye. U-Isaka wasebavulela indlala bahamba ngokuthula. **32** Ngalolosuku izisebenzi zika-Isaka zabuya zamtsheha ngomthombo ezaziwugebhile. Zathi, "Sesiwatholile amanzil!" **33** Wawuthi yiShibha, osekuze kube namuhla idolobho kuthiwa yiBherishebha. **34** Kwathi u-Esau eseleminyaka yobudala engamatshumi amane, wathatha uJudithi indodakazi kaBheri umHithi njalo loBhasemathu indodakazi ka-Eloni umHithi. **35** Baletha ukukhathazeka kakhulu ku-Isaka loRabheka.

**27** Kwathi u-Isaka eseluphele, amehlo akhe esethundubele okokuthi wayengasaboni, wabiza u-Esau indodana yakhe endala wathi kuye, "Ndodana yami." Waphendula wathi, "Ngilapha." **2** U-Isaka wathi, "Manje sengilihhegu, njalo kangilazi ilanga lami lokufa. **3** Thatha izikhali zakho, isikhwama semitshoko yakho ledandili lakho ungene iganga uyengizingelela inyamazana. **4** Ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi engikuthandayo ukulethe kimi lapha ngidle, ukuze ngikuphe isibusiso sami ngingakafi." **5** URabheka wayelalele u-Isaka ekhulumu lendodana yakhe u-Esau. Kwathi u-Esau esephumile waya egangeni ukuyazingela inyamazana ukuze ayilethe, **6** uRabheka wathi endodaneni yakhe ujakhobe, "Khangelia, ngizwe uiyilo esithi kumnewenu u-Esau" **7** 'Ngilethela inyamazana ungilungisele ukudla okumnandi ngidle, ukuze ngikuphe isibusiso sami phambi kukaThixo ngingakafi.' **8** Manje-ke lalela kuhle, ndodana yami, wenze lokho engikutshela khona: **9** Yana emhlambini ulethe lapha kimi amazinyane embuzi amabili anonileyo, ukuze ngilungisele uiyilo ukudla okumnandi ngendlela akuthanda ngayo. **10** Wena ubusukusa kuyihlo adle, abesekunika isibusiso sakhe engakafi." **11** Ujakhobe wathi kuRabheka unina, "Kodwa umnewethu u-Esau lihwanqa, mina ngilejwabu elitshelelayo. **12** Pho ubaba angangibamba ke? Kuzabonakala ukuthi ngiyamqila ngibe sengizelhisele isiqalekiso phezu kwami esikhundleni sesibusiso." **13** Unina wathi kuye, "Ndodana yami, lesosiqalekiso kasehlele kimi. Wena yenza lokho engikutshela khona kuphela; hamba uyengithathela wona." **14** Ngakho wahamba wayawathatha wawaletsha kunina, yena walungisa ukudla okumnandi, ngaleyondlela eyayithandwa nguyise. **15** URabheka wasethatha iziqqoko ezithandekayo zika-Esau indodana yakhe endala, ezazikhona endlini, waziqqokisa indodana yakhe encane, ujakhobe. **16** Wabuya wamgoqela izandla zakhe lentamo lapho okwakubutshelezi khona ngesikhumba sembuza. **17** Waseqhubela indodana

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baba? Ngibusisa lami, baba!” U-Esawu wasekhala 13 Laphaya ngaphezu kwalo kwakumi uThixo esithi: kakhulu ephumisela. 39 Uyise u-Isaka wamphendula “nginguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo u-Abhrahamma wathi, “Umuzi wakho uzakuba khatshana lokuvunda loNkulunkulu ka-Isaka. Ngizakupha wena kanye komhlaba, khatshana lamazolo asezulwini eliphezulu. lezizukulwane zakho ilizwe leli olele kulo. 14 40 Uzaphila ngokusebenzisa inkemba njalo uzankhonza Izizukulwane zakho zizakuba njengothuli lomhlabathi, umfowenu. Kodwa kuzakuthi lapho usudlubulunda, njalo lizaqhela liye entshonalanga lasempumalanga, uzalilahla ijogwe lakhe lisuke entanyeni yakh.” 41 U- enyakatho laseningizimu. Bonke abantu bomhlaba Esawu wabambela uJakhobe isikhwili ngenxa yesibusiso bazabusisa ngenxa yakho lenzalo yakho. 15 Ngilawe uyise ayemuphe sona. Wazitshele wathi, “Insuku njalo ngizakulinda loba ungaze uye ngaphi, njalo zokulilela ubaba sezisede; lapho-ke ngizambulala ngizakubuyisa kulelilizwe. Kangizukukudela ngize umfowethu uJakhobe.” 42 Kwathi uRabheka esezwile ngikwenze lokho engikuthembise khona.” 16 UJakhobe okwakutshiwo yindodana yakhe endala u-Esawu, wathi evuka ebuthongweni bakhe wacabanga wathi, wabiza indodana yakhe encinyane uJakhobe wathi “Ngeqiniso uThixo ukhona kule indawo, kodwa kuye, “Urnnewenu u-Esawu uziduduza ngomcabango bengingakunanzeleli.” 17 Wesaba wathi, “Yeka wokuthi akubulale. 43 Ngakho-ke wena ndodana yami, ukwesabeka kwale indawo eholniphekayo! Ngempela yenza lokho engikutshela khona: Baleka masinyane iyindlu kaNkulunkulu; leli lisango lasezulwini.” 18 uye kumfowethu uLabhani eHarani. 44 Uhlale Kusisa ekuseni kakhulu uJakhobe walithatha ilitshe khonale ulaka lomfowenu luze ludede. 45 Kuzakuthi ayelele eliqamele walimisa laba yinsika wathela nxa umnewenu engasakuzondelanga esekohlliwe amafutha phezu kwalo. 19 Indawo leyo wayibiza ukuthi kuyini owakwenza kuye, ngizathumela ilizwi wathi yiBhetheli, ikanti idolobho lakhona lalithiwa ukuthi ubuye usuka khonale. Kambe kungaba yini yiLuzi. 20 Ngakho uJakhobe wenza isifungo wathi, ukuthi ngilahlekelwe yini lobabili ngasuku lunye “Nxa uNkulunkulu ezakuba lami angilondoloze na?” 46 URabheka wasesithi ku-Isaka, “Ukuphila kuloluhambo engikulo, angiphe ukudla lezizqoko, sokunginenga ngenxa yabafazi bamaHithi laba. Nxa ngibuyele emzini kababa ngiphilile, lapho uThixo uJakhobe engathatha umfazi ebafazini balelilizwe, uzakuba nguNkulunkulu wami 22 njalo lelitshe leli abafazi bamaHithi abanje, ukuphila kwami kuyabe engilenze insika lizakuba yindlu kaNkulunkulu, njalo kuzakuthi konke onginika khona ngizakunika wena kungasasizi.” okwetshumi.”

## 28 Ngakho u-Isaka wabiza uJakhobe wambusisa wamlaya wathi:

“Ungathathi umfazi womKhenani. 2 Hamba khathesi uye ePhadani Aramu, emzini kayihlomkhulu uBhethuweli. Thatha khona umfazi, emadodakazini kaLabhani, umnewabo kanyoko. 3 Sengathi uNkulunkulu uSomandla angakubusisa akuphe inzalo, andise ubunengi bayo lize libe yizizwe ezinengi. 4 Sengathi angakupha wena kanye lezizukulwane zakho isibusiso leso esaphiwa u-Abhrahamma, ukuze lilithathe ilizwe leli ohlezi kulo manje njengowezizweni, ilizwe uNkulunkulu aliph u-Abhrahamma.” 5 Ngakho u-Isaka wasemvaleisa uJakhobe, waya ePhadani Aramu, kuLabhani indodana kaBhethuweli um’Aramu, umnewabo kaRabheka, owayengunina kajakhobe lo-Esawu. 6 U-Esawu wezwa ukuthi u-Isaka wayembusise uJakhobe njalo wamthumela ePhadani Aramu ukuthi ayothatha umfazi khona, lokuthi wathi embusisa wamlaya wathi, “Ungathathi umfazi ongumKhenani,” 7 lokuthi uJakhobe wayebalalele uyise lonina wahamba waya ePhadani Aramu. 8 U-Esawu wakunanzelela ukuthi abafazi bamaKhenani babeysiisengiso kuyise u-Isaka; 9 ngakho wasesiya ku-Ishumayeli wathatha uMahalathi, udadewabo kaNebhayothi, indodakazi ka-Ishumayeli indodana ka-Abhrahamma, phezu kwabanye abafazi ayevele eselabo. 10 UJakhobe wasuka eBherishebha waqonda eHarani. 11 Wafika kwenye indawo, wema lapho ukuthi alale khona ngoba ilanga laselitshonile. Wathatha ilitshe khona walenza umqamelo walala. 12 Wehlelwa liphupho wabona ilele ligxile phansi emhlaben, isiqongo salo sifinyelela ezelwini, kwathi izingilosii zikaNkulunkulu zabe ziqansa zisehla kulo.

29 UJakhobe waseqhube kaNgohambo lwakhe wayafika elizweni labantu bempumalanga. 2 Wabona khonale umthombo esiqintini, kulemihlambi yezimvu emithathu ilele eduzane kwavo ngoba imihlambi yayinatha khonapho emthonjeni lowo. Ilitshe elalivale umlomo womthombo lalilikhulu. 3 Kwakusithi yonke imihlambi ingabuthana khona, abelusi baligique ilitshe balisuse emlonyen i womthombo banathise izimvu. Besebelibuyisela ilitshe endaweni yalo emlonyen i womthombo. 4 UJakhobe wabuza abelusi wathi, “Bafowethu, livela ngaphi?” Baphendula bathi, “Sivela eHarani.” 5 Wathi, “Liyamazi yini uLabhani, umzukulu kaNahori?” Baphendula bathi, “Yebo, siyamazi.” 6 UJakhobe wasebabuza wathi, “Uyaphila yini?” Bathi, “Yebo, uyaphila; nansi indodakazi yakhe uRasheli esiza lezimvu.” 7 Wathi, “Khangelani, ilanga lilokhu lisemini; akukabi yisikhathhi sokuthi imihlambi ibuthwe. Zinathiseni izimvu lezi lizibuyisele emadlelweni.” 8 Baphendula bathi, “Asingeke, ize iqale iquoqane yonke imihlambi, ilitshe beselisuswa emlonyen i womthombo. Besesizinathisa-ke izimvu.” 9 Wathi elokhu esakhulum labo uRasheli wafika lezimvu zikayise, kalokho wayengumelusi. 10 UJakhobe wathi ebona uRasheli indodakazi kaLabhani, umnewabo kanina esiza lezimvu zikaLabhani, wahamba wayaqiga ilitshe elalismonyeni womthombo wanathisa izimvu zikamalumakhe. 11 UJakhobe wasesanga uRasheli njalo wakhala kakhulu. 12 Wayesemtshelile uRasheli ukuthi wayeyisihlobo sikayise lokuthi wayeyindodana kaRabheka. Ngakho intombi yagijima yayabikela uyise. 13 ULabhani wonela

ukuwuzwa umbiko ngoJakhobe, indodana kadadewabo, wahle waphuthuma wayamhlhangabeza. Wamgona, wamanga, wamletha ngekhaya, lapho uJakhobe amtshela khona izinto lezi. **14** ULabhani wasesithi kuye, "Uyinyama yami legazi lami." UJakhobe esehlale laye okwenyanya yonke, **15** uLabhani wathi kuye, "Kambe sekungathi ngoba uyisihlolo sami ubusungisebenzela ungaholi lutho? Akungitshele ukuthi umholo wakho ungaba yini?" **16** ULabhani wayelamadokazi amabili; ibizo lenda lalinguLeya, encinyane inguRasheli. **17** ULeya wayelamehlo abuthakathaka, kodwa uRasheli, wayelesimo esibukekayo, emuhle. **18** UJakhobe wezwa emthanda uRasheli wasesithi, "Ngizakusebenzela okweminyaka eyisikhombisa ukuze ungingiphe indodakazi yakho encane uRasheli." **19** ULabhani wathi, "Kungcono sengifuna ukwembatha laye." **20** Ngakho uLabhani wasenxusa bonke abantu bendawo wenza idili. **21** UJakhobe wasesithi kuLabhani, "Ngipha-ke umkami. Iskhathi sami sesigwalisekile, uLeyamupha uJakhobe, uJakhobe wembatha laye. **22** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe, uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **23** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **24** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **25** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **26** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **27** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **28** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **29** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **30** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **31** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **32** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **33** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **34** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **35** uLabhani waphinda wapha uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye.

**30** URasheli wathi ebina ukuthi wayengazaleli uJakhobe abantwana, wasekhwelezela udadewabo. Wasesithi kujakhobe, "Ngipha abantwana, kumbe ngife!" **2** UJakhobe wamzondela wathi, "Sengisikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu yini mina, ongye okuvale ukuthi ungazali?" **3** Yena wasesithi, "Nangu uBhilila inceukazi yami. Lala laye ukuze angiziale abantwana, ukuze kuthi ngaye ngibe lemuli." **4** Ngakho wasemupha inceukazi yakhe uBhilila njengomfazi. UJakhobe wembatha laye, **5** wazithwala wamzalela indodana. **6** Ngakho uRasheli wathi, "UNkulunkulu usengizele; ulale ukuncenga kwami wasenginika indodana." Ngenxa yalokhu wayitha wathi nguDani. **7** Inceukazi kaRasheli, uBhilila, yathatha isisu njalo yazalela uJakhobe indodana yesibili. **8** URasheli wasesithi, "Kade kuyimpi phakathi kwami lodadewethu, mina senginqobile." Wasemuthi nguNafithali. **9** ULeya wathi ngokubona ukuthi kasazali wathatha inceukazi yakhe uZiliphayazalela uJakhobe njengomfazi. **10** Inceukazi kaLeya uZiliphayazalela uJakhobe engakanani!" Wamutha ibizo wathi nguGadi. **11** ULeya wasesithi, "Inhlahlha engakanani!" Wamutha ibizo wathi nguGadi. **12** Inceukazi kaLeya uZiliphayazalela uJakhobe indodana yesibili. **13** ULeya wathi, "Uthi ngiyathaba yini! Abafazi bazakuthi ngiyathaba." Yikho wambiza ngokuthi ngu-Asher. **14** Ngesikhathi sokuvuna inqgoloyi uRubheni waya emasimini wafumana iziqlihlakazana zamamandraki waziletha kunina uLeyamupha uJakhobe wathitha inceukazi yakhe uZiliphayazalela uJakhobe indodana Mina ngasebenzela uRasheli, kakunjalo na? Kungani yakh. **15** Kodwa wathi, "Kakukwanelsanga uNgikhohlisile?" **16** ULabhani waphendula wathi, na ukuthi wangemuka indoda? Usufuna ukuthitha "Kakusivo mkhuba wethu lapha ukwendisa indodakazi lamamandraki endodana yami njalo?" URasheli encane endala ingakendi. **17** Qeda iviki yokucola wathi, "Kulungile, angazalala ngakwakho lamuhla lo omdala; besesikupha lalo omncane njalo ngemva ukuze ngizuze amamandraki endodana yakh." **18** Ngakho kwathi uJakhobe efika evela emasimini uRasheli wathitha inceukazi yakhe uZiliphayazalela uJakhobe indodana yesihlanu. **19** ULeya wathi, "UNkulunkulu usengiphe umvuzo ngamamandraki endodana yami." Ngakho wembatha laye ngalobobusuku. **20** ULeya wathi, "UNkulunkulu wamlalela uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **21** Emva kwasikhathi esithile wathitha isisu wazalela uJakhobe indodana yesithupha. **22** Ngakho uLeyamupha uJakhobe wembatha laye. **23** Wathatha isisu wazala intombazana wayithi nguDina. **24** Wathatha isisu wazala intombazana wayithi nguDina. **25** URasheli wathitha isisu wazala intombazana wayithi nguDina. **26** Ngipha omkami labantwana engibasebenzeleyo kuwe, nighle ngihambe. Uyawazi umsebenzi engiwusebenzileyo abantwana.

kuwe lapha.” 27 Kodwa uLabhani wathi kuye, “Nxa wayengasamphathi njengakuqala. 3 UThixo wasesithi ungithanda, hlala. Sengibonile ngokwambulewa kujakhobe, “Buyela elizweni laboyihlo lasezihlotsheni ukuthi uThixo ungibusisile ngenxa yakho.” 28 zakho, mina ngizakuba lawe.” 4 Ngakho uJakhobe Wengeza ngokuthi, “Qamba loba yiphi inhlawulo wasethumela ilizwi kuRasheli loLeya ukuthi beze oyifunayo, ngizakupha.” 29 UJakhobe wathi kuye, egangeni lapho imihlambi yakhe eyayikhona. 5 “Uyakwazi ukuthi ngikusebenzele njani lokuthi Wathi kubo, “Sengibona ukuthi uyihlo kasangiphathi izifuyo zakho zigcinakale njani ziphethe yimi. 30 njengakuqala, kodwa uNkulunkulu kababa ube lami. 6 Okuncinyane owawulakho ngingakafiki sekusele Liyakwazi ukuthi ngamsebenzela uyihlo ngamandla kwanda kakhulu, njalo uThixo ukubusisile langabe ami wonke, 7 kodwa uyihlo ungidlelezele ngokuguqula kungaphi lapho engike ngaba khona. Kodwa umholo wami okwezikhathi ezilitsumi. Kodwa manje ngizaze ngiwanzele nini mina umuzi wami uNkulunkulu kamvumelanga ukuthi angilimaze. ulutho?” 31 Wabuza wathi, “Ngikupheni na?” 8 Kwakusithi angathi, ‘Ezilamabalabala ngezakho, Waphendula uJakhobe wathi, “Ungangiphi lutho, ezomholo,” imihlambi yonke izale ezimabalabala; kuthi Kodwa ake ungenzele lokhu kodwa, ukuze ngiqhubeve angathi, ‘Ezingamaqamule zizakuba ngumholo wakho,’ ngisondla imihlambi yakho: 32 Wothi ngingene yonke imihlambi izale amazinyane angamaqamule, emihlambini yakho lamuhla ngikhuphe kuyo zonke 9 Ngaleyondlela uNkulunkulu usethethe imihlambi izimvu ezilamachatha kumbe amabala, lamazinyane kayihlo wayipha mina. 10 Ngesikhathi sokuxotshwa wonke amnyama lembuzi zonke ezilamabala kumbe lokumitha kwemihlambi, ngaba lephupho lapho amachatha. Yizo ezizakuba yinhlawulo yami. 33 okwathi ngikhangelia ngabona ukuthi impongo Ngesikhathi esizayo ubuqotho bami buzavela nxa ezazixotsha umhlambi zazingamaqamule, kumbe uhlola inhlawulo onginiike yona. Ingqe yiphi imbuzi zingamafahlfahla kumbe zilamabala. 11 Ingilos engizabe ngilayo engelamachatha kumbe amabala, kaNkulunkulu yathi kimi kulelophupho, ‘Jakhobe.’ loba lizinyane lemvu elingamnyama lizakubalwa Ngasabela ngathi, ‘Ngilapha.’ 12 Yathi, ‘Khangela njengelebiwego.’ 34 ULabhani wathi, “Kulungile, ukuthi zonke impongo ezixotsha umhlambi kakube njengokutsho kwakho.” 35 Mhlalokho ngezingamaqamule, ngezingamafahlfahla kumbe wazikhupha zonke impongo ezazingamaqamule ngezilamabala, ngoba ngikubonile konke lokho kumbe ezilamabala, njalo lezinsikazi ezilamachatha uLabhani abekwenza kuwe. 13 NginguNkulunkulu kumbe ezilamabala (zonke ezazilokumhlophe kuzo) waseBhetheli, lapho owagcoba khona insika njalo lapho lamazinyane ezimvu wonke amnyama zonke wathi zikhangelwe ngamadodana akhe. 36 Wasebeka manje ubuyele elizweni lakini.” 14 URasheli loLeya umango wensuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe baphendula bathi, “Sivele siseselaselo selifa likababa loJakhobe, kodwa uJakhobe wayelokhu esondla yonke na? 15 Kasinjengabezizweni kuye na? Kakusikho kodwa imihlambi eseleyo kaLabhani. 37 Kwathi uJakhobe wagamula ingatsha zesihlahla sephopla, eze-alimondi lezepulane wahamba ezixa za amaxolo wenza imidwa kwavela kuzo isigodo esimhlophe. 38 Ingatsha lezi 39 zifike zixakane phambi kwezingatsha. Zazizala zonke ayezizuzile ePhadani Aramu, esebuyela kuyise amazinyane alamabala ayimidwa loba alamachatha u-Isaka elizweni laseKhenari. 19 Kwathi uLabhani kumbe amabala nje. 40 UJakhobe wawakhetha ehambile eyogunda izimvu zakhe, uRasheli weba wawabeka wodwa amazinyane, kodwa lezo ezinye izithombe zikayise. 20 Phezu kwalokho uJakhobe waziyekha zadunga lezo ezingamaqamule lezimnyama wakhohlsa uLabhani um’Aramu ngokungamtsheli ezazingizikalabhani. Ngaleyondlela, wenza imihlambi ukuthi yena wayesebaleka. 21 Ngakho wabaleka ehlukeneyo eyakhe kaze ayihlanganisa lekaLabhani. 41 Kwakusithi kungadabula ezsinsikazi eziqinileyo, iYufrathe, waqonda elizweni lamaqaqa eleGiliyadi. uJakhobe wayefaka imiqwayi emikolweni phambi 22 Ngosuku lwesthathu uLabhani watshelwa ukuthi kwezfuyo ukuze zixakane eduze kwayo, 42 kodwa uJakhobe wayesebalekile. 23 Wathatha izihlobo nxa ezsinsikazi zingezibuthakathaka wayengayifikasi zakhe bangena emzileni kajakhobe okwensuku imiqwayi. Ngakho izifuyo ezbuthakathaka zaba eziyisikhombisa base bayambamba elizweni lamaqaqa negezikaLabhani, eziqinileyo zabuya ngoJakhobe. eleGiliyadi. 24 UNkulunkulu weza kuLabhani um’Aramu 43 Ngale indlela indoda le yanotta kakhulu yaba ephutsheni ebusuku wathi kuye, “Unanzelele ukuthi lemihlambi emikhulu, lezincekukazi, lezincke kanye ungaze watsho lutho kujakhobe, loba lungoluhle lamakamela labobabhemti.

**31** UJakhobe wezwa ukuthi amadodana kaLabhani ayesithi, “UJakhobe usethethe konke ubaba ayelakho njalo useuze yonke inotho ebingekababa.” 2 Njalo uJakhobe wanenzelela ukuthi uLabhani

uthumbe amadodakazi ami njengabathunjiweyo kuyini engingakwenza lamuhla ngala amadodakazi empini. **27** Kungani ubalekele ngasese wangikhohlisa ami, kumbe ngabantwana ababazeleyo na? **44** na? Kungani ungangazisanga ukuze ngikuvalelise Zwana-ke, kasenze isivumelwano, wena lami, sibe ngentokozo langokutshaya izigubhu lamachacho? **28** Kawuzange ume ukuthi ngange abazukulu bami lamadodakazi ami ngibavalelise. Wenze into eyibuthutha. **29** Ngilamandla okukulimaza; kodwa ngobusuku obuduleyo uNkulunkulu kayihlo uthethi kimi, ‘Unanzelele ungaze watsho lutho uJakhobe, loba ngoluhle kumbe ngolubi.’ **30** Manje ususukile ngoba ubulangazelela ukubuyela emzini kayihlo. Kodwa kungani webe izithombe zami na?’ **31** UJakhobe wamphendula uLabhani wathi, ‘Bengisesaba ukuthi uzangemuka amadodakazi akho ngamandla. **32** nxa sikhatshana omunye komunye. **50** Ungaze Kodwa nxa ufumana loba ngubani olezithombe zakho, Kayikuphila. Ake ubone, lezihlolo zakho zikhona, ingabe kulolutho lwakho yini lapha kimi; nxa lukhona, luthathet.’ UJakhobe wayengazi ukuthi uRasheli wayezibile izithombe. **33** Ngakho uLabhani wangena ethenteni likaJakhobe lethenteni likaLeya lethenteni lezincekukazi zombili, kodwa kafumananga lutho. Ephuma ethenteni likaLeya, wangena ethenteni likaRasheli. **34** URasheli wayethethe izithombe lezo, wazifihl phakathi kwesihlalo sekamela lakhe, wasehlala phezu kwazo. ULabhani wabhudula kukho, konke okwakusethteni, katholanga lutho. **35** URasheli wathi kuyise, ‘Ungazondi nkosi yami ukuthi kungani ngingakusukumeli, kungenxa yokuba ngisieskhathini.’ Ngakho wabhudula, kodwa akaze azifumana izithombe zangekhaya. **36** UJakhobe wazonda kubi wamthwala nziima uLabhani. Wambusa wathi, ‘Icali lami ngelani? Ngenze sono bani ukuze ungizingele kanje? **37** Njengoba usuziguduzile zonke impahla zami, kuyini osukufumene okungokomuzi wakho na? Kubeke khonapha phambi kwezihlolo zakho lezami batsho okuyikho phakathi kwethu sobabili. **38** Sengibe lawe okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili. Izimvu zakho lembuzi zakhoo kazizange ziphunze, njalo kangizange ngizihlabele inqama emihlambini yakho. **39** Kangizange ngizokutshengisa izifuyo ezidatshulwe yizilo, yami engathwala lokho kulahlekelwa ngazihlawula. Njalo wafuna inhlawulo yalezo ezazebiwe emini loba ebusuku. **40** Impilo yami yayinje: ukutshisa kwakungibhaxabula emini, ebusuku umqando unghiaqaze, ubuthongo babaleka emehlwani ami. **41** Kwakunjalo okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili ngisemzini wakho. Ngakusebenzela okweminyaka elitshumi lane ngisebenzela amadodakazi akho womabili njalo okweminyaka eyisithupha ngisebenzela imihlambi yakho, njalo wena waguguula inhlawulo yami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi. **42** Aluba uNkulunkulu kababa, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhraham langokwesaba kuka-Isaka, ubengelami, ubuzangixotsha nje ngingaphathanga lutho. Kodwa uNkulunkulu ububonile ubunzima bami lokusebenza nziima kwezandla zami, yikho ekukhuzile izolo ebusuku.” **43** ULabhani wamphendula uJakhobe wathi, ‘Abesifazane ngamadodakazi ami, abantwana ngabantwabami, lemihlambi yimihlambi yami. Kodwa wasethatha ilitshe walimisa laba yinsika. **46** Wasesithi ezihiotsheni zakhe, ‘Buthelelani amatshe.’ Bawathatha amatshe aba yinqwaba, basebedlela khonapho eceleni kwenqwaba. **47** ULabhani wayibiza ngokuthi yiJegari Sahadutha, uJakhobe yena wathi yiGaledi. **48** ULabhani wathi, ‘Inqwaba le ingufakazi phakathi kwami lawe lamuha.’ Yikho yabizwa ngokuthi yiGaledi. **49** Yabizwa njalo ngokuthi yiMizipha, ngoba wathi, ‘Sengathi uThixo angalinda phakathi kwakho lami’ **50** ULabhani wathi njalo kujakhobe, ‘Nansi inqwaba le, njalo nansi insika engiyimise phakathi kwakho lami. **51** Inqwaba le ingufakazi, kanye lensika le ingufakazi wokuthi kangiisoze ngiyidlule inqwaba kawuyikudlula kule inqwaba lensika uze kwelami icele uzengonela. **52** Sengathi uNkulunkulu ka-Abhraham, loNkulunkulu kaNahori, uNkulunkulu kayise wabo angahlulela phakathi kwethu.’ Ngakho uJakhobe wenza isifungo ezbizweli likaMesatshwa kayise u-Isaka. **54** Wenza umhlathshelo khonapho elizweni lamaqaqa wanxusa izihlolo zakhe ekudleni. Sebedlike, balala khonapho. **55** Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku ololandelayo uLabhani wanga abazukulu bakhe lamadodakazi akhe wababusisa. Wasefulathela wabuyela ekhaya.

**32** UJakhobe laye wahamba negeyakhe indlela, wasehlangabezwu yizingilosu zikaNkulunkulu. **2** Wathi ezbizweli uJakhobe wathi, ‘Leli libanda likaNkulunkulu’ Indawo leyo waseyibiza ngokuthi yiMahanayimi. **3** UJakhobe wathuma izithunuya ukuba zihambe phambili kwakhe kumnewabo u-Esawu elizweni laseSeyiri, ilizwe lika-Edomi. **4** Wazilaya wathi, ‘Nanku okumele likutsho enkosini yami u-Esawu, ‘Incekayakho uJakhobe uthi bengihlezlo loLabhani njalo nighihlale khona kwaze kwaba khathesi. **5** Ngilenkomo labababhem, ngilezimvu, lembuzi, njalo ngilezincke lezincekukazi. Khathesi-ke sengithumela lelilizwi enkosini yami, ukuze ngithole umusa emehlwani akho.’ **6** Kwathi izithunuya sezibuya kujakhobe zathi, ‘Sihamble kumfowenu u-Esawu, okwamanje uyeza ukuzokuhlangabeza, ulamadoda angamakhlulu amane eza lawo.’ **7** UJakhobe wafikelwa yikwesaba lokukhathazeka okukhulu wasesehlukanisa phakathi abantu ayelabo baba ngamaqembu amabili, wenzenjalo lemihlambini yezimvu leyenkomo lamakamela lawo. **8** Wakhumbula wathi, ‘Nxa u-Esawu angafika ahlaasele elinye iqembu, leloqembu eliseleyo lingahle libaleke.’ **9** UJakhobe wasekhuleka wathi, ‘Oh Nkulunkulu kababa u-Abhraham, Nkulunkulu kababa u-Isaka, Thixo, wena owathi kimi, ‘Buyela elizweni lakini lasezihlotsheni zakho, ngizakwenza

uphumelele,’ **10** mina kangiufanelanga wonke kayilinyazwanga.” **31** Ilanga lamphumela esedlula umusa lokuthembeka okutshengise inceku yakho. ePheniweli, ehamba eqhugzelza ngenxa yenyonga Ngangiphethe intonga yami zwi mhla ngichapha ijodani leli, kodwa khathesi sengingamaqembu amabili. **11** Ngiyakhuleka ngithi ngisindise esandleni somfowethu u-Esawu, ngoba ngiyesaba ukuthi uzakuza angihlasele, kanye labesifazane labantwabobo. **12** Kodwa wena uthe, ‘Ngempela ngizakwenza uphumelele ngenze lezizukulwane zakho zibe njengetshetshebe lolwandle elingeke labalwa.’” **13** Wahlala khonapho ngalobobusku, kwathi kulokho ayelakho wakhetha isipho sikamnewabo u-Esawu: **14** imbuzikazi ezingamatkhulu amabili lempongo ezingamatshumi amabili; izimvu ezinsikazi ezingamatkhulu amabili lenqama ezingamatshumi amabili; **15** amakamelia masikazi angamatshumi amathathu lamathole awo; amankomokazi angamatshumi amane lenkunzi ezilitshumi; kanye labobabhemi abasikazi abangamatshumi amabili lemiduna yawo elitshumi. **16** Wakugcinisa izisebenzi zakhe konke, umhlambi munye wema wodwa, wathi kuzo izisebenzi zakhe, “Hambani phambi kwami, njalo litshiye ibanga phakathi kwemihlambi.” **17** Lowo owayephambili wamlaya wathi, “Nxa umnewethu u-Esawu ekuhlangabeza afike abuze athi, ‘Ungokabani wena, njalo uya ngaphi, njalo ngezikabani zonke lezifizuyo eziphambi kwakho?’” **18** Ubokuthi, ‘Ngezenzenu yakho uJakhobe. Ziyisipho esithunyelwe inkosi yami u-Esawu, laye uyeza nje emuva kwethu.’” **19** Walaya njalo isisebenzi sesibili, lesesithathu lazozonke ezinye ezaziqhuba imihlambi wathi: “Kumele likhulume into efanayo ku-Esawu nxa lihangana laye. **20** Njalo lingakhohlwa ukuthi, ‘Inceku yakho uJakhobe iyeza ngemva kwethu.’” Ngoba wacabanga wathi: “Ngizamthoba ngezipho lezi engizithumela phambili; nxa sengimboma muva mhlawumbe uzangamukela.” **21** Ngakho izipho zikajakhobe zahanjiswa, zamandulela, kodwa yena wasala ezhonqweni ubusuku bonke. **22** Ngalobobusku uJakhobe waphakama wathatha omkakhe bobabili, lezinceukazi zakhe zombili kanye lamadodana akhe alitshumi lamunye wawela izibuko likajabholi. **23** Esebachaphisile wabuye wachaphisa yonke imfuyo yakhe. **24** Ngakho uJakhobe wasala yedwa, indoda ethile yabindana laye kwaze kwaba semathathakusa. **25** Leyondoda yathi ngokubona ukuthi kayimehluli uJakhobe, yambamba inyonga, inyonga yakhe yakhumuka elokhu ebindana laleyondoda. **26** Indoda yasisithi, “Ngiyekela ngihambe ngoba sokusile.” Kodwa uJakhobe wampwendula wathi, “Kangisoze ngikwekele uhamble ngaphandle kokuthi ungibusise.” **27** Indoda yambusa yathi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho na?” Wathi, “NginguJakhobe.” **28** Indoda yasisithi, “Ibizo lakho kalisyikuba ngujakhobe, kodwa u-Israyeli, ngoba ulwe loNkulunkulu kanye labantu wanqoba.” **29** UJakhobe wathi, “Akungitshele ibizo lakho.” Kodwa waphendula wathi “Ulibuzelani ibizo lami na?” Wasembusisa khonapho. **30** Ngakho uJakhobe wabiza indawo leyo ngokuthi yiPheniweli esithi, “Kungoba ngimborile uNkulunkulu ubuso ngobuso, kodwa impilo yami

**33** UJakhobe wathi evusa amehlo wabona u-Esawu, eqhamuka lamadoda akhe angamakhulu amane; wasesehlukanisa abantwana phakathi kukaLeya, uRasheli lezinceukazi zombili. **2** Waqhuba phambili izinceukazi labantwabazo, kwallandela uLeya labantwabakhe, kweza uRasheli loJosefa ngemuva. **3** Yena ngokwakhe wahamba phambili wakhothama phansi emhlabathini kasikhombisa esebunga kumnewabo. **4** Kodwa u-Esawu wagijima wahlangabeza uJakhobe wamanga; wamgona ngezingalo entanyeni wamanga. Bakhala. **5** U-Esawu wasekhangela wabona abesifazane labantwana. Wabuza wathi, “Ngobani laba ohamba labo na?” UJakhobe waphendula wathi, “Ngabantwana uNkulunkulu abaphe ngesihle inceku yakho.” **6** Kwathi izinceukazi labantwabazo, zasondela zakhothamela phansi. **7** Kwalandela uLeya kanye labantwabakhe bezwa bakhothamela phansi. Abokucina kwaba ngujosefa loRasheli, labo bakhothamela phansi. **8** U-Esawu wabuza wathi, “Utshoni ngemihlambi yonke le engihlangane layo?” Wathi, “Ngeyokucela umusa kuwe, nkosi yami.” **9** Kodwa u-Esawu wathi, “Lami sengilakho okunengi, mnawami. Zigcinele lawe lokho olakho.” **10** UJakhobe wathi, “Hatshi bo, bakithi. Nxa ngisamuкеleka kuwe yamukela isipho sami lesi. Ngoba ukubona ubuso bakho kufana lokubona ubuso bukaNkulunkulu, ikakhulu njengoba usungamukele ngesihle. **11** Ngicela ukuthi wamukele isipho lesi esithewhe kuwe, ngoba uNkulunkulu ube lomusa kimi, ngaba lakho konke engikudingayo.” Kwathi ngoba uJakhobe encenga, u-Esawu wasamukela. **12** U-Esawu wasesithi, “Kasihambeni. Ngizahamba lani.” **13** Kodwa uJakhobe wathi kuye, “Inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana babuthakathaka lokuthi ngisamele nginakekele izimvukazi lamankomokazi konke okusanda kuzala. Zingahanjiswa ngamandla okwelanga elilodwa nje, izifuyo zizakufa. **14** Ngakho inkosi yami kayizihambele phambili kwenceku yayo, mina ngilandele kancane okwamandla emihlambi eqhutshwayo labantwana, ngize ngifike enkosini yami eSeyiri.” **15** U-Esawu wathi, “Nxa kunjalo ngizatshiya amanye amadoda ami lawe.” UJakhobe wabuza wathi, “Kambe ube ukwenzelani lokho? Inkosi yami kayingenzele umusa nje kube kuphela.” **16** Ngakho ngalolosuku u-Esawu wasuka esebuyela eSeyiri. **17** Kodwa uJakhobe waya eSukhothi lapho azakhela khona umuza wakha lezibaya zezifuyo zakhe. Kungakho leyondawo ithiwa yiSukhothi. **18** UJakhobe esebuyile ePhadani Aramu wafika kuhle edolobheni laseShekhemu eKhenani wamisa izihonqo eduzane kwedolobho. **19** Ngenhlamu zesiliva ezilikhulu watengha isiqinti somhlabathi emadodaneni kaHamori, uyise kaShekhemu, lapho amisa khona ithente lakhe. **20** Khonapho amisa i-alithari walibiza ngokuthi yi-Eli Elohe Israyeli.

**34** UDina, indodakazi kaLeya ayizalela uJakhobe wasuka wayawkwetekelala abafazi balelolizwe. **2** Kwathi uShekhemu, indodana kaHamori umHivi, umbusi walowomango, ebona uDina, wamthatha wamdlowa. **3** Inhlizyo yakhe yathatheka ngoDina lendedodana yakhe uShekhemu babaquma ngenkemba indodakazi kajakhobe, wayithanda intombi le, bamkhupha uDina endlini kaShekhemu bahamba. **27** wakhuluma layo kamnandi. **4** UShekhemu wathi kuyise uHamori, “Ngithathela intombi le ibe ngumkami.” **5** UJakhobe wathi ekuzwa ukuthi indodakazi yakhe uDina yayingcolisiwe, amadodana akhe ayesengangeni lezifuyo; wathula nje aze abuya ekhaya. **6** Ngakho usekaShekhemu, uHamori wayakhuluma loJakhobe. **7** yonke inotho yabo kanye labafazi labantwana, Ngalesosikhathi amadodana kajakhobe ayesebuyile evela egangeni evele esezwile okwasekwenzakele. **8** Kodwa uHamori wathi kubo, “Indodana yami uShekhemu uyayithanda indodakazi yakho. Muphe yona ibe ngumkakhe. **9** Kasendiselane; sipheni amadodakazi enu, lani lizithathele amadodakazi ethu. **10** Lingazihlalela phakathi kwethu; ilizwe livulekile kini. Hlalani kulo, thengisan kulo njalo lifuye kulo.” **11** UShekhemu wasesithi kuyise kaDina lakubanewabo, “Ngicela ukuthi lingamukele, ngizalinika loba yini eliyifunayo. **12** Khulumani amalobolo lokangaziwe, mina ngizakuletha ngobunengi bakho njengokufuna kwenu, njalo ngizakukhupha konke elikubizayo. Lina ngiphani intombi kuphela nje ibe ngumkami.” **13** Kwathi ngoba udadewabo uDina wayesengcolisiwe, amadodana kajakhobe aphendula ngobuqili ekhuluma loShekhemu loyise uHamori. **14** Athi kubo, “Asingeke senze into enjalo; ngeke siphе udadewethu indoda engasokwanga. Lokho kungaba lihlazo kithi. **15** Sizavuma kuphela nxalenze lokhu: ukuthi libe njengathi ngokusoka bonke abesilisa benu. **16** Lapho-ke sesingalendisela amadodakazi ethu lathi sithathle amadodakazi enu. Sizakwakha phakathi kwenu sibe ngabantu banye lani. **17** Kodwa nxalenze ukusokwa sizamthatha udadewethu sihambe.” **18** Icebo labo lakhanya lilihlu kuHamori loShekhemu. **19** Ijaha leli eliyilo elalihlonitshwa kakhulu emzini kayise, kalischithanga isikhathi ukukwenza lokho ababekutshilo ngoba lalitshiseka ngendodakazi kajakhobe. **20** Ngakho uHamori lendodana yakhe uShekhemu baye entubeni yedolobho bayabonisa lamadoda edolobho lakibo. **21** Bathi, “Amadoda la alomusa kithi. Kabahlae elizweni lethu bathengiselane labantu; ilizwe leli lilendawo enkulu abangahlala kuyo. Singathatha amadodakazi abo labo bangathatha awethu. **22** Kodwa bangavuma ukuhlala phakathi kwethu kuphela nxalenze bethu bengasokwa njengabo. **23** Kambe izifuyo zabo, lempahla yabo kanye layo yonke imfuyo yabo kakukuba ngokwethu na? Ngakho kasivumeni, khona bezakwakha phakathi kwethu.” **24** Wonke amadoda ayekhona entubeni yedolobho avumelana loHamori lendodana yakhe uShekhemu, kwathi bonke abesilisa balelodolobho basokwa. **25** Ngemva kwensku ezintathu, bonke belokhu besebuhlungwini, amadodana kajakhobe amibili, uSimiyoni loLevi, abanewabo belibebe, babulala bonke abesilisa. **26** OHamori lendedodana yakhe uShekhemu babaquma ngenkemba Amadodana kajakhobe afikela phezu kwezidumbu aliphanga idolobho lapho udadewabo ayengcoliselwe khona. **28** Athumba imihlambi yabo yezimvu lenkomo, labobabhemi lakho konke okwakungokwabo phakathi edolobheni langaphandle egangeni. **29** Bayiqukula yonke inotho yabo kanye labafazi labantwana, bathumba konke okwakusezindlini kwaba yimpango. **30** UJakhobe wasesithi kuSimiyoni loLevi, “Selinghlele uhlupho langenza ngasoleka kakhulu kumakhenani lamaPherizi, abantu abahlala elizweni leli. Thina sibalutshwana, bangahlangana bangihlasele, mina lomuzi wami sizabujiswa.” **31** Kodwa bona baphendula bathi, “Bekufanele yini ukuthi aphathe udadewethu njengesife na?”

**35** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kujakhobe, “Yana eBhetheli wakhe khona, njalo khonapho wakhele uNkulunkulu i-alithari, yena owabonakala kuwe lapho ubalekela umnewenu u-Esawu.” **2** Ngakho uJakhobe wasesithi kwabomuzi wakhe lakubo bonke ababelaye, “Lahlani onkulunkulu bezizweni elilabo, lizihlambulule, lintshintshe leziggoko zenu. **3** Beselisiza sihambe siye eBhetheli lapho engizakwakha khona i-alithari likaNkulunkulu yena owangisizayo ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwami njalo olokhu elami loba ngingaze ngiye ngaphi.” **4** Basebemupha uJakhobe bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni ababelabo lamacici ayesendlebeni zabo, ujakhobe wakumbela ngaphansi kwestihlahla som’Okhi eShekhemu. **5** Emva kwalokho basebesu, ukumesaba uNkulunkulu kwehlela imizi yonke ababkhelane layo, akwaze kwaba loyedwa oxwaxotshana labo. **6** UJakhobe wafika eLuzi (leyo yiBhetheli) kanye labo bonke aylelabo elizweni laseKhrenani. **7** Wakha khona i-alithari, indawo waseyibiza ngokuthi yi-Eli Bhetheli, ngoba kwakulapho uNkulunkulu aziveza khona ngesikhathi ebalekela umfowabo. **8** UDibhora, umlizane kaRabheka wafa, wembelwa ngaphansi kom’Okhi ngezansi kweBhetheli. Yikho yathiwa yi-Aloni Bhakhuthi. **9** UJakhobe esebuyile ePhadani Aramu uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuye njalo, wambusisa. **10** UNkulunkulu wathi kuye, “Ibizo lakho linguJakhobe, kodwa kawusayi kuthiwa unguJakhobe; ibizo lakho selizathiwa ungu-Israyeli.” Ngakho wamutha wathi ngu-Israyeli. **11** UNkulunkulu wathi kuye, “NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; zalanani lande ngobunengi. Kuzaphuma kuwe isizwe lezinhlanga zezizwe, lamakhosi azavela emzimbeni wakho. **12** Ilizwe engalinika u-Abhrahamo lo-Isaka ngilinika wena lawe, njalo ilizwe leli ngizalinika izizukulwane zakho eziza emva kwakho.” **13** UNkulunkulu wasephakama emtshiya endaweni lapho ayeke wakhuluma laye khona. **14** UJakhobe wamisa insika yelitshe endaweni leyo uNkulunkulu ayekhulume laye khona, wasethululela phezu kwayo umnikelo onathwayo; wathela njalo

amafutha phezu kwayo. **15** UJakhobe wasebiza Amaleki. Laba babengabazukulu baka-Ada umka-indawo leyo lapho uNkulunkulu akhulumula laye Esawu. **13** Amadodana kaRuweli ayeyila: uNahathi, khona ngokuthi yiBhetheli. **16** Basebehamba besuka uZera, uShama loMiza. Laba bebengabazukulu bomka-eBhetheli. Kwathi belokhu besesebucwala kwe-Efrathi, Esawu uBhasemathumka-Esawu. **14** Amadodana uRasheli wahelelwa kwaba nzima ukubeletha. **17** kamka-Esawu u-Oholibhama, indodakazi ka-Ana, Kwathi ekulobobunzima bokubeletha umbelethisi njalo engumzukulu kaZibhiyon, awazalela u-Esawu wathi kuye, "Ungesabi. Ngoba uzazuza enye indodana." ayeyila: uJewushi, uJalamu loKhora. **15** Laba **18** Kwathi esephela ngoba wayesesifa wetha indodana babezinduna kwabosendo luka-Esawu: Amadodana yakhe wathi nguBheni-Oni. Kodwa uyise wayo ka-Elfazi izibulo lika-Esawu: Induna uThemani, u-wayithi nguBhenjamini. **19** Wafa kanjalo uRasheli Omari, uZefo, uKhenazi, **16** uKhora, uGathamu, wembelwa endleleni kuyiwa e-Efrathi (kutshiwo lo-Amaleka). Lezi kwakuzinduna ezidabuka ku-iBhethilehema.) **20** UJakhobe wakha insika phezu Elfazi, e-Edomi; zazingabazukulu baka-Ada. **17** kwethuna, kuze kuge lamhla insika leyo itshengisa Amadodana kaRuweli indodana ka-Esawu: Izinduna ithuna likaRasheli. **21** U-Israyeli wabuye wathutha uNahathi, uZera, uShama loMiza. Lezizinduna wayamisa ithene lakhe ngale kweMigidali-Eda. **22** zazidabuka kuRewuli e-Edomi; zazingabazukulu U-Israyeli esakhile kulowomango, uRubheni wasuka bakaBhasemathumka-Esawu. **18** Amadodana kawayalala lomfazi weceleni kayise uBhiliha, njalo u-Israyeli wakuzwa. UJakhobe wayelamadodana alitshumi-lambili: **23** Amadodana kaLeya ayeyila: uRubheni izibulo likajakhobe, uSimiyoni, uLevi, uJuda, u-Isakhari loZebhuluni. **24** Amadodana kaRasheli ayeyila: uJosefa loBhenjamini. **25** Amadodana enceukazi kaRasheli, uBhiliha ayeyila: uDani loNafithali. **26** Amadodana enceukazi kaLeya uZilipha ayeyila: uGadi lo-Asher. La ayengamadodana kajakhobe awazalela uPhadanu Aramu. **27** UJakhobe weza ekhaya kuyise u-Isaka eMamure, eduze leKhiriyathi Aribha (kutshumka-iHebromi) lapho u-Abhrahamu lo-Isaka ababehlala khona. **28** U-Isaka waphila okweminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisifcaminwembili. **29** Wafika ekucineri wafa, wembelwa labantu bakibo eseluphele leminyaka yakhe isimineni. Amadodana akhe u-Esawu loJakhobe hamngcwaba.

ayeyila: uHori loHemani. UThimina wayengudadewabo kaLothoni. **23** Amadodana kaShobhali ayeyila: u-iHebromi) lapho u-Abhrahamu lo-Isaka ababehlala Aliyani, uManahathi, u-Ebhali, uShefo lo-Onami. **24** khona. **28** U-Isaka waphila okweminyaka elikhulu Amadodana kaZibhiyon ayeyila: u-Ayiya lo-Ana. (Lo nguye u-Ana owafumana izintombo zamansi atshisayo enkangala eselusa obabhemikayise uZibhiyon.) **25** Abantwana baka-Ana babeyilabu: uDishoni lo-Oholibhama indodakazi ka-Ana. **26**

**36** Lo ngumlando ka-Esawu (okungu-Edomi). **2**  
U-Esawu wathatha ebafazini baseKhenani: u-  
Ada indodakazi ka-Eloni umHithi, lo-Oholibhama  
indodakazi ka-Ana, njalo eyindodakazi kaZibhiyon  
umHivi, **3** njalo loBhasemathи indodakazi ka-Ishumayeli  
njalo engudadewabo kaNebhayothi. **4** U-Ada wazala  
u-Elifazi ku-Esawu, uBhasemathи wazala uRuweli, **5**  
u-Oholibhama wazala uJewushi, loJalamu loKhora.  
La ayengamadodana ka-Esawu, awazala eKhenani.  
**6** U-Esawu wathatha omkakhe lamadodana akhe  
kanye lamadodakazi akhe labo bonke ababesemzini  
wakhe kanye lezifuyo zakhe lezinye izinyamazana  
zakhe lempahla zonke ayezizuzile eKhenani, wasuka  
waya khatshana lomfowabo ujakhobe. **7** Imfuyo  
yabo yayingengi kakhulu okokuthi babengeke bahlale  
ndawonye; lomhlaba ababehlala kuwo wawungasoze  
ubathwale bobabili ngenxa yezifuyo zabo. **8** Ngakho  
u-Esawu (kutshiwo u-Edomi) wayakwakha elizweni  
lamaqaqa elaseSeyiri. **9** Lo ngumlando ka-Esawu  
uyise wama-Edomi elizweni lamaqaqa elaseSeyiri.  
**10** La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Esawu: U-Elifazi,  
indodana yomka-Esawu u-Ada, lo Ruweli indodana  
yomka-Esawu uBhasemathи. **11** Amadodana ka-  
Elifazi ayeiyila: uThemani, u-Omari, uZefo, uGathamu  
loKhenazi. **12** Indodana ka-Esawu u-Elifazi wayelomfazi  
weceleni owayethiya nguThimina, owamzalela u-

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kaMathiredi, indodakazi kaMe-Zahabhi. **40** Lezi lamagodi la besesisithi udlive yisilo esesabekayo. kwakuzinduna ezadabuka ku-Esawu, ngamabizo azo, kusiya ngosendo lwazo lezigodi zazo: UThimina, u-Aliva, uJethethi, **41** u-Oholibhama, u-Ela, uPhinoni, **42** uKhenazi, uThemani, uMibhzari, **43** uMagidiyeli lo-Iramu. Lezi kwakuzinduna ze-Edomi, kusiya ngokuhlala kwabo elizweni ababakhe kulo. Lolu yilo-ke usendo luka-Esawu, uyise wama-Edomi.

**37** UJakhobe wahlala elizweni lapho uyise laye ahlala kulo, ilizwe laseKhenani. **2** Lo ngumlando wosendo lukaJakhobe. UJosefa ijaha elalileminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa, wayeselusa imihlambi yezimvu labanewabo, amadodana kaBihiliha lamadodana kaZilipha, abafazi bakayise, wasebaceba kuyise. **3** U-Israyeli wasuka wamthanda uJosefa ukwedulula wonke amanye amadodana akhe, ngoba wamzala eseluphele; yikho wamenzela ijazi eliceciswe kakhulu. **4** Kwathi abafowabo bebona ukuthi uyise wayemthanda ukwedulula bonke abanye bamzonda kabazange bamkhulumise ngothando. **5** UJosefa waphupha, wathi esebatshelile ngephupho lakhe bamzonda ngokwedululiseyo. **6** Wathi kubo, "Zwanini iphupho engibe lalo: **7** besibopha izithungo zamabele sisemasimini lapho okuthe masinyane esami isithungo saphakama sema saqonda, kwathi enezu izithungo zasigombolozela esami, zasikhothamela phansi." **8** Abanewabo bathi kuye. "Ufisa ukubusa phezu kwethu na? Ungasibusu ngempela na?" Basebemzonda ngamandla ngenxa yephupho lakhe lalokho ayekutshilo. **9** Waphinda waba lelinye iphupho, walitshela abanewabo. Wathi, "Lalelani, ngibe lalo elinye iphupho, kuleli, ilanga lenyanga kanye lezinkanyezi ezelitshumi lanye bezingikhothamela phansi." **10** Wathi eselitshele uyise njalo labanewabo uyise wamkhalimela wathi, "Liphupho bani leli oliphuphileyo? Utsho ukuthi unyoko lami labanewenu sizaguqa phansi emhlabathini sibili siguqela wena?" **11** Abanewabo babalomona ngaye, kodwa uyise wayigcina engqondweni yakhe indaba le. **12** Abanewabo basuka bahamba lemihlambi kayise emadrelweni eduze kweShekhemu. **13** U-Israyeli wathi kuJosefa, "Njengoba usazi abanewenu basemadrelweni lemihlambi eduze kweShekhemu. Lalela-ke, ngifuna ukukuthuma kubo." Waphendula wathi, "Kulungile." **14** Ngakho wasesithi kuye, "Hamba ueyebona ingabe abafowenu bayaphila yini kanye lemihlambi, ukuze ubuye uzongazisa." Lakanye wamvalelisa esuka esigodini saseHebhroni. UJosefa esefikile eShekhemu, **15** wafunyanwa yindoda ezula egangeni yambuza yathi, "Udingani?" **16** Waphendula wathi, "Ngidinga abafowethu. Kambe ungangitshela ukuthi belusela ngaphi imihlambi yabo na?" **17** Indoda yaphendula yathi, "Sebesukile lapha. Ngabewza besithi, 'Kasiyeni eDothanii.'" Ngakho uJosefa wabalandela abafowabo wayabufumana eduze kweDothanii. **18** Kodwa bambona esesekude, wathi engakafiki kubo, bakhanda icebo lokumbulala. **19** Batshelana bathi, "Nanguyana umphuphi lowana esiza. **20** Zwanini, kasimbualenii simphosele kwelinye

lamagodi la besesisithi udlive yisilo esesabekayo. Besesibona-ke ukuthi azaphelela ngaphi amaphupho akhe." **21** Kwathi uRubheni esekuzwile lokhu, wazama ukuthi amlamulele ezandleni zabo. Wathi, "Kasingacimi impilo yakhe. **22** Lingachithi gazi. Mphoseleni emgodini lo lapha enkangala, kodwa lingambeki isandla." URubheni watsho lokhu ukuze amlamulele kubo abesembuyisela kuyise. **23** Ngakho kwathi uJosefa efika kubafowabo, bamhlubula ijazi lakhe, elalibalazwe kakuhle ayeliggokile, **24** bamthatha bayamphosela emgodini. Umgodi lo wawungulu lutho, kungelamanzu phakathi kwavo. **25** Bathi sebehlezi phansi ukuthi badle, bathi baphosa amehlo babona udwendwe Iwanna-Ishumayeli luvelela eGiliyadi. Amakamel abo ayethwaliswe iziyoliso, ibhami lemure, konke lokhu bekusa eGibhithe. **26** UJuda wathi kubafowabo, "Sizazuzani nxa sibulala umfowethu siggibe igazi lakhe na? **27** Zwanini, kasimthengiseni kuma-Ishumayeli thina singambeki sandla; kambe yena evelle engumfowethu, eyinyama yethu legazi lethu." Abafowabo bavuma. **28** Ngakho kwathi abathengisi bamaMidiyani besedlula abafowabo bamkhupha uJosefa emgodini bamthengisa ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amabili kuma-Ishumayeli, amthathha aya laye eGibhithe. **29** URubheni wathi esebuyela emgodini wfumana uJosefa engasekho, wasedabula iziqqoko zakhe ngokudabuka. **30** Wabuyela kubafowabo wathi, "Umfana kasekho! Sengizakwenzanjanji manje?" **31** Basebethatha ijazi likaJosefa, babulala imbizi basebegxamuza ijazi lelo egazini. **32** Balithatha ijazi lokuceciswa babuyela lalo kuyise bathi, "Silidobhile. Ake ulikhangele kuhle kumbe lijazi lendodana yakho." **33** Lakanye walibona liyilo wathi, "Lijazi lendodana yami. Udlive yisilo esesabekayo. Ngempela uJosefa usedlithizwe waba yizicucu." **34** UJakhobe wasedabula iziqqoko zakhe, wagqoka ezamasaka walilela indodana yakhe okwensuku ezinengi. **35** Wonke amadodana akhe lamadodakazi beza ukuzamduduza, kodwa kavumanga ukududuzeka. Wathi, "Hatshi, ngizakuya ethuneni ngilila nginje, ngiye endodaneni yami." Uyise wamkhaleda kanjalo. (**Sheol h7585**) **36** Kusenjalo, amaMidiyani amthengisa uJosefa eGibhithe kuPhothifa, omunye wezikhulu zikaFaro, owayengumlawuli wabalindi.

**38** Ngalesosikhathi ujuda watshya abafowabo wahamba wayahlala lendoda yase-Adulami eyayithiwa nguHira. **2** Khonale ujuda wabonana lendodakazi yendoda engumKhenani eyayithiwa nguShuwa. Wayithatha wembatha layo; **3** yathatha isisu yazala indodana yathiwa ngu-Eri. **4** Wazithwala njalo wazala indodana wayithi ngu-Onani. **5** Wazala njalo enye indodana wayithi nguShela. Le wayizalela eKhezibhi. **6** Ujuda wazuzela u-Eri izibulo lakhe umfazi, ibizo lakhe linguThamari. **7** Kodwa u-Eri izibulo likajuda, wayengcolile emehlwani kaThixo; uThixo wasembulala. **8** Ujuda wasesithi ku-Onani, "Lala lomkamfowenu ugcwalise umlandu wakho njengomfowabo uzalele umfowenu abantwana." **9** Kodwa u-Onani wakwazi ukuthi inzalo leyo

yayingezukuba ngeyakhe; ngakho kwakusithi sonke isikhathi angalala lomkamfowabo achithele inhlanyelo phansi emhlabathini ukuze angaze azalela umfowabo abantwana. **10** Lokho ayekwenza kwakukubi emehlweni, kaThixo; ngakho uThixo wambulala. **11** UJuda wasesithi kumalukazana wakhe uThamari, “Hamba ueyhlala njengomfelokazi emzini kayihlo indodana yami uShela ize ikhule.” Ngoba wanakanan wathi, “Laye angafa njengabanewabo.” Ngakho uThamari wahamba wayahlala emzini kayise. **12** Ngemva kwasikhathi eside umkaJuda, indodakazi kaShuwa wafa. Kwathi uJuda eseduduzekeli waya eThimina, emadodenyi ayegunda izimvu zakhe, ehamba lomngane wakhe uHira um’Adulami. **13** Kwathi uThamari esetshelewi kwathiwa, “Uyihlozala uyeza eThimina ukuzagunda izimvu zakhe,” **14** wakhulula iziqqoko zakhe zokuzila wazimboza ngesimbombozo ukuzifihla, wasehlala phansi eduzane lesango lase-Enayimi, elisendleleni yaseThimina. Ngoba wabona ukuthi loba uShela wayesekhulile, yena wayelokhu engakamphiwa ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. **15** UJuda wathi embona wacabanga ukuthi yisifebe, ngoba wayezivale ubuso. **16** Kwathi ngoba engamboni ukuthi ngumalokazana wakhe waya kuye eceleni komgwaqo wathi, “Woza manje, ngifuna ukulala lawe.” Yena wabuza wathi, “Uzangiphani ngingalala lawe?” **17** Wathi, “Ngizakuthumezelia izinyane lembuзи emhlambini wami.” UThamari wabuza wathi, “Uzangiphia na ulutho lube yisibambiso ungakalithumezi?” **18** Wathi, “Ngikuphe sibambiso bani?” Waphendula wathi, “Isilengiso sophawu Iwakho lentambo yaso, kanye lodondolo Iwakho oluphetheyo.” Ngakho wamupha lezozinto waselala laye, wahle wazithwala. **19** Esesuka lapho uThamari wakhupha isimbombozo sakhe wagqoka iziqqoko zakhe zokuzila njalo. **20** Kusenjalo uJuda wathumezelia izinyane lembuзи ngomngane wakhe um’Adulami ukuze abuyiselwe isibambiso sakhe esasikowesifazane lowo, kodwa wamswela. **21** Wabuza amadoda ayejhala lapho wathi, “Singaphi isifebe ebesisilapha eceleni komgwaqo e-Enayimi na?” Athi, “Kakuzange kubelisifebe lapha.” **22** Ngakho wasebuya kujuda wayakuthi, “Kangimfumananga. Futhi amadoda lawo ahlala khona athi kakuzange kubelisifebe esasihlala lapho.” **23** UJuda wasesithi, “Myekele ahle akugcine khonokho alakho funa sicine sesiyinhlekisa. Phezu kwalokho mina bengimfumezele izinyane lembuзи, kodwa kawusamfumananga.” **24** Ngemva kwezinyanga ezintathu uJuda watshelwa ukuthi umalukazana wakhe uThamari wayesefebile wasethatha isisu. UJuda wathi, “Mkhupheni, atshiswe aze afe.” **25** Kwathi lapho ekhutshwa wathumela ilizwi kuyisezala wathi, “Ngoniwa yindoda engumnikazi walezizinto.” Wengeza ngokuthi, “Akubone ukuthi singaba ngesikabani isilengiso sophawu lesi lentambo kanye lodondolo lolu.” **26** UJuda wazazi izinto lezo wathi, “Ulungile kulami, ngoba kangisamphanga endodaneni yami uShela.” Kasaphindanga wembatha laye njalo. **27** Kwathi isikhathi sakhe sokubeletha sesifikile, wayelamaphahlala angabafana esiswini. **28** Wathi khonapho ebeletha omunye wawo wakhupha isandla; umbelethisi wathatha intambo ebomvu wayibophela esihlakaleni sesandla salo wathi, “Leli yilo eliphume kuqala.” **29** Kodwa labuyisela isandla, umfowabo waphuma kuqala, wasesithi, “Le yiyo indlela ofohle ngayo!” Laseliphewa ibizo elithi nguPherezi. **30** Ngakho umfowabo, owayelentambo esihlakaleni, waphuma wethiwa ibizo wathiwa nguZera.

**39** UJosefa wathathwa wasiwa eGibhithe. UPhothifa, owayengomunye wezikulu zikaFaro, eyindunkulu yabalindi, wamthenga kumaIshumayeli abayibo abamletha khona. **2** UThixo wayelaye uJosefa, waphumelela, wahlala endlini yenkosi yakhe umGibhithe. **3** Kwathi inkosi yakhe ikubona ukuthi uThixo wayelaye lokuthi uThixo wamphumelela kukho konke ayekwenza, **4** uJosefa wasethandeka kuye wasesiba yinceku yakhe. UPhothifa wasembeka ukuba ngumphathi womuzi wakhe, kwathi konke ayelakho wakubeka ezandleni zakhe. **5** Kusukela ngesikhathi embeka ukuba ngumphathi womuzi wakhe lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, uThixo wawubusisa umuzi womGibhithe ngenxa kajosefa. Isibusiso sikaThixo saba phezu kwakho konke uPhothifa ayelakho, loba kusendlini loba kusensimini. **6** Ngakho watshiya konke okwakhe ezandleni zikajosefa; kwathi ngoba ujosefa enguye ophetheyo wakhohlwa ngakho konke ngaphandle kokudla ayekudla. UJosefa lo wayemi kuhle, ebukeka, **7** kwasekusithi ngemva kwasikhathi inkosikazi yenkosi yakhe yambuka, yamfisa uJosefa yathi, “Woza engutsheni lami!” **8** Kodwa wala. Wamtshela wathi, “Njengoba kuyimi engiphetheyo, inkosi yami kayizihluphi ngalutho emzini wayo; yonke into elayo iyibeke ezandleni zami. **9** Kakho omkhulu kulami kulumuzi. Inkosi yami kayingalisi lutho ngaphandle kwakho, ngoba wena ungmukayo. Pho ngingayenza kanjani into embi karje, ngenze isono kuNkulunkulu na?” **10** Kwathi loba emphikelela uJosefa insuku ngensuku, wala ukulala laye wala lokuthi ahiale laye. **11** Ngolunye usuku wangena endlini ukughuba umsebenzi wakhe, izisebenzi zasendlini zingekho phakathi endlini. **12** UmkaPhothifa wambamba ngesiqqoko wathi, “Woza engutsheni ulale lami!” Kodwa waphunyuka wabaleka waphuma endlini, isiqqoko sakhe sasala esandleni sowesifazane. **13** Kwathi ebona ukuthi utshiye isiqqoko sakhe esandleni sakhe njalo wabaleka endlini, **14** owesifazane wamemeza izisebenzi zendlini wathi kuzo, “Khangelani, umHebheru lo waletsha lapha ukuzadlala ngathi! Ungene lapha efuna ukulala lami, kodwa ngahlaba umkhosi. **15** Uthe esizwa ngihlaba umkhosi ngidunga uncedo, wasetshiya isiqqoko sakhe eceleni kwami wabaleka waphuma endlini.” **16** Wasigcina isiqqoko eceleni kwakhe inkosi kajosefa yaze yabuya ngekhaya. **17** Waseyitshela indaba le wathi: “Isiqqili somHebheru lesiyana owasilethela sona sifikasi kimi ukuzadlala ngami. **18** Kodwa ngonele ukuthi ngihlabe umkhosi ngidunga uncedo, satshiya isiqqoko saso eceleni kwami sabaleka saphuma

endlini.” **19** Kwathi inkosi yakhe isizwile indaba yonke yalokho okubhekkelwe uFaro, kodwa izinyoni eyayitshelwa ngumfazi esithi, “Singenze njalo isigqili zazilokhu zisidlala esitsheni sisekhanda lami.” **18** sakho,” yathukuthela kakhulu. **20** Inkosi yakhe uJosefa wathi, “Nanku elikutshoyo. Izitsha ezintathu ujosefa yamthatha yamphosela entolongweni, indawo zinsuku ezintathu. **19** Phakathi kwensuku ezintathu lapho okwakuvallela khona izbotshwa zenkosi. uFaro uzaliphakamisa ikhanda lakho akulengise Kodwa kwathi ujosefa ekhonapho entolongweni, esihlahleni. Izinyoni zizakudla inyama yakho.” **20** **21** uThixo waba laye; wamenzela umusa wamenza wathandeka emehlweni omphathijele. **22** Ngakho ke umphathijele wamkhweza wamenza umphathi wabo bonke ababebotshiwe besentolongweni, njalo kwaba nguye okhangele konke okwakusenziwa khona. **23** Umphathijele kazange azihluphe loba ngani eyayiphethwe ngujosefa ngoba uThixo wayelaye ujosefa, wamupha impumelelo kukho konke ayekwenza.

**40** Emva kxesikhathi esithile umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa wenkosi yaseGibhithe bayikhuba inkosi yabo, inkosi yaseGibhithe. **2** UFaro wayezindolel izikhulu zakhe zombili, umphathinkezo omkhulu lomphekizinkwa omkhulu, **3** wabaphosela entolongweni eyasisendlini kandunankulu wabalindi, lapho ujosefa ayevalelwé khona. **4** Indunankulu yabalindi yabanikela kuJosefa, wabalawula. Kwathi sebehiale entolongweni okwesikhathi esithile, **5** ngulowo wamadoda la amabili, umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa, abenkosi yaseGibhithe, abavealelwé baphupha amaphupho ngabusuku bune, kwathi yilelo iphupho laba lengcازelo yalo. **6** Kwathi ujosefa efika kubo kusisa ekuseni, wabona bebuñile. **7** Wasezibuza izikhulu zikaFaro ezazisentolongweni kanye laye endlini yenkosi yakhe wathi, “Kungani ubuso benu bubunile kanje lamuhla na?” **8** Baphendula bathi, “Sobabili siphuphile, kodwa kakho ongasichasisela amaphupho ethu.” Ngakho ujosefa wasesithi kubo, “Izingcازelo kakusizikaNkulunkulu na? Ngitshelani amaphupho enu.” **9** Umphathinkezo omkhulu wantshela ujosefa ngephupho lakhe. Wathi kuye, “Ephutsheni lami ngibone isihlahla sevini siphambi kwami, **10** lelovini lilengatsha ezintathu. Lonela ukuhluma lahle laqhakaza, amaxha alo ahle avuthwa aba yizithelo eziyuthiweyo. **11** Inkezo kaFaro ibisesandleni sami, ngawathatha amagrebisi ngawakhamela enkezwensi kaFaro ngamqhubela esandleni sakhe.” **12** Ujosefa wathi kuye, “Nanku elikutshoyo. Amagatsha amathathu yizinsuku ezintathu. **13** Phakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho akubisele esikhundleni sakho, njalo uzayibeka inkezo kaFaro esandleni sakhe njengalokhu owawuvele ukwenza usesengumphathinkezo yakhe. **14** Kodwa nxa konke sekulungile ungikhumbule, ungenzele umusa; ungikhulumele kuFaro ukube ngiphume kule intolongo. **15** Ngoba ngasuswa ngamandala elizweni lamaHebheru, futhi lapha kangenzanga lutho olufanele ukuthi ngifakwe entolongweni.” **16** Kwathi umphekizinkwa omkhulu ebona ukuthi ujosefa wayenike ingcازelo emnandi, wathi kuJosefa, “Lami njalo ngiphuphile: Phezu kwekhanda lami bekulezitsha zesinkwa ezintathu. **17** Esitsheni esiphezelu bekulemihlobo

Ilanga lesithathu laliyisikhumbuzo sokuzañwa kuFaro, ngakho wenzela izikhulu zakhe idili. Waphakamisa amakhandha amabili, elomphathinkezo omkhulu lelomphekizinkwa omkhulu phambi kwezikhulu zakhe: **21** Wabuyisela umphathinkezo esikhundleni sakhe, waphinda njalo ukubeka inkezo esandleni sikaFaro, **22** kodwa walengisa umphekizinkwa omkhulu, kwaba njengoba ujosefa wayetshilo kubo ekubachasiseleni kwakhe. **23** Kodwa umphathinkezo omkhulu kasamkhumbulanga ujosefa; wakhohlwa ngaye.

**41** Kwathi sekwedlule iminyaka emibili egcweleyo uFaro waba lephupho: Wazibona emi okhunjini lukaNayili, **2** kwasekuqhamuka emfuleni lowo amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, egcwele njalo enonile, esidla phakathi kwemihlanga. **3** Ngemva kwawo kwathutsha amanye ayisikhombisa, amabi njalo acakileyo, aphuma kuNayili afika ema eceleni kwalawo ayesokhunjini lomfula. **4** Amankomokazi ayemabi, ecakile aginya lawo ayisikhombisa ayegcwele, enonile. UFaro wasephaphama. **5** Wabuye walala waphupha okwesibili: Izikhwebu zamabele eziyisikhombisa, zigcwele zizinhle, zazikhula ehlangeni linye. **6** Ngemva kwazo kwakhula eziyne izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa, zicakile njalo zihangulwe ludwangu. **7** Izikhwebu lezo ezazicakile zaginya lezo eziyisikhombisa ezaziphilile, zigcwele. UFaro wasephaphama, kwakuliphupho nje. **8** Ekuseni umoya wakhe wawukhathazekile, ngakho wasesithi kakubizwe bonke abemilingo lezazi zaseGibhithe. UFaro wabatshela amaphupho akhe, kodwa akakho loyedwa owakwaziyo ukuwachasisa. **9** Umphathinkezo omkhulu wathi kuFaro, “Lamuhla sengikhumbula amaphutha ami. **10** UFaro wake wazondela izinceku zakhe, wangivalela mina kanye lomphekizinkwa omkhulu endlini yendunankulu yabalindi. **11** Ngamunye wethu waba lephupho ngobusuku bune, iphupho linye ngalinye lalilengcازelo yalo lodwa. **12** Kwakulejaha lomHebheru khonapho, lathi liyinceku yendunankulu yabalindi. Salitshela amaphupho ethu, lasichasisela wona, lisipha ngulowo ingcازelo yephupho lakhe. **13** Izinto zaba njengokusichazela kwakhe: ngabuyisela esikhundleni sami, lomkhula warni walengiswa.” **14** Ngakho uFaro wabiza ujosefa, waletshwa masinskyne esuka entolongweni. Kwathi esepuscile indevu, wantshintsha izigqoko weza phambi kaFaro. **15** UFaro wathi kuJosefa, “Ngiphuphe iphupho, kodwa kakho ongangichasisela lona. Kodwa ngizwa kuthiha wena, nxa ungalizwa iphupho uyalichasisa.” **16** Ujosefa wamphendula uFaro wathi, “Ngeke ngikwenze, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzamnika uFaro impendulo ayidingayo.” **17** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa, “Ephutsheni lami bengimi okhunjini lukaNayili,

18 ngasengibona kuqhamuka amankomokazi sobukhosu sami kuphela.” 41 Ngakho uFaro wasesithi ayisikhombisa, anonileyo, egcwele, esidla phakathi kujosefa, “Sengikubeka ukuthi wena uliphathe lonke kwemihlanga. 19 Ngemva kwavo kwaqhamuka ilizwe laseGibhithe.” 42 UFaro wasethatha indandatho amanyi amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, etshwabhene, yophawu lwakhe eyayisemunweni wakhe wayifaka emabi kakhulu futhi ecakile. Ngangingakaze emunweni kajosefa. Wamqokisa izembatho zelineni ngibone amankomokazi amabi kangako kulolonke elihle wamqozisa iketane yegolide entanyeni. 43 elaseGibhithe. 20 Lawo mankomokazi acakileyo, Kwathiwa usezahamba ngenqola yempi njengoba amabi adla lawana amankomokazi ayisikhombisa esenguye umsekeli wakhe oseduze, kwathi edlula ayenonile ayiwo aqhamuka kuqala. 21 Kodwa loba abantu bameme bathi, “Vulani indlela!” Wambekasewadhlile lawo kakho owayengatsho ukuthi atheni; ke ukuthi aphathie ilizwe lonke laseGibhithe. 44 ayelokhu emabi njengakuqala. Ngasengiphaphama. 22 UFaro wasesithi kujosefa, “Mina nginguFaro, kodwa Ephutsheni lami ngibone njalo ezikhwebu zamabele ngaphandle kwelizwi lakho kakho ozasiphakamisa eziyisikhombisa, zigcwele, njalo zizinhle zikhula isandla loba unyawo kulolonke elaseGibhithe.” 45 ehangeni linye. 23 Ngemva kwazo, kwhaluma UFaro wetha uJosefa ibizo elithi Zafenathi-Phaneyi, ezinye ezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa, zibunile njalo wasemupha u-Asenathi indodakazi kaPhothifera, zicakile, zihangulwe ludwangu. 24 Lezozikhwebu umphristi wase-Oni ukuba abe ngumkakhe. UJosefa zamabele ezicakileyo zaginya lezyana eziyisikhombisa walibhoda lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. 46 UJosefa ezinhle. Ngibatshelile abamasalamusi ngalokhu, wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu yokuzalwa kodwa kakho okwazileyo ukungichasisela.” 25 UJosefa eqalisa ukusebenzela uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. wasesithi kuFaro, “Amaphupho kafaro ayilutho lunye. UJosefa wasuka phambi kukaFaro walibhoda lonke UNkulunkulu usevezile kuFaro lokho asezakwenza. 26 ilizwe laseGibhithe. 47 Ngeminyaka eyisikhombisa Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa amahle ayiminyaka yenala umhlaba wathela ukudla okunengi kakhulu. eyisikhombisa, njalo lezikhwebu zamabele ezinhle 48 UJosefa wakuqqa konke ukudla okwavunwa ziyminyaka eyisikhombisa; kuliphupho linye. 27 phakathi kwaleyominyaka eyisikhombisa yenala Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa eza muva yiminyaka eGibhithe wakulondoloza emadolobheni. Kulelo eyisikhombisa, kanjalo lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa lalelodolobho wabeka ukudla okwakulinywa emasimini ezazingelamsebenzi, zitshaywe ludwangu: Yiminyaka akuleyondawo. 49 UJosefa waqoqa izinqwaba eyisikhombisa yendlala. 28 Kunjengokuba ngitsihlo lezinqwaba zamabele, kwaba njengetshebetshebe kuFaro. UNkulunkulu usevezile kuFaro lokho lolwandle. Kwaba kunengi waze wayekela ukukubhalo azakwenza. 29 Sekusiza iminyaka eyisikhombisa phansi ngoba kwasekungaphezu kokulinganiswa. 50 eyenala enku kulolonke elaseGibhithe, 30 kodwa Ingakafiki iminyaka yendlala, u-Asenathi, indodakazi izalandelwa yiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala. kaPhothifera, umphristi ka-Oni wazalela uJosefa Kuzakuthi yonke inala enku eGibhithe ikhohlkale, amadodana amabili. 51 UJosefa wetha izibulo ngoba indlala izaLIBhubhisa ilizwe. 31 Inala elizweni lakhe wathi nguManase, esithi, “Kungenxa yokuthi izabe ingasakhunjulwa, ngoba indlala eyilandelayo uNkulunkulu wenzile ukuthi ngilukhohlwe lonke izabe inkulu kakhulu. 32 Isizatho sokuthi iphupho uhlupho lwami kanye layo yonke indlu kababa.” 52 liphiwe uFaro ngezindlela ezimbili yikuthi, indaba Indodana yesibili wayibiza ngokuthi ngu-Efrayimi, isimiswe yaqiniswa nguNkulunkulu, njalo uNkulunkulu wathi, “Kungenxa yokuthi uNkulunkulu ungenze uzakukwenza masinyane. 33 Khathesi-ke uFaro kadinge ngaba lezithelo elizweni lokuhlupheka kwami.” 53 indoda elombono njalo ehlakaniphileyo ayibeki Iminyaka yenala eyisikhombisa eGibhithe yaphela, phezu kwelizwe laseGibhithe. 34 UFaro abesekhetha 54 kwaqalisa iminyaka yendlala eyisikhombisa, abalisa elizweni abazathatha ingxenyeyodwa njengoba uJosefa wayetshilo. Indlala yaba khona kwezinhanlu yesivuno saseGibhithe ngeminyaka kuwo wonke amanye amazwe, kodwa kulolonke yenala eyisikhombisa. 35 Kumele baqoqe konke ilizwe laseGibhithe ukudla kwakukhona. 55 Kwathi ukudla ngale iminyaka emihle ezayo bakugcine lapho iGibhithe lonke selingenelwa yindlala abantu ukudla ngaphansi kukaFaro, kugcinwe emadolobheni bazibika kuFaro befuna ukudla. Ngakho uFaro ukuthi kuge yikudla. 36 Ukudla lokhu kakugcinelwe wasebatshela bonke abaseGibhithe wathi, “Yanini ilizwe kulondolozelwe ukusetshenziswa ngeminyaka kujosefa lenze lokho alitshela khona.” 56 Kwathi eyisikhombisa yendlala ezafika eGibhithe, ukwenzela indlala isimemethike kulolonke ilizwe uJosefa ukuthi ilizwe lingabhujswa yindlala.” 37 Icebo leli wavula iziphala wawathengisela amaGibhithe ukudla lakhanya lilihle kuFaro lakuzo zonke izikhulu zakhe. ngoba indlala yayasinkulu kakhulu kulolonke ilizwe 38 UFaro wasezibza wathi, “Kambe singamfumana laseGibhithe. 57 Kwathi wonke amanye amazwe eza yini omunye onjengendoda le, umuntu olomoya eGibhithe ezothenga amabele kujosefa, ngoba indlala kaNkulunkulu?” 39 UFaro wasesithi kujosefa, yayibhahile kuwo wonke umhlaba.

“Njengoba uNkulunkulu esekwazisile konke lokhu, kakho olombono onje lohlakaniphileyo njengawe. 40 Wena-ke usuzaphatha isigdolo sami, kuthi bonke abantu bami bazalalela iziqondiso zakho. Mina ngizakuba mkhulu kulawe ngesikhundla sesihlalo

42 Kwathi ujakhobe esezwile ukuthi amabele ayekhona eGibhithe wathi emadodaneni akhe, “Kungani likhangelana nje?” 2 Waqhubeke wathi, “Sengizwile ukuthi amabele akhona eGibhithe. Yehlani liye khona liyesithengela wona ukuze siphile singafi.”

**3** Ngakho abanewabo bakajosefa behla bayathenga amabele eGibhithe. **4** Kodwa ujakhobe kamthumanga labanye uBhenjamine, umnawakhe kajosefa ngoba wesaba ukuthi angaqabuka ewelwa yingozi. **5** Kungakho amadodana ka-Israyeli ayecludwendwe lunye lalabo ababesiwayathenga amabele njengoba indlala yayikhona laselizweni leKhenani. **6** Ngalesosikhathi ujosefa wayengumbusi welizwe, enguye othengisela abantu bonke amabele. Ngakho abafowabo bakajosefa bathi befika khona bamkothamela, bathi mbo ngobuso phansi. **7** UJosefa wonela ukubabona abafowabo, wabazi, kodwa wazitshaya ovezizweni, wabakhulumisa ngokubakhahlameza. Wababuza wathi, “Livela ngaphi?” Baphendula bathi, “Sivela elizweni laseKhenani ukuzathenga ukudla.” **8** Lanxa ujosefa wabazi abafowabo, bona kabamazanga. **9** Ngakho wasekhumbula amaphupho akhe ngabo wasesithi kubo, “Lizinhlo! Lilande ukuzabona lapho ilizwe lethu elingavikelekanga khona.” **10** Baphendula bathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yethu. Izinceku zakho zize ukuzothenga ukudla. **11** Singamadodana endoda yinye sonke. Izinceku zakho zingabantu abaqotho, kazisizo zinhlo!” **12** Wathi kubo, “Hatshi! Lize ukuzabona lapho ilizwe lethu elingavikelekanga khona.” **13** Kodwa kini umfowenu, lani selingazithengisela phakathi baphendula bathi, “Izinceku zakho zaziyizelamani kwelizwe.” **14** Ujosefa wathi kubo, “Kunjengoba ngilitshelile: Lizinhlo! **15** Manjeke lizahlolwa kanje: Ngifunga uFaro, kalyikusuka lapha ngaphandle kokuthi umfowenu omncinyane afike lapha. **16** Thumanı omunye wenu amlande umfowenu; lonke abanye lizagcinwa entolongweni, ukuze amazwi enu ahlolisiswe ukuthi lingabe likhuluma iqiniso yini. Nxa kungenjalo, ngifunga uFaro, lizinhlo!” **17** Wasebafaka entolongweni bonke okwensuku ezintathu. **18** Ngosuku lwesithathu ujosefa wathi kubo, “Yenzani lokhu ukuze lisile, ngoba mina ngesaba uNkulunkulu: **19** Nxa lingabantu abaqotho, omunye wenu kahlale lapha entolongweni, kuthi lina abanye libuyele lihambisele izimulu zenu amabele esezipulawa yindlala. **20** Kodwa limlethe lapha kimi umnawenu omncane ukuze amazwi enu aqiniseke, njalo ukuze lingafi.” Bakwenza lokho. **21** Basebekhulumisana bathi, “Ngempela sijeziselwa umfowethu. Sambona ukuthi wayekhathazeke kangakanani esincenga, ezincengela impilo yakhe, kodwa kasaze samlalela; kungakho sisehlelwa luhlupho lolu.” **22** URUbheni waphendula wathi, “Kodwa kangilitshelangya yini ukuthi lingenzi isono emfaneni lina laqinisa amakhanda? Nanku-ke sesimele sifikaze ngegazi lakhe.” **23** Babengakunanzeleli ukuthi ujosefa wayeluzwa ulimi lwabo njengoba wayelomtolikelayo. **24** Wabafulathela wachiphiza izinyembezi, kodwa waphenduka wakhuluma labo. Wathi kuthathwe uSimiyoni kubo owhale wabotshwa phambi kwabo. **25** UJosefa waselaya ukuthi kugcwaliswe amabele emasakeri abo, kubuyiselwe imali yalowo lalowo ifakwe phakathi kwesaka lakhe njalo baphiwe umphako wendlela. Sebekwenzelwe konke lokho, **26** betshata amasaka abo kubobabhemi bahamba. **27** Endaweni lapho abema khona ngalobubusuku omunye wabo wavula isaka lakhe ukuthathela ubabhemi wakhe ukudla, wasebona imali yakhe yesiliva emlonyenii wesaka. **28** Wathi kufabowabo, “Isiliva sami sibuyiselwe. Nansi lapha phakathi kwesaka lami.” Zatshona inhliziyo zabo bakhangela bethuthumela bathi, “Kuyini kambe lokhu uNkulunkulu asekwenzile kithi?” **29** Bathi sebefike kuyise ujakhobe elizweni laseKhenani bamtsheha konke lokho okwakwenzakele kubo. Bathi, **30** “Indoda eyinkosi yelizwe isikhulumise ngokusihalada, yasiphattha kwangathi sizinhlo elizweni. **31** Kodwa sathi kuyo, “Singamadoda aqotho; kasisizonhlo thina. **32** Sasiyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana endoda yinye. Omunye sowedlula, kuthi icinathunjana lisele lobaba eKhenani.” **33** Ngakho umuntu oyinkosi kubo, “Nanku okuzangenza lethu elingavikelekanga khona.” **34** Kodwa umnawenu zenu ezilambayo lihambe. **35** Kodwa umnawenu limlethe kimi khona ngizikwazi ukuthi kalisizinhlo, kodwa lingabantu abaqotho. Lapho-ke ngizambuyisela kubo, “Selengephuce abantwabami. UJosefa kasekho, loSimiyoni kasekho; manje selfuna ukuthatha uBhenjamini. Yonke into iyangihlamukela!” **37** URUbheni wasesithi kuyise, “Ungawabulala womabili amadodana ami nxa ngingangambuyisi kuwe. Mnikele ezandleni zami, mina ngizambuyisa.” **38** Kodwa ujakhobe wathi, “Indodana yami kayiyikuhamba lani khonale; umnewabo sewafa, usenguye yedwa oseleyo. Nxa evelela ngokubi kuloluhambo lwenu lizakwenza ukuthi ikhanda lami eliyimpunga liye engcwabenili dadabule.” (**Sheol h7585**)

**43** Indlala yayilokhu inkulu kakhulu elizweni. **2** Ngakho kwathi sebekuqedile konke ukudla ababekuthenge eGibhithe, uyise wathi kubo, “Buyelani liyesithengela njalo okunye ukudla okunenganyana.” **3** Kodwa uJuda wathi kuye, “Indoda leyo yasiqonqosela yathi, ‘Ngeke liphinde libubone ubuso bami ngaphandle kokuba liolomnawenu.’ **4** Nxa uzamvumela umnawethu ukuthi sihambe laye, sizahamba siyekuthengela ukudla. **5** Kodwa nxa ungezukuvuma, ngeke sibuye, ngoba phela indoda leyo yathi kithi, ‘Ngeke liphinde libubone ubuso bami nxa umnawenu lingelaye.’” **6** U-Israyeli wabuza wathi, “Likwenzeleni lina ukungehli selah uhlupho lolu ngokuyitshela indoda leyo ukuthi liolomnawenu na?” **7** Baphendula bathi, “Leyondoda isibusisisile ngathi langendlu yangakithi yathi, ‘Uyihlo usaphila na? Lilaye na omunye umfowenu?’ Thina besiphendula imibuzo yayo kuphela. Sasingazi kanjani ukuthi yayizakuthi, ‘Mletheni umnawenu lapha?’” **8** UJuda wasesithi ku-Israyeli uyise, “Wothi umfana ahambe lami, sizahle sisuke nje masinyane, ukwenzela

ukuthi thina lawe kanye labantwabedu siphile, singafi. 9 Mina ngokwami ngizazinikela ngokuphepha kwakhe; kuwe, ndodana yami.” 10 Njengoba kunje nje, aluba asizilingananga ngabe sesihambe saphenduka kwaze kwaba kabili.” 11 Ngakho uyise u-Israeli wasesithi kubo, “Nxa kumele kube njalo, yenzani lokhu: Fakani emasakeni enu ezinje izinto ezinhi kakhulu eziphuma kulelilizwe lihambe lazo kulowomuntu zibe yisipho, amagcobo okuthambisa loluju, iziyoliso ezithile lemure, izilimo ezicacadwayo zephistakhiyo le-alimondi. 12 Thathani isiliva esiphindwe kibili, ngoba kufanele libuyisele lesosiliva esasibuyiselwe emasakeni enu. Mhlawumbe kwaba kuleyondoda ngokuphangisa. 14 Sengathi uNkulunkulu uSomandla angalenzela umusa kuleyondoda ukuze ivumele omunye umfowenu kanye loBhenjamini baphenduke lani. Mina ngokwami ngithi, kambe okungayisikuwa yikuphi!” 15 Ngakho amadoda athatha izipho lesiliva esiphindwe kibili kanye loBhenjamini. Batshtsha baya eGibhithe bayazibika kujosefa. 16 Kwathi ujosefa ebona uBhenjamini ekanye labo, wathi enekwini yendlu yakhe, “Hamba laradoda la endlini yami, uwahlabele isifuyo ulungise ukudla; bazakudla lami emini.” 17 Indoda yenza njengokutshewa kwayo ngujosefa, yawathatha amadoda yahamba lawo endlini kajosefa. 18 Amadoda ethuka ebona elethwa endlini kajosefa. Bacabanga ukuthi, “Silethwe lapha ngenxa yesiliva esabuyiselwa emasakeni ethu ekufikeni kwethu kwakuqala. Ufuna ukusihlasela asehlule, abesithumba sibe yizigqili athathe obabhemi bethu.” 19 Ngakho baya enekwini kajosefa bayakhulumba laye entubeni eya endlini. 20 Bathi, “Ake usizwe, nkosi yethu: Safika lapha kuqala sizothenga ukudla. 21 Kodwa lapho esaphumula khona ebusuku savula amasaka ethu, kwaba ngulowo wethu wafumana isiliva sakhe, sipelele ubunzima baso, sisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe. Ngakho size laso. 22 Size lesinje isiliva phezu kwaleso ukuthi sithenge ukudla. Kasikwazi ukuthi ngubani owabuyiselwa isiliva emasakeni ethu.” 23 Wathi, “Kulungile, Lingesabi. UNkulunkulu wenu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo, uliphile inotho emasakeni enu; mina ngasiphiwa isiliva senu.” Emva kwalokho waseletha uSimiyoni kubo. 24 Inceku yasiwangenisa amadoda endlini kajosefa, yawapha amanzi okugeza inyawo zavo, yaletsha lotshani babobabhemti bawo. 25 Balungisa izipho zabo balindela ukufika kukaJosefa emini ngoba basebezwile ukuthi babezakudla khonapho. 26 UJosefa esefikile bethula izipho ababengene lazo endlini, njalo bakhothama kuye phansi. 27 Wababuza ukuphila, wasesithi, “Linjani ixhegu elinguyihlo elangitshela ngalo? Llokhu lisaphila na?” 28 Baphendula bathi, “Inceku yakh, ubaba, ulokhu esaphila njalo usaqinile.” Bakhothama njalo betshengisa inhlonipho. 29 Wathi elokhu ebakhangelu wabona umnawakhe uBhenjamini, umntakanina sibili, wabuza wathi, “Nguye lo umnawenu olicinathunjana na, lowo elangitshela

ngaye?” Wasesithi kuye, “UNKulunkulu kabe lomusa ngokubona umnawakhe, uJosefa waphangisa waphuma wayafuna indawo yokukhala. Waya ekamelweni lakhe wayakhalela khona. 31 Wathi esegezile amehlo waphuma, wazibamba, wasesithi, “Phakululani ukudla.” 32 Yena bamupha yedwa, abafowabo labo bodwa, kwathi lamaGibhithe ayesidla laye lawo aba wodwa, ngoba amaGibhithe ayengeke adla lamaHebheru, ngoba lokho kwakunengeta kumaGibhithe. 33 Amadoda la ayelezi ngobudala bawo kuqala ngezibulo kusiyacina ngecinathunjana; bakhangelana bemangele. 34 Kwakusithi nxa bephakelwa kusuka etafuleni likajosefa, isabelo sikaBhenjamini sasisedulisia kahlanu kwasabanye. Ngakho bazitika banatha laye bekhululekile.

**44** Ujosefa waselaya inceku yendlu yakhe wathi: “Gcwalisa silikici amasaka amadoda la ngokudla konke abangakuthwala, ubusubuyisela isiliva salowo lalovo emlonyeni wesaka lakhe. 2 Ubusufaka inkomitsho yami, leyana eyesiliva, emlonyeni wesaka lalowo omncinyane wabo ndawonye lesiliva sakhe samabele.” Yenza njengalokho ujosefa ayekutshilo. 3 Kwathi emadabukakusa bawavalelisa amadoda asuka kanye labobabhemi bawo. 4 Ayengakahambi okuya ngaphi ukusuka edolobheni lapho ujosefa athi enekwini yakhe, “Axhume ngokuphangisa amadoda lawana, ungawafica uthi kuwo, ‘Lenzeleni ukuphndisela okuhle ngokubi na?’ 5 Le kakusinkomitsho enatha ngenkosи yami njalo ehlahlula ngayo na? Le yinto embi kakhulu eseliyenzile!” 6 Wathi esebaficile wawatsho amazwi la kubo. 7 Kodwa bathi kuye, “Kungani inkosi yethu isitsho izinto ezinjalo? Kakube kude lezincke zakho ukwenza ulutho olunjalo! 8 Phela siyibuyisile kuwe isiliva sisuka laso elizweni laseKhenani, lesiyana esasifumana phakathi emlonyeni yamasaka ethu. Pho besingakwenza njani ukweba isiliva loba igolide endlini yenkosi yakhon na? 9 Nxa omunye wezincke zakho efundaywa elayo, uzabulawa; kuthi thina abanye sibe yizigqili zenkosи yethu.” 10 Wathi, “Kulungile, kakube njengokutsho kwenu. Lowo ozafunyanwa elayo uzakuba yisigqili sami, lina abanye lonke kalizukuba lecalu.” 11 Ngulowo lalovo wabo wethula isaka lakhe walivula. 12 Inceku yasihamba ihlola, yaqala ngomdala yayacina ngomcinyane. Inkomitsho yayafunyanwa esakeni likaBhenjamini. 13 Bekubona lokhu badabula izigqoko zabo. Emva kwalokho bonke betshatisa obabhemi babo amasaka baphindela edolobheni. 14 UJosefa wayelokhu esendlini lapho uJuda labafowabo abafika khona bazilahla phansi phambi kwakhe. 15 UJosefa wathi kubo, “Kuyini lokhu elikwenzileyo? Kalazi na ukuthi umuntu onjengami ubona izinto ngokuhlahlula?” 16 UJuda waphendula wathi, “Kambe singabe sisathini? Singakuveza kanjani ukuba msulwa kwethu? UNkulunkulu usembule icala lezincke zakho. Manje sesiyizichaka zenkosи yami, thina ngokwethu lalovo ofunyenwe elayo inkomitsho.” 17 Kodwa ujosefa wathi. “Kakube kude lami ukwenza into enjalo! Yileyo indoda kuphela efunyanwe ilayo

inkomitsho ezakuba yisichaka sami. Abanye lonke imiphefumulo ukuba uNkulunkulu angithume phambi buyelani kuyihlo ngokuthula.” **18** Ujuda wasesondela kwenu. **6** Sekube yiminyaka emibili manje indlala kuye wathi, “Oh, nkosi yami, akuvumele inceku yakho ikhona elizweni, njalo okweminyaka emihlanu ezayo itsho ilizwi enkosini yami. Ungayizondeli inceku yakho, loba wena ulingana loFaro ngokwakhe. **19** Wangithuma phambi kwenu ukuba alilondolozele yakuyikulinywa loba ukuvuna. **7** Kodwa uNkulunkulu insalela emhlabeni njalo aphephise impilo zenu ngokukhulula okukhulu. **8** Ngakho-ke, kwakungayisini eseluphele. Umnewabo wafa, njalo yiyo yodwa eseleyo kanye lombusi weGibhithe lonke. **9** Manje, phangisani emadodenan kanina, ngakho uyise uyayithanda.’ **21** Wena wasusithi ezinckwini zakho, ‘Mletheni kimi kanye lombusi weGibhithe lonke. **10** Uzahlala esigodini saseGosheni ube ukuze ngimbone mina ngokwami.’ **22** Thina sathi yinkosi yalo lonke elaseGibhithe. Yehla uze kimi; enkosini yami, ‘Umfana ngeke asuka kuyise; nxa esuka kuye, uyise uzakufa.’ **23** Kodwa izinceku zakho wazitshela wathi, ‘Ngaphandle kokuba umnwawenu lemihlambi yakho yezimvu leyenkomo lakho konke ubuso bami.’ **24** Sathi ukubuyela encekwini yakho olakho. **11** Ngizakunakekela ukhonapho ngoba kuseza ubaba, samtshela lokho okwakutshiwo yinkosi yami. eminye iminyaka emihlanu yendlala. Kungenjalo **25** Ubaba wasesithi, ‘Buyelani liyethenga okunye wena lomuzi wakho, labo bonke abangabakho njalo ukudla.’ **26** Kodwa thina sathi, ‘Ngeke siye lizahawukelwa.’ **12** Liyazibonela ngokwenu, njengoba khona. Kuphela nxa umnwawethu omncane elathi, lomnawami uBhenjamini ebona, ukuthi yimi mina singahamba. Ngeke sibubone ubuso bendoda leyo ngeqiniso engikhuluma lan. **13** Limtshela ubaba ngaphandle kokuba umnwawethu omncane silaye.’ **27** ngalo lonke udumo engiluphiwayo eGibhithe langakho Inceku yakho ubaba yathi kithi, ‘Liyakwazi ukuthi konke elikubonileyo. Ubaba limtlethe ngokuphangisa umkami wangizalela amadodana amabili. **28** Omunye lapha.’ **14** Wasegona umnawakhe uBhenjamini, wakhala, loBhenjamini wamanga ekhala. **15** Njalo wabanga bonke abafowabo ekhala kulowo laelowo. wabo wasuka kimi, ngathi, ‘Ngempela udlithiziwe ngeqiniso engikhuluma lan. **16** Ngemva kwalokho abafowabo baxoxa laye. **29** Manje lingangithathela lalo Kwathi ukuba izindaba zifike esigodlweni sikaFaro futhi abesehelwelwa ngokubi, lizakwehlisela ikhanda ukuthi abafowabo bakajosefa babefikile, uFaro lami eliyimpunga engcwabeni ngidabukile kakhulu.’ lezikhulu zakhe bathokoza. **17** UFaro wathi, kujosefa, (*Sheol h7585*) **30** Ngakho-ke, nxa umfana singelaye “Tshela abafowenu uthi, ‘Yenzani lokhu: Thwalisani lapha eGibhithe lisenzela abantwabenu, labomkenu, zonye ngobalokho kanye lemizi yenu kimi. Ngizalipha lithathe uyihi lize laye. **20** Lingazihluphi ngempahla umhlabo omuhle kakhulu lapha eGibhithe, likholise amanono elizwe.’ **19** Uyalawa njalo ukuthi ubatshela uthi, ‘Yenzani lokhu: Thathani izinqola ezithile komfana kubaba. Ngathi, ‘Nxa ngingambuyisi kuwe, lapha eGibhithe lisenzela abantwabenu, labomkenu, ngizawuthwala lowomlandu kuwe, baba, impilo yami yonke!’ **31** Ngakho-ke ngiyacela ukuthi uvumele lithathe uyihi lize laye. **21** Ngakho amadodana ka-Israyeli akwenza inceku yakho isale lapha njengesichaka senkosi zenu ngoba okuhle konke kwaseGibhithe kuzakuba yami esikhundleni somfana, yena umfana akhululwe ngokwenu.’ **22** Ngulowo lalowo wamupha iziqqoko ezintsha, ahambe labanewabo. **34** Ngingabuyela ngithini kubaba kukaFaro, wabuye wabapha umphako wendlela. umfana ngingelaye? Hatshil! Ungangenzi ngibone usizi olungamehlela ubaba.” **23** Njalo nanku akuphathisela uyise: obabhemti abalitshumi bethwele konke okuhle kwaseGibhithe, labobabhemti abasikazi abalitshumi bebhensiswa ngamabele lesinkwa lokunye okomphako wakhe wendlela. **24** Wasevaleliswa abafowabo, bathi sebesuka wathi kubo, “Lingaxabani endleleni!” **25** Ngakho basuka baphuma eGibhithe bayafika kuyise ujakhobe elizweni laseKhenani. **26** Bamtshela bathi, “Ujosefa ulokhu ephil! Isibili ungumbusi walo lonke elaseGibhithe.” Ujakhobe waphela amandla; kazange abakholwe. **27** Kodwa kwathi lapho seberntshelile konke ujosefa ayekutshilo kubo, njalo esebone izinqola ujosefa ayethe zizomthiwala zimlethe, umoya kayise, ujakhobe wavuseleleka. **28** ngenxa yokungithengisa lapha, ngoba kwakuyikusiza

**45** Ujosefa wehluleka ukuzibamba phambi kwazo zonke izinceku zakhe, wasememeza wathi, “Sukani lonke lapha kimi!” Ngakho kakho owayekhona loJosefa lapho eziweza kubafowabo. **2** Wakhala kakhulu euphumisela amaGibhithe amuzwa, labendlu kaFaro bezwa ngalokho. **3** Ujosefa wathi kubafowabo, “Mina nginguJosefa! Kambe ubaba usaphila na?” Kodwa abafowabo behluleka ukumphendula ngoba besaba kakhulu bephambi kwakhe. **4** Ujosefa wasesithi kubafowabo, “Sondelani kimi.” Bathi sebekwenzile lokho wathi, “Ngingumfowenu ujosefa, yena lowo elamthengisela eGibhithe! **5** Kodwa manje lingakhathazeki njalo lingaze lazisola ngenxa yokungithengisa lapha, ngoba kwakuyikusiza

U-Israyeli wathi, "Sengisuthisekile! Indodana yami uJosefa isaphila. Ngizahamba ngiyeyibona ngingakafi."

**46** Ngakho u-Israyeli wasesuka kanye lakho konke okwakungokwakhe, wathi ngukufika eBherishebha wenza umhlatshelo kuNkulunkulu kayise u-Isaka. **2** UNkulunkulu wakhulumu ku-Israyeli ngombono ebusuku wathi, "Jakhobe! Jakhobe!" Waphendula wathi, "Ngilapha." **3** Wathi, "NginguNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kayihlo. Ungesabi ukwehlela eGibhithe, ngoba ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esikhulu khonale. **4** Mina ngizahamba lawe khonale eGibhithe, njalo ngiqinisisle, ngizaphinde ngikubuyise. Isandla sikaJosefa ngokwaso sizakugoqa." **5** UJakhobe wasesuka eBherishebha, kwathi amadodana ka-Israyeli amthatha uyise uJakhobe, labantwababo kanye labomkabo babafaka ezingoleni uFaro ayezithumele ukubathwala ngazo. **6** Bathatha njalo lezifuyo zabo kanye layo yonke impahlia yabo ababeyiqoile eKhenani, uJakhobe losendo Iwakhe lonke baya eGibhithe. **7** Wathatha amadodana akhe, labazukulu bakhe, lamadodakazi akhe lamadodakazi awo, sonke isizukulwane sakhe, waya eGibhithe. **8** La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli (ujakhobe labazukulu bakhe) abahambayo eGibhithe: uRubheni izibulo likajakhobe. **9** Amadodana kaRubheni ayeyila: uHanokhi, uPhalu, uHezironi, kanye loKhami. **10** Amadodana kaSimiyoni ayeyila: uJemuyeli, uJamini, u-Ohadi, uJakhini, uZohari kanye loShawuli indodana yomfazi ongumKhenani. **11** Amadodana kaLevi ayeyila: uGeshoni, uKhohathhi kanye loMerari. **12** Amadodana kajuda ayeyila: u-Eri, u-Onani, uShela, uPherezi kanye loZera (kodwa u-Eri lo-Onani babelefe elizweni laseKhenani). Amadodana kaPherezi ayeyila: uHezironi loHamuli. **13** Amadodana ka-Isakhari ayeyila: uThola, uPhuwa, uJashubi kanye loShimroni. **14** Amadodana kaZebhuluni ayeyila: uSeredi, u-Eloni kanye loJahileli. **15** La ayengamadodana uLeya awazalela uJakhobe ePhadani Aramu, ngaphandle kwendodakazi yakhe uDina. Amadodana la lamadodakazi akhe babengamatshumi amathathu sebebonke. **16** Amadodana kaGadi ayeyila: uZifiyoni, uHagi, uShuni, u-Ezibhoni, u-Eri, u-Arodi kanye lo-Areli. **17** Amadodana ka-Asher ayeyila: u-Imna, u-Ishiva, u-Ishivi loBheriya. Udadewabo wayenguSera. Amadodana kaBheriya ayeyila: uHebheri loMalikhiyeli. **18** Laba ngabantwana abazalelwa uJakhobe nguZilipha, uLabhani ayemuphe indodakazi yakhe uLeya, belitshumi lesithupha sebebonke. **19** Amadodana omkajakhobe uRasheli ayeyila: uJosefa loBhenjamini. **20** EGibhithe uJosefa wazala uManase lo-Efrayimi ku-Asenath indodakazi kaPhothifera, umphristi ka-Oni. **21** Amadodana kaBhenjamini ayeyila: uBhela, uBhekheri, u-Ashibheli, uGera, uNamani, u-Ehi, uRoshi, uMuphimu, uHuphimu kanye lo-Adi. **22** La ayengamadodana kaRasheli awazalela uJakhobe, elitshumi lane esewonke. **23** Indodana kaDani: yayinguHushimu. **24** Amadodana kaNafithali ayeyila: uJaziyeli, uGun, uJezeri kanye loShilemu. **25** La ayengamadodana kajakhobe awazala loBhiliha,

uLabhani ayemuphe indodakazi yakhe uRasheli, beyisikhombisa bebonke. **26** Bonke labo abaya eGibhithe loJakhobe, ababeyinzalo yegazi lakhe, kungabalwa omalukazana bakhe, kwakungabantu abangamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha. **27** Sekubalwa lamadodana amabili azalwa nguJosefa eGibhithe, abendlu kajakhobe abaya eGibhithe babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa sebebonke. **28** UJakhobe wasethuma uJuda phambi kwakhe kuJosefa ukuba amlayele indlela eya eGosheni. Bathi sebefikile emangweni waseGosheni, **29** uJosefa walungiselwa inqola yakhe waqonda eGosheni ukuyahlangana loyise u-Israyeli. UJosefa wonela ukumbona nje, wamgona uyise, wakhala okwesikhathi eside. **30** U-Israyeli wathi kujosefa, "Manje sengikulungele ukufa, ngoba sengizibonele mina ngokwami ukuthi usaphila." **31** UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo lakubo bonke abomuzi kayise, "Ngizahamba ngiyekhuluma loFaro ngithi kuye, Abafowethu kanye labendlu kababa ababehlala elizweni laseKhenani sebebuyile kimi. **32** Amadoda la angabelusi; belusa izifuyo, ngakho beze lemihlambi yabo yezimvu leyenkomo lakho konke abalakho." **33** Nxa uFaro angalibiza alibuze athi, "Umsebenzi wenu ngowani?" **34** libophendula lithi, 'Izinceku zakho zingabelusi bezfuyo kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kuge khathesi, njengabokhokho bethu.' Lapho-ke lizavunyelwa ukwakha emangweni waseGosheni, ngoba bonke abelusi bayeyiseka kumaGibhithe."

**47** UJosefa wahamba wayatshela uFaro wathi, "Ubaba labafowethu, kanye lemihlambi yabo yezimvu lenkomo, kanye lakho konke abalakho sebefikile bevela elizweni laseKhenani, okwamanje sebeseGosheni." **2** Wakhetha abafowabo abahlana wabethula kuFaro. **3** UFaro wababuza abafowabo laba wathi, "Umsebenzi wenu ngowani na?" Baphendula uFaro bathi, "Izinceku zakho zingabelusi, njengalokho ababeyikho okhokho bethu." **4** Babuya bathi kuye, "Size ukuzohlala lapha okwesikhathi esithile, ngoba indlala inkulu kakhulu eKhenani, njalo lemihlambi yezincke zakho kayilamadlelo. Manje-ke sicela ukuthi uvumele izinceku zakho zakhe eGosheni." **5** UFaro wathi kujosefa, "Uyihlo labafowenu beze kuwe, **6** lelizwe laseGibhithe uyalibona; hlalisa uyihlo labafowenu endaweni enhle kakhulu yelizwe. Wothi bahlale eGosheni. Njalo nxa bekhona abanye babo abalwazi oluqakathetkileyo, kabakhangele imihlambi yami." **7** Ngakho uJosefa waseletha uyise uJakhobe wamethula kuFaro. UJakhobe esembusile uFaro, **8** uFaro wambuza wathi, "Usumdale kangakanani na?" **9** UJakhobe wathi kuFaro, "Iminyaka yokuhamba kwami ilikhulu lamatshumi amathathu. Iminyaka yami ibimilutshwana njalo ibinzima, njalo kayifikasi iminyaka yokuhamba kwabokhokho bami." **10** UJakhobe wasembusa uFaro, uFaro wasesuka kuye. **11** Ngakho uJosefa wasehlalisa uyise labafowabo eGibhithe, wabapha indawo enhle kulazo zonke elizweni, esiqintini saseRamesesi, njengokulaya kukaFaro. **12** UJosefa waphinda wapha uyise labafowabo kanye lendlu yonke kayise ukudla, kusiya ngobunengi babantwababo.

**13** Kwakungelakudla elizweni lonke ngoba indlala bami, ungithwale ngisuke eGibhithe uyongimbela yayibhahile; iGibhithe leKhenani womabili amazwe lapho abalele khona.” Wathi, “Ngizakwenza njengoba esevuthuzekile ngenxa yendlala. **14** Ujosefa wayiqoqa yonke imali eyayitholakala eGibhithe laseKhenani eyayingeyokuthenga amabele, wayiletha esigodlweni sikaFaro. **15** Kwathi imali yabantu baseGibhithe labaseKhenani isiphelile, abaseGibhithe bonke bez a kujosefa bathi, “Siphe ukudla. Singafelani kambe phambi kwamehlo akho? Imali yethu isiphelile.” **16** Ujosefa wathi, “Lethani izifuyo zenu. Ngizalithengisela ukudla libhadale ngezifuyo zenu, njengoba imali yenu isiphelile.” **17** Ngakho basebeletha izifuyo zabo kujosefa, wabapha ukudla bebbadala ngamabhiza abo, lezimvu kanye lembuzi zabo, lenkomo kanye labobabhemu babo. Wabaphutshisa lowomnyaka ngokudla bekubhadala ngezifuyo zabo. **18** Lowomnyaka usuphelile, beza kuye ngomnyaka olandelayo bathi, “Ngeke sayifihela inkosi yethu ukuthi njengoba imali yethu isiphelile, ikanti lezifuyo zethu ngezakho, kakusekho okusayisalele inkosi yethu ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu leziqinti zethu kuphela. **19** Kambe sesingaze sife nje usikhangele, thina kanye lelizwe lethu lalo? Sithenge kanye lelizwe lethu usiphe ukudla, kuzakuthi thina kanye lelizwe lethu sibe sebugilini kuFaro. Siphe inhlanyelo ukuze siphile, singafi, njalo ukuze ilizwe lingabi yinkangala.” **20** Ngakho-ke ujosefa waselithengela uFaro lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. AmaGibhithe wonke athengisa amasimu awo ngoba indlala yayisiwabahale okubi. Ilizwe laselisiba ngelikafaro, **21** ujosefa wasebagilaza abantu, kusukela ngapha kwelizwe laseGibhithe kusiya ngale kwalo. **22** Kodwa kayithenganga indawo yabaphristi, ngoba babephiwa isabelo nguFaro, yikho babelakho ukudla okwaneleyo kusuka kuFaro. Yikho bengawuthengisanga owabo umhlabo. **23** Ujosefa wathi ebantwini, “Njengoba sengilithengile lina lomhlaba wenu lamuhla ukuba libe ngabakaFaro, nansi inhlanyelo ukuze lhlanyele emhlabathini. **24** Kodwa nxa amabele esevoqwa phanini okobuhlanu bawo kuFaro. Ezinye izingxene ezine kwezinhanlu lizgcinele inhlanyelo yamasimu njalo kubo yikudla kwenu, lemizi yenu kanye labantwabenu.” **25** Bathi, “Uzisindisile impilo zethu. Sengathi singathola umusa enkosini yethu; sizakuba yizigqili kuFaro.” **26** Kunjalo ujosefa wakumisa kwaba ngumthetho eGibhithe mayelana lomhlaba, okulokhu kulandelwa lalamuhla, ukuthi ingxene eyodwa kokuhlu ngekaFaro. Kwakungumhlaba wabaphristi kuphela ongazange ube ngokaFaro. **27** Ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bazinza eGibhithe esigodini saseGosheni. Bazuza izifuyo ezinengi khona njalo bazalana kakhulu banda ngobunengi. **28** UJakhobe wahlala eGibhithe okweminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa, iminyaka yokuphila kwakhe yaba likhulu lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa. **29** Kwathi isikhathi sesisondele ukuba u-Israyeli afe, wabiza indodana yakhe ujosefa wathi kuyo, “Uba ngifumene umusa kuwe, beka isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami uthembise ukuthi uzangenzela umusa lokuthembeka. Ungangincwabi eGibhithe, **30** kodwa nxa sengiphumule labokhokho

bami, ungithwale ngisuke eGibhithe uyongimbela yayibhahile; iGibhithe leKhenani womabili amazwe lapho abalele khona.” Wathi, “Ngizakwenza njengoba esevuthuzekile ngenxa yendlala. **31** Wathi, “Funga kimi.” Ngakho ujosefa wafunga kuye, u-Israyeli wasekhothamela emakhanda ombheda wakhe.

**48** Emva kwasikhathshana ujosefa wabikelwa ukuthi, “Uyihlo uyagula.” Ngakho wathatha amadodana akhe womabili, uManase lo-Efrayimi wahamba lawo. **2** UJakhobe esetsheliwe kwathiwa, “Indodana yakho ujosefa isifikile kuwe,” u-Israyeli wazibamba ngamandla wavuka embhedeni. **3** UJakhobe wathi kujosefa, “UNkulunkulu uSomandla wabonakala kimi eLuzi elizweni laseKhenani, khonapho wangibusisa. **4** Wathi kimi, ‘Ngizakwenza ube lenzalo enengi kakhulu. Ngizalenza libe yisizwe sabantu, njalo ngizakupha izizukulwane zakho lelizwe libe yilifa lazo elingapheliyo ngemva kwakho.’ **5** Zwana-ke, amadodana akho amabili owawazalela eGibhithe ngingakabuyi lapha kuwe azathathwa njengawami; u-Efrayimi loManase bazakuba ngabami, kanjengoba uRubenhi loSimiyoni bengabami. **6** Lababantwana abazelwe ngemva kwabo bazakuba ngabakho; kulesosigodi esizakuba yilifa labo bazabhaliswa ngaphansi kwamabizo abanewabo. **7** Ngathi ngibuya ngivela ePhadani, ngehlelwa lusizi ngafelwa nguRasheli elizweni laseKhenani silokhu sisendleleni, bucwaldana kwe-Efrathi. Ngamngcwaba khonapho eceleni kwendlela eya e-Efrathi” (kutsho eBhethilehema). **8** U-Israyeli wathi ngokubona amadodana kajosefa wabuza wathi, “Ngobani laba?” **9** Ujosefa wathi kuyise, “Ngamadodana uNkulunkulu anginike wona lapha.” U-Israyeli wasesithi, “Balethe kimi ukuze ngibabusise.” **10** Ngalesosikhathi amehlo ka-Israyeli ayesefiphala ngenxa yokuluphala, engasabonisisi. Ngakho ujosefa wasondeza amadodana akhe kuye, uyise wawanga wawagona. **11** U-Israyeli wathi kujosefa, “Ngangingathembi ukuthi ngizaphinda ngibubone ubuso bakho njalo, ikanti manje uNkulunkulu usengivumele ukubona labantwabakho labo.” **12** Ujosefa wasebasusa emadolweni ka-Israyeli wakhothamela phansi ngobuso. **13** Ujosefa wasebathatha bobabili, u-Efrayimi kwasokunene sakhe eqondane lesokhohlo sika-Israyeli, kwathi uManase waba ngakwesokhohlo waqondana lesokunene sika-Israyeli, wabasondeza kuye. **14** Kodwa u-Israyeli welula isandla sakhe sokunene wasibeka ekhanda lika-Efrayimi, loba nje yena wayengomncinyane, wasenqumisa izingalo zakhe zaphambana, wabeka isandla sakhe sokhohlo ekhanda likaManase, loba nje uManase wayelizibulo. **15** Ngakho wasebusisa ujosefa wathi, “Sengathi uNkulunkulu wabokhohlo bami, u-Abrahama lo-Isaka, abahamba phambi kwakhe, uNkulunkulu obengumelusi wami ukuphila kwami konke kuze kubo namuhla, **16** Ingilosii engilihengileyo kuzozonke izingozi, sengathi angabusisa abafana laba. Sengathi bangabizwa ngebizo lami langamabizo abobabamkhulu u-Abrahama lo-Isaka, njalo sengathi banganda kakhulu emhlabeni.” **17** Kwathi ujosefa ebona uyise ebeka isandla sakhe sokunene ekhanda lika-

Efrayimi akwaze kwamthokozisa; ngakho wasibamba isandla sikayise wasisusa ekhanda lika-Efrayimi ukuthi "Ngiyazi, ndodana yami, niyazi. Laye njalo uzakuba ngabantu abanengi, njalo laye uzakuba mkhulu. Loba kunjalo, umnawakhe uzakuba mkhulu kulaye lezizukulwane zakhe zizakuba ngamaxuku ezizwe." 20 Wababusisa ngalolususo wathi, "Ngebizo lakho u-Israyeli uzakutsho lesibusiso: 'Sengathi uNkulunkulu angakwenza ubenjego-Efrayimi loManase.'" Ngakho wabeka u-Efrayimi phambi kukaManase. 21 U-Israyeli wasesithi kujosefa, "Sengizakufa, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuba lani, alibuyisele elizweni labokhoko benu. 22 Wena, njengomuntu olawula abanewenu, ngikunika umqolo welizwe engawemuka ama-Amori ngenkemba yami lomtshoko wami."

**49** Ujakhobe wabiza amadodana akhe wathi: "Sondelani eduze ngilitshele lokho okuzakwenzakala kini ensukwini eezayo. 2 Buthanani lilalele, madodana kajakhobe, lalelanii kuyihlo u-Israyeli. 3 URubheni, ulizibulo lami, amandalami, isibonakaliso sokuqala samandala ami, ukuphelela ngodumo, ukuphelela ngamandala. 4 Uhlokoma njengamanzi, kawusayikuba liciko, ngoba wakhwela embhedeni kayihlo, waya phezu kwasihlalo sami wasingcolisa. 5 USimiyoni loLevi bayizelamani inkemba zabo yizikhali zodlakela. 6 Mangingangeni enkundleni yabo, mangingangeni emhlanganweni wabo, ngoba bababulala abantu ngokuthukuthela kwabo njalo inkabi baziquma imisipha santando. 7 Luqalekisiwe ulaka lwabo, lwesabeka kubi, lentukuthelo yabo, ilesihluku esibi! Ngizakubachithiza kujakhobe, njalo ngibahlakaze ko-Israyeli. 8 Juda, abafowenu bazakudumisa; isandla sakho sizakuba sentanyeni yezitha zakho; amadodana kayihlo azakukhethama. 9 Ungumlwane wesilwane, Oh Juda; uvela ekuzingeleni, ndodana yami. Njengesilwane uyacathama alale phansi, njengesilwanekazi, ngubani olesibindi sokumhlokoza? 10 Intonga yobukhosu kayiyikusuka kuJuda, lobu umqwayi wombusi phakathi kwezinyawo zakhe, aze ayofika kumnini wayo lokulalela kwezizwe kukuye. 11 Uzabophela ubabhemi wakhe evinini, inkonyane kababhemu wakhe ogatsheni oluhle; uzagezisa izembatho zakhe ngewayini, iziqqoko zakhe egazini lamagrebisi. 12 Amehlo akhe azathuba okudlula iwayini, amazinyo akhe abe mhlophe kulochago. 13 UZebhuluni uzahlala okhunjini lolwandle abe lithetu lemikhumbi; umngcele wakhe uzaqhelela eSidoni. 14 U-Isakhari ulithambo likabahemi eliolohlonzi olele ephahlwe ngamasaka amabili emithwalo. 15 Uthi nxa ebona ubuhle bendawo yakhe yokuphumula lokubukeka kwelizwe lakhe, uzakwehlisa ihlombe lakhe ukuthwala umthwalo azimisele emsebenzini wesigilo. 16 UDani uzakwahlulela kahle abantu bakiboko njengesinye sezizwe zako-Israyeli. 17 UDani uzakuba yinyoka esemgwaqweni, inhlangwana elele endleleni,

eluma izithende zebhiza ukuze umgadi walo atshelele aye emuva. 18 Ngilindele ukuhlenga kwakho, Oh koda, Thixo. 19 UGadi uzahlasela liquila lamanxusa, kodwa uzabahlasela bamuphe izithende zabo. 20 Ukdla kwelakhe ikhanda." 19 Kodwa uyise wala, wathi, kuka-Asher kuzakuba ngokunonileyo, uzakupha komthombo, elimagatsha alo akhwela emdulini. 21 UNafithali yimpalakazi okumnandi okufanele inkosi. 22 UJosefa abahlaseli bemitshoko bamhlasela ngolaka; bmciba ngenzondo embi. 23 Kodwa kawalazelanga ngedandili lakhe, ingalo zakhe eziqinileyo zala zilokhu ziqinile ngenxa yesandla soMninizimandla kajakhobe, ngenxa kaMalusi, iDwala lika-Israyeli, 25 ngenxa kaNkulunkulu kayihlo, okusizayo, ngenxa kaSomandla okubusiso ngezibusiso zasezulwini ngaphezulu, izibusiso zolwandle olungaphansi, izibusiso zebele lenzalo. 26 Izibusiso zikayihlo zinkulu kulezibusiso zezintaba zekadeni, kulezithelo zamaqaqa adabuka endulo. Zonke lezi kazhelele ekhanda likaJosefa, ebunzini lenkosana phakathi kwabafowabo. 27 UBhenjamini yimpisi ephangayo; ekuseni uyakudlithiza akujimbileyo, ntambama akwabe." 28 Zonke lezi yizizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli, njalo yikho lokho uyise akutsho kubo lapho wayebabusa, esipha ilowo larollo isibusiso esimfaneleyo. 29 Emva kwalokho wasebanika imilayo le: "Sekusondele ukuba ngimbewle ebantwini bakithi. Lingimbele labokhoko ebhalwini ensimini ka-Efroni umHithi, 30 ubhalu olusensimini kaMakhaphela, eduze leMamure eKhenani, eyathengwa ngu-Abhrahamma kanye lensimu leyo ku-Efroni umHithi, ukuba yindawo yokungcwaba. 31 Khonapho kwangcwatshwa u-Abhrahamma lomkakhe uSara, kwembelwa u-Isaka lomkakhe uRabheka, njalo khonapho ngambela uLeya. 32 Insimu kanye lobhalu oluphakathi kwathengwa kumaHithi." 33 Kwathi ujakhobe eseqedile ukunika imilayezo emadodaneni akhe, wakhweza inyawo zakhe embhedeni, waphefumula okokucina, wasiwa kwabakibo.

**50** UJosefa waziphosela phezu kukayise wamkhalela, wasemanga. 2 UJosefa waselaya izinyanga ezazingaphansi kwakhe ukuqhola umzimba kayise u-Israyeli. Ngakho izinyanga zamqholo, 3 zathatha insuku ezingamatshumi amane ezigcweleyo, ngoba kwakuthatha isikhathi esingako ukuqhola. AmaGibhithe amlilela insuku ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. 4 Insuku zokulila sezedlule, uJosefa wathi kuziphathamandla zikaFaro, "Nxa ngifumane umusa kini, ngikhulumelani kuFaro. Mtsheleni lithi, 5 'Ubaba wangifungisa isifungo wathi, "Sengizakufa; lingimbele ethuneni engazigebhela lona mina ngokwami elizweni laseKhenani." Manjeke ake ungivumele ngihambe ngiyongcwaba ubaba; besengiphenduka." 6 UFaro wathi, "Hamba uyongcwaba uyihi, njengoba wakufungisa ukuthi uzakwenza." 7 Ngakho uJosefa wahamba wayangcwaba uyise. Zonke izikhulu zikaFaro zamphakathi kanye lazozonke izikhulu

zaseGibhithe, **8** ngaphandle kwabo bonke abendlu kaJosefa labafowabo lalabo ababe ngabendlu kayise. EGosheni kwasala kuphela abantwana lemihlambi yabo yezimvu leyenkomo. **9** Wahamba elezinqola zempi labakhweli bamabhiza. Kwakulixuku elikhulu. **10** Bathi ngokufika esizeni sika-Athadi eduze kweJodani basiqhinqa isililo esikhulu esibuhlungu; kwathi khonapho ujosefa wazilela uyise okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **11** Kwathi amaKhenani ayehlala eduzane ebona ukulila lokho esizeni sika-Athadi athi, “AmaGibhithe alenkonzo yawo yokulila.” Yikhoneje leyondawo eseduze kweJodani ithiwa yi-Abheli Mizarayimi. **12** Ngalokho amadodana kajakhobe enza lokho uyise abalaya khona: **13** Bamthwalela elizweni laseKhenani bayamngcwaba ebalwini olwalusensimini kaMakhaphela, eduze leMamure, u-Abhrahamama aluthenga kanye lensimu ku-Efroni umHithi ukuthi kube yindawo yokungcwaba. **14** Esemngcwabile uyise ujosefa wabuyela eGibhithe kanye labafowabo labo bonke ababehambe laye ukuyangcwaba uyise. **15** Abafowabo bakajosefa sebebonile ukuthi uyise sefile, bathi, “Kambe ujosefa kasibekelanga isikhwili yini abesefuna ukuphindisela ngakho konke esamona ngakho?” **16** Ngakho bathumela ilizwi kujosefa besithi, “Uyihlo watshiya imilayo le engakafi: **17** ‘Nanku elimele likutsho kujosefa: Ngiyakucela ukuthi uxolele abafowenu izono leziphambeko abazenzayo ngokukuphatha kubi kangaka.’ Manje siyacela ukuthi uthethelele izono zezincke zikaNkulunkulu kayihlo.” Kwathi ilizwi labo selfikile kuye ujosefa wakhala. **18** Abafowabo beza bafika bazilahla phansi phambi kwakhe. Bathi, “Siyizigqili zakho.” **19** Kodwa ujosefa wathi kubo, “Lingesabi. Mina ngisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu na? **20** Lalihlose ukungenza okubi, kodwa uNkulunkulu wayehlose ubuhle ngakho ukuze kugcwalseke lokhu okwenzakalayo khathesi, ukuphephisa impilo ezinengi. **21** Ngakho-ke, lingesabi. Ngizalinatekela lina labantwabenu.” Wababeka isibindi wabakhulumisa ngomusa. **22** Ujosefa wahlala eGibhithe kanye labo bonke abendlu kayise. Waphila okweminyaka elikhulu letshumi, **23** wabona isizukulwane sesithathu sabantwana baka-Efrayimi. Njalo labantwana bakaMakhiri indodana kaManase bathi bezalwa babekwa emadolweni kajosefa. **24** Ujosefa wasesithi kubafowabo, “Sengiseduze lokufa. Kodwa ngempela uNkulunkulu uzalisiza alikhuphe kulelilizwe alise elizweni alithembisa ngesifungo ku-Abhrahamama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe.” **25** Ujosefa wasefungisa amadodana ka-Israyeli isifungo wathi, “UNkulunkulu uzalisiza, yikho kumele lithwale amathambo ami lisuke lawo kule indawo.” **26** Ujosefa wasesifa eseleminyaka yobudala elikhulu letshumi. Bathi sebemqholile, isidumbu sakhe basibeka ebhokisini eGibhithe.

# U-Eksodus

**1** La ngamabizo amadodana ka-Israyeliaya eGibhithe loJakhobe, munye ngamunye lelumi yakhe: **2** uRubheni, uSimioni, uLevi loJuda; **3** u-Isakhari, uZebuluni loBhenjamini, **4** uDani loNaftihali; uGadi lo-Asheri. **5** Inzalo yonke kajakhobe yayingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. UJosefa wayevele eseseGibhithe. **6** Kwathi ujosefa labo bonke abafowabo kanye lasosonke lesosizukulwane sebefile, **7** abako-Israyeli bazalana banda kakhlulu, okokuthi ilizwe lonke lagcwala ngabo. **8** Kwasekusiba lenye inkosi eyayingazi lutho ngoJosefa, yaba ngumbusi eGibhithe. **9** Yathi ebantwini bayo, "Khangelani, abantu bako-Israyeli sebebanengi kakhlulu kulathi. **10** Asiboneni amacebo esingawenza ngabo funa bande kakhlulu kuthi lapho kuhamuka impi, babambane lezitha zethu, balwe lathi, besebesuka elizweni." **11** Ngakho babeka izinduna zezigqili ukuthi zibasebenzise kanzima, bakha iPhithomi leRamesesi aba ngamadolobho eziphalazikaFaro. **12** Kodwa kwathi ngokuhulutshwa kwabo ngamandla, labo banda kakhlulu basabalala; okwenza amaGibhithe abesaba abako-Israyeli **13** asebasebenzisa ngochuku. **14** Enza impilo yabo yaba nzima kakhlulu betshaya izitina lokuvoxa udaka besenza leminye yonke imisebenzi yemasimini. Kuyo yonke imisebenzi enzima amaGibhithe abasebenzisa ngochuku. **15** Inkosi yaseGibhithe yathi kubabelethisi bamaHebheru okwakuthiwa nguShifira loPhuwa, **16** "Nxa libelethisa abafazi bamaHebheru, lingabona kuzelwe umfana kufanele limbulale; kodwa nxa kuyinkazana, liyiyekel iphile." **17** Kodwa ababelethisi babemesaba uNkulunkulu, ngakho abakwenzanga lokho ababekutshelwe yinkosi yaseGibhithe. **18** Sekube njalo, inkosi yaseGibhithe yababiza ababelethisi yathi kubo, "Kungani lenze lokhu? Kungani liyekeli abafana baphila?" **19** Ababelethisi bamphendula uFaro bathi, "Abafaza bamaHebheru abafani labafazi bamaGibhithe; balamandla baphanga babelethe ababelethisi bengakafiki." **20** Ngakho uNkulunkulu waba lomusa kubo ababelethisi, abantu banda baba banengi kakhlulu. **21** Njalo njengoba ababelethisi bamesaba uNkulunkulu, wabapha ezabo izimuli. **22** UFaro wasesipha abantu bakhe bonke umlayo othi: "Wonke umfana womHebheru ozalwayo kufanele aphoselwe emfuleni uNayili, kodwa wonke amankazana liwayekeli aphile."

**2** Kwasekusithi eyinye indoda esizweni sakoLevi yathatha owesifazane ongumLevi, **2** wazithwala wabeletha indodana. Wabona ukuthi umntwana wayemuhle kakhlulu, wasemfihihlo okwezinyanga ezintathu. **3** Kodwa kwathi lapho sekusehlula ukuthi amfihle, wenza isitsa semizi, wasibhada ngodaka lengcino. Wafaka umntwana phakathi kwaso wayasibeka okhunjini lomfula uNayili phakathi kwemihlanga. **4** Udadewabo wema bucwala ukuba abone okwenzakala kuye. **5** Indodakazi kaFaro yehlela emfuleni ukuyageza, amantombazana ayikhangelayo

ayehamba okhunjini lomfula. Yasisibona isitsha phakathi kwemihlanga yathuma inceukazi yayo ukuyasithatha. **6** Yasivula yambona umntwana. Wayekhala, yasimzwela usizi yathi, "Lo ngomunye wabantwana bamaHebheru." **7** Udadewabo wasesithi endodakazini kaFaro, "Ngingayakudingela omunye wabesifazane bamaHebheru ukuthi akondlele umntwana na?" **8** Yasisithi, "Yebo, hamba." Intombazana yasuka yayabiza unina womntwana. **9** Indodakazi kaFaro yathi kuye, "Mthathe lumntwana ungondlele yena, ngizakupha isondlo." Ngakho owesifazane wamthatha umntwana wamondla. **10** Esekhlule umntwana, wamthatha wamus endodakazini kaFaro wasesiba ngumntanayo. Yasimutha ibizo yathi nguMosi ngoba yathi, "Ngamkhupha emanzini." **11** Ngelinje ilanga, uMosi esekhlule, waya lapho okwakusebenzela khona abantu bakibo, wabona ukuthi babethwele nzima kanjani. Wabona umGibhithe etshaya umHebheru, omunye wabantu bakibo. **12** Wathi thala ngapha langapha wabona kungelamuntu, wasebulala umGibhithe wamfihihlo etshebetshaben. **13** Ngelanga elilandelayo waphuma njalo wabona amaHebheru amabili esilwa. Wasebuza lo owayephambanisile wathi, "Kungani utshaya owakini ongumHebheru na?" **14** Indoda leyo yathi, "Ngubani okwenze waba ngumbusi lomahluleli wethu? Usucabanga ukungibulala na njengoba ubulele umGibhithe?" Ngalokho uMosi wesaba wacabanga ukuthi, "Engxene engikwenzileyo sekusazakala." **15** Kwathi uFaro ekuzwa lokho, wazama ukubulala uMosi, kodwa uMosi wabalekela eMidiyani, lapho afika khona wahlala phansi eduze komthombo. **16** Umphristi waseMidiyani wayelamadodakazi ayisikhombisa, afika ezokukha amanzi lokukhelela imikolo ukuze anathise izimvu zikayise. **17** Kwafika abelusi abathile bawaxotsha, kodwa uMosi wasukuma wawalamulela wanathisa izimvu zavo. **18** Kwathi izintombi sezibyele kuyise eRuweli wazibusa esithi, "Kungani lamhla liphangisile ukuphenduka?" **19** Zaphendula zathi, "KulomGibhithe osilmulele kubelusi. Uze wasikhelela amanzi wanathisa lezimvu zethu." **20** Wawabuza amadodakazi akhe wathi, "Ungaphi? Limtshiyeleni? Mbizeni ukuze azothola okokudla." **21** UMosi wavuma ukuezahlala lale indoda, eyamnika indodakazi yayo uZiphora ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. **22** UZiphora wazala indodana, uMosi wayitha ibizo wathi nguGeshomu ngoba esithi, "Sengibe ngumuntu wezizweni endaweni yabezizweni." **23** Emva kwasikhathi eside, inkosi yaseGibhithe yafa. Abako-Israyeli bakhala babubula ebugqilini babo, kwasekusithi ukukhala kwabo becela usizo ngenxa yobugqili ababekubo kfafinyelela kuNkulunkulu. **24** UNkulunkulu wakuzwa ukububula kwabo wasekhumbula isivumelwano asenza lo-Abrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe. **25** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wakhangela abako-Israyeli, wakhathazeka ngabo.

**3** Kwathi uMosi eselusa izimvu zikayisezala uJethro, umphristi waseMidiyani, waseqhuba izimvu zaya kude ohlangothini lwenkangala wasefika

eHorebhi, intaba kaNkulunkulu. **2** Lapho-ke ingilosu ukuyanikela imihlatshelo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.’ kaThixo yabonakala kuye iphakathi kwamalangabi **19** Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuthi inkosi yaseGibhithe omilo esixukwini. UMosi wabona ukuthi loba ayiykulivumela ukuthi lihambe ngaphandle kokuba isixuku sasibhebha kasizange sitshe. **3** Ngakho incidezelwe yisandla esilamandla. **20** Ngakho uMosi wacabanga esithi, “Ngizasonda ngiyebona ngizakwelula isandla sami ngiwaytshayemba amaGibhithe isimanga lesi ukuba kungani isixuku singatshi ngazozonke izimanga engizazenza phakathi kwawo. silothe.” **4** Kwathi uThixo ebona ukuthi usesondele Ngemva kwalokho, izalivumela lihambe. **21** Njalo ukuba ayekhangela, uNkulunkulu wasememeza ngelizwi elaliphuma kulesosixuku wathi, “Mosi! ngizakwenza amaGibhithe abe lomusa kulababantu, Mosi!” **5** UMosi wathi, “Ngilapha.” **5** UNKulunkulu ukuze kuthi mhla lisuka lingahambi lingaphethe wathi, “Ungasondeli. Khupha amanyathela akho, lutho. **22** Wonke owestifazane kacele kumakhelwane ngoba indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele.” **6** Wasethi njalo, “NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo, lezizgqoko ezizaggokwa ngamadodana lamadodakazi uNkulunkulu ka-Abhraham, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka enu. Ngaleyondlela lizawemuka impahla amaGibhithe.” loNkulunkulu kajakhobe.” Ngalokhu, uMosi wafihla ubuso bakhe ngoba wayesesaba ukukhangela uNkulunkulu. **7** UThixo wasethi, “Impela ngilubonile usizi lwabantu bami eGibhithe. Ngibazwilebekhala ngenxa yezinduna zezigqili ezibancindezelayo, njalo ngyiakhathazeka ngokuhlupheka kwabo. **8** Ngakho ngehlile ukuzabakhulula ezandleni zamaGibhithe ngibakhuphe kulelolizwe ngibase elizweni elilendawo enengi, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, endaweni yamaKhenani, amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi. **9** Uukhala kwabako-Israyeli sekufikile kimi, njalo sengibonile lendlela amaGibhithe ababahlukuluza ngayo. **10** Ngakho suka uhambe. Ngikuthuma kuFaro ukuthi uyekhupha abantu bami abako-Israyeli elizweni laseGibhithe.” **11** Kodwa uMosi wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Kambe ngingubani ukuba ngyiye kuFaro ukuyakhupha abako-Israyeli elizweni laseGibhithe na?” **12** UNKulunkulu wasesithi, “Ngizakuba lawe. Lesi sizakuba yisibonakaliso sokuthi yimi engikuthumileyo: Nxa usubakhuphile abantu eGibhithe, lizakhonza uNkulunkulu kuyonale intaba.” **13** UMosi wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Aluba ngifika kwabako-Israyeli ngithi kubo, ‘UNKulunkulu waboyihlo unghithumile kini,’ besebengiba bathi, ‘Ungubani ibizo lakhe?’ Ngizakuthini kubo?” **14** UNKulunkulu wathi kuMosi, “Nginguye Onguye. Lokhu yikho ozakutsho kwabako-Israyeli ukuthi, ‘Unguye unghithumile kini.’” **15** UNKulunkulu wabuye wathi kuMosi, “Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi, ‘uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhraham, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka, loNkulunkulu kajakhobe unghithumile kini.’ Leli libizo lami laphakade, ibizo engizakunjuwlwa ngalo kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kwesinye isizukulwane. **16** Hamba ueyebuthanisa abadala bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, ‘uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhraham, ka-Isaka lojakhobe, ubonakele kimi wathi: Bengilikhangele njalo ngikubonile okwenziwe kini eGibhithe. **17** Futhi ngithembisile ukulikhupha osizini lwenu elikulo eGibhithe ngilise elizweni lamaKhenani, amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.” **18** Abadala bako-Israyeli bazakulalela. Kuzakuthi wena kanye labadala liye enkosini yaseGibhithe lithi kuyo, ‘uThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru uhlangane lathi. Sivumele sitathet uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu siye enkangala

**4** UMosi waphendula wathi, “Pho bangayekela ukungikhola loba ukulalela engikutshoyo bathi, ‘uThixo kazange abonakale kuwe?’” **2** UThixo wathi kuye, “Kuyini lokho okusesandleni sakho?” Waphendula wathi, “Yintonga.” **3** UThixo wathi, “Iphosele phansi emhlabathini.” UMosi wayiphosa phansi yasiphenduka yaba yinyoka, wayibalekela. **4** UThixo wasethi kuye, “Yelula isandla sakho uyibambe ngomsila.” UMosi welula isandla wayibamba inyoka yasiphenduka yaba yintonga esandleni sakhe. **5** UThixo wathi, “Lokhu yikwenzela ukuthi bakholwe ukuthi uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise, uNkulunkulu ka-Abhraham, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kajakhobe ubonakele kuwe.” **6** UThixo wabuye wathi, “Faka isandla sakho phakathi kwejazi lakho.” UMosi wasefaka isandla sakhe ejazini lakhe, kwathi lapho esesikhupha, sasesimhlophe njengongqwaqwane sesilobulephero. **7** Wathi njalo, “Sibuyisele isandla sakho ejazini lakho.” UMosi wasifaka isandla sakhe ejazini lakhe, wathi esesikhupha sasesibuyele esimeni saso, sesifanana lejwabu lakhe. **8** UThixo wasesithi, “Nxa bengayikuhola loba bengananzi izibonakaliso zokuqala, mhlawumbe bazakholwa ezesibili. **9** Kodwa nxa bengakholwa izibonakaliso lezi ezimbili loba bengakulaleli, uzathatha amanzi emfuleni uNayili uwathele emhlabathini owomileyo. Amanzi ozawathatha emfuleni azaphenduka abe ligazi emhlabathini owomileyo.” **10** UMosi wasesithi kuThixo, “Oh Thixo, ngixolele, angizange ngibe yisikhulumi kusukela emuva kuze kube lakhathesi ukhulumu lenceku yakho. Ngiyagagasa njalo ngilamalimi.” **11** UThixo wathi kuye, “Ngubani owapha umuntu umlomo? Ngubani omenza abe yisacuthe loba abe yisimungulu? Ngubani omenza abone loba abe yisiphofu? Akusimi uThixo na?” **12** Ngakho hamba, ngizakusiza ukuthi ukhulume njalo ngikufundise lokuthi uthini.” **13** Kodwa uMosi wathi, “Oh Thixo, ngicela uthume omunye ukuthi ayekwenza lokhu.” **14** UThixo wathukuthela, ulaka Iwakhe Iwavutha kuMosi, wathi, “Umflowenu u-Aroni, ongumLevi ke? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyenelisa ukukhuluma kuhle. Uvele usesndleleni ukuzahlangana lawe, njalo inhlizio yakhe izathokoza ukukubona. **15** Uzakhuluma laye ufake amazwi emlonyeni wakhe. Ngizaliphathisa lobabili

ukuthi likhulume njalo ngizalifundisa ukuthi lenzeni. **16** Yena uzakukhulumela ebantwini, njalo kuzakuba ukusebenza.” **6** Ngalelolanga uFarō wathumela lelilizwi sengani nguye ongumlomo wakho njalo kube angani ezinduneni zezigqili ezazisebenzisa abantu wathi: **7** wena unguNkulunkulu kuye. **17** Kodwa phatha intonga “Lingabe lisabapha abantu utshani bokwenza izitina. le esandleni sakho ukuze wenze izimangaliso ngayo.” Yekelani bayezidilingela utshani babo kodwa lingehlisi **18** UMosi wasebuyela kuyisezala uJethro wathi kuye, inani lezitina okumele bazenze. **8** Kumele ukuthi “Bengicela ukubuyela ebantwini bakithi eGibhithe batshaye inani abebelitshaya. Bangamavila, yikho ukuthi ngyiebona kumbe balokhu besaphilile.” UJethro besuka bakhale besithi, ‘Kasihambeni siyenikela wathi kuye, “Hamba kuhle.” **19** UThixo wayethe kuNkulunkulu wethu.’ **9** Yenzani umsebenzi ubenzima kuMosi eMidiyani, “Buyela eGibhithe, ngoba bonke kwabesilisa ukuze baqhubekele phambili ngomsebenzi abantu ababefuna ukukubulala sebafa.” **20** Ngakho batshiyana lokulalela amanga.” **10** Izinduna zezigqili uMosi wathatha umkakhe kanye lamadodana akhe, kanye labaphathi baphuma bayatshela abantu bathi, wabakhweza kubabhemu waqala uhampo lokubuyela “Nanku esikulaywe nguFarō, uthi, ‘Kangisoze ngilinike eGibhithe. Wathatha intonga kaNkulunkulu wayiphatha utshani futhi. **11** Hambani liyesika utshani lapho ngesandla. **21** UThixo wathi kuMosi, ‘Ekubuyeleni elingabuthola khona. Kodwa umsebenzi wenu kawusoze kwakho eGibhithe, bona ukuthi uyazenza zonke uphungulwe lakancinyane.’” **12** Ngakho abantu izimangaliso engikuphe amandla okuba uzenze phambi bahlakazeka kulolonke elaseGibhithe, besika imihlanga kukaFarō. Kodwa ngizakwenza inhlizyo yakhe ibe ukuze bayisebenzise esikhundleni sotshani. **13** Izinduna lukhuni ukuba angabavumeli abantu ukuthi basuke. **22** zezigqili zaqhubeka zibakhahlameza zisithi, “Qedani Uzakuthi kuFarō, ‘uThixo uthi u-Israyeli yindodana imisebenzi yansuku zonke njengalokho elalikwenza yami elizibulo, **23** njalo ngakutshela ngathi, “Vumela lisazuza utshani.” **14** Abaphathi bezisebenzi bako-indodana yami ihambé, ukuze iyengikhonza.” Kodwa Israyeli ababekhethwe yizinduna zezigqili zikaFarō wena wala ukuyivumela ukuba ihambé; ngakho batshaywa bebuzwa ukuthi, “Kungani inani lezolo ngizabulala indodana yakho elizibulo.” **24** Kwathi lelanamuha linganelanga njengakuqala?” **15** Ngakho besendleleni, endlini yezihambi, uThixo wahlangana abaphathi bezisebenzi bako-Israyeli baya kuFarō loMosi wfuna ukumbulala. **25** Kodwa uZiphora bamnenga besithi, “Kungani uphatha izisebenzi zakhō wayisoka indodana yakhe, wathatha isikhumba ngale indlela? **16** Izisebenzi zakhō kazinikwa utshani, sakhona wasethinta inyayo zikaMosi ngaso. Wathi, kodwa sitshelwa ukuthi, ‘Tshayani izitina!’ Izisebenzi ‘Impela wena ungumyeni wegazi.’ **26** Ngakho uThixo zakhō ziyatshawya, kodwa umlandu ngowabantu wamyekela. (Ngalesosikhathi uZiphora wathi “umyeni bakhō.” **17** UFaro wathi, “Mavila, yikho eliyikho, wegazi,” esitsho ukusoka.) **27** UThixo wathi ku-mavila! Yikho lihlala lisithi, ‘Syekele siyenikela Aroni, “Hamba uye enkangala uhlangabezane loMosi.”’ **18** Buyelani emsebenzini. Akulatshani Ngakho wasuka wayahlangana loMosi entaben ikaThixo elizabuphiwa. Kodwa kumele lenze izitina ezifika wamanga. **28** UMosi wantshela u-Aroni konke uThixo inani ebelivele lilenza.” **19** Abaphathi bezisebenzi ayemthume ukuthi akutsho, njalo langazo zonke bako-Israyeli bananzelela ukuthi babesebunzimeni izibonakaliso ezmangalisayo ayemlaye ukuba azenze. obukhulu base batshelwe ukuthi, “Kakumelanga lehlise **29** UMosi lo-Aroni bahamba bafika baqoqa bonke inani lezitina okumele lilenze nsuku zonke.” **20** abadala bako-Israyeli, **30** u-Aroni wasebatshela konke Sebesukile kuFarō, bafica uMosi lo-Aroni bebalindele. uThixo ayekutshele uMosi. Wenza lezibonakaliso **21** Basebesithi, “uThixo kalikhangale alahlulele, Selenze phambi kwabantu, **31** bakholwa. Kwathi besizwa ukuthi senyanyeko kuFarō lakuziphathamanda zakhe, ukuthi uThixo uyabakhathalela, njalo wayelubonile lfakfa inkemba ezandleni zabo ukuba basibulale.” **22** usizi lwabo, bakhothama phansi bamkhonza. UMosi wabuyela kuThixo wathi kuye, “Thixo, kungani ulethe uhlupho ebantwini laba? Yiso yini isizatho sokungithuma. **23** Selokhu ngaya kuFarō ukuyakhulumu ngebizo lakho, uselethe uhlupho ebantwini laba, njalo kawubahlenganga abantu bakho lakancane.”

**5** Emva kwalokho uMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFarō. Bathi kuye, “Sikulethele ilizwi elivelu kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabantu bako-Israyeli. Uthi, “Vumela abantu bami bahambe, ukuze bangenzele umkhosi enkangala.” **2** UFaro wathi, “Ungubani uThixo okufanele ngimlalele ngivumele abako-Israyeli ukuba bahambe na? Mina kangimazi uThixo, njalo kangiyikubavumela abako-Israyeli ukuba bahambe.” **3** Ngakho-ke bona bathi, “UNkulunkulu wamaHebheru ubonakele kithi. Kumele sithathe uhambo lwamlalanga amathathu siye enkangala ukuze siyenikela iminikelu kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, funa asibulande ngemikhuhlane loba ngenkemba.” **4** Kodwa inkosi yaseGibhithe yathi, “Mosi lo-Aroni, kungani lisusa abantu emsebenzini wabo? Buyelani emisebenzini yenu.” **5** UFaro wasesithi, “Khangelani

**6** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Uzabona esengizakwenza kuFarō khathesi. Ngenxa yamandla esandla sami uzabavumela bahambe, ngenxa yamandla esandla sami uzabaxotsha elizweni lakhe.” **2** UNkulunkulu waphinda wathi kuMosi, “NginguThixo. **3** Ngazibonakalisa ku-Abrahama, ku-Isaka lakuJakhobe njengoNkulunkulu uSomandla, kodwa ngegama lami elithi Thixo kangizange ngizibonakalise kubo. **4** Ngaphinda ngenza isivumelwano labo ukuze ngibanike ilizwe leKhenani lapho ababehlala khona njengabezizweni. **5** Phezu kwalokho, sengikuzwile ukububula kwabantu bako-Israyeli besebugqilini

ngaphansi kwamaGibhithe, njalo sengikhumbule yaseGibhithe mayelana lokukhupha abantu bako-isivumelwano sami. **6** Ngakho tshela abako-Israyeli Israyeli eGibhithe. Kwakuyibo oMosi lo-Aroni. **28** ukuthi nginguThixo, njalo ngizalikhulula embusweni wamaGibhithe onzima, ngizalikhulula ukuze lingabi yizigqili zabo, njalo ngizalikhulula ngesandla eseluliweyo langezimangaliso. **7** Ngizalemukela njengabantu bami njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu. Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ovalikhupha embusweni olukhuni wamaGibhithe. Ngizalikhulula ukuze lingabi yizigqili zabo. **8** Njalo ngizaliletha elizweni engafunga ngesandla sami esiphakemayo ukulinika u-Abhraham, u-Isaka loJakhobe. Ngizalinika lona ukuze libe ngelenu. Mina nginguThixo.” **9** UMosi wabika lokhu kwabako-Israyeli, kodwa kabazange bamlalele ngenxa yokudangala kwabo ebugqilini obulochuku. **10** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **11** “Hamba uyetsheba uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe ukuthi avumele abako-Israyeli baphume elizweni lakhe.” **12** Kodwa uMosi wathi kuThixo, “Nxa abako-Israyeli bengangileli, kuyini okungenza ukuthi uFaro angilalele, njengoba ngikhuluma ngigagasa?” **13** UThixo wakhulumu loMosi lo-Aroni mayelana labako-Israyeli loFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wabalaya ukuthi bavumele abantu bako-Israyeli ukuthi baphume eGibhithe. **14** Laba babezinhlоко zezindlu zaboyise: Amadodana kaRubheni, izibulo lika-Israyeli ayeyila: uHanokhi, uPhalu, uHezironi, loKhами. Laba babengabosendo lukaRubheni. **15** Amadodana kaSimiyoni ayeyila: uJemuyeli, uJamini, u-Ohadı, uJakhini, uZohari, loShawuli olonina oveyengumKhenani. Laba babengabosendo lukaSimiyoni. **16** La ngamabizo amadodana kaLevi ngokwemibhalo yabo: uGeshoni, uKhohathi loMerari. ULevi waphila iminyaka elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa. **17** Amadodana kaGeshoni ngezizukulwana zawa ayeyila: uLihini, uShimeyi, lemuli zabo. **18** Amadodana kaKhohathi ayeyila: u-Amramu, u-Izihari, uHebhroni lo-Uziyeli. UKhohathi waphila iminyaka elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **19** Amadodana kaMerari ayeyila: uMahili loMushi. Laba babengabosendo lukaLevi, ngokwemibhalo yabo. **20** U-Amramu wathatha ujokhbedi owayengudadewabo kayise. Wamzalela u-Aroni loMosi. U-Amramu waphila iminyaka elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa. **21** Amadodana ka-Izihari ayeyila; uKhora, uNefegi loZikhiri. **22** Amadodana ka-Uziyeli ayeyila: uMishayeli, u-Elizafani loSithiri. **23** U-Aroni wathatha u-Elishebba indodakazi ka-Aminadabi. U-Elishebba wayengudadewabo kaNahashoni. Wamzalela uNadabi, u-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari. **24** Amadodana kaKhora ayeyila; u-Asiri, u-Elikhana lo-Abhiyasafi. Laba babengabosendo lukaKhora. **25** U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni wathatha omunye wamadodakazi kaPhuthiyeli. Wamzalela uFinehasi. Laba-ke yibo ababengabakhokheli bezimuli zakoLevi, ngendlu yinxe ngayinxe. **26** Yibo labo o-Aroni loMosi uThixo athi kubo, “Khokhelani abantu bami bako-Israyeli libakhuphe elizweni laseGibhithe ngamakhulu abo.” **27** Yibo laba abaya kuFaro inkosi

Ngesikhathi uThixo ekhulumu loMosi eGibhithe, **29** wathi kuye, “NginguThixo. Tshela uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe yonke into engikutshela yona.” **30** Kodwa uMosi wathi kuThixo, “Njengoba ngikhuluma ngigagasa, kambe kuyini okungenza ukuthi uFaro azihluphe ngokungilalela?”

**7** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Khangela, sengikwenze wafana loNkulunkulu kuFaro, njalo umfowenu u-Aroni uzakuba ngumphrofethi wakho. **2** Uzakhulumu konke engizakulaya khona njalo umfowenu u-Aroni uzatshela uFaro ukuthi avumele abako-Israyeli ukuba basuke elizweni lakhe. **3** Kodwa ngizakwenza inhliziyo kaFaro ibe lukhuni, njalo lanxa ngizakwandisa izimangaliso zami elizweni laseGibhithe, **4** kasoe alilale. Sekunjalo ngizakwelula isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe, njalo ngezenzo zami zokwahlulela ezilamandla, ngizakwahlukanisa abantu. **5** Njalo abantu baseGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi ngempela mina nginguThixo lapho singeselula isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe, besengikhupha abako-Israyeli kulelolizwe.” **6** UMosi lo-Aroni benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo. **7** UMosi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ubudala, u-Aroni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lantathu ngesikhathi behkulumu loFaro. **8** UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **9** “Nxa uFaro angathi kini limenzele isimangaliso, wena uzakuthi ku-Aroni, ‘Thatha intonga yakho uyiphose phambi kukaFaro,’ izaphenduka ibe yinyoka.” **10** Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFaro. Bafika benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo, U-Aroni waphosa intonga yakhe phansi phambi kukaFaro lezikhulu zakhe, yaphenduka yaba yinyoka. **11** UFaro wasebiza izanuse lezinyanga zaseGibhithe. Lazo zenza izimanga ngendlela efanayo. **12** Bonke baphosela intonga zabo phansi zaphenduka zaba zinyoka. Kodwa inyoka ka-Aroni yaziginya zonke izinyoka. **13** Kodwake, lanxa kwabanjalo, inhliziyo kaFaro yala ilokhu ilukhuni; njengoba uThixo wayetshilo. **14** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Inhliziyo kaFaro ilukhuni; uyala ukuthi abantu bahambe. **15** Yana kuFaro ekuseni, ngesikhathi esehele emfuleni. Ubokuma okhunjini lomfula uNayili, umhlangabeze uphethe intonga eyaphenduka yaba yinyoka. **16** Ubokuthi kuye, ‘uThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru unghithumile njalo kuwe ukuba ngizekutshela ukuthi: Vumela abantu bami ukuthi bahambe, ukuze bayengikhonza enkangala. Kodwa kuze kube khathesi kawakalaleli. **17** UThixo uthi, Ngalokhu uzakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo: Ngontonga esesandleni sami ngizatshaya amanzi kaNayili njalo azaphenduka abe ligazi. **18** Inhlanzi kaNayili zizakufa, amanzi omfula azanuka athi phu, ngakho abantu baseGibhithe abangeke babe besawanatha.” **19** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Tshela u-Aroni uthi ‘thatha intonga yakho welulele isandla sakho phezu kwamanzi eGibhithe, lakuyo yonke

imifula yakhona lemisele yamanzi, amaxhaphozi, ‘Phakamisa intonga yakho utshaye uthuli lomhlabathi,’ lamachibi, wonke amanzi alapho azaphenduka abe uthuli luzaphenduka lube zintwala elizweni lonke ligazi.’ Igazi lizagcwala eGibhithe lasezinkonxeni zezigodo lasezitsheni zamatshe.” 20 UMosi lo-Aroni benza njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo. Waphakamisa intonga yakhe phambi kukaFaro lezikhulu zakhe zabo. Uthuli lonke eGibhithe lwaphenduka lwaba watshaya amanzi kaNayili aphenduka aba ligazi.

21 Inhlanzi zikaNayili zafa. Umfula wanuka kubi okokuthi abaseGibhithe babengeke bawanathe amanzi akhona. Igazi laselgicwele indawo yonke. 22 Kodwa izanuse zaseGibhithe lazo ngemilingo yazo zenza izimanga ezifananayo. Ngalokho inhliziyo kaFaro yala ilokhu ilukhuni. Kabalalelanga oMosi lo-Aroni njengoba uThixo wayevele etshilo. 23 UFaro wabuyela esigodlweli sakhe engakunaki lokho. 24 Sekunjalo abaseGibhithe bemba imithombo okhunjini lomfula uNayili ukuba bathole amanzi okunatha, ngoba babengeke babe besawanatha awomfula. 25 Kwedlula insuku ezyisikhombisa ngemva kokuba uThixo enze amanzi kaNayili aba ligazi.

8 UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Buyela njalo kuFaro uthi kuye, ‘UTHixo uthi, Vumela abantu bami bahambe bayengikhonza. 2 Ungala ngizathumela uhlupho lwamaxoxo elizweni lakho. 3 Umfula uNayili uzagcwala amaxoxo. Azangena esigodlweli sakho lasendlini yakho yokulala, lasembhedeni wakho; angene lezindlini zezikhulu zakho lezabantu bakho. Azagcwala ezindaweni zenu zokuphekela, lasemiganwini yenu yokuvubela izinkwa. 4 Amaxoxo la azakuba phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho kanye lezikhulu zakho.’” 5 UTHixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Tshela u-Aroni akhombele intonga emifuleni, lasezfudlaneni lasezibeni zonke zaseGibhithe ukuze kuge lamaxoxo ezindaweni zonke zelizwe.” 6 U-Aroni wekulula isandla sakhe emanzini eGibhithe, amaxoxo agcwala ilizwe lonke. 7 Kodwa-ke izanuse lazo zeranzjalo ngemilingo yazo yensitha, zenza kwaba lamaxoxo elizweni lonke leGibhithe. 8 UFaro wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni wathi kubo, “Ncengani uThixo asuse amaxoxo kimi lebantwini bami, lami ngizavumela abantu bakhe ukuba bahambe bayenikela imihlatshelo kuThixo.” 9 UMosi wathi, kuFaro “Ngikutshiya kuwe ukuba ubeke isikhathi sokuthi ngikukhulekela wena lezikhulu zakho labantu bakho ukube lina lezindlu zenu lilanyulelwem axoxweni, ngaphandle kwalawo azasala kuNayili.” 10 UFaro wathi, “Kwenze kusasa.” UMosi wasesithi, “Kuzakuba njengokutsho kwakho ukuze ukwazi ukuthi kakho omunye onjengoThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. 11 Amaxoxo azasuka kini lezindlini zenu lezezikhulu labantu benu abesesala emfuleni uNayili kuphela.” 12 UMosi lo-Aroni basuka kuFaro. UMosi wakhala kuThixo ukuba asuse amaxoxo ayewathumele kuFaro. 13 UThixo wenza lokho uMosi ayekucelile. Amaxoxo afa ezindlini lemagumeni lemasimini. 14 Bawabuthelela aba zinqwabanqwaba; ilizwe lonke lanu phu ngamaxoxo.

15 Kodwa uFaro ebona ukuthi udubo soluphungukile womisa inhliziyo yakhe wala ukulalela uMosi lo-Aroni njengokwakuvele kuhulunywe nguThixo. 16 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Tshela u-Aroni uthi,

uthuli luzaphenduka lube zintwala elizweni lonke ligazi.” 17 Benza njengokulaywa kwabo, kwathi u-Aroni eselule isandla sakhe ephethe intonga watshaya uthuli, intwala zahlasela abantu lezifuyo intonga yakhe phambi kukaFaro lezikhulu zakhe zabo. Uthuli lonke eGibhithe lwaphenduka lwaba zintwala. 18 IZanuse lazo zazama ukwenza intwala ngemilingo yazo, kodwa zehluleka. Njengoba intwala zazisebantwini lezinyamazaneni, 19 izanuse zathi kuFaro, “Lokhu kungumunwe kaNkulunkulu.” Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yayilkhuni, kabalalelanga njengoba uThixo wayevele etshilo. 20 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Kusasa ubovuka ekuseni kakhulu uhangabze uFaro lapho esiya emanzini. Ubokuthi kuye, ‘Vumela abantu bami bahambe bayengikhonza. 21 Ungala, ngizathumela umtshitshi wempukane kuwe, ebantwini bakho lezindlini zenu. Izindlu zabantu baseGibhithe zizagcwala impukane lomhlabathi ugcwale zona. 22 Kodwa ngalolosuku akuyikuba njalo eGosheni lapho okuhlah khona abantu bami. Akuyikuba lemtshitshi yempukane khona. Ngakho uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo womhlaba wonke. 23 Ngizakwenza kubelomahluko phakathi kwabantu bami labantu bakho. Lesismangaliso sizakwenzakala kusasa.”” 24 UThixo wenza njengoba wayetshilo. Umtshitshi wempukane ezinengi okwesabeka kakhulukazi zacgwala esigodlweli sikaFaro lasezindlini zezikhulu zakhe, lakulo lonke ilizwe laseGibhithe; zalitshabalalisa. 25 UFaro wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni. Wathi kubo, “Hambani liyehlabela uNkulunkulu wenu likhonapha kulelilizwe.” 26 UMosi waphendula wathi, “Lokho akulunganga. Imihlatshelo yethu esinikela ngayo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu iyanengeka ebantwini beGibhithe. Singanikela ngeminikelo abayizondayo kambe kabayikusitshaya ngamatshe na?” 27 Kumele sithathe uhambo lwezizinsku ezintathu siye enkangala siyemhlabela khonale uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu njengokusilaya kwakhe.” 28 UFaro wathi, “Ngizalivumela lihambe liyenikela imihlatshelo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu enkangala, kodwa lingayi khatshana. Khathesi ngikhulekelani.” 29 UMosi waphendula wathi, “Ngizakuthi ngisanda kusuka ngikhuleke kuThixo, njalo kusasa umtshitshi wempukane uzasuka kuFaro, ezikhulwini zakhe lebantwini bakhe. Kodwa uFaro kangasikhohli futhi asuke angasavumeli abantu ukuba bahambe bayenikela imihlatshelo kuThixo.” 30 Emva kwalokho uMosi wasuka kuFaro wasekhuleka kuThixo. 31 UThixo wenza lokho okwakucelwe nguMosi, umtshitshi wempukane wanyamalala kuFaro lezikhulu zakhe labantu bakhe, akwaze kwasala leyodwa. 32 Kodwa langalesosikhathi uFaro wenza inhliziyo yakhe yaba lukhuni kazabavumela abako-Israyeli ukuba bahambe.

9 UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Yana kuFaro uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ukuthi, ‘Yekela abantu bami bahambe, ukuze bayengikhonza.’” 2 Ungabalela ukuthi bahambe, ube ulokhu ubabambile 3 uThixo uzakwehlisela

isifo esibi ezifuyweni zakho emadlelweni, amabhiza isiphepho esinjalo sekulokhu isizwe saseGibhithe enu, obabhemni, amakamela, inkomu, izimvu lembuzi. saba khona. **25** Isiqhotho satshaya saqothula yonke **4** Kodwa uThixo uzakwenza umahluko phakathi kwezifuyo zabako-Israyeli lezamaGibhithe ukuze kungafi lasinye isifuyo sabako-Israyeli.” **5** UThixo wamisa isikhathi esithile wathi, “uThixo uzakwenza lokhu kusasa elizweni leli.” **6** Lakanye ngelanga elilandelayo uThixo wakwenza, zonke izifuyo zamaGibhithe zafa, kodwa akufanga ngitsyo lasinye isifuyo sabako-Israyeli. **7** UFaro wathuma amadoda ukuyahola umonakalo afumana ukuthi kwakungafanga sifuyo lasinye sabako-Israyeli. Kodwa inhliziyo yakhe yala ilokhu ilukhuni, wabalela abantu ukuthi bahambe. **8** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi lo-Aroni, “Thathani umlotha omlutshwana eziko lifike kuFaro uMosi awuhazele emoyeni phambi kwakhe. **9** Uzakuba luthuli phezu kwelizwe lonke laseGibhithe, lapho-ke kuzaphihlikha amathumba amabi ebantwini lasezinyamazaneni kulolonke ilizwe.” **10** Ngakho bathatha umlotha eziko baya kuFaro. UMosi wawuhazel emoyeni, abantu bonke lezinyamazana zonke kwamilwa ngamathumba aphihilikayo. **11** Izangoma zehluleka ukumisana loMosi ngenxa yamathumba ayezibulala kanye lamaGibhithe wonke. **12** Kodwa uThixo wenza yaba lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro wala ukulalela uMosi lo-Aroni njengoba uThixo wayevele etshilo kuMosi. **13** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Vuka ekuseni kakhulu uye kuFaro, uthi kuye, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, uthi, yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuze bayengikhonza. **14** Kungenjalo kulesisikhathi ngizakwehlsa ubunzima bezinhlupho zami obulesihluku phezu kwakho, phezu kwezinckeu zakho labantu bakho ukuze lazi ukuthi kakho omunye ornjengami emhlabeni wonke. **15** Kunje nje ngabe sengiselulile isandla sami ngakutshaya kanye labantu bakho ngesifo ebesizakucitsha emhlabeni. **16** Kodwa ngikuphephisisle ngayonale injongo yokuthi ngikubonise amandla ami, lokuthi ibizo lami lifakazwe kuwo wonke umhlaba. **17** Ulokhu utshingela abantu bami ubalela ukuthi bahambe. **18** Ngalokhoke ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngizakwehlsa isiqhotho esingakaze sehlele eGibhithe lillokhu lababala laba khona ilizwe leli. **19** Wohle nje uthumezele ilizwi lokuthi izifuyo zakho lakho konke olakho emadlelweni kubuyiswe kuvalovelwe esibayeni esivikelwego ngoba isiqhotho leso sitzashaya umuntu wonke lesifuyo sonke esingabuthwanga nxa silokhu sisegangeni, konke kuzakufa.” **20** Lezozikulu zikafaro ezalesabayo ilizwi likaThixo zaphanga zangerisa izigqili zazo lezifuyo ngaphakathi. **21** Labo abangalinanzanga ilizwi likaThixo izigqili zabo lezifuyo zabo bakuyekela kusegangeni. **22** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Yelula isandla sakho siye phezelu ukuze kune isiqhotho kololonke iGibhithe, phezu kwabantu lezinyamazana laphezu kwakho konke okukhulayo emasimini aseGibhithe.” **23** UMosi wonela ukukhomba ngentonga yakhe phezelu, uThixo wehlsa umdumo lesiqhotho, umbane wabaneka phansi emhlabathini. Ngakho uThixo wanisa isiqhotho elizweni laseGibhithe. **24** Isiqhotho satshaya umbane wabaneka yonke indawo. Sasingakaze sibe khona into egangeni, abantu lezinyamazana; sabhuqa konke okukhulayo emasimini, saphundla izihlahla zonke eGibhithe. **25** Indawo eyasilayo yiGosheni lapho okwakulabako-Israyeli khona. **27** UFaro wasebiza uMosi lo-Aroni. Wathi kubo, “Okwamanje ngenze isono. UThixo ulungile, kukanti mina labantu bami siyizoni. **28** Khulekani kuThixo, ngoba ukukhwaza kwezulu lesiqhotho sekwanelo. Ngizaliyekela lihambe; akusadingeki ukuthi lihlale.” **29** UMosi waphendula wathi. “Nxa sengiphumile edolobheni ngizavula izandla zami ngikhuleke kuThixo. Ukuduma kuzakhawula kungabe kusaba lesiqhotho, ukuze wazi ukuthi umhlaba ngokaThixo. **30** Kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi wena lezikhulu zakhilo lillokhu lingamesabi uThixo uNkulunkulu.” **31** (Amabele lebhali kwabhuqwya nya ngoba amabele ayeselezhkwebu lophoko selumumethi. **32** Ingqoloyi lenyawuthi khona kakuthintwanga ngoba kuvuthwa muva.) **33** UMosi wasesuka kuFaro waphuma edolobheni. Welulela izandla zakhe kuThixo; ukuduma kwezulu lesiqhotho kwakhawula, izulu alabe lisana emhlabeni. **34** Kwathi uFaro ebona ukuthi izulu lesiqhotho lokukhwaza kwezulu kwasekukhawule waphinda wenza isono: Yena lezikhulu zakhe benza inhliziyo zabo zaba lukhuni. **35** Ngakho inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni akave avumela abako-Israyeli ukuthi bahambe njengoba uThixo wayetshilo ngoMosi.

**10** Ngakho uThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Hamba kuFaro, ngoba sengiyenze yaba lukhuni inhliziyo yakhe lezinhliziyo zezikhulu zakhe ukuze ngenze izimanga zami kubo **2** ukuze lilandisele abantwabenu labazukulu benu ukuthi ngabahlukuluza njani abeGibhithe lokuthi ngabenzela izimanga, khona lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.” **3** Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni baya kuFaro bathi kuye, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru: ‘Uzakwala kuze kube nini ukuzithoba phambi kwami?’ Yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuze bayengikhonza. **4** Nxa usala ukuthi bahambe ngizaletha intethe elizweni lakho kusasa. **5** Zizakwembesa wonke umhlabathi usale ungasabonakali. Zizakudla ziphundle du lalokho okuncinyane okwatshiywa yisiqhotho kanye lezihlahla zonke ezikhula egangeni. **6** Zizagcwala ezindlini zakho lezizkhulu zakho zonke lezamaGibhithe, into oyihlo labokhoko bakho abangazange bayibone selokhu bahlala kulelilizwe kuze kube manje.” Khonapho uMosi wabe efulathela esuka kuFaro. **7** Izikhulu zikaFaro zathii kuye, “Koze kube nini na irdoda le ilokhu iyisifu kithi? Yekela abantu bahambe bayekhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. Ulokhu ungaboni yini ukuthi ilizwe leGibhithe selichithekile?” **8** UMosi lo-Aroni basebebuyiswa kuFaro. Wathi, “Hambari liyokhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Kanti konje ngobani abahambayo?” **9** UMosi waphendula wathi, “Sizahamba labatsha labadala bethu; lamadodana lamadodakazi ethu, lemihlambi yethu ngoba kumele senzele uThixo umkhosi.” **10** UFaro wathi, “uThixo kabe lani, kumbe likhumbula ukuthi ngizaliyekela

lihambe labesifazane labantwana! Kusobala ukuthi liqonde ukwenza okubi. **11** Hatshi! Akuhambe amadoda kuphela; amkhonze uThixo ngoba phela yikho ebelivele likukhalela.” Ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni basebexotshwa phambi kukaFaro. **12** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Yelula isandla sakho phezu kweGibhithe kubomakhelwane babo izinto zesiliva legolide.” **3** ukuze kwehle isikhongwane, izintethe, kulolonke (UThixo wenza amaGibhithe aba lomusa ebantwini, ilizwe zidle zigugude konke okukhulayo emangweni, loMosi uqobo wahlonitshwa kakhulu yizikhulu konke lokho okwatshiywa yisiqhoto.” **13** UMosi zikaFaro langabantu.) **4** Ngakho uMosi wasesithi, wayiphakamisa intonga yakhe phezu kweGibhithe, “Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: ‘Phakathi kobusuku uThixo wasequbula umoya wempumalanga wavunguza ngizahambahamba kulolonke elaseGibhithe. **5** Wonke elizweni lonke ngalelolanga lobusuku bakhona. **6** Kuzakuba lesililo esikhulu eGibhithe lonke, isililo saba khona njalo lanini. **15** Intethe lezo zavala esingakaze sibe khona njalo esingayikuba khona umhlabathi waba mnyama bhuqe. Zatshaya zabhuqa lanini. **7** Kodwa kwabako-Israyeli akuyikuba lanja konke okwakusele ngesikhathi sesiqhoto, konke ezakhonkotha umuntu loba inyamazana.’ Lapho-ke okwakukhula emangweni kanye lezithelo zezihlahlha. Izkawazi ukuthi uThixo uyawehlukanisa amaGibhithe Akusalanga lutho oluluhlaza ezihlahleni loba isilimo kwabako-Israyeli. **8** Zonke izikhulu zakho lezi zizakuza bani kulolonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. **16** UFaro kimi zikhothamisele ubuso phansi phambi kwami waphanga wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni wathi, “Ngonile zisithi, ‘Hambani, wena labo bonke abakulandelayo!’ kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lakini. **17** Manje-ke Ngemva kwalokho ngizasuka.” UMosi wasesuka kuFaro ngixolelani njalo libuye likhuleke kuThixo uNkulunkulu elokhu ezonde evutha umlilo. **9** UThixo wayesetshilo wenu ukuthi asuse looluhlupo olubhubhisayo.” **18** kuMosi wathi, “UFaro uzaqinisa intamo, ukuze zande UMosi wasesuka kuFaro wayakhuleka kuThixo. **19** izimangaliso zami eGibhithe.” **10** UMosi lo-Aroni UThixo wasewuguqula umoya waphephetha uvelela bazenza zonke izimangaliso lezi emehlwensi kaFaro, entshonalanga ulamandla. Wazidudula izintethe kodwa uThixo wayenza yaba lukhuni inhlizyo kaFaro wazitshovela oLwandle Olubomvu. Akusalanga ntethe kaze abavumela abako-Israyeli ukuthi baphume layinye loba ngaphi eGibhithe. **20** Kodwa uThixo elizweni lakhe.

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**11** Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wathi kuMosi, “Sekusele ukuthi ngehlise uhlupho olulodwa kuFaro laphezu kweGibhithe. Ngemva kwalokho uzaliyekela lisuke lapha, njalo liphume eselixotsha lonke. **2** Tshela abantu ukuthi amadoda labafazi ngokufananayo bacele kubomakhelwane babo izinto zesiliva legolide.” **3** (UThixo wenza amaGibhithe aba lomusa ebantwini, ilizwe zidle zigugude konke okukhulayo emangweni, loMosi uqobo wahlonitshwa kakhulu yizikhulu konke lokho okwatshiywa yisiqhoto.” **13** UMosi zikaFaro langabantu.) **4** Ngakho uMosi wasesithi, wayiphakamisa intonga yakhe phezu kweGibhithe, “Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: ‘Phakathi kobusuku uThixo wasequbula umoya wempumalanga wavunguza ngizahambahamba kulolonke elaseGibhithe. **5** Wonke elizweni lonke ngalelolanga lobusuku bakhona. **6** Kuzakuba lesililo esikhulu eGibhithe lonke, isililo saba khona njalo lanini. **15** Intethe lezo zavala esingakaze sibe khona njalo esingayikuba khona umhlabathi waba mnyama bhuqe. Zatshaya zabhuqa lanini. **7** Kodwa kwabako-Israyeli akuyikuba lanja konke okwakusele ngesikhathi sesiqhoto, konke ezakhonkotha umuntu loba inyamazana.’ Lapho-ke okwakukhula emangweni kanye lezithelo zezihlahlha. Izkawazi ukuthi uThixo uyawehlukanisa amaGibhithe Akusalanga lutho oluluhlaza ezihlahleni loba isilimo kwabako-Israyeli. **8** Zonke izikhulu zakho lezi zizakuza bani kulolonke ilizwe laseGibhithe. **16** UFaro kimi zikhothamisele ubuso phansi phambi kwami waphanga wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni wathi, “Ngonile zisithi, ‘Hambani, wena labo bonke abakulandelayo!’ kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lakini. **17** Manje-ke Ngemva kwalokho ngizasuka.” UMosi wasesuka kuFaro ngixolelani njalo libuye likhuleke kuThixo uNkulunkulu elokhu ezonde evutha umlilo. **9** UThixo wayesetshilo wenu ukuthi asuse looluhlupo olubhubhisayo.” **18** kuMosi wathi, “UFaro uzaqinisa intamo, ukuze zande UMosi wasesuka kuFaro wayakhuleka kuThixo. **19** izimangaliso zami eGibhithe.” **10** UMosi lo-Aroni UThixo wasewuguqula umoya waphephetha uvelela bazenza zonke izimangaliso lezi emehlwensi kaFaro, entshonalanga ulamandla. Wazidudula izintethe kodwa uThixo wayenza yaba lukhuni inhlizyo kaFaro wazitshovela oLwandle Olubomvu. Akusalanga ntethe kaze abavumela abako-Israyeli ukuthi baphume layinye loba ngaphi eGibhithe. **20** Kodwa uThixo elizweni lakhe.

**12** UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni besegibhithe, **2** “Inyanga le kayibe yinyanga yakuqala kini, inyanga yokuqala emnyakeni wenu. **3** Tshelani bonke abomndeni ka-Israyeli ukuthi ngelanga letshumi lale inyanga irdoda ngayinye kayithathlele abomuzi wayo izinyane libe linye indlu ngendlu. **4** Nxa abendlu bebalutshwana kakhulu ukuthi abangeke baliqede lelozinyane kababelane labomakhelwane abaseduze kwabo kusiya ngenanani labo ukuthi bangaki. Kumele uphawule ukuthi kungadingeka izinyane elingakanani kusiya ngokuthi umuntu emunye angadla inyama engakanani. **5** Kumele ukhethe amazinyane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa angelasic, njalo ungakhetha ezimvini loba embuzini. **6** Agcine amazinyane lawo kuze kuge lusuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanya, lapho isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli esizawahlaba khona nxa kuhalala. **7** Lapho-ke kuzamele bathathe igazi baligcobe emaceleni laphezulu kwemigubazi yalezozindlu abazadlela khona amazinyane. **8** Ngalobobusuku kumele badle inyama eyoswe emlilweni, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo lemhida ebabay. **9** Lingayidli inyama iluhlaza loba iphekwe ngamanzi, kodwa yoseni emlilweni konke lenhloko yakhona lamangqina kanye lezangaphakathi. **10** Lingatshiyi lutho lwayo kuze kuge sekuseni; kuthi nxa kukhona okuseleyo kwayo ekuseni kumele likutshise. **11** Liboyidlal inkalo zenu zibotshiwe, amanyathela egqokiwe lentonga zenu zisezandleni. Lidle ngokuphangisa;

kuliPhasiku likaThixo. **12** Ngalobobusuku ngizadabula kungekho ndlu layinye lapho okwakungafiwanga phakathi kweGibhithe ngibulala wonke amazibulo khona. **31** Ebusuku uFaro wabiza uMosi lo-abantu lawezinyamazana njalo ngizakwahlulela bonke Aroni wathi, "Hambani! Sukani ebantwini bami, onkulunkulu bamaGibhithe. Mina nginguThixo. lina labako-Israyeli. Hambani liyekhonza uThixo **13** Igazi lizakuba yisibonakaliso sezindlu lapho njengokucela kwenu. **32** Thathani imihlambi yenu, elikhona lina; kuzakuthi ngingabona igazi ngedlule njengokutsho kwenu lihambe. Njalo lingibusise." kini. Akulasijeizo esibhidilizayo esizalihinta lina **33** AmaGibhithe akhuthaza ukuthi baphangise nxa sengichitha iGibhithe. **14** Leli akube lilanga baphume elizweni. Bathi, "Engxenyen singafa lesikhumbuzo, kuthi zonke izizukulwane ezizayo sonke!" **34** Ngakho abantu bathatha inhlama yabo zilicgine ngomkhosi omkhulu kuThixo, kube yisimiso yesinkwa ingakafawka mvubelo bayithwala emahlombe sanini lanini. **15** Okwensku ezyisikhombisa kumele Abako-Israyeli benza lokho uMosi abayala khona, khuphani imvubelo ezindlini zenu, kuthi lowo odla bacela kumaGibhithe izinto ezenziwe ngesiliva loba yini elemvubelo ngelanga lakuqala kusiya langegolide kanye lezigqoko. **35** UThixo wenza kwelesikhombisa kumele akhutshwe ko-Israyeli. **16** amaGibhithe aba lomusa abapha konke abakucelayo. Ngosuku lwakuqala lenze umbuthano ongcwele, Ngakho bawemuka impahla ezinengi amaGibhithe. liphinde omunye ngosuku lwasikhombisa. Lingensi msebenzi ngamalanga lawa ngaphandle kokulungisa ukudlu kwabantu, yikho kodwa elingakwenza. **17** ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ehamba ngenyawo Gcinani uMkholosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo ngoba kwakulangaa engehlukanisa ngalo amaviyo enu eGibhithe. Gcinani lelilanga njengesimiso sanini lanini kuzizukulwane ezizayo. **18** Ngenyanya yakuqala kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo, kusukulwa kusihlwa ngelanga letshumi lane kuze kuge kuse kusihlwa ngelangaa lamatshumi amabili lanye. **19** Okwensku ezyisikhombisa akumelangaa kutholakale imvubelo ezindlini zenu. Akuthi lowo odla loba yini elemvubelo asuswe phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli, loba engowezizweni kumbe owosendo lwenu. **20** Lingadli lutho olufakwe imvubelo. Loba kungaphi elihlala khona libokudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo." **21** Ngakho uMosi wasebiza bonke abadala bako-Israyeli wathi kubo, "Hambani khona manje liyokhetha amazinyane ezindlu zenu lihlabe izinyane lePhasika. **22** Lithathhe ilixha lehisophi liyigxamuze emganwini olegazi beselithatha elinye igazi liligcobe phezelu lakunxa zonke zomgubazi. Akungabikhona lamunye wenu ozaphuma emnyango wendlu yakhe kuze kuse. **23** Lapho uThixo edabula phakathi kwelizwe ebulala amaGibhithe uzalibona igazi phezelu lemacelemoni ogmugubazi, aceze awdlule lowomnyango angamvumeli umbhubhisi ukungena endlini alibulale. **24** Lalelani imilayo le njengemiso zaphakade kini lasezizukulwaneni zenu. **25** Nxa lingangena elizweni uThixo azalinika lona njengokuthembisa kwakhe, liwugcine umkhosi lo. **26** Nxa abantwabenu belibuza besithi, 'Umkhosi lo ngowani?' **27** libatsheli lithi, 'UliPhasika lomhlatsheko kaThixo owdatlula eceza izindlu zabako-Israyeli eGibhithe, waphephisa imizi yethu mhla egadala amaGibhithe.' Khonapho abantu bakhothama bakhonza. **28** Abako-Israyeli bakwenza lokho uThixo akuyala uMosi lo-Aroni. **29** Phakathi kobusuku uThixo wawagongoda wonke amazibulo eGibhithe, kusukulwa ezibulweni likaFaro owayesesihlalweni sobukhosu kusiya ezibulweni lesibotshwa esasentolongweni, kanye lamazibulo ezifuyo. **30** UFaro lezikhulu zakhe zonke lawo wonke amaGibhithe bavuka ebusuku basiqhinqa isililo esikhulu eGibhithe ngoba **31** Ebusuku uFaro wabiza uMosi lo-Aroni, "Nansi imilayo yePhasika: Akungabi lamuntu wezizweni olidlayo. **44** Isiqqili esithengwe ngemali singalidla nxa sesisokile, **45** kodwa isihambi sevizweni lesisebenzi esiqhatshiwyo kabavinyelwa ukulidla. **46** Kalidelwe endlini eyodwa, kungabi lanyama euphema phandle kendulu. Akungabi lathambo elephulwayo. **47** Isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli kumele siwigcine lumkhosi. **48** Owezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu nxa efuna ukulidla iPhasika likaThixo kasoke bonke abesilisa abahlala endlini yakhe. Lapho-ke usengahlanganyela adle njengomunye wenzalo yalelolizwe. Oweisilisa ongasokwanga kanganidli. **49** Umthetho lo ugoqela bonke abantu, abayinzalo yakini labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu." **50** Bonke abako-Israyeli benza khona lokhu uThixo ayekulaye uMosi lo-Aroni. **51** Njalo ngalelolanga uThixo wakhupha abako-Israyeli eGibhithe ngamaviyo abo.

**13** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Ngahlukaniselwa wonke amazibulo esilisa. Konke okuzalwa kuqala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kungokwami, kungaba ngumuntu loba isifuyo." **3** Ngakho uMosi wasesithi sebantwini, "Lucgineni lube lusuku lwasikhumbuzo dulu, ilanga elaphuma ngalo eGibhithe, liphuma

elizweni lobugqili, ngoba uThixo walikhupha khona ngamandla amakhulu. Lingadli lutho olulemvubelo.

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**15** Ngakho uMosi labako-Israyeli basebehlelelele lelihubo kuThixo: "Ngizamhlabelela uThixo ngoba uphakeme kakhulu. Ibhiza lomgadi walo ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle. **2** UThixo ungamandla ami lehubo lami; useyikusindiswa kwami. UnguNkulunkulu wami, ngizamdumisua; uNkulunkulu kababa ngizamphakamisa. **3** UThixo ulibuto; nguThixo ibizo lakhe. **4** Izinqola zikaFaro lempu yakhe ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle. Izikhulu zikaFaro ezithenjiwego, zigalule olwandle oluBomvu. **5** Inziki zamanzi zibagubuzela; batshona ekujuleni njengelitshe. **6** Isandla sakho sokinene, Oh Thixo, saba lamandla obukhosи. Isandla sakho sokinene, Oh Thixo, sasihlilika isitha. **7** Ebukhulwini bobukhosи bakho wabasakazelaphansi abakuphikisayo. Wavulela ulaka lwakho oluvuthayo, lwabatshisa njengencwathi. **8** Ngokuphefumula kwamakhala akho amanzi aqoqana aba yinqwaba. Amanzi ageleza ngenhilokomo ema enza udonga; amanzi azikileyo ajiya enzikini yolwandle. **9** Isitha sakloloda sathi, 'Ngizabaxhuma, ngibedlule. Ngizakwakha impango; ngizazitika ngokungokwabo. Ngizakwakha inkemba yami, isandla sami sibabhubhise.' **10** Kodwa wena

Ngothando lwakho olungapheliyo uzabahola abantu obahlengileyo. Ngamandla akho uzabaholela endaweni ngomlindo wokucina wobusuku uThixo wakhangelia yakhengcwele. **14** Izizwe zizakuzwa zithuthumele; phansi esensikeni yomililo leyezi, wakhangelia phansi umhdedehede ubahlukuluze abantu baseFilistiya. **15** empini yamaGibhithe wayidunga yasananiseka. **25** Izinduna zase-Edomi zizatshaywa luvalo, abakhokheli Wenza ukuthi amavili ezingqola zazo akhumuke baseMowabi bafikelwe yikwesaba, abantu baseKhenani okwenza kwaba nzima ukuthi aqhubeke lula. banyamalale nya! **16** Ukwesaba lokuthuthumela AmaGibhithe asesithi, "Kasehlukaneni labako-Israyeli! kuzabehlela. Ngamandla engalo yakho, bazathula UThixo eyamiswa ngezandla zakho. **18** UThixo uzabusa kuze kube nini lanini." **19** Kwathi lapho amabhiza olwandle, uThixo wawabuyisa amanzi alo phezu kwabo, kodwa abako-Israyeli bona bazihambela badabula ulwandle phezu komhlabathi owomileyo. **20** Khonapho uMiriyemu umphrofethikazi, udadewabo ka-Aroni, wathatha isigubhu sakhe ngesandla, bamlandela bonke abesifazane bephethe izigubhu begida. **21** UMiryemu wabahlabelela wathi: "Mhlabeleleni uThixo ngoba uphakeme kakhulu. Ibhiza lomgadi walo ukuphosele ngamandla olwandle." **22** UMosi wasebahola abako-Israyeli basuka olwandle Olubomvu baya enkangala yeshuri bengatholi manzi. **23** Kwathi befika eMara behluleka ukunatha amanzi akhona ngoba ayebaba. (Yikho indawo leyo kuthiwa yiMara.) **24** Abantu basebekhonona kuMosi besithi, "Sinatheni-ke manje?" **25** UMosi wasekhala kuThixo, uThixo wasemtshengisa isigojwana. Wasiphosela emanzini, amanzi aphenduka aba mnandi. Khonapho uThixo wabenZela isimiso lomthetho, njalo khonapho wabalinga. **26** Wathi, "Nxa lilalela kakuhle ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lenze okulungileyo kuye,ilandele imilayo yakhe njalo ligcine lezimiso zakhe, kangisoze ngilehlisele iziga lezo engazehlisela amaGibhithe; ngoba nginguThixo olisilisayo." **27** Basebefika e-Elimi lapho okwakulemthombo yamanzi elitshumi lambili khona, lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Basebemisa khona lapho eduze kwamanzi.

**16** Uzulu wonke wako-Israyeli wasuka e-Elimi, wafika enkangala yeSini ephakathi laphakathi kwe-Elimi leSinayi ngelanga letshumi lanhlulu nyenangeni yesibili besuke eGibhithe. **2** Enkangala uzulu wakhonona kuMosi lo-Aroni. **3** Abako-Israyeli bathi kubo, "Ngabe sazifela ngesandla sikaThixo eGibhithe, lapho esasihlala sigomboloze imbiza zenyama lapho konke ukudlu esasikufumana, kodwa lina selisilethe lapha enkangala ukuze ixuku lonke leli liyathie ngendlala." **4** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Ngizalehlisela isinkwa sivela ezulwini. Abantu kumele baphume nsuku

zonke bayebutha okwanelo lelolanga. Ngale indlela ngibone ukuthi bayayilandela yini imilayo yami. **5** Ngelanga lesithupha kumele balungise lokho abayabe bekulethile, okumele kube ngokuphindwe kibili kulokho abakubutha kwezinye insuku.” **6** Yikho-ke uMosi lo-Aroni bathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, “Kusihlwa lizakwazi ukuthi nguThixo olikhuphe kweleGibhithe, **7** njalo ekuseni lizabona inkazimulo kaThixo ngoba ukuzwile ukukhonona kwenu. Singobani thina ukuba lisisoze?” **8** UMosi wathi, “Lizakwazi ukuthi bekunguThixo nxa eselipha inyama yokudla kusihlwa lesinkwa sonke elisifunayo ekuseni ngenxa yokuthi usekuzwile ukukhonona kwenu kuye. Singobani? Kalikhononi kithi kodwa kuThixo.” **9** Ngakho uMosi watshela u-Aroni wathi, “Khuluma lozulu wonke wako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Wozani kuThixo ngoba usekuzwile ukukhonona kwenu.’” **10** Ngesikhathi u-Aroni ekhuluma lozulu wonke wako-Israyeli, bakhangela enkangala basebebona inkazimulo kaThixo ibonakala eyezini. **11** UThixo wathi kuMosi: “Sengizwile ukukhonona kwabako-Israyeli. Batshele ekulikhupheni kwami eGibhithe.” **12** Sengizwile ukukhonona kwabako-Israyeli. Thathela ukuthi, ‘Kusihlwa lizakudla inyama njalo ekuseni ku-Aroni, “Thatha inkonxa ufake phakathi imana lizasuthiswa ngesinkwa. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi eyisilinganiso se-omeri. Ibeke phambi kukaThixo ukuze nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.”’ **13** Ngalokhohulwa kweza izagwaca zagcwala indawo yonke ababehlala kuyo, njalo ekuseni kwaba lamazolo ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **14** Kwathi amazola esenyamalele kwabonakala izicecdwana ezifana longqwaqwane phezu kwenkangala. **15** Kwathi abako-Israyeli bekubona lokhu bakhulumisana besithi, “Kuyini lokhu?” Ngoba babengkwazi ukuthi kwakuyini. UMosi wathi kubo, “Yisinkwa elisiphiwe nguThixo ukuthi lidle. **16** Lokhu yikho okulaywe nguThixo ukuthi: ‘Umuntu emunye uzathatha okwaneleyo akuswelayo. Thathela umuntu ngamunye osethenteni lakho isilinganiso se-omeri.’” **17** Abako-Israyeli benza njengokulaywa kwabo. Abanye babutha okunengi abanye okulutshwana. **18** Bathi sebekulinganisa nge-omeri babona ukuthi lowo owabutha okunengi kabanga lokunengi kakhulu, lalowo owabutha okulutshwana kabanga lokulutshwana kakhulu. Umuntu wonke wabutha okwakumenele. **19** Ngakho-ke uMosi wathi kubo, “Akumelanga kubekhona ozagcina okunye kwalokho kuze kuge sekuseni.” **20** Lanxa kunjalo abanye kabazange bamlalele uMosi: bagcina eyine ingxene kwaze kwaba sekuseni. Kodwa kwakugcwele impethu njalo kwasekulephunga elibi. UMosi wabathukuthelela. **21** Nsuku zonke ekuseni umuntu emunye wabutha isilinganiso ayesifuna, njalo ilanga lathi selitshisa kwancibilika. **22** Ngelanga lesithupha babutha isilinganiso esiphindwe kibili amameri amabili umuntu emunye, njalo abakhokheli babantu beza ukuzobika kuMosi. **23** Wathi kubo, “Lokhu yikho okwalaywa nguThixo: ‘Kusasa lilanga lokuphumula iSabatha elingcweli kuThixo. Ngakho bhekhanzi konke elifuna ukukubhekha, libilise konke elifuna ukukubilisa. Gcinani konke okuseleyo kuze kuge sekuseni.’” **24** Ngakho bakugcina kwaze kwaba sekuseni njengokulaywa kukaMosi njalo kakuzange kuge lephunga kumbe impethu. **25** UMosi wathi, “Kudleni namuhla, ngoba namuhla liSabatha likaThixo, kalisoze lithole lutho phandle namuhla. **26** Okwensuku eziyisithupha lizakubutha, kodwa ngelanga lesikhombisa eleSabatha akusoze kube lalutho.” **27** Lanxa kunjalo abantu ngelanga lesikhombisa bahamba ukuba bayobutha insuku.” **28** UThixo wasesithi kodwa bafica kungelalutho. **29** KuMosi, “Kuzae kuge nini lisala ukulandela imithetho lemiliyano yami na?” **30** Kufakeni ezingqondweni zenu ukuthi uThixo ulinikile iSabatha, yikho ngelanga lesithupha elinika isinkwa esenela insuku ezimbili. Wonke umuntu kumele ahlale lapho ayabe ekhona ngelanga lesikhombisa. Akulamuntu okumele aphume phandle.” **31** Yikho-ke abantu baphumula ngelanga lesikhombisa. **32** Abantu bako-Israyeli babiza isinkwa leso bathi yimana. Sasimhlophe njengentanga zekhoriyanda, sihlabusia njengamakhekhe enziwe ngololu. **33** UMosi wathi, “Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo ukuthi: ‘Thathani imana eyisilinganiso se-omeri ligcinele izizukulwane ezizayo ukuze zibone isinkwa engalinika sona ukuba lisidle enkangala lizabona.’” **34** Njengoba uThixo igcinelwe izizukulwane ezizayo.” **35** Abako-Israyeli badla walaya uMosi, u-Aroni wabeka imana lezibhebhedu zobufakazi ukuze igcinakale. **36** Abako-Israyeli badla imana okweminyaka engamatshumi amane baze bafika endaweni eyayihlala abantu, badla imana baze bafika emngceleni weKhenani. **37** (I-omere iyisilinganiso sokulitshumi sehefa.)

**17** Uzulu wonke wako-Israyeli wasuka enkangala yeSini, wahamba njengokulaya kukaThixo. Bake bahlala okwesikhathi esifitshane eRefidimu kodwa kwakungelamanzi okuthi abantu banathe. **2** Ngakho baxabana loMosi basebesithi, “Sinike amanzi okunatha.” UMosi waphendula wathi “Kungani lixabana lami? Kungani lilinga uThixo?” **3** Kodwa abantu basebomele amanzi kuleyondawo, ngakho bakhonona kuMosi. Bathi kuye, “Wasikhupa eGibhithe ukwenzela ukuthi thina labantwabethu kanye lezifuyo sibulawe yikoma na?” **4** Ngakho uMosi wakhala kuThixo, wathi, “Kambe ngithini ngalabantu? Sebezimisele ukuthi bangikhande ngamatsho.” **5** UThixo waphendula uMosi wathi “Khokhela abantu. Thatha abanye abadala bako-Israyeli ubusuthatha njalo intonga leyana owake watshaya ngayo amanzi emfuleni uNayili lihambe. **6** Ngizakuma lapho phambi kwenu eduzane ledwala eHorebhi. Utshaye idwala; kuzaphuma amanzi kulo ukuba abantu banathe.” Ngakho uMosi wenza lokho abadala bako-Israyeli bekhangale. **7** Wabiza indawo leyo negeama elithi Masa leMeribha ngenxa yokuthi abantu bako-Israyeli baxabana njalo balinga uThixo besithi “Kambe uThixo ulathi yini kumbe hatshi?” **8** Ama-Amaleki eza ukuzohlasela abako-Israyeli eRefidimu. **9** UMosi wathi kujoshuwa, “Khetha amanye amadoda phakathi kwethu uphumie liyekulwa lama-Amaleki. Kusasa ngizakuma phezu koqaqo ngiphethe intonga kaNkulunkulu ezandleni

zami.” **10** Ngakho uJoshua walwa lama-Amaleki njengokulaya kukaMosi, njalo uMosi, u-Aroni loHuri bakhwela phezu koqaqa. **11** Kwakusithi nxa uMosi ephakamise izandla zakhe abako-Israyeli babenqoba, kodwa wayesithi angehlisa izandla zakhe ama-Amaleki yiwo ayengqoba. **12** Kwathi izandla zikaMosi sezidiniwe bathatha ilitshe balfaka ngaphansi kwakhe wasehlala phezu kwalo. U-Aroni loHuri baphakamisa izandla zakhe, omunye ekulele icele omunye kwelinye ukuze izandla zakhe zale ziphakeme laze latshona ilanga. **13** Ngakho uJoshua wehlula ibutho lama-Amaleki ngenkemba. **14** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Bhala lokhu ogwalweni njengento okumele ikhunjulwe njalo ubone ukuthi ujoshuwa uyakuzwa lokhu ngenxa yokuthi ngizatshabalalisa umkhumbulo wonke oyayelana lama-Amaleki ngaphansi kwezulu.” **15** UMosi wakha i-alithari walibiza ngokuthi uThixo uLuphawu Lwami. **16** Wathi, “Ngoba izandla zaphakanyiselwa esihlalweni sikaThixo. UThixo uzakulwa impi lezizukulwane zama-Amaleki.”

**18** UJethro, umphristi waseMidyani owayenguyisezala kaMosi, wezwa konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzele uMosi labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli, lokuthi uThixo wayebakhuphe njani eGibhithe abako-Israyeli. **2** Ngemva kokuba uMosi esethumele umkakhe uZiphora kibo, uyisezala uJethro wamemukela, **3** lamadodana akhe amabili. Eyinye indodana kwakuthiwa nguGeshomu, ngoba uMosi wathi, “Sengibe ngumuntu wezizweni elizweni elingayisilo lami.” **4** Eyinye kwakuthiwa nguEliyезари ngoba wathi, “UNkulunkulu kababa wayengumsizi wami: wangisindisa enkembeni kaFaro.” **5** UJethro, uyisezala kaMosi kanye lamadodana lenkosikazi kaMosi beza kuye enkangala lapho ayeahlala khona eduzane lentaba kaNkulunkulu. **6** UJethro wayethumele ilizwi kuye wathi, “Mina uiyilozala uJethro ngyieza kuwe lenkosikazi yakho lamadodana ayo amabili.” **7** Ngakho uMosi waphuma wayahlangabeza uyisezala wasemkhothamela, wamanga. Babingeledana basebengena ethenteni. **8** UMosi watshela uyisezala ngakho konke uThixo ayekwenze kuFaro labantu baseGibhithe ngenxa yabantu bako-Israyeli langezinhlupo zonke ezabehlela endleleni lokuthi uThixo wayebasindise njani. **9** UJethro wathokoza ukuzwa ngezinto zonke ezinhle uThixo ayezenzele u-Israyeli ekubasindiseni esandleni samaGibhithe. **10** Wathi, “Kadunyiswe uThixo ovalisindisa esandleni samaGibhithe loFaro, njalo owasindisa abantu esandleni samaGibhithe. **11** Khathesi sengikwazi ukuthi uThixo ulamanla ukwedlula abanye onkulunkulu ngenxa yokuthi wenza lokhu kubo bonke abaphatha u-Israyeli ngobuqholo.” **12** Lapho-ke uJethro, uyisezala kaMosi, waletha umnikelo wokutshiswa leminte imihlatshelo kuNkulunkulu, njalo u-Aroni weza labadala bako-Israyeli ukuze bazokudla isinkwa loyisezala kaMosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngelanga elilandelayo uMosi wathatha isihlalo sakhe sokuba ngumthonisi wabantu, njalo bema bemgombolozele kusukela

ekuseni kwaze kwaba ntambama. **14** Kwathi uyisezala eebone konke uMosi ayekwenzela abantu wathi, “Kuyini lokhu okwenzela abantu? Kungani uhlalunguwe wedwa ukuba ngumahluli, abantu bonke bemi bekuhanqile kusukela ekuseni kuze kube kusihlwa?” **15** UMosi wampħendula wathi, “Ngenxa yokuthi abantu beza kimi ukuzodinga infando kaNkulunkulu. **16** Lapho kusiba lengxabano, ilethwa kimi, njalo ngiyahlulela emaceleni womabili besengibatshela ngemithetho lemilayo kaNkulunkulu.” **17** Uyisezala kaMosi waphendula wathi, “Konke okwenzayo kakulunganga. **18** Wena labantu laba abeza kuwe lizazidinisa. Umsebenzi lo unzima kuwe: ungeke wawenza wedwa. **19** Ngilalela ngikucebise, njalo uNkulunkulu makabe lawe. Kumele ube ngummeli wabantu kuNkulunkulu, ulethe ingxabano zabo kuye. **20** Bafundise izimiso lemithetho yakhe, ubatshengise indlela yokuphila lokuthi baziphathe njani. **21** Kodwa khetha amadoda alamandla phakathi kwabantu bonke, amadoda amesabayu uNkulunkulu, azonda inzuo eza ngobuqili, ubusubabeka babe zinduna zezinkulungwane, zamakhulu, zamatsħumi amahlanu, lezamatħumi. **22** Benze babe ngabahluleli babantu ngezikhathhi zonke, kodwa kabalethe wonke amacala anzima kuwe bona baqme amacala alula. Lokho kuzakwenza ukuthi umthwalo wakho ube lula ngoba bazabe besabelana lawe. **23** Nxa ungakwenza lokhu njengokulaya kukaNkulunkulu, uzakwenela ukupumuha ingqondo njalo abantu bonke laba bazabuyla emakkha besuthisekile.” **24** UMosi wamlalela uyisezala wenza konke ayekutshilo. **25** Wakħetha amadoda alamandla phakathi kwabako-Israyeli wonke wawenza abakhokħeli babantu, izinduna zezinkulungwane, ezamakhulu, ezamatħumi amahlanu lezamatħumi. **26** Baba ngabahluleli babantu ngazozonke izikhathhi. Amacala anzima bawaletha kuMosi, kodwa alula bawathonisa bona ngokwabo. **27** UMosi waħalelisana loyisezala, uJethro wasebuyela elizweni lakhe.

**19** Ngosuku olufanayo, emva kwezinyanga ezintathu abantu bako-Israyeli besuke eGibhithe bafika enkangala yeSinayi. **2** Sebesukile eRefidimu bangena enkangala yeSinayi bamisa amathente abo phansi kwentaba. **3** Lapho-ke uMosi wakhuphukela kuNkulunkulu entaben, uThixo esentabeni wabiza uMosi wathi kuye, “Tshela abantu bendlu kajakħobe labantu bako-Israyeli, uthi **4** ‘Lina ngokwenu lizibonele engikwenze eGibhithe lokuthi nglithwele ngamaphiko okħozi ngalileħha lapha kimi. **5** Ngakho-ke lingangilalela liggħiex isivumelwano sami lani lizakuba ligu kimi phakathi kwezizwe zonke. Lanxa umħlabha wonke ugwomni, **6** lina kimi lizakuba ngumbuso wabħristi lesizwe esingcwele.” Yiwo amazwi okumele uwaħkulume kwabako-Israyeli.” **7** UMosi wabuylela ebantwini, wafika wabuħanisa abakhokħeli babantu wabtshela okwakutshiwo nguThixo. **8** Bonke bavuma ngalizwi linye bathi, “Sizakwenza konke uThixo athe sikwenze.” UMosi wambikela uThixo okwakukħulunywē ngabantu. **9** UThixo wasesithi

kuMosi, "Ngizaku kini nginjenjeyezi elimnyama uthando kuzikulwane eziyinkulungwane zalabo ukuze abantu bangizwe ngikhuluma lawe. Ngakho abangithandayo njalo begcina imilayo yami. 7 ngezikhathi zonke bazakhola kuwe." UMosi watshela Ungadlali ngebizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uThixo okwakutshiwo ngabantu. **10** Ngakho uThixo ngoba uThixo kayikumyekela olecalalokudlala wathi kuMosi, "Buyela ebantwini ubangcwelise ngebizo lakhe. **8** Khumbula usuku lweSabatha lambla lakusasa. Batshele bagezise izigqoko zabo ngokulwenza lubengcweli. **9** Okwensuku eziyisithupha **11** kuthi ngelanga lesithathu libe selilungisele uzasebenza wenze yonke imisebenzi yakho, **10** ngoba ngalelolanga uThixo uzakwehlela entabenikodwa usuku lwasikhombisa luyiSabatha kuThixo yeSinayi abantu bonke bekhangeli. **12** Yenzela uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngalo awuyikwenza loba yiwpishi abantu imingcele malungana lentaba, ubatshele umsebenzi, wena, loba indodana yakho, loba indodakazi uthi, "Limukani! Lingakhweli entabenikumbe yakho, loba inceku kumbe inceukazi yakho, loba ukufika phansi kwayo. Lowo ozasondela entabenizifuyozakho loba isihambi esikwetekeleleyo emzinizubulawa." **13** Ngempela uatzashaya ngamatshe wakho. **11** Ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha uThixo kumbe acitshwe ngemitsshoko kodwa angathintwa wenza amazulu lomhlaba, ulwandle lako konke ngesandla. Akukhathalekile ukuthi ngumuntu okukukho, kodwa waphumula ngosuku lwasikhombisa. loba yinyamazana akusoze kuvunyelwe ukuphila. Ngakho-ke walabusisa usuku lweSabatha walwenza Bazakhwela entabenikuphela nxauphondo lwenqama lwaba ngcweli. **12** Hlonipha uyihihlo lonyoko selukhale isikhathhi eside." **14** Ngemva kokuba uMosi ukuze impilo yakho ibende elizweni akunika lona esehlile entabenawyaya ebantwini wabangcwelisa uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. **13** Ungabulali. **14** basebegezisa leziggqoko zabo. **15** Wathi ebantwini, Ungafebi. **15** Ungantshontshi. **16** Ungafakazi "Lungiselelani ilanga lesithathu. Zilani omkenu." **16** amanga ngomakhelwane wakho. **17** Ungahawukeli Ekuseni ngelanga lesithathu kwaba lomdumo lombane indlu kamakhelwane wakho. Ungahawukeli umfazi othuthumelisayo, leyezi elikhulukazi lehlela phezu kamakhelwane wakho, loba inceku kumbe inceukazi kwentaba, kwezwakala lomsindo omkhulu wecilongo. yakhe, inkabi yakhe loba ubabhemi wakhe loba Abantu bonke ezhionqwensi besaba, baqhaqhazel. **17** yini ekamakhelwane wakho." **18** Kwathi abantu UMosi wasebakhhokhela ebasusa emathenteri ebasa besizwaurdumobebona lombane, besizwacilongo kuNkulunkulu. Bafika bema ngaphansi kwentaba. njalo bebona intaba ithunqa intuthu, bathuthumela **18** Intaba yonke iSinayi yembeswa yintuthu ngoba uThixo wehlela phezu kwayo ngesimo somilo. Intuthu yathunqa ngamandla isiyaphewulu kungathi iphuma ngokwesaba. Bema khatshana, **19** bathi kuMosi, "Khuluma kithi wena sizakulalela. Kodwa uNkulunkulu kangakhulumikithi yena ngokwakhe ngoba singafa." **19** Njalo umsindo wecilongo waya **20** UMosi wathi, "Lingesabi, uNkulunkulu uzelihihla ulokhu ukhula. UMosi wakhuluma, kwathi ilizwi ukuze limesabe lokuze lingoni." **21** Abantu basala likaNkulunkulu lamphendula. **20** UThixo wehlela belokhu bemi bucwaldanyana, uMosi wangena phakathi phezu kwentaba iSinayi, wabizela uMosi khona. komnyama waya lapho okwakuloNkulunkulu khona. Ngakho uMosi wakhwela, **21** UThixo wasesithi **22** UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Tshela abantu bako-Israyeli kuye, "Buyela phansi uyexwayisa abantu ukuba uthi, 'Lizibonele lina ngokwenu ukuthi ngikhulume bangaqali ukweqa imingcele ukuba babone uThixo laningsezulwini. **23** Lingenzi onkulunkulu ukuba ngoba bangafa ngobunengi. **22** Labaphristi abaya babekhona kanye lami; lingazenzeli onkulunkulu kuThixo kumeli bazenzele babengcweli, funa uThixo besiliva kumbe onkulunkulu begolide. **24** Ngakhelani ababuhbhise." **23** UMosi wathi kuThixo, "Akulamuntu i-alithari ngomhlabathi lenzele kulo umhlatshesto ongakhwela entabeniyeshinayi ngoba wena ngokwakho womnikelo wokutshisa, leminikelo yobudlelwano, wathibangakwenzi lokho. Utene genzele imingcele izimvu lembuzi kanye lenkomozenu. Loba kungaphi egombolozela intaba ngitshele abantu bangasondeli lapho engizakwenza ibizo lami lhliontshwe khona, kuyo ngoba ingcweli." **24** Kodwa uThixo wathi, ngizakuza kini ngilibusise. **25** Nxa lingakhela i-Yehla ueyeba lo-Aroni. Kodwa abaphristi labantu alithari ngamatshe, lingaze lawabaza lawomatshe akumelanga ukuba beqe imingcele besiza lapho ngoba ngoba lalizingcolisa nxalingasebenzisa okokubaza ngingabphendukela." **25** Ngakho uMosi wehla waya ebantwini wabatshela. **26** Lingaze laya e-alithareni lami ngezikhwelo funa ubunqunu benu bembulwe khona lapho."

**20** UNkulunkulu wakhuluma amazwi wonke la wathi: **2** "NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho owakukhupha eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili. **3** Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami. **4** Ungazenzeli isithombe ngesimo saloba yini eseuzulwini phezulu loba phansi emhlabeni kumbe ngaphansi kwamanz. **5** Ungazikhothameli loba ukuzikhonza; ngoba mina Thixo uNkulunkulu wakho nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwеле, ojezisa abantwana ngenxa yezono zabazali babo kuze kube yisizukulwane sesithathu lesesine salabo abangizondayo, **6** kodwa ngitshengisela

**21** "Nansi imithetho ozayethula phambi kwabo." **2** "Nxa ungathenga isisebenzi esingumHebheru kumele sikusebenzele okweminyaka eyisithupa. Kodwa emnyakeni wesikhombisa kuzamele usikhulule kungelanhlawulo. **3** Nxa sifike sodwa, kumele sikhululwe sihambe sodwa kodwa nxa silomfazi ekufikeni kwasokumele sihambe laye. **4** Nxa umqhatshi waso angasipha umfazi asizale amadodana lamadodakazi, owesifazane labantwabakhe bazakuba ngabomqhatshi, njalo indoda izazihambela yodwa ikhululekile. **5** Kodwa nxa isisebenzi singathi,

'Ngiyayithanda inkosi yami lomkami labantwabami, njalo kangifuni kukhululwa,' **6** ngakho inkosi yaso kumele isihambise kubahluleli. Izasisa emnyango kumbe emgubazini abesesibhoboza indlebe yaso ngosungulo. Ngakho-ke sizakuba yisisebenzi sayo okwempilo yaso yonke. **7** Nxa indoda ingathengisa indodakazi yayo njengesigqili, indodakazi kayingakhululeki njengalokho okwenza ezinye inceku. **8** Nxa singathokozesi umnini waso oyabe esikhethile ukuze sibe ngesakhe kumele asiyekele sihlengwe. Akalamvumo yokusithengisa kwabezizwe, ngoba esikhohlisile. **9** Angasikhethela indodana yakhe kumele asinike amalungelo alingana lawendodakazi yakhe. **10** Angathatha omunye umfazi akumelanga asincitshe ukudla, izigqoko lamalungelo okwenda. **11** Angayekela ukusipha izinto lezi ezintathu sikhululekile ukuthi sizihambele kungahlawulwanga mali." **12** "Wonke umuntu otshaya omunye ambulale laye kumele abulawе. **13** Kodwa nxa engakwenzanga ngabomo, uNkulunkulu evumele ukuba kwenzakale, kumele abalekele endaweni engizayiphawula. **14** Kodwa umuntu angaceba ukubulala omunye ngabomo, msuseni e-alithareni lami liyembulala. **15** Wonke umuntu ohlasela uyise kumbe unina kumele abulawе. **16** Wonke umuntu othumba omunye abesemthengisa kumbe aficwe elaye kumele abulawе. **17** Wonke umuntu othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele abulawе. **18** Nxa amadoda angaxabana omunye abesetshaya omunye ngelitshe kumbe ngenqindi, angafi kodwa agule alale phansi, **19** lowo ophose inqindi kasoze anikwe umlandu nxa omunye angavuka abeseambahamba ephethe intonga yakhe; lanxa kunjalo kumele ahlawule indoda elimeleyo ngokulahlekela yisikhathi njalo ayelaphise. **20** Nxa umuntu angatshaya isigqili sakhe sesilisa kumbe esesifazane ngomqwayi, isigqili besesisifa ngenxa yalesisenzo, kumele ajeziswe, **21** kodwa kasoze ajeziswe nxa isigqili singasila ngemva kwelanga elilodwa kumbe insuku ezimbili, ngoba isigqili siyimpahla yakhe. **22** Nxa amadoda alwayo angatshaya umfazi ozithweleyo abesebeletha isikhathi sakhe singakafiki, kodwa engalimalanga kakubi, owonileyo kumele ahlawuliswe lokho okuyabe kubizelwe yindoda yomfazi kwasekuvunywa ngumthethwandaba. **23** Kodwa kungangabi lokulimala okubi, kumele impilo ibhadalwe ngempilo, **24** ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo. **25** Ukuftisawa ngokutftisawa, isilonda ngesilonda, ukulimala ngokulimala. **26** Nxa umuntu angatshaya isigqili sakhe sesilisa kumbe esesifazane elihlweni alipatshaze, kumele asiyekele isisebenzi sizihambele kube yinhlawulo yelihlo. **27** Angatshaya akhumule izinyo lesigqili sesilisa kumbe esesifazane, kumele asiyekele isisebenzi sizihambele kube yinhlawulo yezinyo. **28** Nxa inkunzi ingahlaba indoda kumbe umfazi afe, leyonkunzi kumele itshaywe ngamatshe ize ife njalo inyama yayo kayingadliwa. Kodwa umnikazi wenkunzi akumelanga etheswe umlandu. **29** Kodwa nxa inkunzi ivelo ilomkhuba wokuhlabu abantu, njalo umnikazi eseke wakhuzwa kodwa wekela ukuyivalela ibisibulala indoda kumbe umfazi, inkunzi kumele kungathiwa kahlawule, angahlenga impilo yakhe ngokuhlawula lokho okuyabe kubiziwe. **30** Kodwa lo uyasebenza njalo nxa inkunzi ingahlaba indodana kumbe indodakazi. **31** Nxa inkunzi ingahlaba isigqili sesilisa kumbe esesifazane, umnikazi kumele ahlawule amashekeli angamatshumi amathathu esiliva kumnini wesigqili, njalo inkunzi kumele ibulawe ngamatshe. **32** Nxa umuntu etshya umgodi ukhamisile, loba esimba umgodi angawusibekeli kuwele kuwo inkabi ingabe ubabhemi, **34** umminimgodи kahlawule; kahlawule umnikazi, isifuyo esifileyo besesisiba ngesakhe. **35** Nxa inkunzi yomuntu ingalimaza eyomunye kuzamele ukuthi bathengise leyo ephilayo, babelane imali lesidumbu saleyo efileyo ngokulinganayo. **36** Kodwa nxa kusaziwa ukuthi inkunzi ivelo ilomkhuba wokuhlabu ezinye, kodwa umnikazi engayivaleli esibayeni, umnikazi kumele ahlawule isifuyo ngesinye isifuyo, njalo isifuyo esifileyo sizakuba ngesakhe."

**22** "Nxa umuntu angantshontsha inkabi kumbe imvu abeseyibulala kumbe ayithengise, kumbe ahlawule ngenkomo ezinhlanu zokuhlawula inkabi, lezimvu ezine zokuhlawula imvu. **2** Nxa isela lingafunyanwa ligqekeza ebusuku beselitshaywa life, lowo ozipikelayo kalacala lokuchitha igazi, **3** kodwa kungenzeka ilanga selikhwele uyabe elomlandu wokuchitha igazi. Isela kumele lihawule sibili, kodwa nxa lingelalutho, kumele lithengiswe ukwenzela ukuthi lokhu cube yinhlawulo yokuntshontsha kwalo. **4** Nxa isifuyo esintshontshiweyo singatholakala siphila ezandleni zesela, kungaba yinkabi kumbe ubabhemi loba imvu, kumele lihawule okuphindwe kabilo. **5** Nxa umuntu angayadisa izifuyo zakhe ensimini kumbe esivinini abeseziyekela zizihambela besezisyia kudla ensimini yeinye irtoda, kumele ahlawule ngezithelo ezinhle zensimu yakhe loba isivini sakhe. **6** Nxa kuthungelwa umlilo ulumatha emeiveni kuze kutshe lamahlanga amabele loba amabele angakavunwa loba insimu, outhungele umlilo kumele ahlawule konke. **7** Nxa umuntu anganika umakhelwane wakhe isiliva kumbe impahla ukuba amgcinele izinto lezi besezintshontshwa endlini kamakhelwane, isela lingabanja kumele lihawule okuphindwe kabilo. **8** Kodwa nxa isela lingabanjwanga, umnikazi wendlu kumele ame phambi kwabahluleli ukuze kubonakale ingabe uke wabeka izandla empahleni zalowo omgcinisileyo na. **9** Kuzozonke izehlakalo eziqondene lokugcina ngaphandle komthetho inkabi, ubabhemi, imvu, isigqoko kumbe yonke impahla elahlekileyo omunye umuntu angathi ngayo, 'Lokhu ngokwami,' wonke amacele womabili kumele alethe izindaba zavo phambi kwabahluleli. Lowo abahluleli abazakuthi ulecalu kumele ahlawule okuphindwe kabilo kumakhelwane wakhe ubabhemi, inkabi, imvu kumbe esinye isifuyo ukuze kugcinakale besekusifa kumbe kulimale kumbe kuthathwe kungelamuntu okhangeleyo, **11** udaba lwabantu laba luzaqedwa ngokufunga phambi

kukaThixo ukuthi umakhelwane konanga impahla yomunye umuntu. Uminikazi kumele akwemukele lokhu njalo akulanhlawulo edingakalayo. **12** Kodwa nxa isifuyo santshontshwa sikumasiselwa kumele ahlawule umnikazi. **13** Nxa isifuyo sidatshudatshulwe yinyamazana yeganga saba yiziqa, uzaletsha izicu eziseleyo njengobufakazi njalo akusoze kudingakale ukuthi ahlawulele isifuyo esidatshudatshuliwego. **14** Nxa umuntu angaboleka isifuyo kumakhelwane wakhe, besesilimala kumbe sife ngesikhathi umniniso engekho, kumele ahlawule. **15** Kodwa nxa umnikazi ekhona, lowo owasebolekayo akumelanga ahlawule. Nxa isifuyo siqhatshiwe, imali ehlawulwe ukusiqhatsha igoqela inhawulo yokulahlekewa.” **16** “Nxa indoda ingaqila intombi egcweleyo engakathenjiswa ilale layo, kumele ikhuphe amalobolo, leyontombi ibe ngumkayo. **17** yakho lobabhemu wakho kuphumule, kuthi isiggili Nxa uyise esala kokuphela ukuthi ayendisele, kumele akhuphe inhlawulo ekhutshelwa amantombazana agcweleyo. **18** Lingavumeli umthakathi ukuthi aphile. **19** Wonke umuntu olala lenyamazana kumele abulawе. **20** Loba ngubani onikela kwabanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaThixo kumele abhujiswe. **21** Lingahlukulizi ovezizweni ngoba lani lalingabezizweni eGibhithe. **22** Lingaqilibezeli umfelokazi kumbe intandane, **23** ngoba lingakwenza, besebekhala kimi ngizakuzwa ukukhala kwabo; **24** ulaka lwami luzavutha, ngibulale ngenkemba; abafazi benu babe ngabafelokazi labantwabenu babe zintandane. **25** Nxa lingebolekisa imali omunye wabantu bami ohluphekayo phakathi kwenu, akumelanga lenze njengebhizimisi yokweboleka abanye imali, lingamhlawulisi inzuko. **26** Nxa ungathatha ijazi likamakhelwane wakho ulenze isibambiso, kumele ulibuyisele ilanga lingakatshoni, **27** ngoba ijazi lelo yiyo lodwa embesa ngalo ubunqunu bakhe. Kambe kuyini okunye abangalala kukho? Nxa bengakhala kimi, ngizabewa ngoba ngilozwelo. **28** Lingahlambazi uNkulunkulu kumbe lithuke umbusi wabantu bakini. **29** Lingagodli iminikelo eziphaleni zenu loba ezmibizeni zewayini lenu. Kumele lilethe kimi amadodana enu angamazibulo. **30** Yenzani njalo ngenkomo lezimvu zenu. Yekelani zihlale labonina okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kodwa linginike zona ngosuku lwsificaminwembili. **31** Lizakuba ngabantu bami abangcweli. Ngakho lingaze ladla inyama yenyamazana eyabe idatshudatshulwe yizilo zeganga; iphoseleni izinja.”

oqotho ngoba kangiyi kumyekela olecalia. **8** Lingavumi ukufunjathiswa ngoba ukufunjathiswa kufiphaza ababonayo besebeguqula amazwi omuntu omsulwa. **9** Ungancindezel iwezizweni, lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi kunjani ukuba ngabezizweni, njengoba lalingabezizweni eGibhithe.” **10** “Okweminyaka eyisithupha lizalima amasimu enu livune amabele, **11** kodwa kuzakuthi ngomnyaka wesikhombisa liyekele amasimu enu alaluke engalinywanga. Ngakho abangabayang phakathi kwenu bazazuza ukudla kumele ahlawule. **12** Uzakwenza Lizakwenza njalo okufananayo ngezivini zenu kanye lezihlaha zenu zama-oliva. **13** Qaphelisisani lenze konke engilitshela imisebenzi yakho okwensuku eziyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwsikhombisa ungasebenzi, ukuze inkabi isazalelwа endlini yakho kanye lowezizweni baphumule. **14** “Kathathu ngomnyaka kufanele lingithakazelele umkhosi. **15** Lizathakazelele uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo; okwensuku eziyisikhombisa dlanini isinkwa esingelamvubelo, njengokulilaya kwami. Kwenzeni lokhu ngesikhathi esimisiweyo senyanga ka-Avivi, ngoba ngaleyonyang yikho elaphuma phambi kwami engaphathanga lutho. **16** Lithakazelele uMkhosi wokuVuna lokolibo kwenu ezilimweni zemasimini. Lithakazelele uMkhosi wokuButhlela nxa selibutha izilimo zenu emasimini. **17** Kathathu ngomnyaka amadoda wonke kufanele ayebonakala phambi kukaThixo Wobukhosи. **18** Linganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo kimi ndawonye laloba yini elemvubelo. Amahwahwa eminikelo yemikhosи yami akumelanga agcine kuze kuse. **19** Lethani okolibo kwenu okuhle kakhulu endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina.” **20** “Khangelani, sengithumela ingilosи phambi kwenu ukuze ilivikele endleleni yenu njalo ize iflikise endaweni engililingisele yona. **21** Liyananzelele ingilosи yami njalo liilele ekutshoyo. Lingayihlamukeli ngoba kayizukulithethelena nxa lingayihlamukela, njengoba iBizo lami likuyo. **22** Nxa lingalalelisisa ekutshoyo njalo lenze konke engikutshoyo, ngizakuba yisitha sezitha zenu njalo ngizamelana lalabo abamisana lani.

**23** "Ungahambi ukhulumna izindaba zamanga.  
Ungahlanganyeli lomuntu omubi ngoba  
ngufakazi olomona. **2** Ungenzi okubi ulandela inengi  
labantu. Nxa ufakaza emthethwanda, ungaphenduleli  
iqiniso ngokuvumelana labanengi, **3** njalo ungazweli  
umuntu ecaleni ngoba engumyanga. **4** Ungahlangana  
lenkomo kumbe ubabhemu wesitha sakho elahlekile,  
mnqande umbuyisele kumnikazi. **5** Nxa ufcia  
ubabhemu womuntu okuzondayo ewiswe ngumthwalo,  
ungamtshiyi, umncedise umvuse. **6** Ahlulela kuhle  
abayanga bakini emacaleni. **7** Ungabungeni ubufakazi  
bamanga, njalo ungabulali muntu ongelacala loba

oqotho ngoba kangiyi kumyekela olecalá. **8** Lingavumi ukufunjathiswa ngoba ukufunjathiswa kufiphaza ababonayo besebeguqula amazwi omuntu omsulwa. **9** Ungancindezeli owezizweni, lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi kunjani ukuba ngabezizweni, njengoba lalingabezizweni eGibhithe.” **10** “Okweminyaka eyisithupha lizalima amasimu enu livune amabele, **11** kodwa kuzakuthi ngomnyaka wesikhombisa liyekele amasimu enu alaluke engalinywanga. Ngakho abangabayanga phakathi kwenu bazazuza ukudla kuwo, kuthi lezinyamazana zeganga zidle okuseleyo. Lizakwenza njalo okufananayo ngezivini zenu kanye lezihlhala zenu zama-oliva. **12** Uzakwenza imisebenzi yakho okwensuku ezyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwestikhombisa ungasebenzi, ukuze inkabi yakho lobabhemi wakho kuphumule, kuthi isigqili esazalelwa endlini yakho kanye lowezizweni baphumule. **13** Qaphelisani lenze konke engilitshela khona. Lingamemezi amabizo abanye onkulunkulu; kawangezwakali ephuma ezindebeni zenu.” **14** “Kathathu ngomnyaka kufanele lingithakazelele umkhosi. **15** Lizathakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo; okwensuku ezyisikhombisa dlanini isinkwa esingelamvubelo, njengokulilaya kwami. Kwenzeni lokhu ngesikhathi esimisiweyo senyang ka-Avivi, ngoba ngaleyonyanya yikho elaphuma khona eGibhithe. Kakungabi lamantu ozakuma phambi kwami engaphathanga lutho. **16** Lithakazelele uMkhosi wokuVuna lokolibo kwenu ezilimweni zenu zemasimini. Lithakazelele uMkhosi wokuButhelela nxa selibutha izilimo zenu emasimini. **17** Kathathu ngomnyaka amadoda wonke kufanele ayebonakala phambi kukaThixo Wobukhosí. **18** Linganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo kimi ndawonye laloba yini elemvubelo. Amahwaha eminikelo yemikhosí yami akumelanga agcinwe kuze kuse. **19** Lethani okolibo kwenu okuhle kakhulu endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi ngochago lukanina.” **20** “Khangelani, sengithumela ingilosí phambi kwenu ukuze ilivikele endleleni yenu njalo ize ilifikise endaweni engililingisele yona. **21** Liyananzelele ingilosí yami njalo lilalele ekutshoyo. Lingayihlamukeli ngoba kayizukulithethlela nxa lingayihlamukela, njengoba iBizo lami likuyo. **22** Nxa lingalalelisisa ekutshoyo njalo lenze konke engikutshoyo, ngizakuba yisitha sezitha zenu njalo ngizamelana lalabo abamisana lani. **23** Ingilosí yami izahamba phambi kwenu ize ilingenise elizweni lama-Amori, lamaHithi, lamaPherizi, lamaKhenani lamaHivi kanye lamaJebusi njalo ngizababhubhisa. **24** Lingabakhothameli onkulunkulu babo, lingabakhonzi njalo lingalandeli imikhuba yabo. Kufanele libhidile onkulunkulu babo njalo lidilize amatshe abo abawakhonzayo. **25** Mkhonzeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, kuzakuthi isibuso sakhe sibe phezu kokudla laphezu kwamanzi enu. Ngizasusa imikhuhlane phakathi kwenu, **26** njalo kakho ozaswela loba abe yinyumba ezweni lenu. Ngizaphelelisa insuku zenu. **27** Ngizathumela uchuku lwami phambi kwenu njalo ngisanganise zonke izizwe elizahlangana

lazo. Ngizakwenza zonke izitha zenu zifulathole zilibalekeli. **28** Ngizathumela olonyovo phambi kwenu ukuze basuse amaHivi, amaKhenani kanye lamaHithi endleleni yenu. **29** Kodwa angiyikubasa ngomnyaka munye, ngoba ilizwe lingasala lingasela muntu besekusithi izinyamazana zeganga zande zilikhulele. **30** Ngizabasa kancanekcane phambi kwenu, lani lize lande lenelise ukuthatha ilizwe. **31** Ngizabeka imingcele kusukela oLwandle oluBomvu kusiya oLwandle IwamaFilistiya, njalo kusuka enkangala kusiya emfuleni uYufrathe. Ngakho abantu abahlala kulelolizwe ngizabanikela ezandleni zenu ukuze libadudule. **32** Lingenzi isivumelwano labo loba labonkulunkulu babo. **33** Kabangahlali lani ezweni lenu, funa balenze lingonele, ngoba ukukhonza kwabo onkulunkulu babo kuzakuba yisifu kini.”

**24** Ngakho uThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Woza kuThixo, wena lo-Aroni, uNadabi lo-Abhihu, kanye labadala bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Lizakhonza libucwala, **2** kodwa uMosi yedwa zwi uzasondela kuThixo; abanye kabafanelanga ukusondela eduze. Kanti-ke abantu kabafanelanga ukusa laye.” **3** Kwathi uMosi esebuyele ebantwini wabatshela wonke amazi kanye lemilayo kaThixo, abantu bakwamukela, bavungama ngalizwi linye bathi, “Konke okutshio nguThixo sizakwenza.” **4** UMosi waseloba konke uThixo ayekutshilo. Ngosuku olulandelayo uMosi wavuka kusesele wakha i-alithari ewatheni lwentaba wamisa khona izinsika zamatshe alitshumi lambili emele iizizwe ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli. **5** Wasethuma amajaha aka-Israyeli ahamba ayanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa njalo benza imihlatshelo ngenkunzi ezincane njengomnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo. **6** UMosi wasethatha ingxene ye gazi walithela emiganywi eyizingubhe, elinye wachela ngalo phezu kwe-alithari. **7** Ngakho wathatha iNcwadi yeSivumelwano wayifundela abantu. Bona bavuma besithi, “Sizakwenza konke okutshio nguThixo; sizamlalela.” **8** Ngemva kwalokho uMosi wathatha igazi wachela ngalo abantu esithi kubo, “Leli ligazi lesivumelwano sikaThixo asenze lani ngokuqondene lawo wonke lamazwi.” **9** UMosi lo-Aroni, uNadabi lo-Abhihu kanye labadala bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa bakhwela **10** bayabona uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe kwakungani ngumgwaqo owensiwe ngesafaya, kukhanya njengokukhanya komkhathi uqobo. **11** Kodwa uNkulunkulu kazange abanine ngesandla sakhe laba bakhokheli bako-Israyeli; sebembonile uNkulunkulu badla banatha. **12** UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Khwela uze kimi entabenji njalo uhlale lapha, ngizakunika izibhebhedu zamatshe, engilobe kuzo imithetho lemilayo eyiziqondiso zabo.” **13** Ngakho uMosi wasuka lojoshuwa umsizi wakhe, uMosi wasekhwela entabenji kaNkulunkulu. **14** Wathi ebadaleni, “Silindelani khonapha size siphenduke. U-Aroni loHuri bazasala lani, kuzakuthi abaxabanayo babonane labo.” **15** Kwathi uMosi esekhwele intaba, yasibekelwa liyezi, **16** inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwala

entabenji yaseSinayi. Iyezi lembesa intaba okwensuku eziyisithupha kwathi ngosuku lwasikhombisa uThixo wabiza uMosi eseyezini. **17** Ebantwini bako-Israyeli inkazimulo kaThixo yabonakala injengomlilo otshisa uqothule phezu kwentaba. **18** Ngakho uMosi wangena eyezini ekhwela intaba. Wahlala khonale entabenji okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane.

**25** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli bangilethele umnikelo. Uzakwamukela umnikelo emuntwini munye ngamunye ofuqwa yinhlizyo yakhe ukuthi anikele. **3** Le yiyo iminikelo ozayamukela nxa sebenikela: igolide, isiliva kanye lethusi, **4** okwelukiwego lamalembu aluhlaza, ayibubende kanye labomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo, loboya bembazi, **5** izikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, kanye lezikhumba zezinyamazana eziqinileyo, lezigodo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya, **6** amafutha e-oliva awokukhanya isibane, amakha azasetshenizwa lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiwayo lephunga lempeha eliminandi, **7** amatshe e-onikisi, lamanye amatshe aligugu azathungelwa esembathweni semaholme lesesifubeni. **8** Bangakhele indlu engcwele, ngalokho ngizahlala phakathi kwabo. **9** Yenza ithabanikeli leli kanye leziceciso zalo ngendlela engizakutshengisa yona.” **10** “Kabenze umtshokotsho negezigozo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya, ubude bawo kube zingalo ezimbili ezilengxene, ububanzi kube yingalo elengxene njalo ukuyaphezulu kwavo kube yingalo elengxene. **11** Lilihuqe ngegolide elicolekileyo, ngaphakathi langaphandle, ubuye ulizingelezele ngomqolo wegolide. **12** Libumbele amasongo amane egolide liwanamathisele ezinyaweni zalo zozine, amabili kwelinje icele kuthi amabili kwelinje njalo. **13** Beselisenza imijabo ngesihlahla som’akhakhiya liyihuqe ngegolide. **14** Hlonani imijabo kulawo masongo asemaceleni ommtshokotsho kube yizibambo. **15** Izigodo lezi zizahlala emasongweni alumtshokotsho, zingakhitshwa. **16** Beselifaka ubufakazi emtshokotshweni engizakunika bona. **17** Yenzani isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ubude baso bube zingalo ezimbili ezilengxene lengxene eyodwa ububanzi. **18** Lizakwenza amakherubhi amabili ngegolide elikhandiwayo, liwenze ekucineni kwesibekelo esiyisihlalo somusa emaceleni womabili. **19** Yenzani ikherubhi elilodwa nganxanye kuthi ngakwelinje icele lenze elinye, uzawenza amakherubhi abe yinto yinye lesisibekelo emaceleni womabili. **20** Amakherubhi kumele elulele amaphiko awo phezelu embese isisibekelo ngawo. Kuzamele amakherubhi akhangelane, ubuso bawo bukhangele isisibekelo. **21** Bekani isisibekelo phezu komtshokotsho, ubusufaka ubufakazi engizakunika bona ebhokisini lesivumelwano. **22** Kulapho engizahlangana lawe khona ngikunika imithetho ka-Israyeli ngisesihlalweni somusa, phakathi laphakathi kwamakherubhi aphezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi.” **23** “Bazani itafula negezigozo zesihlahla som’akhakhiya, ubude bayo bube

zingalo ezimbili, ububanzi bayo bube yingalo eyodwa, zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lizisebenzise kuthi ukudepha kwayo kube yingalo elengxeny. **24** ukuhlanganisa amakhetheni ukuze ithabanikeli libe Liyihuqe ngegolide elicolekileyo, beselyizingezezel yintonye. **7** Yenzani amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi ngomthando wegolide. **25** Lenze kuyo ibhanti abe ngawethente lokubekwa phezu kwethabanikeli, eliyizingezeleyo, elilingana lobubanzi besandla, abelitshumi lanye esewonke. **8** Amakhetheni beselumbela kuyo umthando wegolide phezu wonke alitshumi lanye alingane, abezingalo kwebhanti. **26** Lenze amasongo amane egolide liwafake ezingamatshumi amathathu ubude, ububanzi emagumbini womane enyaweni zetafula. **27** Amasongo abezingalo ezine. **9** Hlanganisani amakhetheni kumele asondelelane lebhanti ukuze abambe imijabo mahlanu abelilixha elilodwa kuthi ayisithupha abe ezasetshenzwa ukuthwala itafula. **28** Lungisani kwelinye ilixha. Ligoqe ikhetheni lesithupha liphindwe imijabo ngesihlahla som'akhakhiyi, liyihuqe ngegolide kabilis phambi kwethente. **10** Yenzani izihitshela ukuze lithwale itafula ngayo. **29** Njalo yenzani imiganu lezinditsi zayo ngegolide elicolekileyo kanye lenkezo, wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, lenzenjalo imiganu eyingubhe lezitssha zokuthululela iminikelo. **11** Beselungisa ingwegwe zethusi **30** Libeke etafuleni isinkwa esiNgcwele ukuze sibe ezingamatshumi amahlanu lizifake ezihitsheleni ukuze phambi kwami ngezikathhi zonke.” **31** “Lizakwenza zibophe ithente kube yinto yinye. **12** Kuzakuthi-ke isiq uluthi lwasibane ngegolide elicolekileyo. Likhande esiseleyo sekhetheni lethente, ingxene yekhetheni isidindi salo lomqwayi walo, imbizana zalo lamahlumela eseleyo, ilenge emuva kwethabanikeli. **13** Amakhetheni alo lamaaluba alo likwenze kube yinto yinye. **32** ethente azakwedlula ngengalo eyodwa inxa zonke, Ingatsha eziyisithupha zixhunywe emaceleni oluthi, kuthi okuseleyo kulenge emaceleni ethabanikeli ukuze ezintathu nganxanye kuthi ezintathu kwelinye icele. alembese. **14** Lenze isembeso sethente ngezikhumba **33** Inkezo ezintathu ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-alimondi, zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphephendo obomvu, amahlamela lamaluba kumele abe sogatsheni lunye, kuthi phezu kwalokho kube lesembeso sezikhumba ezintathu egatsheni olulandelayo, kubo njalo kuzozonke eziqinileyo. **15** Yenzani amathala ethabanikeli ingatsha ezihxunywe emqwayini woluthi lwasibane. **34** amiswayo ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya. **16** Kuzakuthi oluthini lwasibane kube lezimbizana ezine Ithala linye kumele libe lide okuzingalo ezilitshumi, ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-alimondi, zilamahlumela kuthi ububanzi bube yingalo elengxeny, **17** kubo lamaluba. **35** Kumele kubo lehlumela ngaphansi lemisuka emibili ephutshayo ilinganisene. Wonke kwengatsha ezimbili ezihxunywe oluthini lwasibane, amathala ethabanikeli enziye ngale indlila. **18** ihlumela lesibili ngaphansi kwezinye ezimbili, kuthi Yenzani amathala ecele elisezansi kwethabanikeli ihlumela lesithathu lalo libe ngaphansi kwezinye angamatshumi amabili, **19** beselizenza izisekelo zesiliva njalo ezimbili, zonke ingatsha zibe yisithupha. **36** ezingamatshumi amane ezizahamba ngaphansi kwawo, Amahlumela lezingatsha kuzakuba yinto yinye loluthi izisekelo ezimbili ethaleni linye, sibe sinye ngaphansi lwasibane, kukhandwe ngegolide elicolekileyo. **37** kwensika inye ngayinye. **20** Kulelilece elisenyakatho Ngakho lizalwenzela izibane eziyisikhombisa lizimise kwethabanikeli, misani amathala angamatshumi phezu kwalo ukuze zikhanyise phambi kwalo. **38** amabili **21** kanye lezisekelo zesiliva ezingamatshumi Incijana zentambo lembizana zalo zibe ngezelolide amane, ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye. **22** elicolekileyo. **39** Uluthi lwasibane kanye lakho konke Yenzani amathala ayisithupha ecele elisekucineni okupathelene laso kuzenziwa ngegolide elicolekileyo. **40** Kaphela ukuba ngentshonalanga kwethabanikeli, **23** lenze amathala eliyisisindo sethalenta elilodwa. **41** Qaphela ukuba amabili amagumbi asekucineni. **24** Emagumbini wenze konke njengalokhu owakutshengisa entaben.”

**26** “Lenze ithabanikeli ngamakhetheni alitshumi elembu eliphothwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu, aceciswe ngamakherubhi elukelwe kuhle ngumuntu oleminwe. **2** Amakhetheni wonke kumele ukuthi alingane, abezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili ubude njalo ububanzi abezingalo ezine. **3** Lizahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu ndawonye, liphinde lenzenjalo lakwamanye amahlanu. **4** Lenze izihitshela ngelembu eliluhlaza emphethweni wekhetheni elisekucineni kwamakhetheni amahlanu elixheni lakuqala, lenze okufanayo elixheni lesibili. **5** Lizakwenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini elilodwa liphinde lenze ezinye izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini lokucina elixheni lesibili, izihitshela zikhangelene. **6** Emva kwalokho lizakwenza ingwegwe womabili la kumele abe lohlonzi oluphindwe kabilis kusukela phansi kusiya phezulu, abesehlanganisa ngesongo elilodwa, wonke abe njalo. **25** Ngakho kuzakuba lamathala ayisificaminwembili lezisekelo zesiliva ezilitshumi lesithupha, ezimbili ngaphansi kwethala linye. **26** Yenzani njalo imithando enqumayo ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya: emihlanu ibe ngeyamathala kwelinye icele lethabanikeli, **27** emihlanu ibe njalo kwelinye icele, kuthi eminye njalo emihlanu ibe ngeyamathala asentshonalanga, ekucineni kwethabanikeli. **28** Umthando waphakathi onqumayo uzakwedlula usuka kulelilece lokucina usiyacina kwelinye phakathi laphakathi kwamathala. **29** Huqani amathala ngegolide lenze amasongo egolide abambe imithando enqumayo. Njalo liyihuqe imithando enqumayo ngegolide. **30** Limise ithabanikeli njengokutshengisa kwakho entaben. **31** Yenzani ikhetheni ngelembu elicolekileyo, eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziluhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu,

abe lamakherubhi elukelwe kuwo ngumuntu oleminwe. kanye lezinsika ezintathu lezisekelo ezintathu. **32** Liwalengise ngezingwegwana zegolide ensiken 16 Esangweni leguma, lifake ikhetheni elizingalo ezine zesihlahla som'akhakhiya ezihuqe ngegolide ezingamatshumi amabili ubude, elelukwe laphethwa njalo zimiswe phezu kwezisekelo zesiliva. **33** kuhle ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu, Lengisan-ke ikhetheni ngezingwegwana beselibeka cube ngumsebenzi wombalaazi ngokuthunga, cube umtshokotsho wobufakazi ngemva kwekhetheni. lezinsika ezine lezisekelo ezine. **17** Zonke izinsika ikhetheni lizakwehlukanisa Indawo Engcwele ezhionqolozele iguma zibe lamabhanti lengwegwe kweNgcwelengcwele. **34** Bekani isisibekelo esiyisihlalo zesiliva kanye lezisekelo zethusi. **18** Ubude beguma somusa phezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi osendawi buzakuba zingalo ezilikhulu lobubanzi obuzingalo eNgcwelengcwele. **35** Bekani itafula ngaphandle ezingamatshumi amahlanu lamakhetheni elembu kwekhetheni elisenyakatho kwethabanikeli, beselifaka elelukwe kuhle libe lide okuzingalo ezhinlanu, uluthi Iwesibane lukhangelan layo eceleni lezisekelo zethusi. **19** Zonke izinto ezizasetshenziswa emsebenzini wethabanikeli loba kuyini okwenziwayo ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziuhlaza, kuhalanganisa lazononke izikhonkwane zalo kanye eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu cube ngumsebenzi lezeguma, kumele cube ngokwethusi.” **20** “Laya abantu wombalaazi ngokuthunga. **37** Yenzelani ikhetheni ingwegwana zegolide kanye lezinsika ezhinlanu ezenziwe ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya ezihuqe ngegolide. Njalo beseliwafakela izisekelo ezhinlanu ezbunjwe ngethusi.”

**27** “Lakhe i-alithari ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya libe zingalo ezintathu ukudepha, kumele lilingane inxa zonke, ubude balo bube zingalo ezhinlanu lobubanzi balo bube zingalo ezhinlanu. **2** Egumbini linye ngalinye le-alithari uzakwenza uphondo, kuthi impondo le-alithari kube yinto yinye, ubusulihuqa ngethusi. **3** Izinto zonke ezizasetshenziswa kulo uzazenza ngethusi, imbiza zalo zokubutha umlotha, amafotsholo alo, imiganu yokuchela, amafologwe enyama kanye lezindengezi zokubasela umlilo. **4** Lenzele iminxibo yokosa ngethusi njalo wenze isongo lethusi emagumbini wonke womane. **5** Libeke ngaphansi komphetho we-alithare okuyingxene yokuya phezulu. **6** Libaze imijabo ye-alithare ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya liyihluqe ngethusi. **7** Lihlome imijabo le emasongweni asemaceleni womabili e-alithare ukuze ibe yizibambo nxa selithwalwa. **8** Beselithatha amapulanka lenze ngawo i-alithari libe ngumhome, Lenze njengalokhu owakutshengiswayo entaben.” **9** “Lilungise iguma lethabanikeli. Ubude becele lezansi bube zingalo ezilikhulu njalo libe lamakhetheni elembu eliphethwe kuhle, **10** lensika ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo ezingamatshumi amabili konke kwensiwe ngethusi kanye lengwegwe zesiliva lamabhanti ensiken. **11** Icele lenyakatho lalo lizakuba yizingalo ezilikhulu ubude njalo libe lamakhetheni, libe lensika ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo ezingamatshumi amabili ethusi futhi cube lengwegwana lezibopho zesiliva ensiken. **12** Icele lentshonalanga yeguma lizakuba zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi, lilamakhetheni, lensika ezilitshumi kanye lezisekelo ezilitshumi. **13** Eceleni elisempumalanga, kusiya okuphuma khona ilanga, iguma lizakuba banzi okuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **14** Amakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu ubude azakuba nganxanye kwasango, elezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo ezintathu. **15** Ngakwelinye icele lakho kuzakuba lamakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu ubude

**28** “Akulethwe kuwe phakathi kwabako-Israyeli umfowenu u-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe uNadabi, u-Abhihu, u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamar, uebhukanise ukuba babe ngabaphristi bami. **2** Wenzele u-Aroni umfowenu izembatho ezingcwele, ezizamenza abe lesithunzi njalo ahlonipheke. **3** Atshele wonke amadoda azingcitshi lalehlanhakanipho ngokuphathele lalumsebenzi wokuthi benzele u-Aroni izembatho zokwahlukanisela umsebenzi wami wokuba ngumphristi. **4** Yilezi izembatho abazenza: isembatho sesifubeni, isembatho semahlombe, isiggoko, ibhatsi elelukiweyo, iqhieye kanye lebhanti. Kumele benzele umfowenu u-Aroni lamadodana akhe izembatho lezi ezingcwele ukuze babe ngabaphristi bami. **5** Kabasebenzise intambu eziuhlaza, eziyibubende, ezbomvu kanye lelembu elicolekileyo.” **6** “Uzakwenza isembatho semahlombe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eziiligolide, eziuhlaza, eziyibubende kanye lezibomvu, cube ngumsebenzi womuntu oleminwe. **7** Kumele sibe leziqa zemahlombe ezimbili zithungelwe emaceleni aso womabili ukuze sibotshwe. **8** Kuzakuthi ibhanti laso lasekhalweni lelukwe ngobungcitshi lenziwe lifane laso, libe yinto yinye lesembatho semahlombe, lenziwe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eligolide, eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu. **9** Thatha amatshe amabili ohlobo lwe-onikisi udwebele kuwo amabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli **10** ngokulandelana kwavo, ayisithupha kwelinje ilitshe kuthi aseyeo uwadwebele kwelinje njalo. **11** Dwebela amabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli ematsheni womabili njengombazi wamatshes aligugu edwebela uphawu. Ubusuwazingelezela ngeziceciso zegolide **12** ubusuwathungela eziqeni zemahlombe kube

ngamatshe esikhumbuzo samadodana ka-Israyeli. egolide. 34 Amabhera egolide kumele agabane U-Aroni kumele athwale amabizo emahlombe akhe lamaphomegranathi emphethweni wesembatho. 35 cube yisikhumbuzo phambi kukaThixo. 13 Yenza U-Aroni kufanele asembathe nxa esenza umsebenzi iziceciso zegolide 14 kanye lamaketane enziwe wokukhonza. Umsindo wamabhera uyabe uzwakala ngegolide elicolekileyo alukelwe ndawonye njengegoda lapho engena eNdaweni eNgcwele phambi kukaThixo uwabophele ezicecisweni zegolide.” 15 “Uzakwenza lalapho ephuma, ukuze angafi. 36 Yenza icence isembatho sesifuba sokwahlulela, senziwe ngumuntu legolide elicolekileyo udwebe, uloba kulo njengombazi oleminwe. Usenze njengesembatho semahlombe: wamatsho udwebela uphawu oluthi: Ubungcwele ngelembu eliphothwe kuhle ngentambo eligolide, kabube kuThixo. 37 Ulibophele eqhiyeni ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu. 16 Kufanele eluhlaza libe phambi kweqhiye. 38 Lizakuba silingane inxa zonke, isandla ubude lesandla ububanzi, sebungini lika-Aroni ukuze athwale amacala aqondene sigoqwe sphindwa kibili. 17 Ubusuthungela kuso leziphpo ezingcwele ezinikelwa ngabako-Israyeli, imizila emine yamatsho aligugu. Emzileni wakuqala kungakhathalekile ukuthi yisipho bani. Lizakuba kuzakuba lerubhi, ithophazi kanye lebheriyeli, sebungini lika-Aroni kokuphela ukuze abako-Israyeli 18 emzileni wesibili kube yi-emeralidi, isafaya, bemukeleku kuThixo. 39 Thunga ibhatshi ngelembu ledayimana, 19 emzileni wesithathu ijasinti, i-agathi elicolekileyo kanye leqhiye yelembu elicolekileyo, kanye le-amethisi, 20 emzileni wesine ikhrisolathi, i-onikisi kanye lejaspa. Athungele ezicecisweni zegolide. 21 Kumele cube lamatshe alitshumi lambili, liliney limele ibizo lamadodana ka-Israyeli, linye ngalinye elicolekileyo kanye leqhiye yelembu elicolekileyo, kanye le-amethisi, 20 emzileni wesine ikhrisolathi, i-onikisi kanye lejaspa. Athungele ezicecisweni zegolide. 21 Kumele cube lamatshe alitshumi lambili, liliney leithunzi, ahlonipheke. 41 Emva kokugqokisa u-Aroni lilotshwe njengokudweba kombazi wamatsho, kungani luphawu, kulotshwe kulelo lalelo ibizo lezizwana zako-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili. 22 Isembatho sesifubeni selukelwe amaketane ngegolide elicolekileyo cube ekhalweni kusya emathangazini, zibe yizembatho njengegoda. 23 Yenza amasongo amabili ngegolide ubusuwabophele emagumbini amabili esembatho sesifubeni. 24 Bophela amaketane amabili egolide emasongweni asemagumbini esembatho sesifubeni, 25 kuthi ngapha acina khona abotshelwe ezicecisweni ezimbili, liwahlanganise eziqeni zemahlombe phambili kwasembatho semahlombe. 26 Yenza amasongo amabili egolide uwabophele kwamanye amagumbi amabili esembatho sesifubeni ngaphakathi komphetho phansi kwasembatho semahlombe. 27 Yenza amany amasongo egolide amabili ubusuwabophele ngaphansi kweziqa zemahlombe phambi kwasembatho semahlombe, eduze komphetho ngaphezudlwana kwebhanti lasekhaweni lwasembatho semahlombe. 28 Amasongo esembatho sesifubeni kumele abotshaniswe lamasongo esembatho semahlombe ngentambo eluhlaza, kusihlanganisa lebhanti lasokhalwenni, ukwenzela ukuthi isembatho sesifubeni singatsheleli sehlukane lesembatho semahlombe. 29 Kuzakuthi lapho u-Aroni engena Endaweni Engcwele, agqize phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe isembatho sesifubeni sokwahlulela esilambabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli kube yisikhumbuzo esiqhubekayo phambi kukaThixo. 30 Faka njalo i-Urimi kanye leThumimi esembathweni sesifubeni, ukuze ziqondane laphezu kwenhliziyo ka-Aroni loba kunini engena endaweni kaThixo. Ngalokho u-Aroni uzabe ethwele amandla okunquma izinqumo kwabako-Israyeli phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe phambi kukaThixo.” 31 “Yenza isiqqoko sesembatho semahlombe ngelembu eliluhlaza kuphela, 32 cube lesikhala sokungenisa ikhanda phakathi laphakathi. Kuzakuba lomphetho onjengebbehe othungwe walandelisa isikhala lesi ukuze isembatho singadabuki. 33 Wenze emphethweni wesembatho amaphomegranathi ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu, uwugabanise lamabhera

29 “Lokhu yikho ozakwenza nxa ubagcoba ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi: Thatha inkunzi esesencane lenqama ezimbili ezingelasici. 2 Yenza izinkwa ezingelamvubelo ngefulawa ecolekileyo, izinkwa ezinkulu ezingelamvubelo, ezingelamvubelo, zigcotshwe ngamafutha e-oliva ezingelamvubelo, zigcotshwe ngamafutha e-oliva. 3 Uzifake esitsheni ubusuziletha ndawonye lenkunzi kanye lenqama ezimbili. 4 Emva kwalokho ulethe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe esangweni lethente lokaahlangana ubagezise ngamanzi. 5 Thatha izembatho ugqokisa u-Aroni ibhatshi, lesembatho samahlombe, isembatho samahlombe sona ngokwaso kanye lesiggoko sesifuba, umbophele isembatho samahlombe ngebhanti lokhalo elelukwe ngobungcwethi obukhulu. 6 Mthwaliye iqhiye yokuthandela ekhanda lakhe, unamathisele umqhele wamakhosu ongcwele eqhiyeni. 7 Thatha amafutha okugcobelis isikhundla umgcobe ngokuwathela phezu kwekhanda lakhe. 8 Letha amadodana akhe uwagqokisa amabhatshi 9 ubabophe ngamabhanti emakhanda, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, ube usubathwala isizingowane. Ubuphristi ngobabo ngesimiso esingapheliyo. Ngale indlela uzaggcoba u-Aroni lamadodana akhe. 10 Letha inkunzi phambi kwethente lokaahlangana, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeki izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo, 11 uyihlabe phambi kukaThixo esangweni lethente lokaahlangana. 12 Uthathe igazi lenkunzi ulininde empondweni ze-

alithare ngomunwe wakho, uthele igazi eliseleyo lesinkwa esisesitsheni. **33** Kumele badle leyomnikelo phansi e-alitharen. **13** Emva kwalokho uthathe okwenziwa ngayo inhlawulo yokubekwa lokugcotshwa lonke idanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, amahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, izinso zonke lamahwahwa akuzo, ukutshise konke lokhu e-alitharen. **14** Kodwa-ke inyama yenkenzi, isikhumba sayo lamathumbu ayo, isinkwa kusele kuze cube sekuseni, kutshise ukutshisele ngaphandle kwesihonqo; kungumnikelo wesono. **15** Thatha enye yenqama, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo, **16** uyiylabe, uthathe igazi layo ulichele emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **17** Emva kwalokho uhhalele inqama ibe yiziq augezise ezangaphakathi lemilenze ukufake ndawonye lenhloko kanye lezinye iqiqa, **18** ubusutshisa inqama yonke e-alitharen. Lokhu kungumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo, iphunga eliminandi, umnikelo onikelwa kuThixo ngomnilo. **19** Thatha enye inqama, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. **20** Uyiylabe, uthathe igazi layo ulininde esiqwini sendlebe yakwesokunene sika-Aroni lakwezamadodana akhe, lasezithupheni zabo zezandla zabo zokunene, lasemazwaneni amakhulu ezinyawo zabo zesandla sokinene. Emva kwalokho uchele igazi emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **21** Thatha igazi ahluziweyo, lokwesine kwehini yamafutha e-oliva elise-alithareni lamafutha okugcoba uchele u-Aroni lezembatho zakhe kanye lamadodana akhe lezembatho zavo. Lapho-ke yena lamadodana akhe lezivnulo zabo kuzabe sekungcwelisiwe. **22** Thatha amahwahwa kule inqama, lomsila ononileyo, ledanga eligoqela ezangaphakathi, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo kanye lomlenze wesandla sokinene. (Le yinqama yokugcotshwa komphristi.) **23** Esitsheni esilesinkwa esingelamvubelo esiphambi kukaThixo, thatha isinkwa esisodwa, isinkwa esisodwa esikhulu esixutshaniswe lamafutha e-oliva kanye lesinkwanyana. **24** Konke lokhu kufake ezandleni zika-Aroni lezamadodana akhe, bakuzunguze phambi kukaThixo kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzuwa. **25** Emva kwalokho kuthathe ezandleni zabo ukutshise e-alithareni ndawonye lomnikelo wokutshiswa tkuze kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo, umhlatsheho wokudla onikelwa kuThixo. **26** Emva kwalokho thatha isifuba senqama yokugcotshwa kuka-Aroni uzunguze phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa njalo sizakuba yisabelo sakho. **27** Zenze zibengcwele lezozitho zenqama yokugcotshwa komphristi ezingezikaza-Aroni lamadodana akhe, isifuba esizunguziweyo lomlenze onikelweyo. **28** Lokhu kuzaqhubeka kokuphela kuyisabelo sika-Aroni lamadodana akhe esivela kwabako-Israyeli. Kungumnikelo abako-Israyeli abawenzayo kuThixo uvela eminikelweni yabo yokuuhlanganya. **29** Izembatho zika-Aroni ezingcwele zizakuba ngezezikulwana zakhe ukuze bagcotshwe babekwe ubuphristi begqoke zona. **30** Indodana yakhe ezakuba ngumphristi esikhundleni sakhe izazigqoka insuku eziyisikhombisa lapho isiza ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuzakhonza eNdaweni eNgcweli. **31** Thatha inqama yokugcotshwa komphristi uyiphekele endaweni engcweli. **32** Ethenteni lokuhlangana, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla inyama yenqama lesinkwa esisesitsheni. **33** Kumele badle leyomnikelo phansi e-alitharen. **34** Njalo nxa eyinye yenqama yokugcotshwa komphristi kumbe ngomnilo. Akumelanga kuudiwe ngoba kungcwele. **35** Menzele-ke u-Aroni lamadodana akhe konke engikulaye khona, ukugcotshwa kwabo kuthathie insuku eziyisikhombisa. **36** Nikela inkunzi eyodwa usuku ngosuko njengomnikelo wesono wokwenza inhlawulo, Yenza i-alithari libengcwele ngokulenzela inhlawulo, uligcobe ukuba ulingcwelise. **37** Yenza inhlawulelo ye-alithare okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ulingcwelise. Lapho-ke i-alithari lizakuba ngcwele kakhulu kuthi konke okulithintayo kube ngcwele. **38** Lokhu yikho ozakunikela e-alithareni usuku lunye ngalunye: amazinyane ezimvu amabili alomnyaka owodwa ezelwe. **39** Nikela elilodwa ekuseni, elinye unikele ngalo njalo kusihlwa. **40** Kanye lezinyane lakuqala nikela okwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe lokwesine kwehini yamafutha e-oliva kube ngumnikelo onathwayo. **41** Elinye izinyane linikele kusihlwa ngomnikelo ofanayi warnabele kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo njengowekuseni ukuba kube liphunga eliminandi, umnikelo wokutshiswa onikelwa kuThixo. **42** Kuzizukulwane ezizayo umnikelo wokutshiswa lo uzakwensiwa njalonjalo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana phambi kukaThixo, lapho engizahlangana lawe khona ngikhulume lawe. **43** Lapho futhi yikho engizahlangana khona labako-Israyeli, indawo leyo ingcweliswe yinkazimulo yami. **44** Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza ithente lokuhlangana kanye le-alithari kube ngcwele ukuba bangisebenze bengabaphristi. **45** Lapho-ke ngizahlala phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. **46** Bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, owabakhupha eGibhithe ukuze nighlale phakathi kwabo. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo.”

**30** “Yenza i-alithari lokutshisel impepha ngesihlahla som’akhakiya. **2** Amacele womane kumele alingane, kube yingalo ubude lengalo ububanzi, kuthi ukudepha cube zingalo ezimbili, impondo zalo zibe yinto yinre lalo. **3** Huqa phezulu lamacele wonke, lempondo zalo negegolide elicolekileyo ubumbele umqolo wegolide inxa zonke. **4** Yenza amasongo egolide amabili e-alithare abe ngaphansi komqolo emaceleni amabili ehlukeneyo ukuba abambe imijabo yokulithwala. **5** Imijabo yenze ngesihlahla som’akhakiya uyihuqe negegolide. **6** Beka i-alithari phambi kwekhetheni elisithe umtshokotsho wobufakazi, nganeno kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu kwezibhebhedu zesisumelwano somthetho lapho engizahlangana lawe khona. **7** U-Aroni kumele atshise impepha enuka mnandi e-alithareni nsuku zonke ekuseni elungisa izibane. **8** Kumele impepha ayitshise futhi kusihlwa lapho eselumathisa izibane ukuze impepha itshe kokuphela phambi kukaThixo

kuze kube kuzizukulwane ezizayo. **9** Linganikeli **31** Batshele abako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Lokhu kuzakuba kuleli-alithare olunye uhlobo lwempeha kumbe ngamafutha ami angcwele okugcoba abakhethiwayo umnikelo wokutshiswa loba umnikelo wamabele, njalo lakuzizukulwane zenu ezizayo. **32** Lingawatheli lingatheli umnikelo wokunathwa phezu kwalo. **10** emizimbeni yabantu, njalo lingensi amanye amafutha Kanye ngomnyaka u-Aroni uzakwenza inhlawulelo ngale indlela yokuwenza. Ingewe, izakuba ngcwele empondweni zalo. Inhlawulo yeminyaka yonke le lakini. **33** Lowo ozakwenza amakha afana lawo kumele yensiwe ngegazi lomnikelo wokuhlawulela kumbe agcobe ngawo umuntu ongasuye mphristi, izono zezizukulwane ezizayo. Ingewe kakhulu uzasuswa ebantwini bakibo.” **34** UThixo wabuye kuThixo.” **11** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **12** “Lapho wathi kuMosi, “Thatha amakha anuka mnandi, usubala abantu bako-Israyeli omunye lumonye kumele isitakte, i-onika legalibhanumi kanye lenhlaka anike uThixo inhlawulo yokuphila kwakhe. Ngalokho enhle, konke kungesilinganiso esifanayo, **35** wenze akuyikuba lesifo esizabehlela lapho ubabala. **13** ingxube yempeha elephunga eliminandi njengomxubi Akuthi lowo lalowo odlulela ngakulabulo asebabiwe anike ingxene yeshekeli, ngokweshekeli lendawo **36** Chola enye yayo ibe yimpuphu uyifake phambi engcwele, okuyisisindo esingamagera angamatshumi komtshokotsho wobufakazi phakathi kwethente amabili. Ingxene yeshekeli le ingumnikelo kuThixo. **14** Wonke umuntu obaliwego, kusukela kolemnyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, uzanikela umnikelo kuThixo. **15** Abanothileyo akumelanga banikele ngokwedlula ingxene yeshekeli, labayanga kabanganikeli ngokungaphansi lapho selinikela kuThixo ukuba lenze inhlawulelo yokuphila kwenu.

**16** Wamukele imali yenhhawulo kwabako-Israyeli uyisebenzise enkonzweni yethente lokuhlangana. Izakuba yisikhumbuzo kwabako-Israyeli phambi kukaThixo ukwenzela inhlawulelo yokuphila kwenu.”

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

**22** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **23** “Thatha lezinhhlobo zamakha amahle: Amashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu emure elingamarzi, isinamoni enuka mnandi eyingxene yalokho (okuyikuthi amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu amashekeli), amashekeli angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ekhalamu eilephunga eliminandi, **24** amashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu ekhasiya, konke kumayelana lamashekeli endawo engcwele, kanye lehini lamafutha amaliva. **25** Lokhu kwenze kuge ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba abakhethiwayo alungiswe ngumenzu wamakha, azakuba ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba abakhethiwayo. **26** Ngawo-ke uzagcoba ithente lokuhlangana, umtshokotsho wobufakazi, **27** itafula kanye lezitscha zabo zonke, uluthi lwsibane lezitscha zabo, i-alithari lemppeha, **28** i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitscha zabo longanu wokugezel kanye lezinyawo zabo. **29** Uzakungcwelisa konke ukuba kuge ngcwele kakhulu, njalo loba yini ekuthintayo izakuba ngcwele. **30** Mgobe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe uehluwanisele ukuba bangisebenze bengaphristi.

**31** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Khangela, sengikhethu uBhezaleli indodana ka-Uri oyindodana kaHuri owesizwe sikajuda **3** ngamgcwala ngomoya kaNkulunkulu, ukuhlakanipha, ukuqedisita lolwazi ekwenzeni yonke imisebenzi yobungcitshi **4** ukuze adwebe imisebenzi yobungcitshi ngesimo sezinto ezenwi negegolide, isiliva kanye lethusi, **5** abaze amatshe awabeku kuhle, abaze izigodo kanye lokwenza yonke imisebenzi yomuntu oleminwe lobungcwethi. **6** Phezu kwalokho, ngikheth lo-Oholiyahhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi, owesizwe sikaDaní ukuba amncedise. Nginike ulwazi kuzozonke izingcitshi ukuba zenze konke engikulaye ukuba kwensiwe: **7** ithente lokuhlangana, umtshokotsho wobufakazi, isihlalo somusa esikuwo, lakkhu konke okunye okokuhlobisa ithente: **8** itafula lezitscha zalo, uluthi lwsibane lwegolide elicolekileyo lezitscha zalo zonke, i-alithari lemppeha, **9** i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lezitscha zalo zonke, lomkolo kanye lezinyawo zabo **10** lezembaatho ezelukiwego, lezembaatho ezingcwele zika-Aroni umphristi kanye lezembaatho zamadodana akhe ezmsebenzi wabo wobuphristi, **11** lamafutha okugcobelis ikhundla, lemppeha enuka mnandi eyeNdawo eNgcwele. Kumele bakwenzie njengoba ngikulayile.” **12** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **13** “Batshele abako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Kumele ligcine amasabatha ami. Lokhu kuzakuba luphawu phakathi kwami lani kuzizukulwane zenu ezizayo, ukuze lazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo olenza libengcwele. **14** Gcinani iSabatha ngoba ligcwele kini. Lowo olonayo kumele abulawe, lalowo osebenzayo ngalolosuku uzasuswa ebantwini bakibo. **15** Umsebenzi kawenziwe okwensuku eziyisithupha, kodwa usuku lwsikhombisa luliSabatha lokuphumula, lungcwele kuThixo. Lowo osebenzayo ngosuku lwsabatha kumele abulawe. **16** Abako-Israyeli kumele bagcine iSabatha, baligcine kuzizukulwane zabo ezizayo njengesivumelwano esingapheliyo. **17** Lizakuba luphawu phakathi kwami labako-Israyeli nini

lanini. Ngoba ngezinsuku eziyisithupha uThixo wenza amazulu lomhlaba, kwathi ngosuku lwasikhombisa waphumula.” **18** Kwathi lapho uThixo eseqedile ukukhuluma loMosi entabeni yaseSinayi wammika izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe obufakazi, izibhebhedu zamatshe alotshwe ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu.

**32** Kwathi lapho abantu bebona uMosi esephuzile ukwehla entabeni, babuthana ku-Aroni bathi kuye, “Lalela, senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu, ngoba umuntu lo, uMosi owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, asikwazi osekwenzakale kuye.” **2** U-Aroni wabaphendula wathi, “Khuphani amacici egolide asendlebeni zamakhosikazi enu, amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu, liwalethe kimi.” **3** Ngakho abantu bonke wakuhupha amacici abo bawasa ku-Aroni. **4** Wathatha lokho abamnikeza khona wakwenza kwaba yisithombe esibunjwe ngesimo sethole esebezisa insimbi yokukhanda. Basebesithi, “Laba yibo onkulunkulu benu, Oh Israyeli, abalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe.” **5** Kwathi u-Aroni ebona lokhu wakha i-alithari phambi kwethole wamemezela wathi, “Kusasa kuzakuba lomkhosi kaThixo.” **6** Ngakho ngosuku olwalandelayo abantu bavuka ekuseni kakhulu banikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, baletsha lomnikelo wobudlelwano. Emva kwalokho bahlala phansi badla, banatha; basukuma bagida. **7** Lapho-ke uThixo wathi kuMosi, “Yehla uye phansi ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupha elizweni laseGibhithe sebegcwele ububi. **8** Baphangisile badela konke engabalaya khona bazenzela isithombe esibunjwe safana lethole. Basikhothamele banikela iminikelo kiso bathi, ‘Laba yibo onkulunkulu benu, bako-Israyeli, abalikhupha eGibhithe.’” **9** UThixo wasebuya wathi kuMosi, ‘Sengibabonile abantu laba; ngabantu abantamo zilukhuni. **10** Khathesike ngiyekela ngingedwa ukuze ulaka lwami luvuthe phezu kwabo, ngibatshabalalise. Besengizakwenza isizwe esikhulu.” **11** Kodwa uMosi wacela umusa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe, wathi, “Awu Thixo, kungani ulaka lwakho kumele luvuthele abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu langesandla esiqinileyo na? **12** Kungani amaGibhithe kumele athi, ‘Wabakhupha elizweni ngenxa yenholso embi ukuba ababulalele ezintabeni, ababluhbhise baphelhe ebusweni bomhlaba?’ Phenduka olakeni lwakho olwesabekayo, uthambise umoya wakho, ungaleteli abantu bakho ukubhujiswa. **13** Khumbula izincek zakho u-Abhrahamu, u-Isaka lo-Israyeli owafunga kubo wena ngokwakho wathi, ‘Ngizakwandisa inzalo yenu ibe ngangezinkanyezi zasemkhathini, ngiyinike lonke ilizwe engalithembisa lona ukuba libe yilifa layo kuze kube nini lanini.’” **14** Lapho-ke uThixo waguquka ebubini ayesemise ukubehlisela ebantwini bakhe. **15** UMosi waphenduka wehla entabeni ephethe izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe obufakazi ezandleni zakhe. Zazilotshwe inxa zombili, phambili langemuva. **16** Izibhebhedu zamatshe zazingumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu; umbhalo ungumbhalo kaNkulunkulu owawulotshwe ezibhebhedwini zamatshe. **17** Kwathi

lapho uJoshua esizwa umsindo wabantu beklabalala, wathi kuMosi, “Kulokuhlokoma kwempi ezhonqweni.” **18** UMosi waphendula wathi: “Akusiyo nhlokomo yokunqoba, akusiyo nhlokomo yokunqotshwa; yinhlokomo yokuhlabela mina engiyizwayo.” **19** Kwathi uMosi esebanga ezhonqweni ebona ithole kanye lokugida okwakusenziwa, ulaka Iwakhe Iwavutha, walahlha izibhebhedu ezazisezandleni zakhe, zahlephuka zaba yizicucu ewatheni lwentaba. **20** Wathatha ithole abebelenzile walitshisa emilwени; walichola laba yimpuphu, wayiphosela emanzini, wathi bawanathe abako-Israyeli. **21** Wasesithi ku-Aroni, “Abantu laba benzeni kuwe uze ubakohkhelele esonweni esikhulu kangaka na?” **22** U-Aroni waphendula wathi, “Ungathukutheli nkosi yami. Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu laba bathanda ububi. **23** Bathe kimi, ‘Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu. Umuntu lo, uMosi owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, asikwazi osokwenzakale kuye.’” **24** Ngakho mina ngathi kubo, ‘Loba ngubani olomceciso wegolide kawukhuphe.’ Basebengipha-ke igolide ngaliphosa emilwени, kwasekuphuma ithole leli.” **25** UMosi wabona ukuthi abantu babengasabambeki kanye lokuthi u-Aroni wayesebaxhwalisile baze baba yinhlakisa ezitheni zabo. **26** Ngakho wema esangweni lezihonqo wathi, “Wonke ongokaThixo, keze kimi.” Wonke amadodana kaLevi ayabuthana kuye. **27** Wasesithi kuwo, “Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ukuthi, ‘Indoda ngayinye kayibophele inkemba yayo ngebhanti eceleni kwayo, lihambahambe phakathi kwezihonqo lisuka kwelinje icele lazo lisiya kwelinje, indoda ngayinye ibulale umfowabo, umzalwane lomakhelwane wayo.’” **28** Amadodana kaLevi enza njengokulawaywa kwawo nguMosi. Ngakho ngalolosuku kwafa abantu ababengaba zinkulungwane ezintathu. **29** UMosi wasesithi kubo, “Lamuha lina selahlukaniselwe uThixo ngoba limelanamadodana enu labafowenu, ngalokho useslibusile lamhla.” **30** Ngelanga elalandelayo uMosi wathi ebantwini, “Lenze isono esikhulu kakhulu. Kodwa khathesi ngizaqansa ngiye phezelu kuThixo, mhlawumbe ngingenza inhlawulelo yesono senu.” **31** Ngakho uMosi wabuyela kuThixo wathi kuye, “Awu, abantu laba sebenze isono esikhulu kakhulu. Bazenze onkulunkulu ngegolide. **32** Ake ubathethiele izono zabo kodwa nxa kungenjalo, ngesula ogwalweni olulobileyo.” **33** UThixo waphendula uMosi wathi, “Lowo Owenze isono kimi ngizamesula ogwalweni lwami. **34** Khathesi hamba, ukhokhelele abantu endaweni engakhuluma ngayo kuwe. Ingilosu yami izahamba phambi kwakho. Kodwa-ke nxa isikhathi sami sokujezisa sesifikile, ngizabajezisa ngenxa yesono sabo.” **35** UThixo wabajezisa abantu ngesifo ngenxa yalokho abakwenza ngethole elalenziwe ngu-Aroni.

**33** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Suka kule indawo wena labantu owabakhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, uye elizweni engalithembisa u-Abhrahamu lo-Isaka loJakhobe ngifunga ngisithi, ‘Ngizalnika inzalo yakho.’” **2** Ngizathuma ingilosu

ihambe phambi kwakho ixotshe amaKhenani, ama-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi. **3** Yana elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju. Kodwa mina angiyikuhamba lani ngoba lingabantu abantamo zilukhuni, hlezzi ngilibhubhise endleleni.” **4** Kwathi lapho abantu sebezwe amazwi la adabukisayo baqalisa ukukhala, akwaze kwaba loyedwa owaggiza iizigqizo zakhe. **5** Phela uThixo wayethe kuMosi, “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Lina lingabantu abantamo zilukhuni. Nxa ngingahamba lani loba okomzuzwana nxa, ngingilibhubhisa. Khathesi khululani iizigqizo zenu; ngizakwenza isinqumo ukuthi ngenzeni ngani.’” **6** Ngakho-ke abako-Israyeli bazikhapha iizigqizo zabo entabeni yeHorebhi. **7** UMosi wayejwayele ukuthatha ithente ayelimisa ngaphandle bucwandla lezihonqo. Walibiza ngokuthi “lithente lokuhlangana.” Ubani lobani owayedinga uThixo wayesiya ethenteni lokuhlangana ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **8** Kwakusithi-ke lapho uMosi ephuma esiya kulelothente abantu bonke babesukuma bame eminyango yamatiente abo bakhangeli uMosi aze angene ethenteni. **9** Kwakusithi uMosi esengena ethenteni insika yeyezi yehlele phansi imi emnyango wethente lapho uThixo ekhulumu loMosi. **10** Kwakusithi abantu bangabona insika yeyezi isimi emnyango wethente basukume bonke bakhonze; lowo laowo emnyango wethente lakhe. **11** UThixo wayekhulumu loMosi ubuso ngobuso njengomuntu ekhulumu lomngane wakhe. Ngemva kwalokho uMosi wayebuyela ezhionqwensi, kodwa umncedisi wakhe owayesemcancane, ujoshuwa indodana kaNuni, wayengasuki ethenteni. **12** UMosi wathi kuThixo, “Ubulokhu ungitshela usithi, ‘Khokhela abantu laba,’ kodwa kawungazisanga ukuthi ngubani ozamthuma ukuba ahambe lami. Utshilo wathi, ‘Ngiyakwazi ngebizo, njalo ufumene umusa kimi.’” **13** Nxa uthokoza ngami, ngifundisa izindlela zakho ukuze ngikwazi, ngiqhubike ngithola umusa kuwe. Khumbula futhi lokuthi isizwe lesi singabantu bakho.” **14** UThixo waphendula wathi, “NgoBukhona bami ngizahamba lawe ngikuphumuze.” **15** UMosi wathi kuye, “Nxa uBukhona bakho bungahambi lathi, ungasisusi lapha. **16** Umuntu angakwazi njani ukuthi mina labantu bakho sifumene umusa kuwe ngaphandle kokuba uhambha lathi na? Kuyini okunye okungasiphawula, mina labantu bakho, kwabanye abantu bonke emhlabenini na?” **17** UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Ngizakwenza khona kanye lokhu okucelileyo ngoba ngiyathokoza ngawe, njalo ngikwazi ngebizo.” **18** UMosi wasesithi, “Ngicela ukuba ungitshengise inkazimulo yakho.” **19** UThixo wasesithi, “Ngizakwenza ukulunga kwami kudlule phambi kwakho, njalo ngizamemezelia ibizo lami, uThixo, phambi kwakho. Ngizakuba lesihawu kulowo engizakuba lesihawu kuye njalo ngibe lesisa kulowo engizakuba lesisa kuye.” **20** UThixo waqhubeka wathi, “Kodwa, ubuso bami awungeke ububone, ngoba kakho ongangibona aphile.” **21** UThixo wabuya wathi, “Kulendawo phansi kwami lapho ongema khona phezu kwedwala. **22** Kuzakuthi lapho inkazimulo yami isedlula edeuze, ngizakufaka emnkenkeni wedwala

ngikusithe ngesandla sami ngize ngidlule. **23** Emva kwalokho ngizasusa isandla sami ubone umhlane wami; kodwa ubuso bami akumelanga ububone.”

**34** UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Baza ezinye izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zifanane lezakuqala. Ngizabhalu kuzo amazwi ayesezibhebhedwini zakuqala owazipahlazayo. **2** Ube usulungle ekuseni, ubuye phezu entaben iSinayi, uhiveze kimi engqongweni yentaba. **3** Akungabi lamuntu oza lawe kumbe oke abonakale loba kungaphi entaben; ngitsho lezimvu lenkomo kazingadli phambi kwaleyontaba.” **4** Ngakho uMosi wabaza izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zaba njengezakuqala, wakhwela entaben iSinayi ekuseni kakhulu njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo ephethe izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe ezandleni zakhe. **5** UThixo wehla ngeyezi wema khonapho laye wamermezela ibizo lakhe esithi, “UThixo.” **6** Wedlula phambi kukaMosi ememezelu esithi, “UThixo, uThixo; uNkulunkulu olesihawu lomusa, ophuzayo ukuthukuthela, ogcwele uthando lobuqotho, **7** ololhando olungapheliyo kuzinkulungwane ethethelela ububi, iziphosiso lezono. Ikanti abalamacala kabayekeli bengajejiswanga; wehlisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana, laphezu kwabantwana babantwana kusuya kusizukulwane sesithathu lesesine.” **8** UMosi waphanga wakhothamisela ikhanda lakhe phansi, wakhonza. **9** Wathi, “Awu Thixo, nxa ngithole umusa kuwe, ngiyacela, uThixo kahambe lathi. Lanxa abantu laba bentamo zilukhuni, sitethethole ububi bethu lezono zethu, usithathe njengelifa lakho.” **10** UThixo wasesithi, “Sengisenza isivumelwano lawe. Phambi kwabantu bakho bonke ngizakwenza izimangaliso ezingakaze zenziwe lanini lakuvisihi isizwe emhlabenini wonke. Abantu ohlala phakathi kwabo bazabona ukuthi umangalisa njani umsebenzi, mina Thixo, engizakwerenzela wona.” **11** Lalela lokhu engikulaya khona lamhla. Ngizawaxotsha phambi kwakho ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi. **12** Qaphelani ukuba kungabi lesivumelwano osenza lalabo abahlala elizweni oya kulo ngoba bangaba yisifu kini. **13** Adilizeni ama-alithare abo, libhidize lezithombe zabo, liqume lezinsika zika-Ashera wabo abamkhonzayo. **14** Lingakhonzi omunye unkulunkulu, ngoba uThixo, obizo lakhe linguBukhwele, nguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. **15** Qaphelani lingensi isivumelwano lalabo abahlala elizweni lelo ngoba nxa bephinga labonkulunkulu babo benikela iminikelo kubo, bazalinxusa beselisidla imihlatshelo yabo. **16** Njalo lapho likhetha amanye amadodakazi abo ukuba abe ngabafazi bamadodana enu kuzakuthi lapho amadodakazi lawo eseziphibixa kubonkulunkulu bawo, ahugele amadodana enu ekwenzeni okunjalo. **17** Lingazenzeli onkulunkulu ababunjiweyo. **18** Gcinani uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa dlanian isinkwa esenziwe kungekho mvubelo, njengokulaya kwami. Lokho kwenzeni ngesikhathi esimisiweyo enyangeni ka-Abhibhi, ngoba ngeleyonyanga laphuma eGibhithe. **19** Inzalo yakuqala yonke ezelweyo neyami,

kanye lamazibulo wonke amaduna ezifuyo zenu, ukuletha kuThixo umnikelo: wegolide, isiliva kanye loba engawenkomu kumbe awezimvu. **20** Izibulo lethusi, **6** intambo eziLuhlaza, eziyibubende kanye likababhemu lihlengeni negezinyane. Kodwa nxa lezibomvu; lelembu elicolekileyo, uboya bembuzi, **7** lingangalihlengi lephulen intamo yalo. Ahlengeni izikhumba zenqama ezipendulwe ngomphendulo wonke amadodana enu angamazibulo. Kakho ozakuza obomvu kanye lezikhumba zezinyamazana eziqinileyo; phambi kwami engaphethe lutho. **21** Lizasebenza lezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya; **8** amafutha e-insuku eziyisithupha, kodwa ngosuku lwasikhombisa oliva awokukhanya isibane, amakha azasetshenziswa lizaphumula; langesikhathi sokulima lesokuvuna lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiyeo lephunga kuzamele liphumule. **22** Thakazelelani uMkholi lemphepa elimandi, **9** amatshe e-onikisi lamanye wamaViki lokolibo kovukuna kwenu ingqoloyi amatshe aligugu azathungelwa esembathweni loMkholi wokuButhelela ekupheleni komnyaka. semahlombe lesesifubeni. **10** Bonke abazingcitsihi **23** Kathathu ngomnyaka bonke abesilisa bakho phakathi kwenu kumele beze bazokwenza konke kumele babonakale phambi kukaThixo Wobukhos, lokho uThixo alaye ukuthi kwenziwe: **11** ithabanikeli uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **24** Ngizaxotscha izizwe lethente lalo kanye lesisibekelo, ingwegwe, amathala, eziphambi kwenu njalo ngiqhelise ilizwe lenu, kakho imithando enqumayo, izinsika lezisekelo; **12** ozahawukela ilizwe lenu ngesikhathi lisiyabonakala kathathu ngomnyaka phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **25** Linganikeli igazi lomhlatsheko kimi ndawonye laloba yini elemvubelo, njalo akungabi lomhlatsheko woMkholi wePhasika ogcinwa kuze kuse. **26** Lethani okolibo kwenu okuhle kakhulu endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane lembuzi “nochago lukanina.” **27** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Loba amazwi la, ngoba ngamazwi la sengenze isiyumelwano lawe kanye lo-Israyeli.” **28** UMosi wayekhonale loThixo insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane engadli sinkwa kumbe ukunatha amanzi. Amazwi esivumelwano ayimiThetho eliTshumi, wawaloba ezbibhedwini zamatshe. **29** Kwathi lapho uMosi esehla entaben yesinayi azo, **30** Kwathi u-Aroni ephethe izibibhedu ezimbili zamatshe obufakazi, **31** Kodwa labo abako-Israyeli bebona uMosi, ubuso bakhe bukhazimula, besaba ukusondela kuye. **32** Emva kwalokho bonke abako-Israyeli basondela kuye wabanika yonke imilayo kaThixo ayemuphe yona entaben yesinayi. **33** UMosi eseqedile ukukhuluma labo, wamboza ubuso labo ngeveli. **34** Kodwa kwakusithi lapho esengena ukuba abe phambi kukaThixo ukuze akhulume laye, wayelisusa iveli aze aphume. Wayesithi angaphuma, njalo esebatshelile abako-Israyeli lokho ayekulaiye, **35** babebona ukuthi ubuso bakhe babukhazimula. Lapho-ke uMosi wayebumboza njalo ubuso bakhe ngeveli aze angene esiyakhuluma loThixo.

**35** UMosi wabuthanisa isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli wathi kuso, “Lokhu yikho uThixo alilaye ukuba likwenzene: **2** Okwensuku eziyisithupha lizaqhuba imisebenzi, kodwa usuku lwasikhombisa luzakuba lusuku lwenu olungcwe, iSabatha lokuphumula kuThixo. Loba ngubani ozakwenza umsebenzi ngalolosuku kuzamele abulaw. **3** Lingabasi umlilo loba kungaphi elihlala khona ngosuku lweSabatha.” **4** Ekhuluma lesizwe sonke sako-Israyeli uMosi wathi, “Lokhu yikho uThixo athe kwenziwe: **5** Kulokho elilakho khiphani umnikelo kaThixo. Wonke ozimiseleyo

onikisi kanye lamanyo njalo amatshe aligugu ukuthi izihitshela ngelembu eliluhlaza belandela umphetho athungelwe emahlombe lasesifubeni sesembatho. wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, kwensiwa 28 Baletha njalo leziyoliso kanye lamafutha e- okufananayo elixheni lesibili. 12 Benza njalo ezinye oliva awokukhanyisa lawokugcoba abakhethiwayo izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini kanye lempeha elephunga eliminandi. 29 Bonke elilodwa, benza futhi ezinye izihitshela ezingamatshumi abako-Israyeli abesilisa labesifazane ababemizimile amahlanu ekhethenini lokucina lelixha lesibili, baletha iminikelo ngokukhululeka kuThixo ukuze izihitshela zazikhangelene. 13 Basebesenza ingwegwe kwensiwe yonke imisebenzi uThixo ayelaye uMosi zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu, bazisebenzia ukuthi bayenze. 30 Ngalokho uMosi wathi ukuhlanganisa izixha zombili zamakhetheni ukuze kwabako-Israyeli, "Khangelani, uThixo usekhethi ithabanikeli libe yintonye. 14 Benza amakhetheni uBhezaleli indodana ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, ngoboya bembazi aba ngawethente lokubewa phezu owesizwe sikaJuda, 31 njalo usemgcwalise ngoMoya kwethabanikeli, wonke abalitshumi lanye. 15 Wonke kaNkulunkulu, ukuhlakanipha, ukuqedisisa kanye amakhetheni alitshumi lanye ayelingana, ezingalo lolwazi ekwenzeni yonke imisebenzi yobungcitsi 32 ezingamatshumi amathathu ubude, ububanzi ezingalo ukuba adwebe ngobungcitsi isimo sezinto ezizabazwa ngegolide, isiliva kanye lethusi, 33 ukubaza amatshe lokuwamisa, ukubaza izigodo njalo enze yonke imisebenzi yomuntu oleminwe lobungcitsi. 34 Njalo usenike uBhezaleli kanye lo-Oholiyabhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi, owesizwe sikaDani ulwazi ekufundiseni abanye. 35 UThixo usebagcwalise ngobuciko bokwenza yonke imihlolo yemisebenzi njengezingcitsi, abadwebi kumbe ababumbi bezinto ezingathungwa kumbe ezingabazwa, abathungi beziceciso zentambo ezeluhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu kanye lamalembu acolekileyo, labeluki, bonke bezingcitsi ezelowlazi olukhulu lababumbi bezinto ezingathungwa kumbe ezingabazwa.

izihitshela ngelembu eliluhlaza belandela umphetho wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, kwensiwa 28 Benza njalo ezinye izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini elilodwa, benza futhi ezinye izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu ekhethenini lokucina lelixha lesibili, izihitshela zazikhangelene. 13 Basebesenza ingwegwe ukuhlanganisa izixha zombili zamakhetheni ukuze ithabanikeli libe yintonye. 14 Benza amakhetheni ngoboya bembazi aba ngawethente lokubewa phezu kwethabanikeli, wonke abalitshumi lanye. 15 Wonke amakhetheni alitshumi lanye ayelingana, ezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ubude, ububanzi ezingalo ezine. 16 Bahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu aba lilihxa layisithupha kwelinje ilixha. 17 Benza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu zilandela umphetho wekhetheni elisekucineni kwelixha lakuqala, benza okufananayo ekhethenini lelixha lesibili. 18 Balungisa ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu ukuze babophe ngazo ithente libe yinto yinye. 19 Benza isembeso sethente ngezikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, kwathi ngapehu kwalokho benza isembeso ngezikhumba eziqinileyo. 20 Benza amathala ethabanikeli okumisawa ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakiya. 21 Ithala linye labiilide okuzingalo ezelitshumi, kwathi ububanzi laba yingalo elengxenyenye, 22 kulemisuka embibili

**36** Ngakho uBhezaleli, u-Oholiyabhi lomuntu wonke uThixo amuphe ubungcwethi lamandla okwazi ukwenza wonke lumsebenzi wokwakha indlu engcwele, kumele benze umsebenzi njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo.” **2** UMosи wasebiza uBhezaleli, u-Oholiyabhi labo bonke abalobungcwethi, uThixo ayebaphe amandla lowayezimisele ukuzokwenza lowomsebenzi.

**3** Bemukela abakuphiwa nguMosi okwakuyiminikelо yabako-Israyeli benikelela ukwakhwa kwendlu engcwele. Abantu baqhubeka beletha iminikelо ngokukhululeka kwabo ukusa kwamalanga wonke. **4** Ngakho zonke izingitshi ezazisenza umsebenzi wonke wokwakha indlu engcwele zatshiya yonke imisebenzi yazo **5** zathi kuMosi, “Abantu baletsha okunengi kakhulu kulalokho uThixo alaya ukuba kweniziwe.” **6** Ngakho uMosi wakhupha isiqondiso basebethumela ilizwi ezhonqweni elithi, “Kakho owesilisa loba owesifazane okusamele enze olunye ulutho ukuthi lube ngumnikelo wendlu engcwele.” Ngalokho abantu bavinjelwa ukuletha okunye futhi, **7** ngoba abasebelakho kwasekukunengi okwedlula lokho okwakuzaphetha umsebenzi. **8** Wonke amadoda alobungcwethi phakathi kwabasebenzayo akha ithabanikeli ngamakhetheni alitshumi enziwe ngelembu eliphothwe kuhle ngentambo ezeluhlaza, ezyibubende kanye lezibomvu, laceciswe ngamakherubhi elukelwa kuhle yingitshi. **9** Wonke amakhetheni ayelinganu ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili njalo ububanzi ezingalo ezine. **10** Babambanisa amakhetheni amahlau ndawonye, benza njalo lakwamanye amahlau. **11** Basebesenza

U-Eksodus

**36** Bawenzela izinsika ezine ngezigodo zesihlahla som'akhakhiya bazihuqa ngegolide. Izinsika bawenzela ingwegwe zegolide njalo bawamisela lezisekelo ezine zesiila. **37** Benza ikhetheni lesango lethente ngelembu elicolekileyo elilentambo eziphotiweyo eziuhlaza, eziyibubende lezibomvu, kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalazi ngokuthunga; **38** njalo benza izinsika ezinhlanu zilengwegwe zazo. Bahuqa izihloko zensika kanye lamabanti azo ngegolide njalo benza lezisekelo ezinhlanu ngethusi.

oluthini Iwesibane. **20** Njalo oluthini Iwesibane kwakulembizana ezine ezibunjwe okwamaluba e-alimondi elamahlumela kanye lamaluba. **21** Ihlumela elilodwa lalingaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili, ihlumela lesibili lingaphansi kwezinye ezimbili lehlumela lesithathu lalingaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili, ingatsa zonke zaziyisithupha. **22** Amahlumela lezingatsha kwakuyinto yinje loluthi Iwesibane, kukhandwe ngegolide elicolekileyo. **23** Balwenzela izibane eziyisikhombisa, incijana lembizana zalo ezenziwe

**37** UBhezaleli wababa umtshokotscho ngezigido zeshlahla som'akhakhiya ubude bawo kuzingalo ezimbili ezilengxene, ubabanzi kuyingalo elengxene njalo ukuyapherezulu kwawo kuyingalo elengxene. **2** Walihuqa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ngaphakathi langaphandle, wabuye walizingelezelza ngomqolo wegolide. **3** Wawubumbela amasongo amane egolide wawanamathisela ezinyaweni zalo zozine, kwathi amasongo amabili kwelinye icele lamabili kwelinye njalo. **4** Wasebaza imijabo ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya wayihuqa ngegolide. **5** Wasehlooma imijabo leyo emasongweni ayesemaceleni komtshokotscho wesivumelwano ukuze uthwalwe ngayo. **6** Wenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicolekileyo, ubude baso buzingalo ezimbili ezilengxene lengxene, ubabanzi saba yingalo elengxene. **7** Njalo wenza amakherubhi amabili ngegolide elikhandiweyo ekucineni kwestihlalo somusa emaceleni womabili. **8** Wenza ikherubhi elilodwa nganxanye kwathi kwelinye icele wenza elinye aba yinto yinye lesisibekelo. **9** Amakherubhi ayelulele amaphiko awo phezulu, embese isisibekelo ngawo. Amakherubhi ayekhangelene, ubuso bawo bukhangele isisibekelo. **10** Babaza itafula ngezigodo zeshlahla som'akhakhiya, ubude bayo babuzingalo ezimbili, ubabanzi buyingalo eyodwa, ukupakama kwayo kuyingalo elengxene. **11** Basebelihuqa ngegolide elicolekileyo njalo balizingelezelza ngomthando wegolide. **12** Babuya benza ibhanti eliyizingelezileyo, elalingangesanadla somuntu ubabanzi, basebefaka umthando wegolide phezu kwebhanti. **13** Benza amasongo amane egolide bawafaka emagumbini womane enyaweni zetafula. **14** Amasongo afakwa eduze lebhanti ukuze abambe imijabo eyayisetshenziswa ukuthwala itafula. **15** Imijabo yokuthwala itafula yayenziwe ngezigodo zeshlahla som'akhakhiya njalo ihuqwe ngegolide. **16** Njalo benza ngegolide elicolekileyo izitsha zetafula ezibalisa imiganu, izinditshi, imiganu eyingubhe kanye lezitscha zokuthululela iminikelo enathwayo. **17** Benza uluthi Iwesibane ngegolide elicolekileyo, bakhanda isidindi salo lomqwayi walo kwaba ngumsebenzi okhandiweyo, imbizana zalo, amahlumela alo kanye lamaaluba alo kwensiwa kwaba yinto yinye. **18** Ingatsha eziyisithupha zaxhunyuwa emaceleni oluthi Iwesibane, ingatsha ezintathu nganxanye kwathi ezintathu kwelinye icele. **19** Inkezo ezintathu ezibunywje okwamaluba e-alimondi, amahlumela lamaaluba kwakusogatsheni lunye, ezinye ezintathu ogatsheni olulandelayo, kwabanjalo kuwo wonke ayisithupha exhunyuwe ngegolide elicolekileyo. **24** Uluthi Iwesibane kanye lakho konke okuphathelene lalo kwensiwa ngegolide elicolekileyo eliyisisindo sethalenta elilodwa. **25** Benza i-alithari lempeha ngezigodo zeshlahla som'akhakhiya. Lenziwa lalingana inxa zonke, ubude balo buyingalo eyodwa, lobubanzi buyingalo eyodwa, kanti ukudepha kuzingalo ezimbili, impondo zalo zenziwa zaba yinto yinye kanye lalo. **26** Balihuqa ngegolide elicolekileyo phezulu, lemacelesi kanye lempondo zalo ngegolide elicolekileyo njalo balibumbela umqolo wegolide inxa zonke. **27** Benza amasongo amabili kuleli icele lamanye amabili kwelinye njalo ukubambanisa imijabo yokuthwala i-alithari lempeha. **28** Benza imijabo ngesihlahla som'akhakhiya bayihuqa ngegolide. **29** Benza njalo lamafutha angcwele okugcoba abakhethiweyo, lempeha elephunga eliminandi, kungumsebenzi womenzi wamakha.

**38** Bakha i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngezigodo zeshlahla som'akhakhiya laba zingalo ezintathu ukudepha, ubude balo laba zingalo ezinhlanu, ububanzi laba zingalo ezinhlanu, lilingana inxa zonke. **2** Benza uphondo kumagumbi womane e-alithare, kwathi impondo le-alithari kwaba yinto yinye, basebelihuqa ngethusi. **3** Benza zonke izinto ezisetshenziswa kulo ngethusi, imbiza zalo, amafotsholo, imiganu yokuchela, amafologwe enyama kanye lezindengezi zokubasel uumlilo. **4** Benza iminxibo ye-alithare, bayenza ngethusi yaba ngaphansi kwasengamo se-alithare okuyingxene yokuva phezulu. **5** Benza amasongo ethusi okubambisa imijabo yemagumbini womane yeminxibo yethusi. **6** Imijabo bayenza ngezigodo zeshlahla som'akhakhiya baziluqa ngethusi. **7** Basebehloma imijabo leyo emasongweni yaba semaceleni kwe-alithari ukuze lithwalwe ngayo. Balenza ngamapulanka lafana lomkolo. **8** Benza umkolo wethusi lensika yawo yethusi yenziwa ngezibuko zethusi ezazingezabesifazane ababesebenza esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **9** Ngemva kwalokho balungisa iguma lethabanikeli. Ubude becele lezansi babuzingalo ezilikulu njalo lilamakhetheni elembu elelkwe kuhle, **10** lilensika ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zethusi ezingamatshumi amabili, njalo lilezingwegwe zesiliva kanye lamabhanti ensiken. **11** Icle lenyakato lalo lalizingalo ezilikulu ubude njalo lilensika ezingamatshumi amabili, lezisekelo zethusi ezingamatshumi amabili, kanye lengwegwe zesiliva lamabhanti ensiken. **12** Icle lentshonalanga yeguma lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ububanzi, lilamakhetheni, lilensika ezilitshumi, ingwegwe

zesiliva kanye lamabhanti ensikeni. **13** Eceleni esingamathalenta alikhulu, isilinganiso sethalenta lempumalanga kusya okuphuma khona ilanga, linye ukwenza isisekelo esisodwa. **28** Basebenzisa lakhona iguma lalibanzu okwezingalo ezingamatshumi lanhlalu ubude ayenganaxye kwesango, kulezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo ezintathu, **15** ngakwelinye lanhlalu ukwenza ingwegwe zensika, ukuhuq izihloko icele lakho kwakulamakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlalu ubude, kulezinsika ezintathu kanye lezisekelo ezintathu. **16** Wonke amakhetheni ayelehongoloze iguma lethabanikeli ayenziwe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle. **17** Izisekelo zensika zazingethusi. Ingwegwe kanye lamabhanti ensikeni kwakuyesiliva, njalo izihloko zazo zihuqwe ngesiliva, ngokunjalo zonke izinsika zeguma zazilamabhanti esiliva, njalo izihloko zazo zihuqwe ngesiliva. **18** Ikhetheni lesango leguma lanleniwe ngelembu eliphethwe kuhle ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende kanye lebomvu, kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalaizi ngokuthunga. Ikhetheni lakhona laлизingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude, kanti njengkhetheni leguma ukudepha kawalo kwakuizingalo ezinhlanu, **19** lilensika ezine lezisekelo zethusi ezine. Ingwegwe zalo kanye lamabhanti kuyisiliva, njalo izihloko zalo zihuqwe ngesiliva. **20** Izikhonkwane zonke zethente lethabanikeli kanye lezizingelezele iguma zazenziwe ngethusi. **21** Lokhu yikho ngobunengi bakho, okwasetshenziswa ukwakha ithabanikeli, ithabanikeli lobufakazi, yikho okwalotshwa ngabaLevi ngokulawula kukaMosi ngaphansi kwesiqondiso sika-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi. **22** (UBhezaleli indodana ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, owesizwe sakojuda, wenza konke uMosi ayekulaywe nguThixo, **23** wayelo-Oholiyabhi indodana ka-Ahisamakhi owesizwe sikaDani owayeyingcitshi yomsebenzi njalo engundwebi, njalo engumbalazi ngokuthunga ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu elicolekileyo.) **24** Isilinganiso segolide lonke lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa elasetshenziswa emsebenzini wonke wendawo engcwele lalingamatthalenta ayisisindo esingamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye kanye lamashekeli angamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu kusya ngamashekeli endawo engcwele. **25** Isiliva esavela kulabu abahlala khona ababebaliwe ngesikhathi sokubalwa kwabantu sasisesisindo esingamatthalenta alikhulu lamashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlalu, kusya ngamashekeli endawo engcwele, **26** ibhekha linye ngomuntu, okuyikuthi, ingxenyе yeshekeli ngesilinganiso seshekeli endaweni engcwele, kubo bonke labo ababechaphele kwabasebebaliwe, abaleminya engamatshumi amabili okuzalwa loba ukwedullu lapho, kwaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu eseolangene wonke. **27** Isiliva esiyisisindo samathalenta alikhulu sasetshenziswa ekwenzeni izisekelo zendawo engcwele kanye lekhetheni, izisekelo ezilikhulu zenziwa ngesiliva

Isilinganiso sethusi lonke lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa sasingamatthalenta angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili ezilamakhulu amane. **30** Balisebenza ukwenza izisekelo zesango lethente lokuhlangana, i-alithari lethusi, iminxibo yalo yethusi kanye lazozonke izitsha zalo, **31** izisekelo ezhonqolozele iguma lalezoo ezesangewany kanye lezikhonkwane zethabanikeli lazozonke ezhonqolozele iguma.

**39** Benza izembatho zokwenza umsebenzi endaweni engcwele ngokuzeluka ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu. Basebesenza isembatho sika-Aroni esingcwele, njengalokhu uThixo wayelaye uMosi. **2** Benza isembatho semahlombe ngegolide, kanye lentamo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu langelembu elicolekileyo. **3** Bakhanda izicecedu zegolide baziska zaba zincingo bazeluka ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu elicolekileyo, kwaba ngumsebenzi womuntu oleminwe. **4** Benza iziqa zemahlombe esambathweni leso, ezathungelwa emaceleni womabili ukuze sibotshwe. **5** Ukhalo lwaso olwelukwa ngobuciko lwalufanana laso, luyinto yinye lesembatho semahlombe, lwenziwe ngentambo eligolide, eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **6** Bathungela amatshe aligugu ohlolo lwe-onikisi ezicecisweni zegolide bawadwebela njengophawu elamanabizo amadodana ka-Israyeli. **7** Basebewathungela eziqeni zemahlombe esembatho semahlombe njengamatshes esikhumbuzo samadodana ka-Israyeli, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **8** Benza isembatho sesifubeni, kwaba ngumsebenzi wezingcwethi. Basenza njengesembatho semahlombe: ngegolide, ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle. **9** Sasilingana inxa zonke, singumunwe ubude lomunwe ububanzi, sigoqwe saphindwa kabilo. **10** Basebethungela imizila emine yamatshe aligugu. Emzileni wakuqala kwakulerubhi, ithophazi kanye lebheriyeli; **11** emzileni wesibili kwakule-emeralidi, isafaya kanye ledayimana; **12** emzileni wesithathu kwakulejasinti, i-agathi kanye le-amethisi; **13** emzileni wesine kwakulekhrisolathhi, i-onikisi kanye lejaspa. Athungelwa esezicecisweni zegolide. **14** Kwakulamatshe alitshumi lambili, liliney limele ibizo ngalinye lamadodana ka-Israyeli, linye ngalinye lilotshwe njengokudweba kombazi wamatshe, kungani luphawu, ngalinye lilotshwe ibizo lezizwana zako-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili. **15** Isembatho sesifubeni selukelwa amaketane ngegolide elicolekileyo kungani ligoda. **16** Benza iziceciso zegolide ezimbili, kanye lamasongo amabili egolide, basebebopha amasongo amabili emagumbini esembatho sesifubeni. **17** Babophela amaketane amabili egolide emasongweni

amabili asemagumbini esembatho sesifubeni, **18** leminxibo yalo yethusi, izigodo zalo eziyizibambo kwathi ngapha acina khona bawabophela ezicecisweni lezitsha zalo zonke; umkolo lezinyawo zavo; ezimbili, bawahlanganisa eziqeni zemahlombe phambi kwasembatho semahlombe. **19** Benza amasongo amabili egolide bawabophela kwamanye amagumbi amabili esembatho sesifubeni ngaphakathi komphetho phansi kwasembatho semahlombe. **20** Baphinda benza njalo amanye amasongo egolide amabili bawabophela ngaphansi kweziqo zemahlombe, eduze komphetho ngaphezudlwana kwebhanti lasokhalweni lwasembatho semahlombe **21** Babophela amasongo esembatho sesifubeni emasongweni esembatho semahlombe ngentambo eziluhlaza, kuhlanganiselwa okhalwени ukuze isembatho sesifubeni singazunguzeki sehlukane lesembatho semahlombe njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **22** Benza isiggoko sesembatho semahlombe ngelembu eliluhlaza kuhphela kungumsebenzi womeluki, **23** kulesikhala phakathi laphakathi kwasigqoko njengokuvuleka kwamabheqe; kulomphetho olandelisewi isikhala lesi ukuze isembatho singadabuki. **24** Benza emphethweni wesigqoko amaphomegranathi ngentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kanye lelembu eliphothwe kuhle. **25** Benza amabherra ngegolide elicolekileyo bawathungela emphethweni wesigqoko phakathi laphakathi kwamaphomegranathi. **26** Amabherra kanye lamaphomegranathi athungelwa agatshaniswa emphethweni wesembatho esasigqokwa ekwenzeni umsebenzi wenkonzo, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **27** U-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe bathungelwa amabhatshi ngelembu elicolekileyo, kungumsebenzi womeluki uqobo lwakhe, **28** kanye lamaqhiye elembu elicolekileyo, kanye lezem batho zangaphakathi zelembu elicolekileyo. **29** Ibhanti lekhalweni lathungwa ngelembu elicolekileyo kanye lentambo eluhlaza, eyibubende lebomvu, kwaba ngumsebenzi wombalaqo ngokuthunga, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **30** Benza licence lomqhele ongcwele ngegolide elicolekileyo bawudwebela khona njengombhalo wophawu othi; Ubungcwele kabube kuThixo. **31** Basebebophela intambo eluhlaza ukuze bakuhlanganise leqhiye, njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **32** Ngakho-ke wonke umsebenzi wethabanikeli lethente lokuhlangana wapheleliswa. Abako-Israyeli benza konke njengalokhu uThixo walaya uMosi. **33** Basebeletha ithabanikeli kuMosi: ithente kanye lazonke impahla zalo, ingwegwe, amathala, imithando, izinsika lezisekelo; **34** isembeso esensiwe ngezikhumba zenqama eziphendulwe ngomphendulo obomvu, isembeso sezikhumba eziqinileyo kanye lekhetheni eliphothiweyo; **35** umtshokotsho wobufakazi lemijabo yawo eyizibambo zavo kanye lesihlalo somusa; **36** itafula lezitsha zalo zonke kanye lesinkwa esiNgewe; **37** uluthi lwasibane lwegolide elicolekileyo lodwendwe lwezibane lazonke izinto eziisetshenziwa kulo, kanye lamafutha e-oliva okukhanya; **38** i-alithari legolide, amafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo, impepha elephunga eliminandi, kanye lekhetheni lesango lethente; **39** i-alithari lethusi amakhetheni eguma lezinsika zavo kanye lezisekelo, **40** lekhetheni lesango leguma; amagoda lezikhonkwane zethente leguma; zonke impahla zethabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana; **41** izembatho ezelukiweyo zokusetszenziwa emsebenzini wokukhonza endaweni engcwele, kuhlanganisa izembatho ezingcwle zika-Aroni lezamadodana akhe ababazigqoka nxa besenza umsebenzi wobuphristi. **42** Abako-Israyeli basebenza wonke umsebenzi njengokulaya kukaMosi nguThixo. **43** UMosi wawuhlolra umsebenzi wabona ukuthi wawenziwe njengokulaya kukaThixo. Ngakho uMosi wababusisa.

**40** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi: **2** “Misa ithabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yakuqala. **3** Beka umtshokotsho wesivumelwano kulo ubo ususitha umtshokotsho wobufakazi ngekheteni. **4** Ngenisa itafula ubo usufaka izinto ezbekwa phezu kwayo. Letha-ke uluthi lwasibane ubo usuxhuma izibane zalo. **5** Beka i-alithari lempapeha eleniwi ngegolide phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi njalo ufake ikhetheni esangweni lethabanikeli. **6** Beka i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kwsango lethabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana; **7** beka umkolo phakathi laphakathi kwethente lokuhlangana le-alithari ubo usuthela amanzi kuwo. **8** Lungisa iguma eliwugombozeleyo ubusufaka ikhetheni esangweni leguma. **9** Thatha amafutha okugcoba abantu abakhethiweyo ezikhundleni, ugcobe ngawo ithabanikeli lakho konke okukulo, ulibusise kanye lempahla zalo, ngalokho lizakuba ngcwele. **10** Gcoba-ke i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa lazozonke izitsha zalo; ubusise i-alithari ukuze libe ngcwelengcwle. **11** Gcoba umkolo lenyawo zabo ubusuwubusisa. **12** Letha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe ethenteni lokuhlangana ubusubagezisa ngamanzi. **13** Ubusugqokisa u-Aroni izembatho ezingcwle umgcobe ngamafutha umbusise ukuze angenzele umsebenzi wobuphristi. **14** Letha amadodana akhe uwaggokise amabhatri. **15** Bagcobe labo njengokugcotshwa kukayise ukuze bangenzele umsebenzi wobuphristi. Ugugcotshwa kwabo kubapha umsebenzi wobuphristi kuzozonke izizukulwane eizayo.” **16** UMosi wenza konke njengokulaya kwakhe nguThixo. **17** Lamiswaka ithabanikeli ngosuku lwakuqala ngenyanga yakuqala emnyakeni wesibili. **18** Kwathi uMosi emisa ithabanikeli, wafaka izisekelo endaweni yazo, wamisa amathala, wafaka imithando wasemisa izinsika. **19** Wasesendlala ithente phezu kwethabanikeli wafaka isembeso phezu kwethente njengokulaya kwakhe nguThixo. **20** Wathatha izibebhedu zobufakazi wazibeka emtshokotshwani wesivumelwano, wahloma imijabo kuwo wasefaka isihlalo somusa phezu kwawo. **21** Wasengenisa umtshokotsho wobufakazi ethabanikeleni, waphanyeka ikhetheni lokusitha wawugubuzela, njengalokho okwakulaywe nguThixo. **22** UMosi wasebeka itafula ethenteni lokuhlangana

eceleni langenyakatho lethabanikeli ngaphandle kwekhetheni, **23** wasebeka isinkwa phezu kwalo phambi kukaThixo njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. **24** Wabeka uluthi lwasibane ethenteni lokuhlangana lukhangele itafula eningizimu kwethabanikeli, **25** wasemisa izibane phambi kukaThixo, njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. **26** UMosi wabeka i-alithari legolide ethenteni lokuhlangana phambi kwekhetheni, **27** wasetshisela impepha phezu kwalo njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. **28** Waselengisa ikhetheni esangweni lethabanikeli. **29** Wamisa i-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa phansi kwasango lethabanikeli lethente lokuhlangana, wanikela phezu kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yezilimo njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. **30** Wasebeka umkolo phakathi laphakathi kwethente lokuhlangana le-alithari wasethela amanzi okugeza phakathi kwawo, **31** ngakho uMosi lo-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe bawusebeniza ukugeza izandla zabo kanye lezinyawo. **32** Babegeza ngasosonke isikhathi nxa bengena ethenteni lokuhlangana loba nxa besiya e-alithareni njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **33** Ngakho uMosi walungisa iguma elihonqolozele ithabanikeli le-alithari waselengisa ikhetheni esangweni leguma kwaba yikho ukuqedu kukaMosi umsebenzi. **34** Emva kwalokho iyezi lasibekela ithente lokuhlangana, kwathi inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwala ithabanikeli. **35** UMosi kenelisanga ukungena ethenteni lokuhlangana ngenxa yeyezi elalimi phezu kwalo, inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwala ethabanikeleni. **36** Kulolonke uhambo lwabako-Israyeli, kwakusithi iyezi lingaphakama lisuka phezu kwethabanikeli, labo baqhubebe; **37** kodwa kuthi nxa iyezi lingaphakamanga, labo babengaqhubebekeli phambili, kuze kube mhla liphakama. **38** Ngokunjalo iyezi likaThixo lalisiba phezu kwethabanikeli emini, kuthi ebusuku kube lomlilo eyezini, bekubona bonke abako-Israyeli ekuhambeni kwabo konke.

# ULevi

**1** UThixo wabiza uMosi, wakhulumu laye esethenteni lokuhlangana. Wathi kuye, **2** “Khulumu labantu bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, ‘Nxa omunye wenu eletha umnikelo kuThixo, kalethe umnikelo wesifuyo esivela emhlambini wenkomo kumbe ovezimvu. **3** Nxa umnikelo ungowokutshiswa uvela emhlambini wenkomo, kumele anikele ngesifuyo esiduna esingelasici. Kumele asilethe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ukwenzela ukuthi samukeleku kuThixo. **4** Kuzamele abeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lomnikelo wokutshiswa, ngalokho uzakwamukelwa esikhundleni sakhe, uphendle indlela yokubuyisana. **5** Kuzamele ahlabe inkunzi encinyane phambi kukaThixo, ngemva kwalokho, amadodana ka-Aroni, abangabaphristi, bazaletha igazi alichele emaceleni wonke e-alithare esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **6** Kuzamele ahlina umnikelo wokutshiswa, abesewuhlahlala ube ngamaqatha. **7** Kumele amadodana ka-Aroni umphristi abase umlilo e-alitharen, abesebeka inkunzi emilweni. **8** Amadodana ka-Aroni abesehlanganisa inhloko lamahwahwa enkunini ezibheba e-alitharen. **9** Kuzamele agezise ezangaphakathi lemilenze ngamanzi, njalo umphristi kumele akutshise konke e-alitharen. Lowo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga eliminandi kuThixo. **10** Nxa umnikelo ungowokutshiswa, uvela emhlambini wezimvu kumbe imbuza, kuzamele anikele ngesifuyo esiduna esingelasici. **11** Kuzamele asihlabelle enyakatho ye-alithare phambi kukaThixo, njalo amadodana ka-Aroni angabaphristi azachela igazi laso emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **12** Kuzamele isifuyo asihlahlele sibe ngamaqatha, kugogela inhloko lamahwahwa, njalo umphristi uzawabeka kahle phezu kwenkuni ezyabé zibhebba e-alitharen. **13** Kuzamele agezise ezangaphakathi lemilenze ngamanzi, njalo umphristi uzaletha inyama yonke, abeseyitshisel e-alitharen. Lowo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga eliminandi kuThixo. **14** Nxa umnikelo kaThixo ungumnikelo wokutshiswa, ungowenyon, kumele anikele ngejuba kumbe iphuphu lenkwilimba. **15** Umphristi uzakuletha e-alitharen, akutshile intamo, abesekutshisel e-alitharen, igazi lakho livuzele eceleni. **16** Kuzamele akhuphe isidlelo lalokho okuphakathi kwaso, asilahlele empumalanga ye-alithare, lapho okulomlotha khona. **17** Kayidabule ivuleke ngempiko zayo kodwa angayehlukanisi, emva kwalokho, umphristi uzayitshisel enkunini ezesemililweni ose-alitharen. Ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga eliminandi kuThixo.”

**2** “Nxa umuntu angaletha umnikelo wamabele kuThixo; umnikelo wakhe uzakuba ngowefulawa ecolekileyo. Uzayithela amafutha ayihlanganise lempempha **2** abeseyisa emadodaneni ka-Aroni, abaphristi. Umphristi uzacupha ifulawa ecolekileyo egcwalla isandla, ayihlanganise lamafutha lempempha

ndawonye, abesekutshisa njengesikhumbuzo e-alitharen, umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, olephunga eliminandi kuThixo. **3** Okuseleyo emnikelweni wamabele ngokuka-Aroni lamadodana akhe, yingxene engcwele kakhulu yomhlatshele wokudla onikelwa kuThixo. **4** Nxa ungalettha umnikelo wamabele obhekhwé eziko, kumele wenzive ngefulawa ecolekileyo: amakhekhe abhekhwé kungela mvubelo, ahlanganisa lamafutha, kumbe amakhekhe ayizicecedu enziwe kungela mvubelo, asegcotshwa ngamafutha. **5** Nxa umnikelo wakho wamabele uhlanganiselwe emganwini wensimbi, kumele ulungiswe ngefulawa ecolekileyo, ehanganiswe lamafutha njalo ingela mvubelo. **6** Uvuthuze ubusuthela amafutha kuwo; ngumnikelo wamabele. **7** Nxa umnikelo wakho wamabele ubhekhwé epaneni, kuzamele wenzive ngefulawa ecolekileyo lamafutha. **8** Letha umnikelo wamabele olungiswe ngezinto lezi kuThixo: uziqhubele umphristi ozazisa e-alitharen. **9** Uzakhupha ingxene eyisikhumbuzo emnikelweni wamabele, abeseyitshisel e-alitharen, njengomhlatshele wokudla, olephunga eliminandi kuThixo. **10** Okuseleyo emnikelweni wamabele ngokuka-Aroni lamadodana akhe, yingxene engcwele kakhulu yomhlatshele wokudla onikelwa kuThixo. **11** Wonke umnikelo wamabele owuletha kuThixo kumele ulungiswe ungelavubelo, ngoba kakumelanga utshise imvubelo kumbe uluju emhlatshelweni wokudla onikelwa kuThixo. **12** Ungakuletha kuThixo njengomnikelo wokuchinsa izithelo zakuqala, kodwa kakumelanga ukuthi zinikelo e-alithareni njengephunga eliminandi. **13** Tswayani yonke iminikelo yenu yamabele. Lingakhohlwa itswayi lesivumelwano sikaKulunkulu wenu emnikelweni yenu yamabele: fakan itswayi emnikelweni yenu yonke. **14** Nxa lingaletha umnikelo wamabele ezithelo zakuqala kuThixo, nikelani ngezikhwебу zamabele amatsha agigwe ekhanzingwe emlilweni. **15** Thelani amafutha lihlanganise lempempha: ngumnikelo wamabele. **16** Umphristi uzatshisa ingxene eyisikhumbuzo emabebeni agigiveyo, kanye lamafutha ndawonye lempempha yonke njengomhlatshele wokudla owenzelwa onikelwa kuThixo.”

**3** “Nxa umnikelo womuntu ungumnikelo wobudlelwano, enikela ngesifuyo esiduna kumbe esisikazi, esisuka emhlambini, kumele alethe kuThixo isifuyo esingalasici. **2** Kumele abeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lesifuyo somnikelo, abeseshlabela esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. Ngemva kwalokho, amadodana ka-Aroni angabaphristi, azachela igazi emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **3** Emnikelweni wobudlelwano uzaletha umhlatshele onikelwa kuThixo ngomlilo: idanglonke elembese ezangaphakathi, **4** izino zombili lamahwahwa azo aseduzane lesinje, lamahwahwa aphezu kwasibindi, okufanele kukhutshwe lezinso. **5** Ngakho amadodana ka-Aroni azakutshisel e-alitharen, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa ophezu kwenkuni ezbibebhayo njengomnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi kuThixo. **6** Nxa

anganikela ngesifuyo esisuka emhlambini wezimvu lomnikelo wokutshiswa. **11** Kodwa isikhumba senkunzi njengomnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo, kuzamele kanye lenyama yayo yonke, inhloko, amangqina, anikele ngesiduna kumbe esikazi esingelasici. **7** ezangaphakathi lamathumbu, **12** okutsho ingxenye Nxa anganikela ngezinyane, kumele alilethe phambi yonke yenkunzi, kumele akukhuphele phandle kukaThixo. **8** Kumele abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwezihonqo endaweni ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba, kwekhanda lomnikelo wakhe, asihlabe lesosifuyo lapho okuchithelwa khona umlotha, abesekutshisela phambi kwesango lethente lokuhlangana. Amadodana emilwени wenkuni oyabe usenqumbini yomlotha. ka-Aroni azachela igazi laso emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **9** Emnikelweni wobudlelwano kuzamele ngabomo, abesesenza konke okwalelwa yimilayo alethe umhlatshelo owenziwa kuThixo ngomli; kaThixo, lanxa ulo engazilutho ngodaba amahwahwa awo, lomsila ononleyo aqunyeye lolu, ulecal. **14** Nxa bangavele bazi ngesono eduzane lomgogoda, idanga lonke, lawo wonke abasenzyelo, ibandla kumele lilethe inkunzi eliguqa amahwahwa embese ezangaphakathi, **10** izinso zombili njengomnikelo wesono, liyethule phambi kwethente lamahwahwa aseduzane lesinqe lamahwahwa aphezu lokuhlangana. **15** Abadala bakuleyondawo bazabeka kwesibindi, okuzakhutshwa ndawonye lezinso. **11** izandla zabo ekhanda lenkunzi phambi kukaThixo, Umphristi uzakutshisela e-alithareni njengomhlatsheho njalo inkunzi izahlatshelwa phambi kukaThixo, wokudla, onikelwa kuThixo. **12** Nxa umnikelo wakhe kuyimbizi, uzayethula phambi kukaThixo. **13** Uzabeka isandla sakhe ekhanda layo, abeseyihlabela phambi kwesango lethente lokuhlangana. Amadodana phambi kukaThixo kasikhombisa phambi kwekhetheni. ka-Aroni azachela igazi layo emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **14** Kulokho akunikelayo, kuzamele anikele eliphambi kukaThixo ethenteni lokuhlangana. Igazi umhlatshelo wokudla kuThixo, idanga lonke lawo eliseleyo uzalithela phansi kwe-alithari lomnikelo wonke amahwahwa embese ezangaphakathi, **15** wokutshiswa, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. izinso zombili, lamahwahwa aseduzane lesinqe, **19** Kakhuphe wonke amahwahwa abesewatshisela lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi okuzakhutshwa e-alithareni, **20** abesesenza enkunzini le lokho ndawonye lezinso. **16** Umphristi uzakutshisela e-alithareni njengomhlatsheho wokudla, iphunga umphristi uzabenzela indlela yokubuyisana phakathi eliminandi. Wonke amahwahwa ngakaThixo. **17** Lokhu kwabo, njalo bazathethelelwa. **21** Kakhuphele inkunzi kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ezizukulaneni zenu phandle kwezihonqo, abeseyitshisa njengalokho zonke, kuzozonke izindawo elihlala kuzo. Akumelanga akwenza inkunzi yakuqala. Lo ngumnikelo wesono lidle yiloba ngumhlobo bani wamahwahwa kumbe okazulu wonke. **22** Nxa umkhokheli angona igazi.”

**4** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela abantu bako-Israyeli ukuthi: ‘Nxa umuntu esona kodwa engoni ngabomo, njalo esenza konke okwalelwa yimilayo kaThixo, **3** Nxa umphristi ogcotshiweyo angona, besekuletha icala ebantwini, kumele alethe kuThixo ijongosi elingelasici njengomnikelo wesono ngenxa yesono ayabe esenzile. **4** Kalethe inkunzi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, phambi kukaThixo. Uzabeka isandla sakhe ekhanda layo, abeseyihlabela phambi kukaThixo. **5** Umphristi ogcotshiweyo uzathatha elinye igazi lenkunzi alise ethenteni lokuhlangana. **6** Kaxamuze umunwe wakhe egazini, abesechela elinye lakhona kasikhombisa phambi kukaThixo, phambi kwekhetheni lendlu engcwele. **7** Umphristi uzafaka elinye igazi empondweni ze-alithare lemphepha elephunga eliminandi eliphambi kukaThixo ethenteni lokuhlangana. Igazi lenkunzi eliseleyo uzalithela phansi kwe-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **8** Kumele akhuphe wonke amahwahwa enkunzi yomnikelo wesono, idanga lonke lawo wonke amahwahwa embese ezangaphakathi. **9** Izinso zombili, lamahwahwa azo aseduzane lesinqe, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi kuzakhutshwa ndawonye lezinso, **10** njengalokho okwenziwa nxa ihwahwa likhutshwa enkabini eyabe ingumnikelo wobudlelwano. Umphristi uzakutshisela e-alithareni

lomnikelo wokutshiswa. **11** Kodwa isikhumba senkunzi njengomnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo, kuzamele kanye lenyama yayo yonke, inhloko, amangqina, anikele ngesiduna kumbe esikazi esingelasici. **7** ezangaphakathi lamathumbu, **12** okutsho ingxenye Nxa anganikela ngezinyane, kumele alilethe phambi yonke yenkunzi, kumele akukhuphele phandle kukaThixo. **8** Kumele abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwezihonqo endaweni ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba, kwekhanda lomnikelo wakhe, asihlabe lesosifuyo lapho okuchithelwa khona umlotha, abesekutshisela phambi kwesango lethente lokuhlangana. Amadodana emilwени wenkuni oyabe usenqumbini yomlotha. ka-Aroni azachela igazi laso emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **9** Emnikelweni wobudlelwano kuzamele ngabomo, abesesenza konke okwalelwa yimilayo alethe umhlatshelo owenziwa kuThixo ngomli; kaThixo, lanxa ulo engazilutho ngodaba amahwahwa awo, lomsila ononleyo aqunyeye lolu, ulecal. **14** Nxa bangavele bazi ngesono eduzane lomgogoda, idanga lonke, lawo wonke abasenzyelo, ibandla kumele lilethe inkunzi eliguqa amahwahwa embese ezangaphakathi, **10** izinso zombili njengomnikelo wesono, liyethule phambi kwethente lamahwahwa aseduzane lesinqe lamahwahwa aphezu lokuhlangana. **15** Abadala bakuleyondawo bazabeka kwesibindi, okuzakhutshwa ndawonye lezinso. **11** izandla zabo ekhanda lenkunzi phambi kukaThixo, Umphristi uzakutshisela e-alithareni njengomhlatsheho njalo inkunzi izahlatshelwa phambi kukaThixo, wokudla, onikelwa kuThixo. **12** Nxa umnikelo wakhe kuyimbizi, uzayethula phambi kukaThixo. **13** Uzabeka isandla sakhe ekhanda layo, abeseyihlabela phambi kwesango lethente lokuhlangana. Amadodana phambi kukaThixo kasikhombisa phambi kwekhetheni. ka-Aroni azachela igazi layo emaceleni wonke e-alithare. **14** Kulokho akunikelayo, kuzamele anikele eliphambi kukaThixo ethenteni lokuhlangana. Igazi umhlatshelo wokudla kuThixo, idanga lonke lawo eliseleyo uzalithela phansi kwe-alithari lomnikelo wonke amahwahwa embese ezangaphakathi, **15** wokutshiswa, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. izinso zombili, lamahwahwa aseduzane lesinqe, **19** Kakhuphe wonke amahwahwa abesewatshisela e-alithareni, **20** abesesenza enkunzini le lokho akwenza enkunzini yomnikelo wesono. Ngalokho umphristi uzabenzela indlela yokubuyisana phakathi eliminandi. Wonke amahwahwa ngakaThixo. **17** Lokhu kwabo, njalo bazathethelelwa. **21** Kakhuphele inkunzi kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo ezizukulaneni zenu phandle kwezihonqo, abeseyitshisa njengalokho zonke, kuzozonke izindawo elihlala kuzo. Akumelanga akwenza inkunzi yakuqala. Lo ngumnikelo wesono lidle yiloba ngumhlobo bani wamahwahwa kumbe okazulu wonke. **22** Nxa umkhokheli angona engakunxanelanga enze okwaliwa yimilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu, ulecal. **23** Nxa angatshelwa ngesono asenzyelo kumele alethe umnikelo wempongo engelasici. **24** Kabeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lembuzi abeseyihlabela lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kukaThixo. Kungumnikelo wesono. **25** Umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wesono abeselininda empondweni ze-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa abesethela elinye lonke igazi phansi kwe-alithari. **26** Uzatshisela wonke amahwahwa e-alithareni njengalokhu akwenza amahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano. Ngale indlela umphristi uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana ngesono somuntu abesethethelelwa. **27** Nxa omunye umuntu phakathi kwendawo angona engakunxanelanga ukona, enze okwaliwa yimilayo kaThixo, uyabe elecal. **28** Nxa angatshelwa ngesono ayabe esenzile, kumele alethe umnikelo wesono sakhe, umnikelo wembuzi ensikazi engelasici. **29** Kabeke isandla sakhe ekhanda lomnikelo wesono, abesewuhlabela endaweni yomnikelo wokutshiswa. **30** Umphristi kumele athathe elinye igazi ngomunwe wakhe, abeselininda empondweni ze-alithare lomnikelo wokutshiswa, abesethela elinye eliseleyo phansi kwe-alithari. **31** Uzakhupha amahwahwa wonke njengalokhu okwenziwa emnikelweni wobudlelwano, njalo umphristi uzawutshisela e-

alithareni njengoghatshi olulephunga eliminandi abeseyitshisela e-alithareni phezu kwemihlatshelo kuThixo. Ngaleyondela, umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokudla enikelwa kuThixo. Kungumnikelo wesono. **13** yokubuyisana, abesethethelelwa. **32** Nxa angaletha imvu njengomnikelo wesono, kumele alethe ensikazi engelasici. **33** Kumele abeke isandla sakhe ekhanda layo, abeseyihlabu njengomnikelo wesono endaweni lapho okuhlatshewa khona umnikelo wokutshiswa. **34** Emva kwalokho, umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe, alininde empondweni ze-alithare lomnikelo wokutshiswa, abesethela elinye igazi eliseleyo ngaphansi kwe-alithari. **35** Bazakhupha wonke amahwaha, njengalokhu okwenziba emvini yomnikelo wobudlewano, njalo umphristi uzayitshisela e-alithareni phezu kwemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa kuThixo. Ngalokho umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngesonu asenziyelo abesethethelelwa.”

**5** “Nxa umuntu angona ngenxa yokuthi kakhlumanga ebika udaba oluthile emphakathini ngayabe ekubonile kumbe ekuzwile, uyabe elomlandu. **2** Loba nxa umuntu angathinta ulutho olungabre lungcolile ngokomkhuba (kungaba yizidumbu vezinyamazana zeganga ezingcolileyo kumbe ezezifuyo ezingcolileyo kumbe ezezidalwa ezingcolileyo ezihamba emhlabathini) lanxa enganenzele ngalokho, uyabe esengcolileyo njalo eseletala. **3** Loba engathinta ukungcola komuntu (konke okungenza ukuthi abe ngongcolileyo) lanxa enganenzele ngalokho nxa angavele akwazi uyabe eseletala, **4** kumbe umuntu angafunga enganakananga kuhle ukuthi ufuna ukwenza olunye ulutho, ingabe ngoluhle kumbe ngolubi (entweni yonke umuntu angafunga ngayo butshapha) lanxa enganenzele ngalokho, angavele akwazi uzakuba lecalia, **5** nxa umuntu angazi ukuthi ulecalia ngezinto lezi, kumele aveze ukuthi wone ngandlela bani. **6** Njengenhlawulo yesono ayabe esenziile, kumele alethe kuThixo imvana ensikazi kumbe imbizi evela emhlambini njengomnikelo wesono, njalo umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngenxa yesono sakhe. **7** Nxa engenelisi ukuthola imvana uzaletsha amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili kuThixo njengenhlawulo yesono sakhe, okunye kungumnikelo wesono, okunye kungumnikelo wokutshiswa. **8** Uzakuletha kumphristi, ozaqala ngokunikela okomnikelo wesono. Kumele akutshile intamo yakho kodwa angatshuphuni ikhanda, **9** njalo uzachelia elinye igazi lomnikelo wesono eceleni kwe-alithari; igazi eliseleyo kumele likhanyelwe phansi kwe-alithari. Ngumnikelo wesono. **10** Umphristi usezanikela okunye njengomnikelo wokutshiswa ngendlela eyamiswayo, umphristi aphinde amenzele indlela yokubuyisana ngesonu sakhe, abesethethelelwa. **11** Kodwa nxa esehluleka ukuthola amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili, kalethe kuze kuse, lomlilo kufanele uhiale ubheba e-umnikelo wesono sakhe, alethe ingxene yetshumi alithareni. **10** Umphristi uzagqoka-ke izigqoko yehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo ukwenzela umnikelo kufanele usale eziko le-alithari ubusuku bonke kufanele usale eziko le-alithari. **11** Abesekhulula izigqoko lezi agqoko esigcwala isandla njengengxene yesikhumbuzo, ezinye, athwale umlotha awukhuphele phandle

abeseyitshisela e-alithareni phezu kwemihlatshelo Ngalokhu umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngesonu ingabe yisiphi ayabe esenzile, uzathethelelwa, okuseleyo kuzakuba ngokomphristi, njengalokho okwenziba emnikelweni wamabele.” **14** UTHixo wathi kuMosi: **15** “Nxa umuntu angephula umthetho abesesonu, engoni ngabomo ezintweni zonke zikaThixo ezingcwele, kalethe kuThixo njengenhlawulo inqama esuka emhlambini, engelasici njalo ebiza isiliva esamukeleyo ngesilinganiso seshekeli lasendlini engcwele. Ngumnikelo wecala. **16** Kumele ahlawule ngesiphambeko sakhe kulokho ayabe ehluleke ukukwenza, okuphathelane lezinto ezingcwele, abesesengezelela ingxene yokuhlanu yentengo yakho akunike umphristi konke, ozamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngenqama njengomnikelo wecala, abesethethelelwa. **17** Nxa umuntu angona ngokwenza lokho okungavunyelwayo emlayweni kaThixo, lanxa engakwazi, uyabe elecalia njalo uzakwetheswa umlandu. **18** Uzaletsha kumphristi njengomnikelo wecala inqama engelasici ezavela emhlambini, njalo eelsinganiso esamukeleyo. Ngalokhu umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngesiphambeko sakhe angasenzanga ngabomo, njalo uzathethelelwa. **19** Kungumnikelo wecala: ulecalia lokona phambi kukaThixo.”

**6** UTHixo wathi kuMosi: **2** “Nxa umuntu esona njalo engathembeki kuThixo ngokukhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe ngalokho ayabe ekuphathisiwe loba ayabe ekugciiniwe loba okuyabe kuntshontshiwe, loba nxa eddelezela omunye, **3** loba nxa ethola obekulahlekile kodwa aqambe amanga ngakho, loba nxa efunga ngokungamanga, loba nxa esenza loba yisiphi isono esingensiwa ngabantu, **4** nxa esona kanjalo abe ngolecalia, kumele abuyisele lokho ayabe ekuntshontshire loba ayabe ekuthethiengodlakela, loba ayabe abe ekuphathisiwe, loba obekulahlekile wasekuthola, **5** loba yingabe yini ayabe efunge ngayo ngokwamanga kumele ahlawule ngokugcweleyo, engeze ngokukodwa kokuhlanu kukho njalo akuphe umnikazi konke mhla evuma icala lakhe. **6** Ukuhlawula icala kumele alethe kumphristi ozakusa kuThixo, umnikelo wakhe wecala, inqama esuka emhlambini, engelasici njalo elingeneyo ngemfanelo. **7** Ngalokho umphristi uzamenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo, njalo uzathethelelwa ngalezi izinto azenzileyo ezimenze waba lecalia.” **8** UTHixo wathi kuMosi: **9** “Phana u-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe umlayo lo: ‘Le yimithetho yomnikelo wokutshiswa: Ummikelo wokutshiswa kufanele usale eziko le-alithari ubusuku bonke kufanele usale eziko le-alithari. **10** Umphristi uzagqoka-ke izigqoko kufanele usale eziko le-alithari. **11** Abesekhulula izigqoko lezi agqoko esigcwala isandla njengengxene yesikhumbuzo, ezinye, athwale umlotha awukhuphele phandle

kwezihonqo endaweni ehlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba. **3** Wonke amahwahwa awo azanikelwa: umsila **12** Umlilo ose-alithareni kufanele uhlale ubhebha; ononileyo kanye ledanga elembesa ezangaphath, akumelanga ucitshe. Insuku zonke ekuseni umphristi **4** izinso zombili lamahwahwa azo aseduzane kumele engeze inkuni akhwezele, alungise kuhle lesinqe, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, okufanele umnikelo wokutshiswa emililweni e-alithareni, atshise kukhutshwe lezinso. **5** Umphristi uzakukutshisela amahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano kulo i-alithari. e-alithareni njengomhlatselo wokudla onikelwa **13** Umlilo kumele uhlale ubhebha e-alithareni; kuThixo. Kungumnikelo wecala. **6** Wonke owesilisa akumelanga ucitshe.” **14** “Le yimithetho ephathelene emulini yomphristi angakudla, kodwa kufanele lomnikelo wamabele okufanele amadodana ka-Aroni kudllewe endaweni engcwele; ngoba kungcwele awulethe kuThixo, phambi kwe-alithari. **15** Umphristi kakhulu. **7** Umthetho munye uyasetshenzwa kufanele acuphe ifulawa elicolekileyo kanye lamafutha, emnikelweni wesono kanye lemnikelweni wecala. lempeha yonke yomnikelo wamabele, besekutshiswa Ungowomphristi owenza kube lendlela yokubuyisana ingxene yesikhumbuza e-alithareni, ibe liphunga labo. **8** Umphristi onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa elimnandi kuThixo. **16** U-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe kabani lobani angazigcinela isigogo. **9** Wonke bazakudla okuseleyo, kodwa kumele kudliwe kungela umnikelo wamabele ophekkelwa eziko, loba ophekkelwa mvubelo endaweni engcwele; bakudlele egumeni embizeni, loba embizeni yensimbi ungowomphristi lethente lokuhlangana. **17** Akumelanga kubhekhwе owunikelayo, **10** njalo wonke umnikelo wamabele kulemvubelo. Ngibanika khona njengesabelo sabo oyabe uhlanganiswe lamafutha loba womile, wonke seminikelo eyenziwa kimi ngomlilo. Kungcwele ungowamadodana ka-Aroni ngokulinganayo.” **11** “Le njengomnikelo wesono lomnikelo wecala. **18** yimithetho ephathelene lomnikelo wobudlelwano Bonke abesilisa enzalweni ka-Aroni bangakudla. umuntu angawunikela kuThixo: **12** Nxa unganikelwa Kuzoba yisabelo sabo kokuphela esivela emnikelweni njengendlela yokubonga, kumele lumnikelo wokubonga eyenziwe ngomlilo kuThixo eizizkulwaneni eizayzo. unikwelwe ndawonye lesinkwa esenziwe singelamvubelo Okubathintayo kuphela kuzakuba ngcwele.” **19** sahlanganise lamafutha, amakhekhe ayizicecedu UThixo wakhuluma njalo kuMosi wathi, **20** “Lo enziwe engelamvubelo njalo egcotshwe ngamafutha, ngumnikelo ozanikewla kuThixo ngu-Aroni kanye kanye lamakhekhe efulawa ecolekileyo avutshwe lamadodana akhe ngelanga azagcotshwa ngalo. kuhle ahlanganiswe lamafutha. **13** Umnikelo Kuzakuba ngokwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo, wakhe wobudlelwano ongowokubonga kumele kube ngumnikelo wamabele owansuku zonke, ingxene unikwelwe ndawonye lomnikelo wezinkwa ezenziwe yawo ibe sekuseni kuthi enye ingxene ibe kusihlwa. ngemvubelo. **14** Kufanele alethe okukodwa komhlobo **21** Kulungise ngamafutha emganwini wensimbi munye ngamunye njengomnikelo onikelwa kuThixo. oyingubhe; kulethe kuhlanganiswe kuhle, ubususesthula Ungowomphristi ochela igazi lomnikelo wobudlelwano. umnikelo wamabele wenzwiwe incezwana ube liphunga **15** Inyama yomnikelo wakhe wobudlelwano elimnandi kuThixo. **22** Indodana egcotshelwe ingeyokubonga, kumele idliwe ngalelolanga inikelwa. ukuthatha isikhundla sika-Aroni njengomphristi yiyo Akumelanga eyinye isalele elakusasa. **16** Kodwa nxa ezalungisa lokho. Kuyisabelo sikaThixo sansukuzonke, umnikelo wakhe ungenxa yokugcwala isifungo loba njalo kufanele kutshiswe ngokupheleleyo. **23** Yonke ungumnikelo wesihle, umhlatselo lowo uzadliwa iminikelo yamabele yomphristi izatshiswa iphele; ngalelolanga lokuwunikela, kodwa okuyabe kusele akumelanga idliwe.” **24** UThixo wathi kuMosi, kungadiwa ngelanga elilandelayo. **17** Yonke inyama **25** “Tshono lokhu ku-Aroni lamadodana akhe: ‘Le yomhlatselo esalayo kuze kwedlule insuku ezintathu yimithetho yomnikelo wesono: Umnikelo wesono kufanele itshiswe.’ **18** Nxa kulenyama yomnikelo kufanele uhlatslwe phambi kukaThixo endaweni wobudlelwano engadliwa ngelanga lesithathu, lowo lapho umnikelo wokutshiswa ohlatshelwa khona. oyinikeleyo kasoze amukeleke. Ayisoze ibalelwue kulowo Ungcwele kakhulu. **26** Umphristi owunikelayo oyinikeleyo, ngoba ingahlambulukanga. Umuntu odla uzawudla; kumele udlelwue endaweni engcwele enye yayo uzakuba lomlandu ngayo. **19** Inyama ethinta egumeni lethente lokuhlangana. **27** Konke okuthinta loba yini engcolileyo ngokomkhuba akumelanga idliwe; inyama leyo kuyakuba ngcwele. **28** Imbiza yebumba kumele itshiswe. Kodwa eyinye inyama ingadliwa okuphekwe ngayo inyama kumele ibulawe; kodwa yiloba ngubani ohlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba. **20** nxa iphekwe ngembiza yethusi, imbiza kufanele Kodwa nxa kulomuntu ongcolileyo angadla inyama iphalwe ihanjululwe ngamanzi. **29** Wonke owesilisa yomnikelo wobudlelwano engekaThixo, lowomuntu emulini yomphristi uzawudla, ungwele kakhulu. **30** Kodwa loba yiwuphi umnikelo wesono okulethwa igazi lawo ethenteni lokuhlangana ukwenza ukubuyisana kufanele lichelwe emaceleni wonke e-alithare. okunye nje okungcolileyo, okwenyanyekayo, abesesidla inyama yomnikelo wobudlelwano engekaThixo, lowomuntu kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **21** Nxa kulomuntu othinta okuthile okungcolileyo, akukhathalekile kumbe kuyikungcola komuntu loba okwenyamazana loba awembizi. **22** “Le yimithetho ephathelene lomnikelo wecala, oyivo ongcwele kakhulu. **2** Umnikelo wecala kufanele uhlatslwe endaweni lapho umnikelo wokutshiswa ohlatshelwa khona, njalo igazi lawo kufanele lichelwe emaceleni wonke e-alithare.

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loba edatshulwe yizilo zeganga angasetshenziswa lakho konke okwakukulo, wakwahlukanisela uThixo. **11** kokunye, kodwa akumelanga liwadle. **25** Umuntu Wachela amanye amafutha e-alithareni kasikhombisa, odla amahwahwa enyamazana okungenziwa ngayo wagcoba i-alithari lezitsha zalo zonke, lomkolo umnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo kumele axotshwe walo, lalapho obekwa khona ukuze akwahlukanisele ebantwini bakibo. **26** Njalo lingadli igazi lenyonie uThixo. **12** Wathela amanye amafutha ekhanda likaloba inyamazana yiphi kuzozonke izindawo elihlala Aroni wamgoba ukuba amahlukanisele uThixo. kuzo. **27** Nxa umuntu esilda igazi, lowomuntu wacgokisa amabhatschi, wawabopha ngamabhamti kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo.” **28** UThixo watheli kuMosi, **29** “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: njalo wawabopha izingwane emakhanda awo ‘Umuntu oletsha umnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo njengalokho uThixo akulaya uMosi. **14** Waseletha kumele alethe ingxene yawo njengomhlatshele inkunzi yomnikelo wesono, u-Aroni lamadodana wakhe kuThixo. **30** Kumele anikele ngezandla akhe babeka izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda layo. zakhe umhlatshele wokudlu kuThixo. Kumele alethe **15** UMosi wahlabu inkunzi, wasethatha elinye igazi, amahwahwa, ndawonye lesifuba, abesezunguza isifuba waselininda empondweni ze-alithare ngomunwe phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguza. ukuze lihlambulu. Wathululela igazi elalisele **31** Umphristi uzatshisa amahwahwa e-alithareni, phansi kwe-alithari walahlukanisela uThixo, ukwenza kodwa isifuba ngesika-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe. ukubuyisana ngalo. **16** UMosi wasethatha idanga **32** Kumele uphe umphristi umlenze wesokunene eligible ezangaphakathi, amahwahwa aphezu eminikelweni yakho yobudlelwano ube ngumnikelo kwesibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, wakho. **33** Indodana ka-Aroni enikela igazi wasekutshisa e-alithareni. **17** Kodwa inkunzi lamahwahwa omnikelo wobudlelwano izathola lesikhumba sayo, lenyama yayo, lamathumbu ayo umlenze wesokunene njengesabelo sayo. **34** Ngithethe wakutshisela phandle kwezihonqo njengalokho isifuba esizunguzwayo kanye lomlenze onikelwayo uThixo amlaya khona. **18** Waseletha inqama ukuze emnikelweni wobudlelwano wabako-Israyeli ngapha u-Aroni umphristi kanye lamadodana akhe njengesabelo sabo sezikhathi zonke esivela kwabako-Israyeli.” **35** Le yingxene yemihlatshelo yokudla enikela kuThixo eyabelu u-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe ngelanga abethulwa ngalo ukuba basebenzele uThixo njengabaphristi. **36** Ngelanga abagcotshwa ngalo, uThixo walaya abako-Israyeli ukuthi banikele lokho njengasabelo sabo sezikhathi zonke kuzizukulwane ezizayo. **37** Le-ke yiyo imithetho emayelana lomnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele, umnikelo wesono, umnikelo wecalo, umnikelo wokugcotshwa lomnikelo wobudlelwano, **38** uThixo awupha uMosi entabenii yeSinayi ngelanga alaya ngalo abako-Israyeli ukuthi balethe iminikelo yabo kuThixo, enkangala yaseSinayi.

**8** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Letha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, izembatho zabo, amafutha okugcoba ogcotshelwa isikhundla, inkunzi yomnikelo wesono, inqama ezimbili lesitsha sokuthwalela isinkwa esibhekhwae singelamvubelo, **3** ubusubuthanisa ibandla lonke esangweni lethente lokuhlangana.” **4** UMosi wenza njengokulaya kukaThixo, ibandla lonke laselibuthana esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **5** UMosi wakhulumu ebandleni wathi, “Lokhu yikho uThixo alaye ukuthi kwensiwe.” **6** UMosi waseletha u-Aroni lamadodana akhe phambili, wabagezisa ngamanzi. **7** Wagqokisa u-Aroni ibhatshi, wasemgaxa ibhanti, wamgqokisa isembatho semahlolome, waphinda wabopha isembatho semahlolome ngozwezwae lwaso olwelukwe ngobungcishi; walibophela kuye. **8** Wamgqokisa isembatho sesifuba wasebeka i-Urimi leThumimi esambahthweni leso. **9** Wamthwala isiqhiye ekhanda lakhe, phambi kwayo wabeka icence legolide, umqhele ongcwele, njengalokhu uThixo ayelaye uMosi ukuthi akwenze. **10** UMosi wathatha amafutha okugcoba ogcotshelwa isikhundla wagcoba ithabanikeli

wasizunguza phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo inhloko, wakutshisela e-alithareni. **14** Wagezisa wokuzunguza njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. ezangaphakathi kanye lemilenze wakutshisela phezu **30** UMosi wasethatha amanye amafutha okugcobel a komnikelo wokutshiswa e-alithareni. **15** U-Aroni isikhundla leline igazi eliska e-alithareni, wasechela waseletha umnikelo owawungowabantu, wathatha u-Aroni lezemba batho zakhe kanye lamadodana akhe imbizi eyayingeyomnikelo wesono wayihlaba, lezemba batho zavo. Ngalokho wangcwelisa u-Aroni waseyinikela yaba ngumnikelo wesono njengalokhu lezemba batho zakhe, lamadodana akhe lezemba batho ayekwenze ngeyakuqala. **16** Waletha umnikelo zavo. **31** UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni lamadodana akhe, wokutshiswa wawunikela ngendlela emisiweyo. "Phelani inyama esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, **17** Waletha njalo umnikelo wamabele, wacupha liyidle khona lesinkwa esivela esitsheni seminikelo ngesandla, wasewtushisela e-alithareni phezu kwalowo yokugcotshwa njengokulaywa kwami ukuthi 'u-Aroni owokutshiswa ayewunikele ekuseni. **18** Wahlala inkabi lamadodana akhe yibo abazakudla." **32** Beselitshisa kanye lenqama kwaba ngumnikelo wobudlelwano yonke inyama lesinkwa okuzasala. **33** Lingasuki ebantwini. Amadodana akhe amnika igazi, walichela esangweni lethente lokuhlangana okwensuku inxa zonke ze-alithare. **19** Kodwa amahwahwa eziyisikhombisa, kuze kuphele amalanga okugcotshwa enkabi lawenqama, lomsila ononileyo, idanga, izinso, kwenu, ngoba ukugcotshwa kwenu kuzathatha insuku eziyisikhombisa. **34** Lokho okwenziwa namuhla kwalaywa nguThixo ukwenzela ukuthi lilungiselwe indlela yokubuyisana. **35** Kumele lihlale esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ubusuku lemimi, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lisenza lokho okuyabe kufunwa nguThixo ukuze lingafi, ngoba yikho engakulaywayo." **36** Ngakho u-Aroni lamadodana akhe benza konke uThixo ayebalaye khona ngoMosi.

**9** Ngosuku lwesicaminwembili uMosi wabiza u-Aroni lamadodana akhe kanye labadala bako-Israyeli. **2** Wathi ku-Aroni, "Thatha iguqa lenkunzi engelasici ibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama engelasici ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, ukwethule phambi kukaThixo. **3** Ubusutshela abako-Israyeli uthi: 'Thathani impongo ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ithole lezinanye, konke kungokulomnyaka owoedu njalo kungelasici, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, **4** uthathe inkabi kanye lenqama kube ngumnikelo wobudlelwano oba ngumhlatshephambi kukaThixo, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele ohlanganiswe lamafutha, ngoba uThixo uzabonakala kuwe lamhljanje.'" **5** Bathatha izinto lezo uMosi ayebalaye ngazo bazisa phambi kwethente lokuhlangana, ibanda lonke lasondela eduze lema phambi kukaThixo. **6** UMosi wasesithi, "Lokhu yikho uThixo alaye ukuthi likwenze, ukue inkazimulo kaThixo ibonakale kini." **7** UMosi wathi ku-Aroni, "Woza e-alithareni uzonikela umhlatshelo wesono sakho kanye lomnikelo wakho wokutshiswa, wenzele wena kanye labantu indlela yokubuyisana. Unikele umhlatshelo wabantu ubenzele uxolo njengalokhu okulaywe nguThixo." **8** Ngakho u-Aroni weza e-alithareni, wahlala ithole laba ngumnikelo wakhe wesono. **9** Amadodana akhe aletha igazi kuye, wasegumuza umunwe wakhe egazini waninda ngalo impondo ze-alithare. **10** E-alithareni watshisa amahwahwa, izinso kanye lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi kungokomnikelo wesono, njengalokhu uThixo ayekulaye uMosi. **11** Inyama kanye lesikhumba wakutshisela ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **12** Wasehlaba umnikelo wokutshiswa. Amadodana akhe amnika igazi, walichela inxa zonke ze-alithare. **13** Bamupha kukaMosi. **8** UTHixo wasesithi ku-Aroni, **9** "Wena umnikelo wokutshiswa, isitho ngesitho kugoqela

lamahwahwa aphezu kwsibindi **20** bakwendlala phezu kwsifuba, u-Aroni wasetshisela amahwahwa e-alithareni. **21** U-Aroni wazunguza izifuba kanye lomlenze wokwesokunene phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguza, njengokulaya kukaMosi. **22** U-Aroni wasephakamisela izandla zakhe ebantwini wababusisa. Kwathi esenikele umnikelo wesono, umnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lowobudlelwano, wahlala phansi. **23** UMosi lo-Aroni basebesiyangena ethenteni lokuhlangana. Bathi bephuma, babusa abantu; inkazimulo kaThixo yabonakala kubo bonke abantu. **24** Kwavela umlilo lapho ngoba uThixo wayekhona, kwatsha umnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lamahwahwa e-alithareni. Abantu bonke bathi bebona lokho, bamemeza gentokozo bathi mbo ngobuso phansi.

**10** Amadodana ka-Aroni uNadabi lo-Abhihi bathatha izitsha zemppeha, bafaka umlilo kuzo, bafaka impepha; basebenikela ngomlilo phambi kukaThixo ngokungekho emandleni abo, njalo kuphambene lomlayo wakhe. **2** Kwavela umlilo lapho uThixo ayekhona, wabatshisa bafa phambi kukaThixo. **3** UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni, "Lokhu yikho okwakhulunya nguThixo aze athi: 'Kulabo abasondela kimi Ubungcweli bami buzabonakala, phambi khabo bonke abantu Ngizadunyiswa.'" U-Aroni wala ethule. **4** UMosi wabiza uMishayeli lo-Elizafani amadodana kamalumakhe ka-Aroni u-Uziyeli, wathi kubo, "Wozani lapha lizothwala abafowenu libakhuphele phandle kwezihonqo, khatshana laphambi kwendlu engcwele." **5** Ngakho beza babathwala belokhu begqoke amabhatshi abo, babakhuphela ngaphandle kwezihonqo njengokulaya kukaMosi. **6** UMosi wasesithi ku-Aroni lamadodana akhe u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari, "Lingayekeli inwele zenu zingembozwanga njalo lingadabuli izigqoko zenu ngokuhlulukelwa, funa life, loThixo athukuthelele abantu bonke. Kodwa zonke izihlobo zenu lendu yonke ka-Israyeli bangabahalela labo ababhujswe nguThixo ngomlilo. **7** Lingaze lasukha esangweni lethente lokuhlangana funa life, wakutshisela ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **12** Wasehlaba ngoba amafutha kaThixo okugcoba ogotshelwa isikhundla aphezu kwenu." Ngakho benza njengokulaya igazi, walichela inxa zonke ze-alithare. **13** Bamupha kukaMosi. **8** UTHixo wasesithi ku-Aroni, **9** "Wena umnikelo wokutshiswa,

okunye okunathwayo okubilileyo nxa lisiyangena lamaxolo. **10** Kodwa zonke izidalwa eziisolwandle ethenteni lokuhlangana, funa life. Lo ngumlayo lasezifuleni ezingelampiko lamaxolo, kungelani lokuthi omi kuze kube nininini kuzizukulwane ezizayo. **10** ngezihamba ngamaxuku kumbe phakathi kwazo Kumele lahlukanise okungcwele kokungangcwele, zonke eziphila emanzini kumele lizenyanye. **11** Njalo okuhlanzekileyo kokungahlanzekanga, **11** njalo njengoba lizazenyanya, lingabokudla inyama yazo, kumele lifundise abako-Israyeli zonke izimiso njalo kumele lizenyanye lezidumbu zazo. **12** Yonke uThixo abaphe zona ngoMosi.” **12** UMosi wathi inyamazana ehlala emanzini engalampiko lamaxolo ku-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe aseleyo, u- kumele yenyaneye kini. **13** Lezi yizinyoni okumele Eliyazar lo-Ithamari, “Thathani umnikelo wamabele lizenyanye njalo lingazidl ngooba zingcolile: ukhozi, oseleyo emhilatshelweni yokudla enikelwe kuThixo, ilinqe, **14** uhelwane olubomvu, loba wuphi umhlobo liwudle ungelamvubelo eceleni kwe-alithari ngooba wohelwane, **15** imihlobo yonke yamawabayi, **16** ungcwеле kakhulu. **13** Udleleni endaweni engcwele, isikhova esilesicholo, isikhova esitshaya udweba, ngooba uyiabelo senu kanye lamadodana enu, ingabuzane, loba wuphi umhlobo wokhozi, **17** njengoba ngilaywe ngokunjalo. **14** Kodwa wena umandukulo, itshayamanzi, isikhova esikhulu, **18** lamadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi akho isikhova esimhlophe, isikhova senkangala, ukhozi lingadla isifuba esazunguzwayo kanye lomlenze oludla inhlanzi, **19** ingabuzane, lawuphi umhlobo onikelwego. Kudleleni endaweni ehlanzekileyo welanda, imvenduna lomalulwane. **20** Zonke izibungu ngokomkhuba; kuphiwe wena kanye labantwabakho ezilamaphiko ezhamba ngenyawo zazo ezine kumele njengesabelo somnikelo wobudlelwano kwabako- zibe ngezingcolileyo kini. **21** Kodwa kulezinye Israyeli. **15** Umlenze owanikelwayo kanye lesifuba izibungu ezilamaphiko, ezhamba ngezinyawo esazunguzwayo kumele kulethwe kanye lamahwahwa zazo ezine, lingadla lezo ezilamangqondo, ezeqa anikelwa ngomlilo, azozunguzwa phambi kukaThixo ngawo emhlabathini. **22** Kuzo lingadla intethe njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa. Lokho kuzakuba ngemihlobo yazo, lamadiye ngemihlobo yawo. **23** yisabelo sansukuzonke esakho kanye labantwabakho, Kodwa zonke ezinye izibungu ezilamaphiko lenyawo njengokulaya kukaThixo.” **16** UMosi wathi ebuza ezine lizenyanye. **24** Liyabe liyazingcolisa ngalezi; ngembuzi yomnikelo wesono wathola ukuthi ngakho loba ngubani othinta izidumbu zazo uzatshona yayisisithisiwe, wathukuthelela u-Eliyazar lo-Ithamari, engongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **25** Ozaphakamisa amadodana ka-Aroni ayesesele, wawabuza wathi, **17** izidumbu zezinyamazana lezi kumele ahlambulule “Kungani lingadlelanga umnikelo wesono endlini iziggoko zakhe, kanti-ke yena uzaba ngongcolileyo engcwele na? Ungcwèle kakhulu; lawuphiwa ukuze kuze kuhlwe. **26** Yonke inyamazana elengqina ususe icala labantu ngokwenza ukuthi babuyiswe elingeohlukananga ngokupheleleyo loba engentshisio phambi kukaThixo. **18** Njengoba igazi lawo ingcolile kini, wonke othinta isidumbu sezinyamazana lingangeniswanga eNdaweni eNgcwele, bekumele lezi uzabe esengongcolile. **27** Kuzozonke izinyamazana imbuzi liyidlele endlini engcwele njengokulaya ezhamba ngenyawo ezine, lezo ezhamba ngezidladla kwami.” **19** U-Aroni waphendula uMosi wathi, zingcolile kini; kuzakuthi wonke othinta izidumbu “Lamuha benze umhlatshelo womnikelo wesono zazo abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **28** Loba kanye lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi kukaThixo, ngubani ozaphakamisa izidumbu zezinyamazana kodwa izinto ezinjengalezi sezenzakele kimi. Nxa bengidle umnikelo wesono lamuha, kambe uThixo lezi kumele ahlambulule iziggoko zakhe, njalo uzatshona engongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. Zingcolile ubengachelesa ngalokho na?” **20** UMosi wasuthiseka kini. **29** Ezinyamazaneni zonke ezhambahambayo emhlabathini, lezi zingcolile kini: indlegu, igundwane, lemhlobo yonke yemibankwa emikhulu, **30** untulo, imbulumahasane, umbankwa, isiqhuza lonwabu. **31** Kuzozonke ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini, lezi zingcolile kini. Loba ngubani ozithinta sezifile uzatshona engongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **32** Nxa kungafa eyinye yazo iwele phezu kolutho, lololutho, loba lusetshenziswani luzabe selungolungcolileyo, loba lwensiwe ngesigodo, ngelemu, ngesikhumba loba ngesaka. Lufakeni emanzini; luzabe lungcolile kuze kuhlwe, lapho-ke luzabe seluhlambulukile. **33** Nxa esinye sazo singawela embiveni yomdaka, konke okusembiveni kuyabe sekungcolile, sekumele ubulale imbiza. **34** Konke ukudla obekungadiwa okuchaphakelwe ngamanzi aleyo mbiza kungcolile, njalo lobekunganathwa kuvela kuleyo mbiza kungcolile. **35** Loba yini ewwelwe yizidumbu zezinanakazana lezi iba ngengcolileyo; iziko loba imbiza yokupheka sekumele kubhidizwe. Kuyabe sekungcolile, njalo

**11** UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **2** “Alibokuthi kwabako-Israyeli: ‘Kuzozonke izinyamazana ezisemhlabeni, yilezi elingazidla; **3** lingadla zonke izinyamazana ezilenklagu ezipulekileyo lezentshisayo. **4** Zikhona ezinye ezentshisayo kuhela, zibe khona ezinye ezilenklagu ezipulekileyo kuhela kodwa lingabozidla. ikamela loba lisentshisa kalilanklagu ezipulekileyo; ngomkhuba kalihlanzekanga kini. **5** Imbila loba isentshisa kayilanklagu ezipulekileyo; ingcolile kini. **6** Umvundla, loba usentshisa, kawulanklagu ezipulekileyo; ungcolile kini. **7** Lengulube, loba ilenklagu ezipulekileyo ngokupheleleyo, ayentshisi; ingcolile kini. **8** Akufanelanga lidle inyama yazo njalo akufanelanga lithinte loba izidumbu zazo; ngooba zingcolile kini. **9** Kuzozonke izidalwa ezhilala emanzini asolwandle lasezifuleni, lingadla zonke ezilempiko

kumele likuthathe njengokungcolileyo. **36** Kanti-ke, ngokomkhuba ekopheni kwakhe. Le yiyo imithetho umthombo loba umgqomo wokukha amanzi uhlala elandelwa ngowesifazane ekubeletheni umfana loba uhlambulukile, kodwa loba ngubani othinta izidumbu inkazana. **8** Nxa engenelisi ukunikela ngezinyane lezi ungcile. **37** Nxa isidumbu sezinyamazana lemvu, kumele alethe amajuba amabili loba inkwylimba lezi singawela loba kuyiphi inhlanyelo esilungele ezisesencane ezimbili, okunye kungumnikelo ukuhlanelwa, izahlala ihlambulukile. **38** Kodwa wokutshiswa okunye kungumnikelo wesono. nxa amanzi esethelwe enhlanylweni, isidumbu Ngalindlela umphristi uzamenzela ukubuyisana, sakhona besesiwela phezu kwayo, isingcolile kini.

**39** Nxa inyamazana elivunyelwe ukuyidla ingazifela, lowo othinta isidumbu sayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **40** Loba ngubani ozakudla inyama yalesisidumbu kumele ahlambulule izigqoko zakhe, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. Loba ngubani ozaphakamisa lesisidumbu, kumele ahlambulule izigqoko zakhe, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **41** Loba yisiphi isinanakazana esihuquzelayo emhlabathini siyenyaneka, kasingadliwa. **42** Akufanelanga lidle izinanakazana zonke ezhambahambayo emhlabathini, loba ngezihuquzelayo ngezisu loba ngezihamba ngazononke zone loba ngezilyenyawo ezinengi; ziyanenya. **43** Lingazingcolisi ngezinanakazana lezi, lingazingcolisi ngenxa yazo njalo lingayekeli zilingcolisa. **44** NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, zihlambululen libengcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwelle. Lingazingcolisi ngezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini. **45** NginguThixo owalikhupha eGibhithe ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu; kungakho wobani ngcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwelle. **46** Le yiyo imithetho emayelana lezinyamazana, izinyoni, yonke into ephilayo entsheza emanzini lezinanakazana ezihuquzelayo emhlabathini. **47** Kumele lehlukanise phakathi kwezingcolileyo lezihlambulukileyo, lehlukanise phakathi kwezidalwa eziphilayo ezingadliwa kanye lokungamelanga zdilliwe.”

**12** UTHixo wathi kuMosi: **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi: ‘Umfazi ozithweleyo obelethe indodana uzakuba ngongcolileyo ngokomkhuba okwensiku eziyisikhombisa njengoba engcolile ngesikhathi esemfuleni. **3** Ngosuku lwestificaminwembili indodana le kuzamele isokwe. **4** Owesifazane kufanele ame okwensiku ezingamatshumi amathathu lantathu ukuze ahlanjululwe ukopha kwakhe. Ngalesikhathi, akumelanga abambe ulutho olungcwelle njalo akumelanga aye endlini engcwelle kuze kwedlule insuku zakhe zokuhlanjululwa. **5** Nxa angabeletha indodakazi, owesifazane uzaba ngongcolileyo okwamaviki amabili, njenganxa esemfuleni. Kufanele ahlale okwensiku ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lezinsuku eziyisithupha ukuze ahlanjululwe ukopha kwakhe. **6** Nxa insuku zokuhlanjululwa ngokwendodana loba indodakazi seziphelile, kumele owesifazane alethe izinyane lemvu eliomnyaka owodwa kumphristi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ukuze libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kanye lephuphu lenkwilimba loba ijuba kube ngumnikelo wesono. **7** Umphristi nguye ozaniela umnikelo phambi kukaThixo ukumentenza ukubuyisana, ngalokho uzabe esehlambulukile

ngakho uzabe esehlambulukile.”

**13** UTHixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **2** “Loba ngubani ozabevuvukile, loba equbukile, loba elechatha elicazimulayo ejwabini lakhe okungasuka kube ngumkhhuhlane wobulephero, kumele alethwe ku-Aroni umphristi loba komunye wamadodana akhe ongumphristi. **3** Umphristi kahlole lesilonda esejewabini lakhe, kuthi kungabonakala ukuthi uboya obusesilonden sebumhlophe, lokuthi lesilonda laso sizikile enyameni, kuyabe kungumkhhuhlane wobulephero. Nxa umphristi emhlola, uzamtshela ukuthi ungcile ngokomlayo. **4** Kanti-ke lanxa ibala elisejewabini limhlophe kodwa libonakala ukuthi alijulanga enyameni njalo loboya obukhonapho bungakabimhlophe, umphristi kamsuse ebantwini, ahiale yedwa okwensku eziyisikhombisa. **5** Ngosuku lwestikhombisa umphristi kumele amhlole, kuthike nxa ebona ukuthi isilonda lokhu sinjalo njalo kasiqhelanga ejwabini, kumele amehlukanise kwabanye okwezinye njalo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **6** Ngosuku lwestikhombisa umphristi uzamhlola njalo, kuthi-ke nxa isilonda sesifiphele singaqhelanga ejwabini, umphristi uzamtshela lowomuntu ukuthi usehlambulukile, bekukade kuyikuqubuka kodwa nje. Leyondoda izagezisa izigqoko zayo njalo iyabe isihlambulukile. **7** Kodwa ukuqbuka kungaqhela ejwabini lakhe ngemva kokuba eseke waziveza kumphristi ukuba kuthiwe usehlambulukile, kumele aziveze njalo kumphristi. **8** Umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi-ke nxa ukuqbuka kuqhelile ejwabini, umphristi kumele amtshele ukuthi kakahlambuluki; yibilephero. **9** Nxa kulomuntu olobulephero, kumele alethwe kumphristi. **10** Umphristi kamhlole, kuthi nxa kuleqhubu elimhlophe eseliphendule uboya babamhlophe njalo lilomlomo, **11** yibilephero, ngakho umphristi uzakuthi ungcile. Kangamehluhanisi labanye, ngoba uvele esengongcolileyo. **12** Nxa ubulephero sobumemetheka umzimba wonke okubonwa ngumphristi ukuthi sobugcwelle kusukela ekhanda kuze kuge sezinyaweni, **13** umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi nxa bugcwelle umzimba wonke, atsho athi lowomuntu uhlambulukile. Njengoba ijwabu seliphenduke labamhlophe lonke, uyabe ehlambulukile. **14** Kodwa nxa kubonakala sekupetuka inyama esilonden uzabe engongcolileyo. **15** Umphristi nxa ebona inyama isipetuka uzakuthi ungcile. Inyama epetukileyo ingcolile; ulobulephero. **16** Kodwa leyonyama epetukileyo ingaguquka ibemhlophe kufanele onjalo aye kumphristi. **17** Umphristi amhlole, kuthi nxa izilonda sezisuke zaba mhlophe, umphristi uzakuthi lowo olazo uhlambulukile; **18** Nxa kulomuntu

olethumba ejwabini lakhe libe seliphola, **19** ejwabini, **39** umphristi kumele awahhole, kuthi kuthi lapho obekulethumba khona kubonakale nxa amabala lawo emhlotshana okungani kufiphele, kumhlotshana kuvuvukile loba iqhubu elibomvana, kuyabe kuyikuqubuka okumveleleyo ejwabini; kumele azilethe kumphristi. **20** Umphristi alihlole, ngakho lowomuntu uhlambulukile. **40** Nxa indoda kuthi nxa kubonakala lijulile loboya obuphezu ingaselanwele isilempabanga, uhlambulukile. **41** kwalo sebumhlophe, umphristi uzakuthi ungcilile. Nxa ingaselanwele phezu kwebunzi, isilempabanga Yibulephero obuvela lapho obekulethumba khona. **21** Kodwa nxa khona laphayana ekuhlolweni kwalo ngumphristi kungelaboya obumhlophe phezu kwalo, njalo lingajulanga selifiphele, kulapho **43** Umphristi kayihlole leyondoda, kuthi nxa isilonda umphristi azamehlukanisa khona labanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **22** Nxa liqheha ejwabini, umphristi uzakuthi ungcilile, lona liyisifo esithelewanayo. isilabo njalo isingcolile. Umphristi uzakuthi leyondoda **23** Kodwa nxa umbala walo ulokhuunjalo, njalo ingcolile ngenxa yaleso silonda esisekhanda layo. lingaqhelanga, kuyabe kulitshisa elatshiywa lithumba, **45** Umuntu olobulephero kumele agqoke izigqoko ngakho umphristi uzakuthi uhlambulukile. **24** Nxa umuntu elethuthuva ejwabini lakhe besekuvela itshatha elibomvana loba elimhlophe enyameni epetukileyo yetshisa, **25** umphristi kalihlole, kuzakuthi uboya obuphezu kwalo sebumhlophe, kubonakale **47** kungani kujulile, yibulephero obuvela ngethuthuva. “Nxa isigqoko sagqokwa ngumuntu olobulephero, Umphristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcilile, yibulephero. **26** isembatho sewulu loba eselembu, **48** eselukiweyo Kodwa umphristi angalihlola kubonakale kungelaboya obumhlophe, kungajulanga njalo sekufiphele, yikho lapho umphristi azamehlukanisa labanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **27** Ngosuku lwasikhombisa umphristi uzamhlola, kuthi nxa liqheha ejwabini, umphristi athi ungcilile, yibulephero. **28** Kodwa nxa itshatha lilo loko lapho umphristi kahlole ukungcola lokhu kuyabe kulithuthuva elivuvukileyo, umphristi uzakuthi umphristi. **50** Umphristi kahlole ukungcola lokhu kuyinokwesikhumba, kubonakala kuluhlazana loba kubomvana, yibulephero; kufanele kutshengiswe linjalo futhi lingaqhelanga ejwabini kodwa selifiphele, umphristi. **51** Ngosuku lwasikhombisa kufanele kahlole ukungcola lokhu kuyinto yesikhumba loba esilevini, **30** umphristi kasihlole, kuthi nxa esembathweni, eselukiweyo loba esithungiweyo, loba kubonakala sijulile enyameni, inwele phezu kwaso isikhumba, loba sisetshenziswani, lokho kuyibilephero, sezimpofana njalo zingakhuli, umphristi uzakuthi isembatho leso singcolile. **52** Kumele asitshise lowomuntu ungcilile, yibulephero bekhanda loba isembatho leso, loba eselukiweyo lesithungiweyo, obesilevu. **31** Kodwa nxa umphristi angasihlola kuyiwulu loba ilembu, loba kuyinto yesikhumba isilonda leso abone singajulanga, kungelanwele elesifo sokungcola, njengoba kuyibilephero; leyonto ezimnyama kuso, umphristi uzamsusa lowomuntu kumele itshiswe. **53** Kodwa, nxa kuyikuthi ebantwini okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **32** Ngosuku ekuhlolweni kwaso ngumphristi, kubonakale ukuthi lwasikhombisa, umphristi kumele asihlole lesi silonda, isifo asiqhelanga ezigqokweni, loba eselukiweyo kuthi nxa singaqhelanga ejwabini, njalo kungelaboya loba esithungiweyo, loba esesikhumba, **54** uzalaya obulithanga phezu kwaso, khona kubonakala ukuthi ukuthi lololutho olungcolileyo lugeziswe. Kulapho-asijulanga enyameni, **33** kufanele aphucwe kutshiywe ke azakwehlukanisa khona kwezinye okwensuku indawo elesifo, umphristi aphinde amehlukanise eziyisikhombisa. **55** Ngemva kokuba lesombatho kwabanye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **34** Ngosuku umphristi esingcolileyo sesigezisiwe, umphristi uzashihlola, kuthi lwasikhombisa umphristi kumele asihlole, kuthi nxa singaqhelanga njalo kukhanya singajulanga enyameni, umphristi kathi uhlambulukile. Kufanele agezise Kasitshiswe ngomlilo, loba isifo sokungcola sihlasele isigqoko zakhe, abesibesa ngohlambulukileyo. **35** Kodwa nganxanye. **56** Nxa, lapho umphristi esihlola, nxa isilonda siqheha ejwabini emva kokuba sekuthiwe kubonakale isilonda sesifiphele ngemva kokugeziswa usehlambulukile, **36** umphristi uzamhlola, kanti-ke kwasigqoko, umphristi kadabule ingxenebilesifo nxa isilonda sisuke saqhela ejwabini, akudingakali esigqokweni loba yisikhumba loba ngeselukiweyo loba ukuthi umphristi adinge ukubona uboya obulithanga; esiphothiweyo. **57** Kodwa nxa isifo sibonakala futhi lowomuntu ungcilile. **37** Kodwa nxa ngokubona esigqokweni, ingabe eselukiweyo loba esiphothiweyo, kwake isilonda leso silokhu singaguqukanga loba kungesikhumba, siyabe siyaghela, akuthi konke sekulenwele ezimnyama kuso, siyabe sesiphophile. Uyabe okulesifo kutshiswe ngomlilo. **58** Isigqoko siphiesehlambulukile, umphristi uzakuthi uhlambulukile. **38** lasiphi, kungaba ngesokwelukwa, esokuphothwa loba Nxa indoda loba owestifazane elamabala amhlotshana esesikhumba esesike sageziswa sahlanzwa lesosifo

kumele sigeziswe futhi, kube yikho ukuhlanzeka kwaso.” 59 Le yiyo imilayo emayelana lokungcoliswa yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene yibulephero ezigqokweni loba ngezewulu kumbe phezu kwegazi lomnikelo wecala. 18 Amafutha ezelembu, kungaba nezelukiwoy loba eziphothiwoy, lawo aseleyo esandleni somphristi kawgcobe loba isikhumba; ukuze kuthiwe zihlambulukile loba ekhanda lalowo ohlanjululwayo, abesemenzela indlela zingcolile.

**14** UThixo wathi kuMosi, 2 “Le yimithetho eqondana lalowo olobulephero ngesikhathu sokuhanjululwa kwakhe ngokomkhuba, nxa elethwa phambi komphristi. 3 Umphristi kaphume ezhonqweni ayemhola. Nxa umuntu lowo esesilile ebulepherweni, 4 umphristi uzalaya ukuthi kulethelwe inyoni ezimbili eziphilayo, ezihlambulukileyo, kanye lenkuni zeshlahla somsedari, intambo ebomvu lehisophi ukuze lowo muntu ahlanjululwe. 5 Lapho-ke umphristi uzalaya ukuthi eyinye yalezo nyoni ibulawelwe phezu kwamanzi acengekileyo, asembizeni yomdaka. 6 Usezathatha inyoni ephilayo ayigxamuze ndawonye lokhuni lomsedari, lentambo ebomvu lehisophi egazini laleyo nyoni ebulawelwe phezu kwamanzi ahhlambulukileyo. 7 Uzachela lowo ohlanjululwa ubulephero ngalelogazi kasikhombisa, abesesithi usehlambulukile. Abesekhulula inyoni esaphila izihamble egangeni. 8 Umuntu okufanele ukuthi ahlanjululwe kumele agezise iziqoko zakhe, aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, abesegeza umzimba ngamanzi, ngalokho uzabe esehlambulukile ngokomkhuba. Ngemva kwalokho usengangena ezhonqweni, kodwa kumele ahiale ngaphandle kwethente lakhe okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. 9 Ngosuku lwsiekikhombisa kumele aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, intshiya zakhe kanye lazozonke inwele zakhe. Kufanele agezise iziqoko zakhe, ageze umzimba ngamanzi; ngalokho uzakuba ngohlambulukileyo. 10 Ngosuku lwsieficaminwembili kumele alethe amazinyane amabili amaduna lelidowa elisikazi, wonke elomnyaka owoawa, wonke engelasici, ndawonye lezilinganiso zehifa ezintathu etshumini zefulawa ecolekileyo, evutshwe ngamafutha, kungumnikelo wamabele, kanye lehetschezana Iwamafutha. 11 Umphristi obikayo ukuthi usehlambulukile lowomuntu nguye omethulayo kanye leminikelo yakhe kuThixo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 12 Ngemva kwalokho, umphristi kathathe elinye izinyane eliduna anikele ngalo kube ngumnikelo wecala, kanye lehetschezana Iwamafutha; uzakuzunguza phambi kukaThixo, kungumnikelo wokutzunguza. 13 Uzahlabu lelozinyane endaweni engcwele lapho okuhlatshewla khona iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo yokutshisa. Umnikelo wecala ungowomphristi, njengomnikelo weson; uncwele kakhulu. 14 Umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lomnikelo wecala alininde oqwangen iwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene sakhe. 15 Umphristi uzathatha amanye amafutha, awathele esandleni sakhe sokhohlo, 16 agxamuze umunwe wakhe wenkomba emafutheni lawo, abesewafafaza phambi kukaThixo kasikhombisa. 17 Umphristi kaninde amafutha aseleyo esandleni oqwangen iwendlebe yokunene

yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene lasozwanen olukhulu lonyawo lolwesokunene, phezu kwegazi lomnikelo wecala. 18 Amafutha lawo aseleyo esandleni somphristi kawgcobe yobuyisana phambi kukaThixo. 19 Ngemva kwalokho, kalethe umnikelo weson ecelela ozahlanjululwa indlela yokubuyisana kulokhu kungcola kwakhe. Ngemva kwalokho, umphristi uzenza umnikelo wokutshisa, 20 anikele ngawo e-alitharen, kanye lowamabele, amenzele indlela yokubuyisana, ngalokho uzahlanjululwa. 21 Kodwa-ke, nxa engumyanga, engazeneli lezizinto, kumele athathie izinyane lemvu eliduna libe ngumnikelo wecala ozazunguza ukumenzela indlela yokubuyisana, lengxenyeyodwa etshumini yefulawa ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe lamafutha, kungumnikelo wamabele, lehetschezana Iwamafutha, 22 lamajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili, lokho angakwanelisa, okunye kungumnikelo weson kuthi okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshisa. 23 Ngosuku lwsieficaminwembili kumele akulethe kumphristi ukuba ahlanjululwe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana phambi kukaThixo. 24 Umphristi kathathe izinyane lemvu libe ngumnikelo wecala, ndawonye lehetschezana Iwamafutha, akuzunguza phambi kukaThixo, kube ngumnikelo wokutzunguza. 25 Uzahlabu izinyane lemvu kube ngumnikelo wecala abesethatha elinye alininde oqwangen iwendlebe yokwesokudla yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene kanye lasozwanen olukhulu lonyawo lwsandla sokunene. 26 Umphristi uzachathetkela amanye amafutha esandleni sakhe senxele, 27 besekusithi ngomunwe wakhe wenkomba, owesandla sokuneneachele amanye amafutha kasikhombisa phambi kukaThixo. 28 Kuthi amanye amafutha asesandleni sakhe awaninde endaweni lezo aninde khona igazi lomnikelo wecala, oqwangen iwendlebe yokwesokudla yalowo ozahlanjululwa, esithupheni sesandla sokunene kanye lasozwanen olukhulu lonyawo lwsandla sokunene. 29 Umphristi uzagcoba ikhanda lalowo ohlanjululwayo ngamafutha aseleyo esandleni sakhe, emenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo. 30 Ngakho uzanikela ngamajuba lawayana loba amaphuphu enkwilimba lezo, lokho ayabe ekwenelisile, 31 okunye kungumnikelo weson, kuthi okunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshisa, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele. Ngale indlela, umphristi uzakwenzela ozahlanjululwa indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo.” 32 Le yiyo imithetho yokuphathwa kwalabo abalomkhuhlane wobulephero abangenelisi iminikelo yokuhlanjululwa ejayelekileyo. 33 UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, 34 “Nxa lingena ezweni laseKhenani, lelo engilinika lona ukuba libe yisabelo senu, besengifaka isikhwekhwe esithelelwano endlini kulelolizwe, 35 umnini waleyondlu kufanele ayetshela umphristi athi ‘ngibona okufanana lesikhwekhwe endlini yami?’ 36 Umphristi engakayi kuleyondlu ukuyahlola isikhwekhwe kumele akhipre isiqondiso

sokuthi kutshiswe konke okukuleyondlu ukuze kungabi njalo loba kuyini okuzahlala phezu kwawo, kuzakuba lalutho kuleyondlu oluzathiwa lungcolile. Ngemva ngokungcolileyo. **5** Loba ngubani othinta umbheda kwalokho, umphristi uzangena ahlole leyondlu. **37** wakhe kufanele agezise iziqqoko zakhe, abesegeza Uzahlola isikhwekhwe emidulini, kuthi nxa ebina ngamanzi, uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa. **6** Loba ngubani ozahlala loba kuphezu kwani lapho ukuthi kulamabala aluhlaza loba abomvana emdulini ouke kwahlala khona indoda ethonta ubovu, kufanele uzaphuma ngomnyango wendlu, awuuale okwensuku agezise iziqqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, uzakuba eziyisikhombisa. **39** Ngosuku lwasikhombisa, umphristi ngongcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa. **7** Loba ngubani uzabuyela ayeahlola leyondlu. Nxa isikhwekhwe ozathinta lindoda kufanele agezise iziqqoko zakhe sesigcwele emidulini, **40** uzakhupha isiqondiso sokuthi abesegeza ngamanzi, ngalokho uzakuba ngongcolileyo amatshe alaleso sikhwekhwe adilizwe, ayephoselwa kuze kue kusihlwa. **8** Nxa indoda ephuma endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle kwedolobho. **41** ubovu ingakhafulela omunye ongelabo, lowomuntu Kalaye ukuthi imiduli yonke eyangaphakathi iphalwe, kagezise iziqqoko zakhe abesegeza ngamanzi, yena kuthi lokho okuphaliwego kuelahlelwa endaweni uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa. **9** engcolileyo ngaphandle kwedolobho. **42** Besebefaka Konke indoda le ehlala kukho igadile kuzakuba amatshe amatsha esikhundleni salawo, bagudule indlu ngokungcolileyo, **10** njalo loba ngubani ozathinta ngodaka olutsha. **43** Nxa isikhwekhwe sibonakala loba yini yezinto ebezingaphansi kwakhe uzakuba kutsha kuleyondlu ngemva kokudilizwa kwamatshe ngongcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa, loba ngubani lokuphalwa kwemiduli njalo isigudulwe, **44** umphristi ozadobha lezozinto, kufanele agezise iziqqoko zakhe, kahambe ayeahlola, nxa efumana isikhwekhwe abesegeza sesiqheli kuleyondlu, kuyabe kuyisikhwekhwe kuze kue kusihlwa. **11** Loba ngubani ozathintwa esibulalayo; leyondlu ingcolile. **45** Kufanele idilizwe, yindoda le ephuma ubovu engagezanga izandla zakhe amatshe ayo, izigodo, lodaka lwayo kumele ngamanzi kufanele agezise iziqqoko zakhe abesegeza kuyephoselwa endaweni engcolileyo ngaphandle kuhlanjululwe ngamanzi, njalo uzabe engongcolileyo kuhlanjululwe ngamanzi, kodwa uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa. **12** Imbiza yomdaka ezathintwa yile indoda ngesikhathi isavalie uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kufanele ibulawe, kuthi konke okwenziwengesigodo kuhlanjululwe ngamanzi. **13** Nxa indoda kufanele kuhlanjululwe ngamanzi. **14** Loba ngubani ozalaza loba adlele kumele kuhlanjululwe ngamanzi. **15** Nxa indoda kuleyondlu kufanele agezise iziqqoko zakhe. **48** isihlanjululwe ekuphumi kwayo ubovu, kayibale Kodwa umphristi angabaya ezoiyhlola afumane insuku eziyisikhombisa kube yikuhanjululwa kwayo ukuthi isikhwekhwe asiqhelinga ngemva kokugudulwa, ngokomkhuba; kufanele igezise iziqqoko zayo, ibisisigeza uzakuthi indlu ihlambulukile, ngoba isikhwekhwe ngamanzi amahle andubana ihlambuluke. **16** Nxa indoda singasekho. **49** Ukuze indlu ibe ngehlanzekileyo, lwasikhombisa kufanele ithathe amajuba uzathatha inyonu ezimbili kanye lenkuni zeshlahla amabili, loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili ize somsedari, ihisophi, intambo ebomvu elukiwego phambi kukaThixo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, **50** Uzahlaba enye yalezi zinyoni emanzini acengekileyo ngakho; okunye ngokomnikelo wesono, okunye emangweni ngaphandle kwedolobho. Ngalindlela ngakho; okunye ngokomnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngalokho, uzakwenza lenyonu ephilayo, akugxamuze egazini lenye ukubuyisana phambi kukaThixo kwaleyondoda ngenxa ebulewego lamanzi acengekileyo, abesechela leyondlu yomkhuhlane wayo. **17** Nxa indoda ivuza ubudoda, kasikhombisa. **52** Uzayihlanza leyondlu ngegazi lenyonu, kumele igeze umzimba wayo wonke ngamanzi, njalo amanzi acengekileyo, inyonu ephilayo, inkuri zeshlahla amabili, loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili ize somsedari, ihisophi lentambo ephothiweyo ebomvu. **53** Ngemva kwalokho kakhulule inyonu ephilayo phambi kukaThixo esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, **54** Le yiyo imithetho eqondane lobulephero, ukuluma komzimba, **55** isikhwekhwe kufanele sigeziswe ngamanzi, njalo kuzakuba emangweni ngaphandle kwedolobho. Ngalindlela ngokungcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa. **18** Nxa indoda uzabe esenze indlela yokubuyisana kuleyondlu, izabe singehlambulukileyo.” **56** Le yiyo imithetho eqondane lobulephero, ukuluma komzimba, **55** isikhwekhwe kufanele sigeziswe ngamanzi, njalo kuzakuba emangweni ngaphandle kwedolobho. Ngalindlela ngokungcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa. **19** Nxa owesifazane esemfuleni uzakuba ngengcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa. **20** Yonke into owesifazane lo azalala phezu kwayo ngesikhathi esemfuleni izakuba ngengcolileyo, njalo loba kuyini azahlala phezu kwakho, sekungcolile. **21** Ozathinta umbheda wakhe kufanele agezise iziqqoko zakhe abesegeza umzimba ngamanzi, njalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kue kusihlwa. **22** Loba ngubani ozathinta loba kuyini owesifazane lo abehlezi phezu kwakho kufanele agezise iziqqoko zakhe, ageze umzimba ngamanzi,

**15** UTHixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **2** “Khulumani labako-Israyeli lithi kubo: ‘Nxa indoda iphuma ubovu, ubovu obuphumayo bungcolile. **3** Lanxa buthonta emzimbeni wakhe loba buvaledile, bumenza abe ngongcolileyo. Lokhu yikho okwenza ubovu obuphuma emzimbeni wakhe bumenze abe ngongcolileyo: **4** Loba yiwphe umbheda indoda le ephuma ubovu ezalala kuwo, uzakuba ngongcolileyo,

njalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze cube kusihlwa. kwakhe lokwabendlu yakhe. **7** Abesethatha imbuzi **23** Akukhathalekile ukuba kungaba ngumbheda loba zombili azilethe phambi kukaThixo, esangweni enye into nje owesifazane lo abeblezi kukho, umuntu lethente lokuhlangana. **8** Uzaphosa inkatho yokubona loba engubani angakuthinta, uzakuba ngongcolileyo ngembuzi zombili, eyinye izakuba ngekaThixo, enye kuze cube kusihlwa. **24** Nxa indoda ingalala ibe ngeyesesulelo. **9** U-Aroni uzalettha imbuzi lowesifazane osemfuleni ibe isithinta igazi lomopho yenkatho kaThixo ibe ngumnikelo wesono. **10** Kodwa wakhe, indoda izakuba ngengcolileyo okwensuku imbuzi edliwe yinkatho yesesulelo izalethwa kuThixo eziyisikhombisa, loba yiuphi umbheda ezelala kuwo, iphila ukuze isetshenziswe ukwenza ukubuyisana uzakuba ngongcolileyo. **25** Nxa owesifazane angopha okwensuku ezithi zilandelana kodwa engekho emfuleni, loba esopha okwensuku ezedlula insuku ngokuyixotshela enkangala, njengembuzi yesesulelo. **11** U-Aroni uzalettha inkunzi ibe ngumnikelo wesono sakhe ukwenzela ukubuyisana kwakhe lokwendlu zokophia nxa esemfuleni, uzakuba ngongcolileyo nxa ukopha kungakemi, njengasezinsukwini zakhe wesono sakhe. **12** Uzathatha isiphatheolo sokutshiselwa esemfuleni. **26** Loba yiuphi umbheda azalala kuwo impepha sigcwele amalahle avuthayo ase-alitharenii nxa umopho uqhubeka, uzakuba ngongcolileyo, phambi kukaThixo kanye lemppeha ecolekileyo njengokungcola kombheda wakhe ngesikhathi enuka kamnandi egcwala izandla ezimbili, ayelakho esemfuleni, njalo konke ahlala phezu kwakhe ngemva kwekhetheni. **13** Uzathatha impepha emlilweni kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, njengokungcola kwakhe phambi kukaThixo, kuthi intuthu yempepha isibekeli esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **30** Umphristi isihlalo somusa esiphezu kwezibhebhedu zobufakazi uzanikela okunye cube ngumnikelo wesono, kuthi ukuze angafi. **14** Uzathatha elinye igazi lenkunzi, okunye cube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngale indlela achele ngalo phambi kwebhokisi lesihlalo somusa esebenzisa umunwe wakhe; ngomunwe wakhe njalo kwakhe, kufanele ahlale insuku eziyisikhombisa achele kasikhombisa phambi kwesihlalo somusa. **15** andubana ahlambuluke ngokomkhuba. **29** Ngosuku lwsificaminwembili uzathatha amajuba amabili loba Ngemva kwalokho, uzabulala imbuzi ibe ngumnikelo amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili akulethe kumphristi wesono sabantu, abesethatha igazi layo aye ngemva esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **30** Umphristi kwekhetheni, ayekwenza njengalokhu akwenze ngegazi uzanikela okunye cube ngumnikelo wesono, kuthi lenkunzi: Uzachela phezu kwesihlalo somusa laphambili ukuze angafi. **16** Ngakho uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana, kwaso. **17** Ngakho uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana, endaweni eNgcwelengcwele ngenxa yokungcola uzakwenza ukubuyisana kwakhe phambi kukaThixo lokuhamuka kwabako-Israyeli, kungakhathalekile ngenxa yokungcola kwakhe esopha. **31** Kufanele ukuthi benze sono bani. Uzakwenza njalo into wahlukanise abako-Israyeli ezintweni ezibangcolisayo, efanayo ethenteni lokuhlangana eliphakathi kwabo ukuze bangafeli ekungoleni kwabo, bangcolise indawo engihlala kuyo, ephakathi kwabo.” **32** Le yiyo imithetho amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili akulethe kumphristi eqondene lendoda ephuma ubovu, loba ngubani ongcoliswe yikuphuma ubudoda, **33** lowesifazane okunye cube ngumnikelo wesono, kuthi okomnikelo wokutshiswa, kufanele ahlale insuku eziyisikhombisa phambi kwesihlalo somusa phezu komtshokotsho funa afe, ngoba ngiyabonakala ngiseyezini phezu kwesihlalo somusa. **3** U-Aroni kuzamele angene endaweni engcwele ngale indlela: Keze lejongsosi, cube ngumnikelo wesono, kuthi okomnikelo wokutshiswa, cube yinqama. **4** Uzagqoka ibhatshi elingcwele elenziwe ngelebmu elicolekileyo, leziqqoko zelineni ezangaphansi; kazibophe ngebhanti elenziwe ngelineni njalo athwale iqhiye yelineni. Lezi yizembatho ezingcwele; ngakho kufanele ageze umzimba ngamanzi andubana aggoke izembatho lezi. **5** Kathathe imbuzi ezinduna ezimbili esizwenti sako-Israyeli zibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **6** U-Aroni uzanikela ngenkunzi, ibe ngumnikelo wesono sakhe, ukwenzela ukubuyisana

**16** UTHixo wakhulumo loMosi ngemva kokufa kwamadodana ka-Aroni azama ukuqondana loThixo. **2** UTHixo wathi kuMosi, “Tshela umfowenu u-Aroni ukuthi angamani abuye nje ngokuthanda kwakhe endaweni eNgcwelengcwele, ngemva kwekhetheni, phambi kwesihlalo somusa phezu komtshokotsho funa afe, ngoba ngiyabonakala ngiseyezini phezu kwesihlalo somusa. **3** U-Aroni kuzamele angene endaweni engcwele ngale indlela: Keze lejongsosi, cube ngumnikelo wesono, kuthi okomnikelo wokutshiswa, cube yinqama. **4** Uzagqoka ibhatshi elingcwele elenziwe ngelebmu elicolekileyo, leziqqoko zelineni ezangaphansi; kazibophe ngebhanti elenziwe ngelineni njalo athwale iqhiye yelineni. Lezi yizembatho ezingcwele; ngakho kufanele ageze umzimba ngamanzi andubana aggoke izembatho lezi. **5** Kathathe imbuzi ezinduna ezimbili esizwenti sako-Israyeli zibe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **6** U-Aroni uzanikela ngenkunzi, ibe ngumnikelo wesono sakhe, ukwenzela ukubuyisana

kanye lokunikelela abantu umnikelo wokutshiswa, phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **11** Ngoba impilo yesidalwa esenzela ukubuyisana kwakhe lokwabantu. **25** Njalo isegazini, njalo ngiliphile ukuthi lenze ukubuyisana uzatshisa amahwahwa omnikeloso wesono e-alitharen. **26** Indoda ezaxotshela imbuzi eyisesulelo kumele kwenu e-alithareni ngalo; kuligazi elenze ukubuyisana empilweni yomuntu. **12** Ngakho ngithi kwabako-ihlambe iziqqoko zayo lomzimba ngamanzi; ngemva Israyeli, "Kakho phakathi kwenu ozakudla igazi, loba kwalokho isingangena ezhionqweni. **27** Inkunzi owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwenu ozakudla igazi." **13** kanye lembuzi yomnikelo wesono, okulegazi ellilethwe endaweni eNgcwelengcwele ukwenzela ukubuyisana, phakathi kwenu ozingela loba yiphi inyamazana loba kakukhitshelwe ngaphandle kwezihonqo; kutshiswe inyoniedliwayo, kapuzise igazi aligqibele ngenhlabathi, izikhumba zakho, inyama kanye lezangaphakathi. **28** **14** ngoba impilo yesidalwa isegazini laso. Yikho Indoda ezatshisa lokhu kayigezise iziqqoko zayo njalo ngithi kwabako-Israyeli, "Lingabokudla igazi laloba igeze lomzimba wayo ngamanzi; ngemva kwalokho yisiphi isidala, ngoba impilo yesidalwa sonke isingangena ezhionqweni. **29** Lokhu kakube yisimiso ligazi laso; loba ngubani olidlayo kaxotshwe." **15** kini esingapheliyo: Ngosuku lwetshumi ngenyanga Loba ngubani, kungaba ngumnikazi wendawo loba yesikhombisa, lizidele, lingabambi umsebenzi, loba owezizwe, ozakudla loba kuyini okufunyanwe kufile, lingabanikazi bendawo loba kungabeziwe phakathi loba okubulewe yizinyamazana zeganga, kahlambe kwenu, **30** ngenxa yokuthi ngalolusuku lizakwenzelwa iziqqoko zakhe kanye lomzimba wakhe ngamanzi, ukubuyisana, ukulihlambulula. Ngakho, phambi uzakuba ngongcolileyo ngokomkhuba kuze kuhlw; kukaThixo, lizabe selihlanzekile ezonweni zenu uzakuba esehlambulukile. **16** Kodwa nxa engahlambi zonke. **31** KuliSabatha lokuphumula, ngakho kumele lizidele, kuyisimiso esingapheliyo. **32** iziqqoko zakhe lokugeza umzimba wakhe, uzakuba Umphristi ogcotshiweyo, wabekwa ukuthathha lecalas.

isikhundla sikayise ukuba ngumphristi omkhulu uzakwenza indlela yokubuyisana. Uzagqoka iziqqoko ezingcwele zelineni, **33** enze ukubuyisana kwendawo eNgcwelengcwele, lokwethente lokuhlangana lokwealithari, lokwabaphristi kanye labantu bonke bakuleyondawo. **34** Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso esingapheliyo kini: Ukubuyisana kakwenziwe kanye ngomnyaka, kusenzelwa zonke izono zabako-Israyeli." Lokhu kwensiwa, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo.

**17** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, labo bonke abako-Israyeli ukuthi: 'Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: **3** Loba ngubani owako-Israyeli ozakwenza umhlatshele ngenkabi, izinyane lemvu loba imbuzi ezhionqweni loba ngaphandle kwazo, **4** esikhundleni sokuyiletha esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, ukuyinikela ukuthi ibe ngumnikelo kuThixo phambi kwethabanikeli likaThixo, lowomuntu uzakuba lecalalokuchitha igazi; usechithe igazi ngakho kumele axotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **5** Lokhu kuzakwenza abako-Israyeli baletthe kuThixo imihlatshelo le abayenzela egangeni. Kabayilethe kumphristi, lokhu kuyikuthi, kuThixo, esangweni lethente lokuhlangana njalo banikele njengeminikelo yobudlelwano. **6** Umphristi kachele i-alithari likaThixo ngegazi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, atshise amahwahwa njengephunga eliminandi kuThixo. **7** Bangabe besanikela loba yiuphi umnikelo kubonkulunkulu babo bembuzi labo ababaxhwalisayo. Lesi kumele kube yisimiso sabo esingapheliyo lakuzizukulwane ezipayo.' **8** Wothi kubo: 'Loba nguphi owako-Israyeli loba owezizwe ohlez labo onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatshele, **9** kodwa engawulethi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana ukuba aukhlabelo uThixo, lowomuntu kaxotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **10** Loba ngubani owako-Israyeli loba owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwabo ozakudla loba yiliphi igazi, ngizamelana laye odla igazi, ngimxotshe

18 UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi: 'NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **3** Lingabokwenza lokhu okwensiwa eGibhithe, lapho elalikhona, njalo lingabokwenza abakwenzayo ezweni laseKhenani, lapho engilisa khona. Lingalandeli abakwenzayo. **4** Lalelani imithetho yami njalo linanzelele, lilandele izimiso zami. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Gcinani izimiso zami lemithetho yami, ngoba umuntu oyilaleloyo uzaphila ngayo. Mina nginguThixo. **6** Akungabi lamuntu osondela esihlotsheni sakhe esiseduze ukuthi alale laso. Mina nginguThixo. **7** Ungatheleli uyihlo ihlazo ngokulala lonyoko. Ngunyoko; ungalali laye. **8** Ungalali lomfazi kayihlo; lokho kuthelela uyihlo ihlazo. **9** Ungalali lodadewunu, loba indodakazi kayihlo loba indodakazi kanyoko, kungakhathalekile ukuthi wazalelwu ekhaya loba kwenye indawo. **10** Ungalali lendodakazi yendodana yakho loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakho; lokhu kuzakuthelela ihlazo. **11** Ungalali lendodakazi yomfazi kayihlo, eyazalwa nguyihlo, ingudadewunu. **12** Ungalali lodadewabko kayihlo; uyishlobo sikayihlo esiseduze kakhulu. **13** Ungalali lodadewabko kanyoko, uyishlobo sikanyoko esiseduzane kakhulu. **14** Ungatheleli umfowabko kayihlo ihlazo ngokusondela kumkakhe ukuthi ulale laye, ngoba ungunyoko. **15** Ungalali lomalokazana wakho, ngumfazi wendodana yakho; ungalali laye. **16** Ungalali lomfazi womfowenu; kuzatthelela umfowenu ihlazo. **17** Ungalali lowesifazane kanye lendodakazi yakhe. Ungalali lendodakazi yendodana yakhe loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakhe; bayizihlobo zakho ezsizeduzane. Lokhu kuyikuxhawa. **18** Ungathathi udadewabo womkakho ukuthi ulale laye nxa umkakho esaphila. **19** Ungasondeli kowesifazane ukuthi ulale laye ngesikhathi esemfuleni ngoba ungcolie. **20** Ungalali lomfazi kamakhelwane wakho ngoba uyazingcolisa ngaye. **21** Uganikeli loba nguphi wabantwabakho ukuthi abe ngumhlatshele kunkulunkulu uMoleki, ngoba akufanelanga ukuthi

ungcolise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wakho. Mina kodwa thandani omakhelwane benu njengalokhu nginguThixo. **22** Ungalali lendoda njengendoda ilala lizithanda lina. NginguThixo. **19** Gcinani izimemezelo lomfazi; lokhu kuyisinengiso. **23** Ungafebi lenyamazana, zami. Lingensi izifuyo zenu zikhwele ezolunye ngoba uyazingcolisa ngalokho. Owesifazane angafebi uhlobo. Lingahlanyeli insimu yinye ngemihlobo lenyamazana, lokhu kuyisinengiso. **24** Lingazingcolisi emibili yenhlanyelo etshiyeneyo. Lingavunuli iziqgoko noma kungayiphi yalezizindela, ngoba yizo izindela ezenwi ngemihlobo yamailembu amabili atshiyeneyo. iziziwe engizazidudula phambi kwenu ezazingcolisa **20** Nxa indoda ingalala lowesifazane oyisigqili ngazo. **25** Kwaze kwangcola lelizwe; kungakho osethembise enye indoda kodwa ongakahlengwa ngalijezisa ngesono salo, ilizwe ababehlala kulo loba waphiwa inkululeko, kayijeziswe leyondoda. labakahafula. **26** Kodwa kumele liggine izimiso zami Kodwa akumelanga babulawe ngoba owesifazane lemilayo yami. Lina banikazi belizwe labezizwe lowo kakakhululu. **21** Kodwa indoda kumele abaphakhati kwenu, akufanelanga benze lezizinto ilethe inqama esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, ezenyanyekayo, **27** ngoba zonke lezizinto zenziwa ibe ngumnikelo wecala kuThixo. **22** Ngaleyonqama ngabantu ababehlala kulelilizwe lina lingakafiki, yomnikelo wecala, umphristi kamenzele indlela ngakho ilizwe langcola. **28** Nxa lingenza amanyaala yokubuyisana kuThixo ngenxa yeson esenzileyo. kulelilizwe, lizalikhafula njengendlela elakhafula ngayo Isono sayo sizathethelewa. **23** Nxa selingenile elizweni, izizwe ezalandulelayo. **29** Loba ngubani owenza lezizinto ezenyanyekayo, kumele axotshwe ebantwini lahlanyela zonke izihlahla ezidliwayo, lingadli izithelo bakibo. **30** Gcinani iziqondiso zami, lingalandeli zazo ngoba kuyazila. Ziyazila okweminyaka emithathu; izindela zamanyaala lemikhuba eyayilandewa ngabantu kazingadliwa. **24** Ngomnyaka wesine, zonke izithelo abalandulelayo, njalo lingazingcolisi ngayo. Mina uThixo. **25** Kodwa ngomnyaka wesihlanu lidle izithelo nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.”

**19** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela lonke ibanda lako-Israyeli uthi kulo: ‘Wobani ngcwele ngoba mina Thixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngingcwele. **3** Ngulowo lalowo kini kahloniphe unina loyise, njalo kumele liggine amaSabatha ami. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **4** Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni loba lizibumbe onkulunkulu benu. NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Nxa lisenza umhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo, wenzeni ngendleta ezakwenza warukeleke ukusiza lina. **6** Kumele udlive ngalo ilanga lomhlatshelo loba ngelanga lakusasa; lokho okuseleyo kuze kube lilanga leshitathu kumele kutshiswe. **7** Lokho okudliwa ngelanga leshitathu kuzabe sekungcolile, kungabe kusemukeleka. **8** Lowo okudlayo uzakuba lomlandu, ngoba uzabe esengcolise lokho okungcwele kuThixo. **9** Lapho libutha isivuno samasimu enu, lingabuthi konke kuze cube semaphethelweni ensimu kumbe lize liqed konke. **10** Lingakhi izithelo ezivinini zenu kabilu kumbe lidobhe ezikhithikileyo. Zitshiyeleni abayanga lezihambi. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **11** Lingebi. Lingaqambi amanga. Lingakholisani. **12** Lingafungi amanga ngebizo lami, beselingcolisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu wenu. NginguThixo. **13** Lingaqilibezeli umakhelwane wenu, lingamkhuthuzi. Umuntu oqhatshiweyo lingambambeli iholo lakhe kuze cube kusasa. **14** Lingathuki isacuthe loba liphsosele isikhubekiso phambi kwsiphofu, kodwa yesabani uNkulunkulu wenu. NginguThixo. **15** Lingawutshili umthetho; lingabandululu umyanga kumbe litshengise ukukhetha abakhulu, kodwa mahluleleni ngokulunga umakhelwane wenu. **16** Lingahambi linyeya kwabakini. Ungenzi lutho olulimaza umakhelwane wakho. NginguThixo. **17** Lingamzondi umfowenu ngezhinliyizo zenu. Khuzani umakhelwane likhululekile ukuze lingabi lomlandu njengaye. **18** Lingaphindiseli loba libambe isikhwili komunye wabantu bakini,

loba waphiwa inkululeko, kayijeziswe leyondoda. labakahafula. **26** Lingadli inyama elegazi. Lingensi izintzo zokuvumisa loba ubungoma. **27** Lingagundi inwele emaceleni amakhanda enu njalo lingageli indevu zenu. **28** Lingazisiki imizimba yenu ngenxa yabafileyo kumbe lizicabe. Mina yimi uThixo. **29** Lingalulazisi amadodakazi enu ngokuwafebise funa ilizwe lehlelie yibubi bokuphinga. **30** Gcinani amaSabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. Mina nginguThixo. **31** Lingayi kwabayizangoma loba lidinge izanuse ngoba zizalingcolisa. Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **32** Sukumelani asebeluphele, lihloniphe abantu abadala, limesabe uNkulunkulu wenu. Mina yimi uThixo. **33** Nxa owezizweni ehlala lani elizweni lenu, lingamhlukuluzi. **34** Owezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu kumele laye aphathwe njengowakini. Limthande njengoba lizithanda lina, ngoba lalingabezizweni eGibhithe. Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **35** Lingasebenzisi izilinganiso zokuqilibeza nxa lilinganisa ubude, sisindo loba umthamo. **36** Sebenzisani izilinganiso eziqotho, ihefa eliqondileyo lehini eliqotho. Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ovalikhupha eGibhithe. **37** Gcinani zonke izimemezelo zami, layo yonke imithetho yami, liylandele. Mina yimi uThixo.”

**20** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Loba ngubani kwabako-Israyeli kumbe owezizweni ohlala kini onikela abantwana bakhe kunkulunkulu uMoleki, kumele abulawe. Izakhamizi kazimkhande ngamatshe. **3** Mina ngizamda lowomuntu, ngimkhuphe ebantwini bakibo; ngoba nxa enikele ngabantwabakhe kuMoleki, usengcolise indlu yami engcwele, wahlambaza lebizo lami elingcwele. **4** Nxa izakhamizi zendawo zingangamnanzi lowomuntu enikela umtantanke kuMoleki zingambulali, **5** mina ngizamhlaukela lowomuntu labomuzi wakhe, ngibakhuphe ebantwini

bakibo, yena kanye labo bonke abahlanganyela laye njengeziphingi kuMoleki. **6** Ngizamhlamukela lowo oya ezangomeni lezanuseni njengesiphingi sazo, ngokulandelana lazo. Ngizamkhupha kwabakibo. **7** Zingcweliseni libengcwele ngoba mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **8** Gcinani izimiso zami lizilande. Mina nginguThixo olenza libengcwele. **9** Lowo othuka uyise loba unina kabulawe. Usesthuke uyise loba unina ngakho usefanele ukufa. **10** Nxa indoda ifeba lomfazi womunye, umfazi kamakhelwane, kababulawe bobabili, isiphingi lesiphingikazi leso. **11** Nxa indoda ilala lomfazi kayise, isiyembule ubunqunu bukayise. Leyondoda lonina lowo kababulawe. Bafanele ukufa. **12** Nxa indoda ilala lomalokazana wayo, kababulawe bobabili. Lokho asebekwenzile kulihlazo. Bafanele ukufa. **13** Nxa indoda ilala lenye indoda ingathi ilala lomfazi, bobabili benze amanyaala. Kababulawe. Bafanele ukufa. **14** Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi, ithathe lonina, kubi lokho. Yona indoda labesifazane labo kabatshiswe ngomlilo ukuze kungabi lokuxhwa phakathi kwenu. **15** Nxa indoda iphinga lesifuyo, kayibulaw, lesifuyo lesi sibulaw. **16** Nxa owestifazane ehababelia isifuyo aphinge laso, mbulaleni owestifazane lowo kanye lesifuyo lesi sibulaw. Kumele kubulawe kokubili ngoba konke kulomlandu. **17** Nxa indoda ithatha udadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba ekanina balale bonke, kulihlazo. Kabaxotshwe kwabakibo. Isinqunule udadewabo ngakho isibelomlandu. **18** Nxa indoda ilala lowesifazane esemfuleni, isinqunule umthombo walowomfula, lowesifazane lowo usewembulile. Bobabili kabaxotshwe ebantwini bakibo. **19** Ungalali lodadewabo kanyoko loba okayihlo, ngoba kuyikunqunula isihlolo segazi. Lobabili lizakuba lomlandu. **20** Nxa umuntu elala lomkamfowabo kayise, usenqunule umfowabo kayise. Balomlandu. Bazakufa bengelamtwwana. **21** Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi womfowabo, lokho kuyisenzo sokungcola; usembule ubunqunu bomfowabo. Bazakufa bengelamtwwana. **22** Gcinani zonke izimiso zami lemithetho yami, liyilandele ukuze lelolizwe engililethe ukuba lihlale khona lingalikhafuli. **23** Lingabolandela amasiko ezizwe engiazixotsa phambi kwenu. Ngoba bazenza zonke lezizinto ngabenyanaya. **24** Kodwa ngathi kini, "Lizalithumba ilizwe labo; ngizalipha lona libe yilifa lenu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju." Mina yimi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu olenze lehluka kwabezizwe. **25** Ngakho-ke kumele lazi umahluko phakathi kwezinyamazana ezhlanzekileyo lezingahlanzekanga; kanjalo lezinyoni. Lingazingcolisi ngezinyamazana loba ngezinyoni loba ngani ehuquzelu phansi, lezo engiziphawule ngathi zingcolile kini. **26** Kumele libengcwele kimi ngoba mina Thixo ngingcweliye njalo ngilahlukanisile kwabezizwe ukuthi libe ngabami. **27** Indoda loba umfazi ovumisayo loba oyisanuse phakathi kwenu, kabulawe. Bakhandeni ngamatshes. Yindaba yabo."

ngaphandle kweisihlolo esiseduue njengonina, uyise indodana loba indodakazi yakhe, umfowabo **3** loba udadewabo osegumeni ngoba engelandoda, labo angabangcwaba. **4** Kangazingcolisi ngenxa yezihlolo zomkakhe, azibhixe ngokungcwabana lazo. **5** Abaphristi kabangaphuci amakhanda abo, loba bagunde amacele endevu zabo, loba bazicabe emzimbeni. **6** Kumele babengcwele kuNkulunkulu wabo, njalo kakumelanga bangcolise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wabo. Kababe ngcweliye ngoba yibo abanikela imihlatshelo yokudla kuThixo, ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wabo, kumele babengcwele.

**7** Kabangathathi abafazi abangcolileyo ngenxa yobufebe, loba abehlukana lamadoda abo ngoba abaphristi bangcweliye kuNkulunkulu. **8** Bathatheni njengabantu abangcweliye ngoba banikela ngokudla kukaNkulunkulu wenu. Bathatheni njengabantu abangcweliye ngoba mina Thixo olingcwelisayo ngingcweliye. **9** Nxa indodakazi yomphristi izingcolisa ngokuba yisifebe, iyangisa uyise; kayitshiswe ngomlilo. **10** Umphristi omkhulu kubafowabo, ongye othelwe amafutha okugcoba umphristi ekhanda, abekiweyo ukuthi agqoke izivunulo zobuphristi, kakumelanga ekele inwele zakhe zingakanywanga loba adabule iziqgoko zakhe ngenxa yosizi. **11** Kakumelanga angene lapho okulesidumbu khona. Kangazingcolisi ngaleyondlela loba kufe uyise kumbe unina, **12** njalo kanganuki endlini kaNkulunkulu kumbe ayingcolise, ngoba usekhethiye ngokugcotshwa ngamafutha kaNkulunkulu wakhe. Mina nginguThixo. **13** Umfazi amthathayo kabe yintombi egcweleyo. **14** Kangathathi umfelokazi, owehlukene lomkakhe loba umfazi ongcoliswe yibufebe, kodwa athathe kuphela intombi egcweleyo ebantwini bakibo, **15** angangcolisi inzalo yakhe phakathi kwabantu bakibo. Mina nginguThixo engimenza abengcweliye." **16** UTHixo wathi kuMosi, **17** "Tshela u-Aroni uthi: 'kakho owenzalo yakhe kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo nxa elesici esithile ongasondela anikele ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe. **18** Akulamuntu ollobulima obuthile ongasondela: umuntu oyisiphofu, longumqhube, logogekileyo loba olezitho ezingaphelang; **19** akulamuntu ollobulima enyaweni loba esandleni, **20** kumbe odundubele emahlolome, loba ongumuthwa, kumbe elobulima bamphelo, loba olentembuzane, kumbe izilonda eziphihlakayo, loba olimele emaphambilini. **21** Akungabikhona owenzalo ka-Aroni umphristi othi nxa elobulima asondele ukuzanikela umnikelo wokudla kuThixo. **22** Angadla ukudla okungcwelengcweliye kukaNkulunkulu wakhe loba yikudla bani okungcweliye; **23** kodwa ngenxa yobulima bakhe kakumelanga asondele eduze kwekhetheni, kumbe aye e-alitharen, ngoba ngaleyondlela angangcolisa indlu yami engcweliye. Mina nginguThixo obenza babengcweliye." **24** Konke lokhu uMosi wakutshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe, labo bonke abako-Israveli.

**21** Uthixo wathi kuMosi, "Khuluma labaphristi, amadodana ka-Aroni, ubatshele ukuthi: 'Umphristi kakumelanga azingcolise ngokomlayo, ngokungcwaba loba ngubani wakibo ofileyo, 2

**22** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe bahloniphe iminikelo abako-Israyeli abayinikela kimi ukuze bangadumazi ibizo lami elingcwеле. Mina nginguThixo. **3** Batshele

ukuthi, ‘Kuzozonke izizukulwane ezizayo, nxa yinkomo kumbe imvu eyisilima loba engakhulanga ekhona ozabe engahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba kodwa yaphelela, kodwa ingeke yamuukeleke ukugcwalisa ajinge asondele eminikelweni engcwele, abako-Israyeli abayihlakanisela uThixo, lowomuntu kasuswe ebusweni bami. Mina nginguThixo. **4** Nxa owenzalo ka-Aroni elobulephero kumbe ephihliko ubovu emzimbeni, njalo lingazemukeli izifuyo ezinjalo kwabezizweni, kangadli iminikelo engcwele aze aqale ahlabuluke. beselinikela ngazo zibe yikudla kukaNkulunkulu Uzabe esengcolile njalo angabamba okungcoliswe wenu. Aziyi kwamukeleka ukulimela ngoba zigogekile, yisidumbu loba athintane lomuntu ovuza ubudoda, **5** zilezici.’ **26** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **27** “Ithole loba athinte iloba yini enwabuzelayo emenza angcole, elizelweyo loba izinyane lemu, kumbe elembuzi loba kungumuntu omenza angcole, kungakhathalekile kalihlale kunina insuku eziyisikhombisa. Kusukela ukuthi yikungcola bani. **6** Lowo othinta loba osukwini lwsificaminwembili selisamukeleka ukuba yikuphi kwalezi izinto uzabe esengcolile kuze kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **28** Inkomokazi loba kusihlwa. Kangadli loba yini eyeminikelo engcwele, imvukazi ayingahlatshwa langa linye lomntanayo. ngaphandle kokuba esequele wageza ngamanzi. **7** **29** Nxa linikela umhlatsheko wokubonga kuThixo, Ilanga lingatshona uzabe esehlanzekile, lapho-ke wunikeleni ngendlela eyamukelekayo ukulimela. usengadla iminikelo engcwele ngoba iyikudla kwakhe. **8** Kangadli lutho oluzifeleyo, loba olubulewe ngezinye izinyamazana zeganga, ngoba lokho kungamngcolisa. imilayo yami liyilande. Mina nginguThixo. **32** Mina nginguThixo. **9** Abaphristi kabagcine izimiso zami ukuze bangabi lecalal bafe ngenxa yokuzeysa. Mina nginguThixo obenza babengcwele. **10** Akulamuntu ongasuwendu yomphristi ovunyelwa ukudla umnikelo ongcwele, loba isethelki somphristi kumbe isisebenzi esiqhatshiwedo; bonke bangawudli. **11** Kodwa nxa umphristi ethenga isigqili ngemali, loba isigqili singesizelwe emzini wakhe, lesosigqili singakudla ukudla kwakhe. **12** Nxa indodakazi yomphristi ithathwa yindoda engasumphristi, kayingadli loba yisiphi isipho esingcwele. **13** Kodwa nxa indodakazi yomphristi isiba ngumfelokazi loba ixotshwe ekwendeni ingelamntwana, ibisibuya izohlala ngakibo njengasebutsheni bayo, ingakudla ukudla kukayise; kodwa ongafanelanga kangakudli. **14** Nxa umuntu engadla umnikelo ongcwele ngokungazi kumele ahlawule kumphristi, abuye engeze ingxenye yesihlanu yalokho kudla. **15** Umphristi kangangcolisi iminikelo engcwele elethwa ngabako-Israyeli kuThixo **16** ngokubavumela ukuthi bayidle iminikelo ley, besebesiba lecalal okumele balihlawule. Mina nginguThixo obenza babengcwele.” **17** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **18** “Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe labo bonke abako-Israyeli uthi loba ngubani kubo, owako-Israyeli loba owezizweni ohlala ko-Israyeli, oletha isipho somhlatsheko kuThixo egcwalisa isifungo loba umnikelo wokuzithandela, **19** kalethe isifuyo esiduna esingelasici, esingaba yinkomo, imvu kumbe imbuzi ukuze yamuukeleke ukumela. **20** Lingalethi lutho olusesici ngoba kaluyikwamukelwa ukulimela. **21** Nxa omunye ekhetha emhlambini wakhe umnikelo wobuddelwano ewuletha kuThixo ukugcwalisa isifungo esithile kumbe umnikelo wokuzithandela, lesosifuyo asingabi lasici, loba indawo esolekayo kuso ukwenzela ukuthi samukeleke. **22** Linganikeli ngezifuyo eziyiziphofu, ezilimeleyo, leziyizilima, loba ezilensumpa kumbe izilonda eziphihlikayo. Lezi lingazibeki phezu kwe-alithari ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **23** Kodwa umnikelo wokuzithandela ungaba

**23** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Khuluma labako-Israyeli uthi kubo: ‘Le yimikhosи yami emisiweyo, imikhosи emisiweyo kaThixo okumele liyimemezele ukuba yimihlangano engcwele.’” **3** “Kulensku eziyisithupha elingasebenza ngazo, kodwa usuku lwsikhombisa lisabatha lokuphumula, usuku lomhlangano ongcwele. Lingensi loba yiuphi umsebenzi; kuzozonke izindawo elihlala kuzu, luliSabatha likaThixo.” **4** “Le yiyo imikhosи kaThixo emisiweyo, imihlangano engcwele eliziyimemezele ngezikathhi zayo ezimisiweyo: **5** IPhasika likaThixo liqalisa kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala. **6** Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhanlu lwaleonyanga kuqaliswa umkhosi kaThixo weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo; okwensuku eziyisikhombisa kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo. **7** Ngosuku lwakuqala lenze umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke. **8** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. Kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa libe lenkonzo engcwele, lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke.” **9** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **10** “Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi, ‘Nxa selingene elizweni engizalinika lona kalibokuthi lingavuna lilethe kumphristi ilixha lesivuno samabele akualqa. **11** Kumele azunguze ilixha lelo kuThixo ukuze lamukeleke. Umphristi kufanele alizunguze ngelangala elilandela iSabatha. **12** Ngelanga lokuzunguza ilixha kumele enze umhlatsheko ube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo, kube lizinyane lemu eliduna eselilomnyaka, libe ngelingelasici, **13** awunikele ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele oyngxenye yehefa ngokubili etshumini, kube yifulawa ecolekleyo evutshwe ngamatfutha. Lo ngumhlatsheko wokudla onikelwa kuThixo olephunga elimandi. Kawenziwe njalo lomnikelo wokunatha oba yingxenye yehini eyodwa kokune kuliwayini. **14** Lingadli sinkwa loba inhlamu

zamabele ezikhanzingiweyo kumbe ezintsha kuze kuge  
yilelolanga eliletha ngalo umnikelo lo kuNkulunkulu  
wenu. Lokhu kakube yisimiso esingapheliyo kuzonke  
izizukulwane ezizayo kungelani lokuthi lihlala  
ngaphi.” **15** “Kusukela ngelanga elilandela iSabatha,  
ilanga elaletha ngalo ilixha lomnikelo wokuzunguza,  
balani amaviki ayiskhombisa agcweleyo. **16** Balani  
insuku ezingamatshumi amahlanu kusiyafika ilanga  
elingemva kweSabatha lesikhombisa, beseliletha  
umnikelo wamabete amatsha kuThixo. **17** Kungelani  
lokuthi lihlala ngaphi, lethani izinkwa ezimbili  
ezensi ngefulawa ecolekileyo, eyingxene yehefa  
ngokibili etshumini, siphewo ngemvubelo, kuge  
ngumnikelo wokuzunguza, ovezithelo zakuqala  
kuThixo. **18** Lethani isinkwa lesi ndawonye  
lamawundlu amaduna ayiskhombisa, linye ngalinye  
lilomnyaka owodwa ubudala njalo lingelasici,  
ijongosi lenqama ezimbili. Kuzakuba ngumnikelo  
wokutshisa kuThixo kanye lomnikelo wamabete  
lowokunathwayo, umnikelo otshisiweyo ngomlilo  
oletha iphunga eliminandi kuThixo. **19** Beselinikela  
ngempongo umnikelo wesono, langamawundlu amabili  
alomnyaka owodwa abe ngumnikelo wobudlewano.  
**20** Umphristi kumele azunguze amawundlu lawo  
womabili kuThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguza  
kanye lesinkwa sezithelo zakuqala. Zingumnikelo  
womphristi ongcwele kuThixo. **21** Ngosoku olufanayo  
kumele limemezele inkono engcwele, lingensi  
msebenzi yansuku zonke. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso  
esingapheliyo ezizukulwanen iezizayo, lapho  
elizabe lihlala khona. **22** Lapho livuna isivuno  
selizwe lakini, lingavuni lasemaphethelweni amasimu  
enu, futhi lingabuthi okukhithikayo lapho livuna.  
Lokhu kutshiyeleni abayanga lezihambi. Mina  
nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **23** UThixo wathi  
kuMosi, **24** “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi, ‘Ilanga  
lakuqala lenyanga yesikhombisa lusuku lwesabatha  
lokuphumula, umbuthano ongcwele wokukhonza  
ngokutshaya icilongo. **25** Lingensi msebenzi, kodwa  
nikelani umnikelo wokutshisa kuThixo.” **26** UThixo  
wathi kuMosi, **27** “Usuku lwetshumi lwenyanga  
yesikhombisa lilanga lokubuyisana. Wobani lenkonzo  
engcwele lizile ukudla, lilete umnikelo wokutshisa  
ngomlilo kuThixo. **28** Lingasebenzi ngalelolanga,  
ngoba lilanga lokuBuyisana, lapho lihlawulwa  
kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **29** Lowo ongaziliyo  
ngalelolanga makasuswe ebantwini bakibo. **30** Lowo  
osebenzayo ngalelolanga ngizambhubhisa phakathi  
kwabakibo. **31** Lulisabatha lenu lokuphumula njalo  
kumele lizile. **32** Kusukela kusihlwa ngelanga  
lesificamnwemunye lwenyanga kuze kuge kusihlwa  
ngelanga elilandelayo ligcine isabatha lenu.” **33**  
UTHixo wathi kuMosi, **34** “Tshela abako-Israyeli  
ukuthi ngelanga letshumi lanhanu ngenyanga  
yesikhombisa uMkhosi kaThixo weziHonqo kawuqalise  
njalo uqhubeke okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **35** Ilanga  
lakuqala ngelenkonzo engcwele; lingensi msebenzi  
wansuku zonke. **36** Okwensuku eziyisikhombisa  
lethani iminikelo yokutshisa kuThixo, kuthi ngosuku  
lwsificaminwembili libe lenkonzo engcwele lilethe  
umnikelo wokutshisa kuThixo. Yinkonzo yokuvala;  
lingensi msebenzi wansuku zonke. **37** (Le yimkhosi  
kaThixo emisiweyo elizayimmemezela njengezinkonzo  
imihlatshelo leminikelo enathwayo efunekeyo insuku  
ngensuku. **38** Iminikelo le ngengaphezu kwaleyo  
eyamaSabatha kaThixo njalo ngaphezu kwezipho zenu  
lalokho eliyabe lifungele ukukupha langaphezulu  
kweminkelo yonke yokuzithandela eliyinika uThixo.)  
**39** Ngakho-ke, kusukela ngosuku lwetshumi lanhanlu  
enyangeni yesikhombisa, ngemva kubwa selivunile  
amabete akulelolizwe, wobani lomkhosi wokuthokoza  
kuThixo. **40** Ngelelanga lokuqala libokukha  
izithelo ezinhle zezihlahlha, ingatsha zamalala, ingatsha  
zezihlahlha ezilamahlamvu amanengi, lemidubu,  
lijabule phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu  
lonke okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **41** Thakazelelani  
umkhosi kaThixo lo minyaka yonke okwensuku  
eziyisikhombisa. Lesi kasibe yisimiso esingapheliyo  
ezizukulwanen iezizayo; umkhosi liwenz ngenyanga  
yesikhombisa. **42** Libohlala ezhonqweni okwensuku  
eziyisikhombisa. **43** Bonke abako-Israyeli ngokuzalwa  
kumele bahlale ezhonqweni, ukuze izizukulwane zenu  
zazi ukuthi ngahlalisa abako-Israyeli emadumbeni  
mhla ngibakhipha eGibhithe. Mina nginguThixo  
uNkulunkulu wenu.” **44** Ngakho uMosi wasebabikela  
abako-Israyeli ngemikhosi emisiweyo kaThixo.

**24** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Laya abantu bako-  
Israyeli bakulethele amafutha acengekileyo,  
ahluzwe ema-oliveni, abe ngawokukhanyisa ukuze  
izibane zihlalezikhanyisa kokuphela. **3** Ngaphandle  
kwekhetheni eligudle umtshokotsho wobufakazi,  
phakathi kwethente lokuuhlangana u-Aroni kumele  
alinde izibane phambi kukaThixo izikhathhi zonke  
nxa kusihlwa kuze kuge sekuseni. Lokhu kuzakuba  
yisimiso saphakade lakuzizukulwane eziyayo. **4**  
Izibane eziisoluthini lwegolide elicolekileyo phambi  
kukaThixo kumele zilindwe izikhathhi zonke. **5**  
Thattha ifulawa ecolekileyo wenze izinkwa eziilitshumi  
lambil usebenzisa okubili kwetshumi kwehefa isinkwa  
ngasinye. **6** Zibeke emizileni emibili, ziysithupha  
emzileni munye, phezu kwetafula yegolide elicolekileyo  
phambi kukaThixo. **7** Emzileni ngamunye faka impepha  
enhe njengengxene yesikhumbuzo esimela isinkwa  
njalo kuge ngumhlatshelo wokudla onikelwa kuThixo.  
**8** Isinkwa lesi kumele sibekwe phambi kukaThixo  
izikhathhi zonke, amaSabatha wonke, kusenzelwa abako-  
Israyeli, kuge yisivumelwano esingayikuphela. **9**  
Sizakuba ngesika-Aroni lamadodana akhe, abazasidlela  
endaweni engcwele ngoba siyingxene engcwele  
kakhulu yesabelo sabo esifaneleyo somlathshelo  
onikelwa kuThixo.” **10** Kwasekusiba lendodana  
yomfazi wako-Israyeli, uyise wayengumGibhithe,  
yasuka yaya ebantwini bako-Israyeli, yasixabana  
lomuntu wako-Israyeli ezhonqweni. **11** Indodana

yomfazi wako-Israyeli leyo yahlambaza ibizo likaThixo ngesithuko. Ngakho bayiletha kuMosi. (Ibizo likanina lalinguShelomithi, indodakazi kaDibhiri, oweisizwe sikaDani.) **12** Bayifaka entolongweni ukuba intando kaThixo ize yazakale kuhle kubo. **13** UTHixo wasesithi kuMosi, **14** "Umntu lowo owathukayo mkhupheleni ngaphandle kwezihonqo. Bonke labo abamuwayo wonke kuzamele abuyele emzini wakwabo. **14** babeke izandla zabo phezu kwekhanda lakhe, ibandla lonke limgongode ngamatshe. **15** Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi, 'Loba ngubani othuka uNkulunkulu wakhe, uzakuba lecala. **16** Loba ngubani othuka ibizo likaThixo uzabulawa. Ibandla lonke kumele limgongode ngamatshe. Loba kungowezizweni kumbe oyinzalo yelizwe lakini angahlambaza ibizo likaThixo kumele abulawe. **17** Obulala umuntu kumele abulawe. **18** Obulala isifuyo somunye kumele ahlawule, kube okuphilayo ngokuphilayo. **19** Olimaza umakhelwane wakhe, loba ngayiphi indlela, kumele kwensiwe lakuye, **20** kube yikwephuka ngokwephuka, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo negezinyo. Njengoba elimaze omunye, ngokunjalo laye kumele alinyazwe. **21** Obulala iryamazana kumele ayihlawule, kodwa obulala umuntu kumele abulawe. **22** Lizakuba lorlayo munye koweziwizweni lowakini. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu." **23** Emva kwalokho uMosi wakhulumu kwabako-Israyeli, basebethatha umuntu lowo owayehlambaze uThixo, bamusa ngaphandle kwezihonqo, bamngondga ngamatshe. Abako-Israyeli benza njengokulawayo kwabo nguThixo.

esizweni sakibo. **11** Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlu uzakuba lijhuhili kini. Lingahlanyeli lutho, njalo lingavuni imikhukhuzela kumbe likhe izithelo zamavini angalungiselwanga. **12** Ngoba ulijuhuhili, uzakuba ngcwele kini; dlanini kuphela lokho elikuthethe emasimini. **13** Ngalo umnyaka wejubhili, umuntu Nxa uthengisela umuntu welizwe lakini isiqinti, kumbe usithenga kuye, lingaqilibezelani. **15** Nxa uthenga emuntwini welizwe lakini kuzakuya ngokuthi mingaki iminyaka eseyadulayo emva kweJuhibili. Yena uzakuthengisela ngokuthi mingaki iminyaka eseleyo ukuthi kuvinwne amabele. **16** Nxa iminyaka iminengi uzakhweza intengo, kuthi nxa iminyaka imilutshwana wehlise intengo, ngoba okuyikho akuthengisela khona linani lezivuno zamabele. **17** Lingaqilibezelani; kodwa mesaben iuNkulunkulu wenu. NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **18** Gcinani izimiso zami, lilalele imithetho yami ngokunanzela ukuze lihlale livikelekile elizweni. **19** Ilizwe lizathela izithelo zalo, lina lidle lisuthe, lihlale kulo livikelekile. **20** Lingabuza lithi, "Pho sizakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa nxa singahlanyeli kumbe svivune amabele ethu na?" **21** Mina ngizalilethela isibuso ngomnyaka wesithupha, ilizwe lithele izithelo zeminyaka emithathu. **22** Lapho selilima ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili lizakube lisidla amabele amadala, lijhubeke lisidla wona kuze kufike isivuno somnyaka wesificamunwemunye. **23** Ilizwe akumelanga lithengiswe kuze kube nininini,

**25** UThixo wathi kuMosí entabeni iSinayi, 2  
“Khuluma ebantwini bako-Israyeli uthi kubo:  
‘Lapho lingena elizweni engizalini lona, ilizwe  
lona ngokwalo kumele ligcinele uThixo iSabatha. 3  
Hlanyelani amasimu enu okweminyaka eyisithupha,  
kuthi kweminye iminyaka eyisithupha lithene amavini  
enu. 4 Kodwa ngomnyaka wesikhombisa ilizwe  
kalibe leSabatha lokuphumula, iSabatha likaThixo.  
Lingahlanyeli amasimu enu loba lithene izihlala  
ezivinini zenu. 5 Lingavuni imkhukhuzela kumbe  
likhe izithelo zamavini angalungiselwanga, ilizwe libe  
lomnyaka wokuphumula. 6 Lokho okuzethela yilizwe  
ngomnyaka wesabatha kuzakuba yikudla kwenu,  
lokwezincku lezincukazi zenu, lokwezisebenzi  
eziqhatshiweyo kanye labemzini abahlala lani, 7  
kanye lokwezfuyo zenu lezinyamazana zeganga  
elizweni lenu. Konke okuthelwa yilizwe kakudiye.’”  
8 “Balani amasabatha ayisikhombisa eminyaka,  
iminyaka eyisikhombisa iphindwe kasikhombisa  
ukuze amasabatha eminyaka eyisikhombisa  
abe yisibanga seminyaka engamatshumi amane  
lesificamunwemunye. 9 Lapho-ke akutshaywe  
uphondo ezindaweni zonke ngosuku lwetshumi  
lwenyanga yesikhombisa; kuthi ngosuku lokuBuyisana  
kutshaywe uphondo kulolonke ilizwe lenu. 10  
Umnyaka wamatshumi amahlanu wenzeni ube  
ngcwele, limemezele inkululeko elizweni lonke kubo  
bonke abahlezi kulo. Uzakuba lijubhili kini. Lowo  
lalowo wenu kuzamele abuyeles emzini wakwabo,  
ngoba ilizwe ngelamini njalo imali enzweli lam  
njengabiziweni. 24 Kulolonke ilizwe elingeleni,  
lungiselani ukuthi wonke umhlaba owathengwayo  
uhlelhwe. 25 Nxa omunye wakini esebe ngumyanga  
eseze ethengisa okunye kwempahla yakhe, isihlobo  
sakhe kasisize sihlende lokho osekuthengiswe  
ngumuntu wakibo. 26 Kodwa-ke nxa umuntu engelaye  
ongamhlengela khona, abesebuya enotha yena  
ngokwakhe azuze okwanele ukuthi azihlengele,  
27 kabale imali elingana lemnyaka leyo kusukela  
impahla leyo ithengisiwe, abuyisele imali esalayo  
kulowomuntu ayemthengisele, abesethatha impahla  
yakhe. 28 Kodwa-ke nxa engelamali eyaneleyo  
yokuyibuya leyompahla ayithengisayo, kayihlale  
kulowo owayithengayo kuze kufike umnyaka weJubhili.  
Izabuyiselwa kuye ngeJubhili, kulapho-ke azayithatha  
khona impahla yakhe. 29 Nxa umuntu ethengisa indlu  
edolobheni elihonqolozelwe ngomthangala ulelungelo  
lokuyihlenga emva komnyaka ithengisiwe. Phakathi  
kwalesosikhathi angayihlenga. 30 Nxa ingahlengwanga  
kuze kuphele umnyaka ogcweleyo, indlu esedolobheni  
elihonqolozelwe ngomthangala izakuba ngeyalowo  
owayithengayo, ibe ngeyakhe kokuphela lowo  
owayithengayo kanye lezizukulwane zakhe.  
Kayiyikubuyiselwa kowayengumniniyo ngeJubhili.  
31 Kodwa izindlu ezisemizini engahonqolozelwanga  
zizabalwa njengenganga elingelalutho. Kazihlengwe,  
njalo kumele zibuyiselwe kubanikazi ngeJubhili.  
32 AmaLevi ahlezi elelunglelo lokuhlenza izindlu  
zawo emadolobheni angawamaLevi. 33 Ngakho-ke,

impahla yamaLevi iyahlengeka, lokhu kutsho indlu labantwabakhe bazakhululwa ngomnyaka weJubhili, ethengiswe loba kukuliphi idolobho elingelaboh, kumele ibuyiselwe ngeJubhili, ngoba izindlu ezipasadolobheni amalevi zililifa lawo ebantwini labako-Israyeli. 55 Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.”

**34** Kodwa amadlelo angaphandle kwamadolobho awo akumelanga athengiswe ngoba ayilifa lawo kuze kuge nini. **35** Nxa omunye wabantu bakini esiba ngumyanya oewhluleka ukuziphilisa phakathi kwenu, msizeni njengelingakwenza kowezizweni kumbe ohlezi lani okwesikhathshana, ukuze aqhubeka ehlala lani. **36** Akungabi lanzulo eliyithatha kuye, kodwa mesaben iuNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze umuntu wakini aqhubeka ehlala lani.

**37** Lingameboleki imali ezalayo kumbe limthengisele ukudla kulenzu. **38** Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ovalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, ukuba ngilinike ilizwe laseKhenani, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. **39** Nxa omunye wakini ko-Israyeli esiba ngumyanya phakathi kwenu aze azithengise kuwe, ungamsebenzisi njengesigqili. **40** Kumele umphatthe njengesisebenzi esiqhatshiwayo kumbe umuntu ohlezi okwesikhathshana phakathi kwenu. Kakusebenzele kuze kufike umnya weJubhili. **41** Lapho-ke yena labantwabakhe bazakhululwa, babuye kwabosendo lwakibo lemfunyeni yabokhoko babo. **42** Ngenxa yokuthi abako-Israyeli bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe, akumelanga bathengiswe njengezigqili. **43** Ungababu ngochuku, kodwa mesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. **44** Iziqgili zenu zesilisa lezesifazane zizavela, ezizweni ezilhonqolezeleyo; kuzo yikho lapho elingathenga khona iziqgili. **45** Lingathenga lezakhhamizi ezhilezi phakathi kwenu okwesikhathshana, labomndeni wazo abazalelw elizweni lenu. **46** Lingabenza babe yilifa labantwabenu, libenze babe yiziqgili zabo okwanininimi, kodwa akumelanga libuse abako-Israyeli benu ngochuku. **47** Nxa ovezizweni, kumbe umuntu ohlezi phakathi kwenu okwesikhathshana enotha, kuthi owakini abe ngumyanya azithengise kowezizweni ohlala phakathi kwenu loba kolilunga lomndeni wezizweni, **48** ulokhu elalo ilungelo lokuhenglwa emva kokuzithengisa kwakhe. Omunye wezihlobo zakhe angamhenga. **49** Umalumakhe kumbe umzawakhe, loba esinye isihlobo somdeni wakhe singamhenga. Loba nxa enotha, angazihlenga yena ngokwakhe. **50** Yena lomthengi wakhe kababale isikhathi kusukela ngomnyaka azithengisa ngawo kusiyafika emnyakeni weJubhili. Intengo yokukhululwa kwakhe izakuhambelana lenani elinikwa umuntu oqhatshiwayo okwalesosikhathi seminyaka. **51** Nxa kusele iminyaka eminengi, kumele ahlawulele ukuhlengwa kwakhe ngentengo eyingxene enengi yentengo ayethengwe ngawo. **52** Nxa sekusele iminyaka emilutshwana ukuba kufike umnya weJubhili, uzabala lokho, akhuphe intengo yokuhenglwa kwakhe okulingana leyominyaka. **53** Uzabalwa njengomuntu oqhatshiwayo kusukela komunye umnya kusiya komunye. Kumele libone ukuthi lowo owarethengayo kambusi ngochuku. **54** Nxa engahlengwangwa ngenye yalezizindela, yena

labantwabakhe bazakhululwa ngomnyaka weJubhili, 55 ngoba abako-Israyeli ngabami, bazinceku zami. Bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.”

**26** “Lingazenzeli izithombe loba imfanekiso kumbe amatshe akhonzwayo, njalo lingafaki matshe elizweni lenu ukuba liwakhothamele. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **2** Gcinani amaSabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. Mina nginguThixo. **3** Lingalalela izimiso zami, ligcine imilayo yami, **4** ngizalehlisela izulu ngesikhathi salo, umhlabathi uthelle amabele, lezihlahla zeganga zithele izithelo zazo. **5** UKubhula kwenu kuzaqhube ka kuze kufike isikhathi sokuvunwa kwamavini, kuthi ukuvunwa kwamavini kuqhube ka kuze kufike isikhathi sokuhlyela, njalo lizakudla konke ukudla elikufunayo lihlae ngokuveleka elizweni lenu. **6** Ngizaletha ukuthula elizweni lenu, kungekho muntu ozalethusa. Ngizasusa izinyamazana eziyingozi elizweni; inkemba ayiyikwedlu phakathi kwelizwe lenu. **7** Lizazixotsa izitha zenu, ziwe ngenkemba phambi kwenu. **8** Abahlu benu bazaxotsha abalikhulu, kuthi abalikhulu benu baxotshe abayinkulungwane, njalo izitha zenu zizakuwa ngenkemba phambi kwenu. **9** Ngizakuba lomusa kini ngilinike inzalo lande; njalo ngizagcina isivumelwano sami lani. **10** Lizakudla okwesivuno sanyakenye lapho okuzamele lisisuse ukuze kuge lendawo yesivuno esitsha. **11** Ngizabeka indawo yami yokuhla phakathi kwenu, njalo kalyikunginenga. **12** Ngizahamba phakathi kwenu, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu lina libe ngabantu bami. **13** Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ovalikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe ukuze lingabi yiziqgili zamaGibhithe futhi. Ngizaphule izikeyi zejogwe lenu njalo ngenza ukuba lenelise ukuhamba amakanda enu ephakeme.” **14** “Kodwa nxa lingayikungilalela, lingayicini lemilayo yonke le, **15** njalo nxa lizakwala izimiso zami, linengwe yimithetho yami, lengenzi okwemilayo yami yonke, ngalokho lephule isivumelwano sami, **16** ngizakwenza lokhu kini: Ngizalilethela ukwesaba okukhulu, izifo ezicikizayo, loquhuqlo oluzafiphaza amehlo enu, lunciphise impilo yenu. Lizahlanyela inhlanyelo ingasizi ngalutho, ngoba izitha zenu zizayidla. **17** Ngizaliphendukela lehlulwe yizitha zenu, abalizondayo bazalibus; lizabaleka lanxa kungekho olixotshayo. **18** Nxa emva kwakho konke lokhu lingayikungilalela, ngizalijezisa ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezeno zenu. **19** Ngizabudiliza ubuqholo bokuzazisa kwenu, ngenze umkhathi phezu kwenu ubo njengensimbi, kuthi umhlabathi ngaphansi kwenu ubo njengethusi. **20** Amandala enu azachithelwa ize, ngoba umhlabathi wenu awuyikulinika amabele, lezihlahla zelizwe azyikuthela izithelo zazo. **21** Lingaqhubeka liyizitha kimi, lale ukungilalela, ngizalithumela inhlupheko zenu kasikhombisa njengokufanele izono zenu. **22** Ngizalithumela izilo zeganga, ezizalemuka abantwabenu, zibulale inkomo zenu, zilenze libe balutshwana, imigwaqo yenu ize isale ingaselamuntu. **23** Nxa phezu kwalezizinto lingemukeli iziqondiso zami,

liqhubeke liyizitha kimi, **24** mina ngokwami ngizakuba yisitha kini, ngilishaye okuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. **25** Njalo ngizaletha lenkemba phezu kwenu ukuba kuphindiselwe ukwephulwa kwesivumelwano. Lingahlelala emadolobheni enu, ngizathumela isifo phakathi kwenu, linikelwe lezandleni zezitha. **26** Lapho sengimise ukulethwa kwezinkwa zenu, abesifazane abalitshumi bazapheka izinkwa zenu eziko elilodwa, bablet izinkwa zenu ngobunzima bazo; lizakudla kodwa lingasuthi. **27** Nxa lingaqhubeka lingangilaleli, liqhubeka liyizitha kimi, **28** lami ngolaka lwami ngizakuba yisitha kini, njalo mina ngokwami ngizalijezisa okuphindwe kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu. **29** Lizakudla inyama yemizimba yamadodana enu, lidle lenyama yemizimba yamaddodakazi enu. **30** Ngizabhidila izindawo zenu eziphakemeyo, ngidilize lama-alithare enu empepha, besengibuthelela izidumbu zenu phezu kwezithombe zenu ezingaphiliyo, nginengeke ngani. **31** Ngizakwenza amadolobho enu abe ngamanxiwa, ngidilize izindlu zenu ezingcwele, njalo angiyikuthokoziswa yikunuka mnandi kwephunga leminikelo yenu. **32** Ilizwe ngizalitshabalalisa kuze kumangale izitha zenu ezhilala kulo. **33** Ngizalihlakazelha phakathi kwezizwe, ngikhokhe inkemba yami, ngilixotshe. Ilizwe lenu lizatshabalalisa, amadolobho enu abe ngamanxiwa. **34** Lapho-ke ilizwe lizathokoziswa ngamasabatha alo ngesikhathi sonke lichithekile, lina liselizweni lezitha zenu. Emva kwalokho, ilizwe lizaphumula lithokoze ngamasabatha alo. **35** Ngasosonke lesosikhathi ilizwe lichithekile lizakuba lokuphumula elingazange libe lakho ngamasabatha esikhathi lina lisahlala kulo. **36** Mayelana lalabo abasele bephila, ngizakwenza inhlizyo zabo zibe lokwesaba okukhulu bekhonale emazweni ezitha zabo baze babalekele lomsindo wehlamu liphethulwu ngumoya. Bazagijima angathi babalekela inkemba; bazakuwa lanxa kungekho muntu obaxotshayo. **37** Bazagwenxana angathi babalekela inkemba, lanxa kungekho muntu obaxotshayo. Ngakho aliykuba lamanda okumelana lezitha zenu. **38** Lizabhubha phakathi kwezizwe, lidliwe yilizwe lezitha zenu. **39** Abenu labo abasalayo bazahlala behlulukelwe emazweni ezitha zabo ngenxa yezono zabo, njalo bazahlulukelwa ngenxa yezono zaboyise. **40** Kodwa bangavuma izono zabo lezonzo zaboyise, inkohlio abayenza kimi, lokumelana kwabo lami, **41** okwenza lami ngaba yisitha kubo ngaze ngabasa elizweni lezitha zabo, kuthi lapho inhlizyo zabo ezingasokwanga sezithobekile, behlawulela lezonzo zabo futhi, **42** ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano sami lojakhobe, lesivumelwano sami lo-Isaka, lesivumelwano sami lo-Abrahama, besengilikumbula ilizwe. **43** Ngoba ilizwe bazalitshiya lithokoze ngamasabatha alo lapho lichithekile, bengekho kulo. Bazahlawulela izono zabo ngoba imithetho yami bayala, benengeka ngezimiso zami. **44** Ikanti lanxa kunjalo, nxa sebeselizweni lezitha zabo angiyikubalahla loba nginengeke ngabo, besengibatshabalalisa ngephule lesivumelwano sami labo. Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **45** Kodwa

ngenxa yabo ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano sami labokhokho babo engabakhupa elizweni laseGibhithe, izizwe zikhangele ukuba ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. Mina nginguThixo.” **46** Lezi yizimiso, imithetho lemelayo eyabekwa nguThixo ngoMosi entaben iSinayi phakathi kwakhe labako-Israyeli.

**27** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Khulumka kwabako-Israyeli uthi kubo: ‘Nxa umuntu esenza isithembiso esingavamanga, ukuba anikele umuntu kuThixo ngokuqamba intengo engalingana lomuntu, **3** owesilisa oleminyaka ephakathi kwamatshumi amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha kabe ngamashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu esiliva kulinganiswa ngeshekeli lendlu engcwele. **4** Nxa engowesifazane, kakube ngamashekeli angamatshumi amathathu. **5** Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa oleminyaka ephakathi kwemihlanu lengamatshumi amabili, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli angamatshumi amabili, kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli alitshumi. **6** Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa ophakathi kwenyanga eyodwa leminya emihlanu, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli amahlanu esiliva kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli esiliva amathathu. **7** Nxa kungumuntu wesilisa oleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha kumbe edlula lapho, isilinganiso akube ngamashekeli alitshumi lanlanu, kuthi owesifazane kube ngamashekeli alitshumi. **8** Nxa umuntu owenza isifungo engumanya, esehluleka ukukhupha isilinganiso esitshiwoyo, uzakusa umuntu lowo kumphristi onguye ozamisa isilinganiso esinganeliswa ngulowomuntu owenza isifungo. **9** Nxa lokho akufungelayo kuyisifuyo esamuakekayo njengomnikelo kuThixo, isifuyo esinikelwe kanjalo kuThixo siba ngcwele. **10** Akumelanga asintshintshe kumbe enanisele esihle ngesibi, loba esibi ngesihle. **11** Nxa lokho akufungelayo kuyinyamazana engcolileyo, njalo ingamukeleki njengomnikelo kuThixo, kumele sinikwe umphristi, **12** abone ukuthi sihle kumbe sibi. Lokho okuzatshiwo ngumphristi yikho okuzakwamukelwa. **13** Nxa umnikazi waso efuna ukuzihlenga, kuzamele engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso saso. **14** Nxa umuntu enikela indlu yakhe kuThixo njengolutho olungcwele, umphristi uzakwahlulela ukuthi inhle loba imbi. Loba yisiphi isilinganiso esizaqanjiwa ngumphristi, yiso esizakwamukeleka. **15** Nxa umuntu onikele indlu yakhe eseyihlenga, kuzamele engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso sayo, indlu ibe negeyakhe futhi. **16** Nxa umuntu esahlukanisela uThixo ingxenyen yensimu eyilifa lakhe, isilinganiso sayo sizalingana lenhlanyelo engahlanyelwa kuyo, amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu kuhomeri lenhlanyelo yebhali. **17** Nxa enikela insimu yakhe ngomnyaka wejubhili, isilinganiso esimisiweyo sizahlala sinjalo. **18** Kodwa nxa enikela insimu yakhe emva kwejubhili, umphristi uzamisa isilinganiso sayo kusiya ngeminyaka eseleyo kusiyafika umnyaka wejubhili olandelayo, njalo isilinganiso sayo esimisiweyo sizakwelihsawa. **19** Nxa umuntu onikela insimu yakhe efuna ukuhlenga, kumele engezelele okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso sayo,

insimu izakuba ngeyakhe futhi. **20** Kodwa-ke nxa insimu leyo engayihlengi, loba nxa eseyithengise komunye, ayingeke ihlengwe futhi. **21** Lapho insimu iyekelwa ngeJubhili, iba ngcwele njengensimu enikelwe kuThixo, izakuba yilifa lomphristi. **22** Nxa umuntu enikela kuThixo insimu ayithengayo, engasingxene yensimu yelifa lakwabo, **23** umphristi uzaqamba isilinganiso sayo kusiyafika emmyakeni weJubhili, kuthi umuntu lowo akhuphe isilinganiso sayo mhlalokho njengolutho olungcwele kuThixo. **24** Ngomnyaka weJubhili, insimu leyo izabuyela kulowomuntu eyathengwa kuye, onguye owayengumniniyo. **25** Izilinganiso zonke kumele zenziwe ngokumayelana leshekeli lendlu engcwele, amagera angamatshumi amabili kushekeli ellodwa. **26** Akekho umuntu ongehlukanisela iNkosi izibulo lenyamazana, ngoba izibulo livele ngelikaThixo; loba lingelenkomo, loba imvu, ngelikaThixo. **27** Nxa ingenye yezinyamazana ezingcolileyo, umuntu angaphinda ayithenge ngesilinganiso esimisiweyo, esengezelela okwesihlanu phezu kwesilinganiso. Nxa engayihlengi, kuzamele ithengiswe ngesilinganiso esimisiweyo. **28** Kodwa akulalutho umuntu alalo aselunikele kuThixo loba kungumuntu kumbe isifuyo, loba insimu eyilifa lakwabo, olungathengiswa kumbe luhlengwe; konke okunikelwe kanjalo kungcwele kakhulu kuThixo. **29** Akulamuntu onikelwe ekubhujisweni ongahlengwa; kumele abulawe. **30** Okwetshumi kwakho konke okwelizwe, ingabe ngamabele avela emhlabathini kumbe izithelo ezivela ezhlahleni, ngokukaThixo; kungcwele kuThixo. **31** Nxa umuntu ehlenga okunye kokwetshumi kwakhe, kumele ergezelele kukho okwesihlanu kwesilinganiso sakho. **32** Konke okwetshumi kwenkomo lezimvu, zonke izifuyo zetshumi ezidlla ngaphansi kwentonga yomelusi zizakuba ngcwele kuThixo. **33** Akumelanga akhethe enhle kwembi kumbe ananisele ngenye. Nxa esenanisela zombili, izifuyo ziba ngcwele; azingeke zihlengwe.” **34** Le yimilayo uThixo ayinika uMosi entaben iayeSinayi ukuba ayinike abako-Israyeli.

# Amanani

**1** UThixo wakhulumu kuMosi ethenteni lokuhlangana enkangala yaseSinayi ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesibili emnyakeni wesibili ngemva kokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe. UThixo wathi, **2** "Balani abantu bonke bako-Israyeli ngensembo langezindlu zabo, lenze uluhlu lwamabizo amadoda, inye ngayinye. **3** Wena lo-Aroni lizaqoqa ngezigaba wonke amadoda ako-Israyeli kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu abangaba libutho. **4** Kuzozonke izizwe lithatthe indoda eyodwa, eyinhloko yendlu yakibo, ukuze balincedise. **5** La yiwo amabizo amadoda azaliphathisa: esizweni sikaRubheni, u-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri: **6** esizweni sikaSimiyoni, uShelumielyi indodana kaZurishadayi; **7** esizweni sikajuda, uNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi; **8** esizweni sika-Isakhari, uNethaneli indodana kaZuwar; **9** esizweni sikaZebhuluni, u-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni; **10** emadodaneni kajosefa kwakuyila: esizweni sika-Efrayimi, u-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi; esizweni sikaManase, uGamalielyi indodana kaPhedazuri; **11** esizweni sikaBhenjamini, u-Abhidani indodana kaGidiyon; **12** esizweni sikaDani, u-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi; **13** esizweni sika-Asher, uPhagiyeli indodana ka-Okhirani; **14** esizweni sikaGadi, u-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuwel; **15** esizweni sikaNafithali; u-Ahira indodana ka-Enani." **16** La yiwo amadoda akhethwa ebantwini bakuleyondawo, bengabakhokheli bezizwe zabokhokho babo. Babezinholo zezizwana zako-Israyeli. **17** UMosi lo-Aroni bathatha amadoda la alamabizo ayeqanjiwe **18** basebebizela ndawonye bonke abantu ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesibili. Bazineza umdabuko wabo ngensembo langezindlu zabo, ngakho kusukela emadoden alemnyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu kwabhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, **19** njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. Ngakho wababal enkangala yaseSinayi: **20** Ezizukulwanenii zikaRubheni indodana ka-Israyeli elizibulo: Wonke amadoda alemnyaka efika kumatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbal yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwavo. **21** Inani labesizwana sikaRubheni lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lesthupha, lamakhulu amahlanu. **22** Ezizukulwanenii zikaSimiyoni: Wonke amadoda alemnyaka efika kwengamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho abhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbal yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwavo. **23** Inani labesizwana sikaSimiyoni lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lasificamunwemunye, lamakhulu amathathu. **24** Ezizukulwanenii zikaGadi: Wonke amadoda alemnyaka efika kwengamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ayengaba libutho kwabhalwa amabizo awo, inye ngayinye, kulandelwa imbal yosendo langezindlu zokuzalwa kwavo. **25** Inani labesizwana sikaGadi lalizinkulungwane

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Babengalamodana; kungakho Uziyeli. **31** Babelomlandu wokugcina umtshokotsho u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari babangabaphristi ngesikhathhi wesivumelwano, itafula, uluthi lwezibane, amauyise u-Aroni esaphila. **5** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **6** alithare, impahla zendawo engcwele ezaizetshenziswa "Letha abesizwe sikaLevi ubethule ku-Aroni umphristi emsebenzini wokukhonza. **32** U-Eliyazari indodana ukuze bamncedise. **7** Bazamsebenzela yena kanye ka-Aroni, umphristi, wayengumkhokheli omkhulu lesizwana sonke ethenteni lokuhlangana beqhuba wabaLevi. 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AbaLevi imithando, izinsika, izisekelo, izitsha zalo zonke ngabami, **13** njengoba wonke amazibulo engawami. Iakho konke okuphathelane lemisebenzi yakho, Ekubulaleni kwami wonke amazibulo aseGibhithe, **37** kanye lezinsika lezisekelo zazo ezhonqolozele ngazelhukanisela wonke amazibulo ako-Israyeli, iguma, izikhonkwane zethente kanye lamagoda. **38** awabantu loba awezinyayamazana. Kumele abe ngawami. UMosi kanye lo-Aroni lamadodana akhe babezahlala Mina nginguThixo." **14** UThixo wathi kuMosi ezhonqweni zabo empumalanga yethabanikeli, phambi eNkangala yaseSinayi, **15** "Bala abaLevi ngezindlu kwethente lokuhlangana. Babelomlandu wokugcinela zabo langosendo lwabo. Bala bonke abesilisa kusukela abako-Israyeli indawo engcwele. 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Laba kwakungabosendo lwabaLevi, kusiya bezelwe kusiya phezulu wenze uluhlu lwamabizo abo. ngezindlu zabo. **21** KuGeshoni kwavela usando **41** Esikhundleni samabizo aksa-Israyeli nginika abaLevi, IwamaLihbini lolwamaShimeyi; laba yibo abosendo njalo lezifuyo zabaLevi esikhundleni samazibulo IwamaGeshoni. **22** Inani lamadoda wonke kusukela ezifuyo zabako-Israyeli. 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Mina eguma, ikhetheni lesango leguma elihongolozele nginguThixo. **46** Ukuhlenga amazibulo aksa-Israyeli ithabanikeli kanye le-alithari, lamagoda, Iakho angamakhulu amabili alamatshumi ayisikhombisa konke okuphathelane laowo msebenzi. **27** Abosendo lantathu abangaphezu kwenani labaLevi, **47** thatha lukaKhohathi kwakungama-Amramu, ama-Izihari, amashekeli amahlanu omunye ngamunye wabo, amaHebhroni kanye lama-Uziyeli. Laba yibo abosendo kusiya ngeshekeli lendawo engcwele, eliesisindo

samagera angamatshumi amabili. **48** Imali yokuhlenga abako-Israyeli abangaphezu kwenani uyiphe u-Aroni lamadodana akhe.” **49** Lakanye uMosi wayibutha imali yokuhlenga labo ababelinani eledlula kwabahlengwa ngabaLevi. **50** Wamukela kuvela emazibulweni abako-Israyeli isiliva esingamashekeli ayinkulungwane elamakhlui amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhanu ngesilinganiso seshekeli lendawo engcwele. **51** UMosи waqhubela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe imali yokuhlenga, njengokulawaya kwakhe nguThixo.

**4** UTHixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: **2** “Balani ingxene yabaLevi abangamaKohohathi libabale ngosendo langezindlu zabo. **3** Balani wonke amadoda kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa abeza bezosebenza emsebenzini wethente lokuhlangana. **4** Lo yiwo umsebenzi ozakwensiwa ngamaKohohathi ethenteni lokuhlangana, ukulondoloza yonke into engcwelengcwele. **5** Nxa kuthuthwa kusukwa ezihonqweni, u-Aroni lamadodana akhe kabangene bayekwethula ikhetheni elisithileyo basibekete ibhokisi lobufakazi ngalo. **6** Lokhu bazakugubuzela ngezikhumba zezinyamazana, bendlale ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka phezu kwalokho besebefaka izibambo endaweni yazo. **7** Phezu kwetafula yoBukhona bukaThixo kumele bendlale ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka bafake phezu kwalo imiganu, izinditshi lengubhe, lenkezo zeminikelo enathwayo; kuthi lesosinkwa esihlala sikhonapho sisale phezu kwayo. **8** Phezu kwalokhu bazakwendlala ilembu elibomvu, bembese lokho ngezikhumba zezinyamazana besebefaka izibambo ezindaweni zazo. **9** Kumele bathathe ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka bembese ngalo uluthi lwasibane sokukhanyisa, kanye lezibane zalo, izintambo zesibane kanye lezibambiso zakhona, lemiganu, lezitscha zamafutha zokuthelisa kuso. **10** Besebelugoqela kanye lezinto zalo zonke ngezikhumba zezinyamazana balufakele izibambo zokuthwala. **11** Phezu kwe-alithari legolide kabendlale ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka bakugoqele ngezikhumba zezinyamazana besebefaka izibambo zokuthwala endaweni yazo. **12** Bazathatha zonke izinto zokusebenzia endaweni engcwelengcwele, bazigoqele ngelembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bembese lokho ngezikhumba zezinyamazana bafake phezu kwethala lokuthwala. **13** Kumele babuthe umlotha bawususe phezu kwe-alithari elilithusi besebesendlala ilembu eliyibubende phezu kwalo. **14** Besebefaka phezu kwalo zonke izitscha ezisetshenziswa emsebenzini we-alithari, kuuhlanganisa lezindengezi zeziko, izitscha zokosa inyama, amafotsholo lemiganu yokuchelisa. Phezu kwalo kumele bendlale isembeso sezikhumba zezinyamazana babe sebefaka izibambo zokuthwala endaweni yazo. **15** Ngemva kokuba u-Aroni lamadodana akhe sebeqedile ukwembesa impahla zonke ezendawo engcwele lazoonke izinto ezingcwele, kanye lokuthi sebelungele ukusuka, amaKhohathi yiwo okumele eze azothwala. Kodwa akumelanga bathinte izinto ezingcwele ngoba bazakufa.

AmaKhohathi azathwala lezozinto ezisethenteni abako-Israyeli abangaphezu kwenani uyiphe u-Aroni, umphristi, uzakhangela amafutha esibane, impepha, umnikelo ojayeleykileyo wamabele lamafutha okugcoba abakhethiweyo. Uzagcina ithabanikeli ngonanzelelo layo yonke into ephakathi kwalo, kanye lempahla ezingcwele lezitscha zalo.” **17** UTHixo watshela uMosi lo-Aroni wathi, **18** “Nanzelelani ukuthi izizwe zosendo IwamaKohohathi azehlukanisa labaLevi. **19** Lokhu kuyikuthi baphile bengafi nxa bethe basondela phansi kwezinto ezingcwelengcwele, balungiseleni lokhu: U-Aroni lamadodana akhe bazakuya endaweni engcwele bayekwabela indoda yinye ngayinye umsebenzi wayo kanye lalokho okumele bakuthwale. **20** Kodwa amaKhohathi akumelanga angene ukuthi ayebona izinto ezingcwele, loba okomzuzwana nje kuphela, ngoba bazakufa.” **21** UTHixo wathi kuMosi, **22** “Bala njalo amaGeshoni ngezindlu langosendo lwawo. **23** Bala wonke amadoda kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa labo abezayo ukuzosebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. **24** Lo ngumsebenzi okumele wensiwe ngabosendo IwamaGeshoni ekusebenzeni kwabo lekuthwaleni kwabo imithwalo: **25** Bazathwala amakhetheni ethabanikeli, ithente lokuhlangana, isembeso salo kanye lesangaphandle esezikhumba zezinyamazana, amakhetheni entuba yethente lokuhlangana, **26** amakhetheni eguma elihonqolozele ithabanikeli alithari, ikhetheni lesango, izintambo lakho konke okusetshenziswa kulo umsebenzi. AmaGeshoni azakwenza konke okumele kwensiwe ngalezizinto. **27** Imisebenzi yabo yonke abayenzayo, kumbe yikuthwala kumbe ngumsebenzi othile, bazayenza ngukoqondisa kuka-Aroni lamadodana akhe. Uzabapha kube ngumlandu wabo ukuthwala lokho ozabe utha bakuthwale. **28** Lokhu kuzakuba ngumsebenzi wabosendo IwamaGeshoni ethenteni lokuhlangana. Umsebenzi wabo bazawenza ngokoqondisa kuka-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi.” **29** “Bala amamerari ngosendo langezindlu zavo. **30** Bala wonke amadoda kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa abezayo ukusebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. **31** Lo yiwo ozakuba ngumsebenzi wabo ethenteni lokuhlangana: ukuthwala amathala ethabanikeli, imithando yalo, izinsika lezisekelo, **32** kanye lezinsika ezihonqolozele iguma kanye lezisekelo zazo, izikhonkwane zethente, amagoda, izitscha zakhona lakho konke okuhambelana lokusetszenziswa kwazo. Batschengise bonke munye ngamunye lezozinto abafanele bazithwale. **33** Lo yiwo umsebenzi ozakwensiwa ngabosendo IwamaMerari ekusebenzeni kwabo ethenteni lokuhlangana beqondiswa ngu-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi.” **34** UMosи, u-Aroni labakhokheli babantu babala amaKhohathi ngosendo langezindlu zavo. **35** Worke amadoda aleminyaka esukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu kusiya

kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu abezayo ngezayo, kodwa lokho indoda ezakupha umphristi ukusebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana, **36** bebalwa ngokomphristi.” **11** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **12** ngensendo, babazinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu “Khuluma labako-Israyeli ubatshole ukuthi: ‘Nxa ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amahlanu. **37** Leli linani eligweleyo lalabo abosendo IwamaKhohathi **13** ngokulala lamanye amadoda kodwa lokhu abasebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. UMosi lo-Aroni kungesobala endodeni yakhe lehlazo lelo lingabonakali babala njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo etshele (njengoba kungelamfakazi njalo engabanjwanga uMosi). **38** AmaGeshoni abalwa ngensendo langezindlu ekwenza), **14** kodwa indoda ikuhulelw yibukhwele zaho. **39** Wonke amadoda aleminyaka yokuzalwa ibisimnakanelu umfazi wayo ukuthi uncophile, loba engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka ilobukhwele imnakanela kodwa yena engangcolanga, engamatshumi amahlanu ababesebenza ethenteni **15** kumele ithathie umfazi wayo iye laye kumphristi. lokuhlangana, **40** bebalwa ngensendo langezindlu Phezu kwalokho kumele imphathele ifulawa yebhali zabo, babazinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu eyingxene yetshumi yehefa. Akumelanga ithele ayisithupha alamatshumi amathathu. **41** Leli linani amafutha e-oliva phezu kwayo loba afake impepha eligweleyo Iwensenzo zamaGeshoni abasebenza phezu kwayo ngoba kungumnikel wobukhwele ethenteni lokuhlangana. UMosi lo-Aroni babala wamabele, umnikelo wokubonisa ukuthi kulecalu. njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo. **42** AmaMerari abalwa 16 Umphristi uzamletha owesifazane amise phambi ngensendo langezindlu zaho. **43** Wonke amadoda kukaThixo. **17** Abesethatha amanzi angcwele ngembiza ayeleminyaka yokuzalwa esukela kwabalamatshumi yomdaka athele emanzini uthuli olubuthwe phansi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi ethabanikeleni. **18** Ngemva kokuba umphristi eseke amahlanu ababezosebenza ethenteni lokuhlangana, wamisa owesifazane phambi kukaThixo kumele **44** sebebalive ngensendo zabo, babazinkulungwane atshombulule inwele zakhe abesefaka ezandleni zakhe ezintathu lamakhulu amabili. **45** Leli kwaba linani umnikelo wokukhumbuza, umnikelo wobukhwele eligweleyo kwabosendo IwamaMerari. UMosi lo- wamabele, umphristi yena uzabe ephethe amanzi Aroni babala njengokulaywa kukaThixo elaya uMosi. ababay aletha isithuko. **19** Ngalokho-ke umphristi **46** Ngalokho uMosi, u-Aroni labakhokheli bako- Israyeli babala bonke abaLevi ngensendo langezindlu uzafungisa owesifazane athi kuye, “Nxa kungelandola zabo. **47** Wonke amadoda asukela kwabaleminyaka eke yalala lawe loba ungaZange uphambuke uncole engamatshumi amathathu kusiya kwabaleminyaka wena wendile, akuthi lamanzi ababay aletha engamatshumi amahlanu yokuzalwa abea ukulungisa isithuko angakulimazi. **20** Kodwa nxa uphambukile kanye lokuthwala ithente lokuhlangana **48** engasumkakh,“ **21** lapho umphristi kufanele afungise babezinkulungwane ezyisificaminwembili lamakhulu owesifazane ngesithuko lesi athi, “sengathi uThixo amahlanu alamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **49** angenza abakini bakuthuke, bauklamukele lapho Ngokulaya kukaThixo elaya uMosi, ngulowo ekwenza ukuba uswele kuthi isisu sakho sikhukhumale. **22** Akuthi amanzi la aletha isithuko angene emzimbeni lalowo wabelwa umsebenzi wakhe ayezawenza lokwakumele akuthwale. Yiyo le indlela ababalwa wakho ukuze isisu sakho sikhukhumale kumbe ngayo, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo.

**5** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi basuse ezhonqweni wonke olobulephero loba ophuma ubovu loba bungobunjani, loba engongcolileyo ngokomkhube ngenxa yesidumbu sofileyo. **3** Susani ngokufananayo loba ngowesilisa loba ngowesifazane; kumele limsuse ukuze angangcolisi isihonqo sakwabo; ngoba ngihlala khona phakathi kwabo.” **4** Abako-Israyeli bakwenza lokho; babakhuphela ngaphandle kwezihonqo. Bakwenza njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **5** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **6** “Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Nxa indoda loba umfazi onele omunye loba ngayiphi indlela etshengisele ukungathembeki kuThixo, lowomuntu ulomlandu **7** njalo kumele avume isono sakhe. Kahlawule ngokugcweleyo icala lakhe, engezelele ingxene yesihlanu ekuhlawuleni lowo amoneleyo. **8** Kodwa uba lowo engelasihlobo okungahlawulwa kuso icala, inhlawulo negekaThixo, kodwa lizaphiwa umphristi, kanye lenqama azamenzela ngayo indlela yokubuyisana. **9** Izipho zonke ezingcwele ezelithwa ngabako-Israyeli kumphristi zizakuba ngezakhe. **10** Izipho zendoda inye ngayinye ezingcwele

imsulwa ekoneni konke, kodwa owesifazane uzathwala izehlakalo zonke zesono sakhe.”

**6** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Khulumu labako-Israyeli ubatsheli lokhu: ‘Nxa owesilisa loba owesifazane efuna ukwenza isifungo esibalulekileyo, isifungo sokuzahlukanisela kuThixo ukuba abe ngumNaziri, **3** kumele angabe esanatha iwayini loba yikuphi okunathwayo okulemvubelo njalo akumelanga ukuthi anathe iviniga eyenziye newayini loba okunathwayo okulemvubelo. Kanganathi umhlizi wezithelo zevini, njalo angadli izithelo zevini ezimanzi loba ezomileyo. **4** Nxa elokhu engumNaziri kangadli lutho oluvela esivinini kungakhathalekile ukuthi zintanga loba ngamakhasi esithelo. **5** Ngasosonke isikhathi esemi esifungweni sokuzahlukanisela akumelanga kube lempuco ekhanda lakhe. Kumele abengcwele size sedlule isikhathi sakhe sokuzahlukanisela uThixo; kayekele inwele zakhe zikhule zibende. **6** Kusosonke isikhathi sakhe sokuzahlukanisela uThixo kanganatheli esidunjini. **7** Loba kungaze kube kufe uyise loba unina loba umfowabolo loba udadewabo, akumelanga azingcolise ngokomkhuba ngenxa yabo, ngoba uphawu lokuzahlukanisela uNkulunkulu lusekhanda lakhe. **8** Ngasosonke isikhathi sokuzahlukanisela kwakhe ungokhethiweyo kuThixo. **9** Nxa kungafa umuntu emehlweni akhe, ngakho besekungcolisa inwele zakhe asezinikele, kumele aphuce ikhanda ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, usuku lwasikhombisa. **10** Ngakho ngosuku lwsificaminwembili kalethe kumphristi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana amajuba amabili loba inkwilimba ezincane ezimbili. **11** Umphristi uzanikela umnikelo wesono ngenye inyoni kuthi enye ibe ngumnikelo wokutshisa ukumenzela indlela yokubuyisana ngoba enze isono ngoba lapho okulesidumbu khona. Ngalo lolosuktu kumele angcwelise ikhanda lakhe. **12** Kazinikele kuThixo okwesikhathi lesu azahlukanisole sona njalo alethe izinyane lemuu eliomnyaka owodwa eliduna libe njengomnikelo wecala. Insuku ezadlulayo kazibalwa, ngoba ube ngongcolileyo ngesikhathi sokuzahlukanisela kwakhe. **13** Lo ngumlayo womNaziri nxa isikhathi sakhe sokuzahlukanisela sesiphelile. Kumele alethwe esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. **14** Kethule lapho umnikelo wakhe kuThixo: izinyane lemuu eliomnyaka owodwa eliduna elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wokutshisa, izinyane lemuu elisikazi eliomnyaka owodwa elingelasici libe ngumnikelo wesono, inqama engelasici ngumnikelo wobudlelwano, **15** ndawonye leminikelo yamabeleyokunathwayo, kanye lesitsha sesinkwa esingelamvubelo, amakhekhe enziwe ngefulawa ecolekileyo ixutshwe ngamafutha, njalo lamaqebelewane agcotshwe ngamafutha. **16** Umphristi uzakwethula lokhu phambi kukaThixo enze umnikelo wesono lowokutshisa. **17** Umphristi uzakwethula isitsha esilesinkwa esingelamvubelo njalo enze umhlatshelo ngenqama kube ngumnikelo wobudlelwano kuThixo, ndawonye lomnikelo

wakho wamabele lowokunathwayo. **18** Ngakho umNaziri uzaphucela inwele zakhe zokwahlukanisela esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. Uzaphosela inwele lezo emlilweni ongaphansi komnikelo wobudlelwano. **19** Nxa umNaziri esephuce inwele zokuzahlukanisela kwakhe, umphristi uzabeka ezandleni zakhe umkhono wenqama ephekiweyo, kanye lekhekhe leqebelewane esitsheni, kokubili kungela mvubelo. **20** Umphristi uzakuzunguza phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa; kungewe njalo kungokomphristi, kuLanganisela lesifuba esizunguziweyo kanye lomlenze othewhuliweyo. Ngemva kwalokho, umNaziri usenganatha iwayini. **21** Lo ngumlayo womNaziri ofunga ngokunikela kuThixo kusija ngokuzahlukanisela, kuyikwengeza kulokho ayabe ekwenelisile. Kacgwaliise isifungo asenzileyo, ngokomlayo womNaziri.” **22** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **23** “Tshela u-Aroni lamadodana akhe uthi, ‘Le yiyo indlela elizabusisa ngayo abako-Israyeli. Khulumani lithi kubo: **24** “UThixo alibusise njalo aligcine; **25** UThixo kakhazimulise ubuso bakhe phezu kwenu njalo abe lomusa kini; **26** UThixo kakhanglese ubuso bakhe kini njalo aliphe ukuthula.”” **27** Ngokunjalo bazabiza ibizo lami phezu kwabako-Israyeli, mina ngizababusa.”

**7** Kwathi uMosi eseqedile ukumisa ithabanikeli, waligcoba njalo walibusisa kanye lempahla yalo yonke. Wabuye wagcoba njalo wabusisa i-alithari kanye lezitsa zalo zonke. **2** Kwasekusithi abakhokheli bako-Israyeli, inhloko zezimuli ezazingabakhokheli zensendo ziphethe labo ababebalwa, zanikela. **3** Zaletha izipho zazo kuThixo, izinqola eziyisithupha ezembesiweyo lenkabi ezilitshumi lambili, kuyikuthi umkhokheli munye anikele ngenkabi eyodwa. Lokhu bakuletha ethabanikeleni. **4** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **5** “Yamukela izipho eziwela kubo ukuze zisetshenziswe ethenteni lokuhlangana. Yabela abaLevi kusija ngomsebenzi wendoda yinye ngayinye.” **6** Ngakho uMosi wathatha izinqola kanye lenkabi wazinika abaLevi. **7** Wanika abakoGeshoni izinqola ezimbili kanye lenkabi ezine, kusija ngomsebenzi wabo, **8** abakoMerari bona wabapha izinqola ezine kanye lenkabi eziyisificaminwembili, kusija ngomsebenzi wabo. Bonke babelawulwa ngu-Ithamari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi. **9** Kodwa uMosi kazange aphe lokukodwa kumaKhohathi, ngenxa yokuthi kwakungumlandu wabo wokuthwala ngamahlombe abo zonke izinto ezingcwele. **10** Ekugcotshweni kweibe ngumnikelo wobudlelwano, **11** ndawonye leminikelo yamabeleyokunathwayo, kanye lesitsha sesinkwa esingelamvubelo, amakhekhe enziwe ngefulawa ecolekileyo ixutshwe ngamafutha, njalo lamaqebelewane agcotshwe ngamafutha. **12** Owaletsha umnikelo wakhe ngosuku lwakuqala nguNahashoni indodana ka-Aminadabi owesizwana sakojuda. **13** Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva isisiso sawo singamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu oyungubhe wokuchela wesiliva, isisiso sawo ungamashekeli angamatshumi

ayisikhombisa, yomibili kulinganisa ngeshekeli lendlu alitshumi, igcwele impepha; **33** inkunzi eliguqa, engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu ixutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **14** elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli **34** impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **35** alitshumi, igcwele impepha; **15** inkunzi eliguqa, kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo inqama eyodwa lezinyane lemvu eliduna elilomnyaka ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **16** impongo amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatshelo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **17** kanye lenkabi womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri. **36** Ngosuku lwestihlanu lamazinyane amaduna ezimvu alomnyaka owodwa, uShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi, umkhokheli ukze kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano. wabantu bakaSimiyoni walettha umnikelo wakhe. **37** Lo kwaba ngumnikelo kaNaHashoni indodana Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo ka-Aminadabi. **18** Ngosuku lwestibili uNethaneli esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, indodana kaZuvari umkhokheli wabendlu ka-Isakhari, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo walettha umnikelo wakhe. **19** Umnikelo awulethayo: esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, kwakungumganu wesiliva isisisindo sawo ungamashekeli yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, alikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu, lomganu owodwa ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe wesiliva oyingubhe owokuchela olesisindo samashekeli lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **38** inditshi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili kulinganisa yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, ngeshekeli lendlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa igcwele impepha; **39** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama ecolekileyo ixutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka wamabele; **20** inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **40** impongo esingamashekeli alitshumi, igcwele impepha; **21** eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **41** kanye lenkabi inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane ezimbili, lenqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu lemvu eliduna elilomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu wokutshiswa; **22** impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wesono; **23** lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo kaShelumiyeli impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu indodana kaZurishadayi. **42** Ngosuku lwestithupha u-amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatshelo Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli, umkhokheli wabantu womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo kwaba ngumnikelo bakaGadi, walettha umnikelo wakhe. **43** Umnikelo kaNethaneli indodana kaZuvari. **24** Ngosuku wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo lwestithathu, u-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni, umkhokheli esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, wabantu bakaZebuluni, walettha umnikelo wakhe. **25** lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **44** inditshi yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo, exutshaniswe igcwele impepha; **45** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **26** inditshi eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **46** impongo igcwele impepha; **27** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama kanye eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **47** kanye lenkabi lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka owodwa, ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **28** impongo eyodwa kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu kungumnikelo wesono; **29** kanye lenkabi ezimbili, alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Eliyasafi lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka owodwa, indodana kaDuweli. **48** Ngosuku lwestikhombisa kube ngumhlatshelo womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo u-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi, umkhokheli kwakungumnikelo ka-Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni. **30** wabantu baka-Efrayimi, walettha umnikelo wakhe. **49** Ngosuku lwestine u-Elizuri indodana kaShedewuri, Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo umkhokheli wabantu bakaRubheni, walettha umnikelo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, wakhe. **31** Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **50** inditshi endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **32** igcwele impepha; **51** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu elilomnyaka

owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **52** impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **71** kanye lenkabi eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **53** kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu alomnyaka alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatsheo womnikelo owodwa ukuba kube ngumhlatsheo womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Ahiyezeri wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Elishama indodana ka-Amishadayi. **72** Ngosuku lwetshumi indodana ka-Amihudi. **54** Ngosuku lwsificaminwembili lanye uPhagielyi indodana ka-Okhirani, umkhokheli uGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri, umkhokheli wabantu baka-Asher, waletu umnikelo wakhe. **73** wabantu bakaManase, waletu umnikelo wakhe. **55** Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **74** inditshi exutshaniswe lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **56** yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, inditshi yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli igcwele impepha; **75** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama alitshumi, igcwele impepha; **57** inkunzi eliguqa, eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu eliomnyaka inqama eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **76** impongo eliomnyaka owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **77** kanye lenkabi **58** impongo eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **59** ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu kanye lenkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu ezinhlanu kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatsheo womnikelo amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa kube ngumhlatsheo wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo kaPhagielyi womnikelo wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo indodana ka-Okhirani. **78** Ngosuku lwetshumi kaGamaliyeli indodana kaPhedazuri. **60** Ngosuku lambili u-Ahira indodana ka-Enani, umkhokheli lwsificamunwemunye u-Abhidani indodana wabantu bakaNafithali, waletu umnikelo wakhe. **79** kaGidiyon, umkhokheli wabantu bakaBhenjami, Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo waletu umnikelo wakhe. **61** Umnikelo wakhe: esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo esingamashekeli lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, lomganu wesiliva esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo esingamashekeli yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yomibili ibe lesilinganiso ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe samashekeli endlu engcwele, ngamunye ugcwele lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **80** inditshi ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, njengomnikelo wamabele; **62** inditshi yegolide igcwele impepha; **81** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu eliomnyaka igcwele impepha; **63** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **82** impongo eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu eliomnyaka eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **83** kanye lenkabi owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **64** impongo ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu eyodwa kungumnikelo wesono; **65** kanye lenkabi kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatsheo womnikelo kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna amahlanu wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Ahira alomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumhlatsheo womnikelo indodana ka-Enani. **84** Le yayiminikelo yabakhoheli wobudlelwano. Lo kwakungumnikelo ka-Abhidani bako-Israyeli yokwahlukaniselwa kwe-alithari mhra indodana kaGidiyon. **66** Ngosuku lwetshumi u-ligcotshwa: imiganu elitshumi lambili yesiliva, imiganu Ahijezeri indodana ka-Amishadayi, umkhokheli yokuchela yesiliva oyingubhe elitshumi lambili kanye wabantu bakaDani, waletu umnikelo wakhe. **67** lenkezo zegolide ezilitshumi lambili **85** Umganu munye Umnikelo wakhe: wawungumganu wesiliva olesisindo wesiliva ulesisindo samashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi esingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu, amathathu, njalo umganu oyingubhe wokuchela lomganu wesiliva oyingubhe wokuchela olesisindo ngamunye ulesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi esingamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ayisikhombisa. Sezihlangene, izitsha zesiliva yomibili ibe lesilinganiso samashekeli endlu engcwele, zazilesisindo esingamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili ngamunye ugcwele ifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamakhulu amane, kulinganiswa ngesisindo seshekeli lamafutha njengomnikelo wamabele; **68** inditshi lendlu engcwele. **86** Izinditshi ezilitshumi lambili yegolide eyodwa elesisindo esingamashekeli alitshumi, zegolide zigcwele impepha zilesisindo samashekeli igcwele impepha; **69** inkunzi eliguqa, inqama alitshumi inye, kulinganiswa ngesisindo seshekeli eyodwa kanye lezinyane eliduna lemvu eliomnyaka lendlu engcwele. Sezindawonye, inkezo zegolide owodwa, kungumnikelo wokutshiswa; **70** impongo zilesisindo samashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi amabili.

**87** Inani lezinyamazana zonke ezomnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe aewzinyamazana, angawami. Ngazehlukanisela zazibalisa itshumi lambili lenkunzi ezingamaguqa, wona mhla ngibulala amazibulo wonke eGibhithe. itshumi lambili lenqama kanye letshumi lambili **18** Ngakho-ke sengithethe abaLevi esikhundleni lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka owodwa, samazibulo wonke angabafana bako-Israyeli. **19** Kubo kanye lomnikelo wazo wamabele. Impongo ezilishumi bonke abako-Israyeli, senginike abaLevi ku-Aroni lambili zaba ngezomnikelo wesono. **88** Sezihlangene kanye lamadodana akhe ukuba babe yizipho ukuze zonke izinyamazana zomhlathshelo womnikelo benzele abako-Israyeli umsebenzi kanye lendlela wobudlelwano kwaba zinkabi ezingamatshumi amabili yokubuyisana ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze abako-lane, inqama ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, impongo Israyeli bangahlaselwa yisifo nxa besondela endlini ezingamatshumi ayisithupha kanye lamazinyane engcwele.” **20** UMosi lo-Aroni kanye labo bonke amaduna ezimvu alomnyaka owodwa angamatshumi abako-Israyeli benza njalo kubaLevi njengalokhu ayisithupha. Le kwakuyiminikelo yokwahlukaniselwa uThixo walaya uMosi. **21** AbaLevi bazihlambulu njalo kwe-alithari emva kokugcotshwa kwalo. **89** Kwathi uMosi engena ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuba phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa ayekhuluma loThixo, wezwa ilizwi likhuluma laye njalo wabenzela indlela yokubuyisana ebahlambulula. liphuma sengathi liphahlwe ngamakherubhi amabili ngaphezu kwsesibekelo sesihlalo somusa, phezu kwebhokisi lobuFakazi. Wasekhuluma laye.

**8** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshono ku-Aroni uthi, ‘Nxa usumisa izibane ezyiyiskhombisa, kufanele zikhanyise indawo ephambi koluthi lwezibane.’” **3** U-Aroni wenza njalo; wamisa izibane oluthini zikhangele phambili, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **4** Uluthi lwasibane lwalwensiwe ngale indlela: Lwalwensiwe ngegolide elikhandiweyo kusukela esidindini salo kusiya embaxeni zamaluba alo. Uluthi lwasibane lwenziwa lwafana xathu lalokho uThixo ayekutshengise uMosi. **5** UThixo wathi kuMosi: **6** “Yahlukanisa abaLevi kwabanye bonke abako-Israyeli ubahlambulule ngokomkhuba. **7** Nanku ozakwenza nxa usubahlambulula: Bachele ngamanzi okuhlambulula, uthi baphuce imizimba yabo yonke njalo bagezise izigqoko zabo, bazihlambulule. **8** Kabathathe inkunzi eliguqa ndawonye lomnikelo wayo wamabele ayifulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; ubusuthatha inkunzi yesibili ibe ngumnikelo wesono. **9** Letha abaLevi phambi kwethente lokuhlangana ubusubathanisa isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli. **10** Letha abaLevi phambi kukaThixo, abako-Israyeli babeke izandla zabo phezu kwabaLevi. **11** U-Aroni kethule abaLevi phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wabako-Israyeli wokuzunguzwa, ukuze balungele ukwenza umsebenzi kaThixo. **12** Nxa abaLevi sebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwamakhanda enkunzi, uzakwenza umnikelo wesono kuThixo ngenye yazo kanye lomnikelo wokutshiswa, ukwenzela abaLevi indlela yokubuyisana. **13** Misa abaLevi phambi kuka-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe ubethule njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kukaThixo. **14** Ngalokhu uzabe usubahluhanisile abaLevi kwabanye bonke abako-Israyeli, ngakho abaLevi bazakuba ngabami. **15** Ngemva kokuba usuhlambulule wethula abaLevi njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa, kabeze benze umsebenzi wabo etherenteni lokuhlangana. **16** Bangabako-Israyeli abaphiwe mina ngokugcweleyo. Sengibathethe baba ngabami esikhundleni samazibulo, wonke umntwana ongumfana wokuqala ozelwe ngowesifazane wako-Israyeli. **17** Wonke amazibulo ako-Israyeli, awabantu alo.

**18** Ngakho-ke sengithethe abaLevi esikhundleni lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka owodwa, samazibulo wonke angabafana bako-Israyeli. **19** Kubo kanye lomnikelo wazo wamabele. Impongo ezilishumi bonke abako-Israyeli, senginike abaLevi ku-Aroni lambili zaba ngezomnikelo wesono. **88** Sezihlangene kanye lamadodana akhe ukuba babe yizipho ukuze zonke izinyamazana zomhlathshelo womnikelo benzele abako-Israyeli umsebenzi kanye lendlela wobudlelwano kwaba zinkabi ezingamatshumi amabili yokubuyisana ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze abako-lane, inqama ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, impongo Israyeli bangahlaselwa yisifo nxa besondela endlini ezingamatshumi ayisithupha kanye lamazinyane engcwele.” **20** UMosi lo-Aroni kanye labo bonke amaduna ezimvu alomnyaka owodwa angamatshumi abako-Israyeli benza njalo kubaLevi njengalokhu ayisithupha. Le kwakuyiminikelo yokwahlukaniselwa uThixo walaya uMosi. **21** AbaLevi bazihlambulu njalo kwe-alithari emva kokugcotshwa kwalo. Ngakho u-Aroni wabethula uMosi engena ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuba phambi kukaThixo njengomnikelo wokuzunguzwa ayekhuluma loThixo, wezwa ilizwi likhuluma laye njalo wabenzela indlela yokubuyisana ebahlambulula. **22** Ngemva kwalokho, abaLevi beza ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuzokwenza umsebenzi wabo ngaphansi kuka-Aroni kanye lamadodana akhe. Benza njalo kubaLevi njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **23** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **24** “Lokhu kuqondane labaLevi: Abesilisa abalemintyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlamu kusiya phezulu bazakwenza umsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana, **25** kodwa asebelemintyaka engamatshumi amahlamu okuzialwa bazamiswa ukuphatha imisebenzi yabo yensuku ngerisuku bangabe besasebenza futhi. **26** Bangasiza nje abafowabo nxa besena imisebenzi yabo ethenteni lokuhlangana, kodwa bona ngokwabo bangasebenzi. Le yiyo-ke indlela ozakupha ngayo abaLevi imisebenzi.”

**9** Ngenyanga yakuqala ngomnyaka wesibili ngemva kokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe uThixo wakhulumka loMosi enkangala yaseSinayi, wathi, **2** “Yenza abako-Israyeli bagcine iPhasika ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. **3** Gcinani umkhosi walo ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwayonale inyang, ngokwezimiso kanye lemithetho yavo.” **4** Ngakho uMosi watshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi bagcine iPhasika, **5** benza njalo kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanya yakuqala enkangala yaseSinayi. Abako-Israyeli benza konke njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **6** Kodwa abanye babo abazange bagcine iPhasika ngalolosuku ngoba babengcolile ngokomkhuba ngenxa yesidumbu. Ngakho beza kuMosi lo-Aroni ngalolosuku **7** bathi kuMosi, “Sesingcolile ngenxa yesidumbu, kambe kungani sinqatshelwa ukwethula umnikelo kaThixo kanye labanye bako-Israyeli ngesikhathi esimisiweyo na?” **8** UMosi wabaphendula wathi, “Manini, ukuze ngizwe ukuthi uThixo uzakuthini ngani.” **9** Ngakho uThixo wathi kuMosi, **10** “Tshono kwabako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Nxa omunye wenu loba ubani wakini kumbe izizukulwane zenu kusihlwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanya yesibili. **11** Bangagcina lumkhosi kabadle iwundlu, kanye lesinkwa esingelamvubelo lemibhida ebabay. **12** Bangatshiyi lutho lwakho kuze kuse kumbe ukwephula loba yiliphi lamathambo

imithetho yalo. **13** Kodwa nxa umuntu ehlambulukile uNkulunkulu wenu uzalikhumbula njalo lisindiswe ngokomkhuba njalo engekhoohanjweni ehluleke ezitheni zenu. **10** Njalo lasezikathini zenu zentokozo, ukugcina iPhasika, lowomuntu kasuswe ebantwini emikhosini emisiwego kanye lemadilini okuThwsa bakibo ngoba engethulanga umnikelo kaThixo kwenyanga, lizakhalisa amacilongo phezu kweminikelo ngesikhathi esimisiwego. Lowomuntu uzathwala yokutshisa kanye leminikelo yobudelwano, ngakho umlandu wesono sakhe. **14** Owezizweni ohlala phakathi izakuba yisikhumbuzo senu phambi kukaNkulunkulu kwenu ofuna ukugcina iPhasika likaThixo kakwenze wenu. Mina ngingruThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **11** Ngokwezimiso kanye lemithetho yalo. Wobani lezimiso Ngosuku Iwamatshumi amabili ngenyanga yesibili zinye kowezizweni kanye lowakini.” **15** Ngosuku okwamiswa ngalo ithabanikeli, ithente lobuFakazi enkangala yaseSinayi bazula indawo ngendawa kwasa iyezi elaliphezu kwethabanikeli lalinjengomlilo. iyezi laze layakuma enkangala yasePharani. **13** **16** Laqhubeka linjal; lembeswe liyezi, ebusuku lalinjengomlilo. **17** Kwakusithi iyezi lingaphakama Basuka, okwelandla lakuqala ngokulaya kukaThixo lisuka phezu kwethente, abako-Israyeli labo babesuka ngoMosi. **14** Izigaba zezihonqo zakoJuda zasuka kuqala, ngophawu lwazo. Zazilawulwa nguNahashoni indodana bahambe kuthi lapho elima khona, abako-Israyeli ka-Aminadabi. **15** UNethaneli indodana kaZuwari bamise izihonqo zabo khona. **18** Abako-Israyeli ekhokhele izigaba zesizwana sika-Isakhari, **16** kuthi ubabesuka bahambe ngokulaya kukaThixo, kuthi Eliyabi indodana kaHeloni ekhokhele izigaba zesizwana njalo ngokulaya kwakhe bamise izihonqo zabo. sikaZebhuluni. **17** Ngakho basebechitha ithabanikeli, Ngesikhathi sonke iyezi limi phezu kwethabanikeli, kwathi amaGeshoni lamaMerari ayelithwala, lawo abako-Israyeli bahlala ezhonqweni zabo. **19** Lapho asuka. **18** Kwalandela izigaba zezihonqo zikaRubheni, iyezi lhlala isikhathi eside phezu kwethabanikeli, lazo zingaphansi kophawu lwazo. U-Elizuri indodana abako-Israyeli bamlalela uThixo abaze bahamba. **20** kaShedewuri wayekhokhele. **19** UShelumielyi Kвесине isikhathi iyezi lalismisa phezu kwethabanikeli indodana kaZurishadayi ekhokhele isigaba sesizwana okwezinsukwana nje kuphela; ngokulaya kukaThixo sikaSimiyoni, **20** kanti u-Eliyasafi indodana kaDuweli babehlala ezhonqweni khonapho, kuthi njalo wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaGadi. **21** ngokulaya kwakhe basuke bahambe. **21** Kвесине Kwakeskusuka amaKhohath, wona asuka ethwele isikhathi iyezi lalismisa kusukela kusihlwa kuze izinto ezingcwеле. Ithabanikeli kwakumele limiswe kuse, kuthi nxa lisuka ekuseni, labo bahambe. abako-Israyeli engakafiki. **22** Izigaba zezihonqo Kungakhathalekile ukuthi kusemini loba kusebusuku, zika-Efrayimi zalandela, ngaphansi kophawu lwazo. sonke isikhathi lapho iyezi lisuka babesuka bahambe. Owayekhokhele ngu-Elishama indodana ka-Amihudi. **22** Loba iyezi lalismisa phezu kwethabanikeli okwensuku **23** UGamalyeli indodana kaPhedazuri wayekhokhele ezimbili, kumbe okwenyanga eyodwa loba okomnyaka, abako-Israyeli babehlala khonapho ezhonqweni bangasuki; kodwa nxa lingasuka, labo babesuka. **24** kanti u-Abhidan indodana kaGidiyon wakhokhela isigaba sezihonqo sesizwana sikaBhenjamini. **25** Ekucineni, belivyo labo engaphansi kophawu lwabo. Owayekhokhele kwakungu-Ahiyezeri indodana ka-Amishaday. **26** UPhagielyi indodana ka-Okhirani wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaAsheri, **27** kanti u-Ahira indodana ka-Enani wayekhokhele isigaba sesizwana sikaNafithali. **28** Lokhu kwakuyindlela yokulandelana kokuhamba kwezigaba zabako-Israyeli ekusueni kwabo. **29** UMosi wathi kuHobhabhi indodana kaRuwei onguMidiyani uyisezala kaMosi, “Sesisuka sisisya elizweni lelo elatshiwo nguThixo ukuthi ‘Ngizaliphona.’ Woza sihambe lawe thina sizakuphattha kuhle, uThixo uthembise abako-Israyeli izinto ezinhle.” **30** Waphendula wathi, “Hatshi, angiyikuhamba, ngizabuyela kwelakithi ebantwini bakithi.” **31** Kodwa uMosi wathi, “Ngiyakuncenga ungasuki phakathi kwethu. Nguwe owazi lapha okufanele sihlale khona enkangala, njalo ongaba ngamehlo ethu. **32** Nxa unghambla lathi, sizakwabelana lawe izinto ezinhle esiyabe siziphewe nguThixo.” **33** Ngakho basuka entaben kaThixo bahamba okwensuku ezintathu. Umthshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo wahamba phambi kwabo okwalezonksu ezintathu ukubafunela

indawo yokuphumula. **34** Iyezi likaThixo lalisiba ukuba sidle? Kwakungcono kithi siseGibhitel' Khathesi phezu kwabo emini lapho sebesuka ezhonqweni. uThixo uzalinika inyama, njalo lizayidla. **19** Aliyikuyidla **35** Kwakusithi lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano okosuku olulodwa loba ezimbili, loba ezhinhanu, usuka, uMosi athi, "Phakama, Thixo! Sengathi izitha ezilishumi loba ezingamatshumi amabili, **20** kodwa zingahlakazeka; sengathi izitha zakho zingabaleka lizayidla okwenyanga yonke, ize iphume ngamakhala phambi kwakho." **36** Kwakusithi lingema, athi, "Buya, enu, ilitshipele, ngoba limhlamukele uThixo ephakathi Thixo, kuzinkulungwane zako-Israyeli ezingebalwe."

**11** Abantu basola ngobunzima ababelabo uThixo esizwa, kwathi ekuzwa lokho wathukuthela kakhulu. Kwasekusithi umlilo ovela kuThixo wavutha phakathi kwabo waze waqothula lezinye izindawo ezesemaphethelweni ezhonqo. **2** Kwathi lapho abantu sebekhale kuMosi, yena wakhuleka kuThixo ngakho umlilo wadeda. **3** Indawo leyo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiThabhera, ngoba umlilo kaThixo wavutha phakathi kwabo. **4** Uquqaba lwabantu olwaluphakathi kwabo lwaqala ukufisa okunye ukudla, ngakho labako-Israyeli baqala ukulila bathi, "Aluba besingazuza inyama yokudla nje kodwa lokhu!" **5** Sesikhumbula inhlanzi esasizidla eGibhithe kungelambadaloo lamakhomane, amakhabe, amalikihi lemihlobo yonke yehanyanisi kanye legalikhi. **6** Pho khathesi lapha sesize singasakhwabithi lokudla; kasiboni lutho ngaphandle kwemana yonale zwii!" **7** Imana yayiphose ilingane lentanga yekhoriyanda ilombala ofana lowenhlaka. **8** Abantu babephuma bayeyibutha, bayichole kumbe bayigige. Babeyipheka embizeni kumbe benzene amaqebebengwana ngayo. Yayanambitheka njengento ephekwe ngamafutha e-oliva. **9** Kwakusithi nxa kusiba lamazolo ezhonqweni ebusuku, imana layo ikhithika. **10** UMosi wezwa abantu bendlu inye ngayinye bekhala, ngulowo esemnyango wethente lakhe. UThixo wathukuthela kakhulu, njalo uMosi wakhathazeka. **11** UMosi wathi kuThixo, "Kungani wehlisele ubunzima encekwini yakho na? Kuyini engikwenzileyo okungakuthokozisanga ukuze ungeleke ngobunzima babantu bonke laba na?" **12** Ngingunina wabo na? Yimi engabazalayo yini? Kungani usithi ngibaphathe negezandla zami njengomongikiga ephethe usane, ngibase elizweni lesithembiso owafunga ngalo kubokhokho babo na? **13** Ngingayithatha ngaphi inyama yokupha abantu bonke laba? Lokhu bengikhalela besithi, "Sinike inyama sidle!" **14** Ngeke ngibathwale abantu bonke laba ngingedwa; umthwalo lo unzima kakhulu kimi. **15** Nxa kuyiyo indlela ozangiphatha ngayo, ngibulala khathezi, nxa ngifumane umusa kuwe, ukuze ngingaboni ukuhlupheka kwami." **16** UThixo wathi kuMosi: "Ngilethela ebadalen'i bako-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa obaziyo ukuthi bangabakhokheli futhi yizikhulu zabantu. Baletthe ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze bame lawe khonapho. **17** Ngizakwehla ngizekhulumu lawe khonapho, ngizathatha ingxeny'e yoMoya okuwe ngiwufake phezu kwabo. Bazakuncedisa ukuthwala umthwalo wabantu bako-Israyeli ukuze ungawuthwali wedwa. **18** Tshela abantu uthi: Zingcweliseni lilungiselela usuku lwakusasa, lapho elizakudla khona inyama. UThixo ulizwile likhala kuye lisithi, "Ngubani ozasipha inyama

ukuba sidle? Kwakungcono kithi siseGibhitel' Khathesi uThixo uzalinika inyama, njalo lizayidla. **19** Aliyikuyidla okosuku olulodwa loba ezimbili, loba ezhinhanu, ezilishumi loba ezingamatshumi amabili, **20** kodwa lizayidla okwenyanga yonke, ize iphume ngamakhala enu, ilitshipele, ngoba limhlamukele uThixo ephakathi kwenu, njalo likhalile phambi kwakhe, lisithi, "Kanti sivele sasukelani eGibhithe." **21** Kodwa uMosi wathi, "Mina ngilapha phakathi kwamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha ahamba ngezinyawo, kodwa wena uthi, 'Ngizabanika inyama abazayidla okwenyanga yonke!'" **22** Bebegeneliswa na aluba bebehlatshelwe imihlambi yezimvu leyezifuyo? Babezakweneliswa na aluba begolelwе inhlanzi zonke zasolwandle?" **23** UThixo wamphendula uMosi wathi, "Kambe ingalo kaThixo imfitsiane na? Uzabona-ke khathesi longabe yebo loba hayi ukuthi engikutshoyo kuzagcwaliseka kuwe." **24** Ngakho uMosi waphuma wayatshela abantu lokho okwakutshiwo nguThixo. Wahlanganisa abadala abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa wabamisa bahonqolozela ithente. **25** Ngalokho uThixo wehla ngeyezi wakhulumu laye, yena wasethatha uMoya owawuphezu kwakhe wawethulela phezu kwababala bebandla abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Kwathi uMoya usuphezu kwabo, baphrofitha, kodwa kabazange baphinde bakwenze emva kwalokho. **26** Kodwa-ke, kwakukhona amadoda amabili, kungu-Elidadi loMedadi ababesele esihonqweni. Lanxa babebalelwа ebadalen'i, kodwa kabazange baphume ukuya eThenteni. Kanti-ke uMoya wawehlele phezu kwabo labo, njalo babephrofitha besesihonqweni. **27** Ijahana elincinyane lagijima layabikela uMosi lathi, "U-Elidadi loMedadi bayaphrofitha besesihonqweni." **28** UJoshua indodana kaNuni, owayekade engumsekeli kaMosi kusukela ebutsheni bakhe, waphakamisa ilizwi wathi, "Mosi, nkosi yami, bathulise!" **29** Kodwa uMosi waphendula wathi, "Uyangikhwelezelna na? Ngiyafisa ukuthi ngabe bonke abantu bakaThixo bangabaphrofethi njalo lokuthi UThixo wehlisele uMoya wakhe phezu kwabol!" **30** Ngakho uMosi labadala bako-Israyeli babuyela ezhonqweni. **31** Kwasekuphephetha umoya uvela kuThixo wathinta izagwaca zivila olwandle. Zakhithika zelekana ukusuka phansi okwezingalo ezimbili ezhonqweni, zendaleka okomango ongahanjwa okosuku lonke inxa zonke. **32** Mhlalokho emini lebusuku njalo langosuku olulandelayo abantu baphuma bayabutha izagwaca. Aekho owabutha izagwaca ezinganeno kwamahomeri alitshumi. Ngakho basebezichaya indawana zonke ezhonqweni. **33** Kodwa kwathi belokhu besayihlfuna inyama bengakayiginyi, ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha phezu kwabantu, njalo wabatshaya ngokubehlisela umkhuhlane. **34** Ngakho indawo leyo yabizwa ngokuthi yiKhishbrothi Hathava, ngoba kulapho okwangcwatshwa khona abantu ababebukhali kokunye ukudla. **35** Ekusukeni kwabo eKhishbrothi Hathava abantu bahamba baze bayafika eHazerothi bahlala khona.

**12** UMiriyemu lo-Aroni basuka basebeqalisa ukusola uMosi ngenxa yomkakhe ongumKhushi, njengoba wayethethe umKhushi. 2 Babuzana bathi: "Kambe uMosi nguye yedwa ongumlomo kaThixo na? Kanti lathi kazange asenze izikhulumeli zakhe na?" 3 (UMosi wayeyindoda ethobekе kakhulu, ethobekе ukwedlula wonke amadoda asemklabeni.) 4 Khonokho nje uThixo wathi kuMosi, u-Aroni loMiriyemu, "Phuman lize ethenteni lokuhlangana, lonke lobathathu." Lakanye beza bobathathu. 5 UThixo wehla ngeniska yeyezi; wema esangweni lethente wasebiza u-Aroni loMiriyemu. Kwathi lapho sebesondele bobabili, 6 uThixo wasesithi, "Lalelani amazwi ami: Nxa kulomphrofethi kaThixo phakathi kwenu, ngiziveza kuye ngemibono, isimo sikaThixo. Kungani pho belingesabi ukusola inceku yami uMosi na?" 9 Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha phezu kwabo, uThixo wasesuka kubo. 10 Ekusukeni icaia ngenxa yesono esisenze ngobuwula. 11 wasesithi kuMosi, "Awu, nkosi yami, ungasibeki icala ngenxa yesono esisenze ngobuwula. 12 Ungamyekeli enjengomntwana ozelwe efile, inyama yakhe idliwe nganxanye." 13 Ngakho uMosi yisihotsha sase-Eshikholi wakhala kuThixo wathi, "Nkulunkulu, ngiyakucela, msilise." 14 UThixo waphendula uMosi wathi, "Kambe ngabe uyise ubemkhaulele ebuswени, ngaphandle kwezihonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, ngakho abantu kabaqhubekanga ngohambo waze waphenduka. 16 Ngemva kwalokho, abantu basuka eHazerothi bayamisa izihonqo enkangala yasePharani.

**13** UThixo wathi kuMosi, 2 "Thuma amadoda athile ukuba ayehlolila ilizwe laseKhenani, engilinka abako-Israyeli. Kusendo ngalunye lwasizwe thuma umkhokheli oyedwa." 3 Ngakho ngokulaya kukaThixo uMosi wabakhupha labo erikangala yePharani. Bonke babengabakhkeli bako-Israyeli. 4 Nanka amabizo abo: esizweni sikaRubheni, kwakunguShamuwa indodana kaZakhuri; 5 esizweni sikaSimiyoni, kwakunguShafathi indodana kaHorì; 6 esizweni sikaJuda, kwakunguKhalebi indodana kajefune; 7 esizweni sika-Isakhari, kwakungu-Igali indodana kajosefa; 8 esizweni sika-Efrayimi, kwakunguHosheya indodana kaNuni; 9 esizweni sikaBhenjamini, kwakunguPhalithi indodana kaRafu; 10 esizweni sikaZebhuluni, kwakunguGadiyeli indodana kaSodi; 11 esizweni sikaManase (owesizwe sikaJosefa), kwakunguGadi indodana kaSusi; 12 esizweni sikaDani, kwakungu-Amiyeli indodana kaGemali; 13 esizweni sika-Asher, kwakunguSethuri indodana kaMikhayeli;

14 esizweni sikaNafithali, kwakunguNabhi indodana kaVofisi; 15 esizweni sikaGadi, kwakunguGewuweli athunywa nguMosi ukuyahlola ilizwe. (UMosi wetha uHosheya indodana kaNuni ibizo elithi Joshuwa.) 17 Ekubathumeni kwakhe ukuyahlola ilizwe laseKhenani, uMosi wathi kubo, "Hambani liye eNegebi likhuphukele elizweni lezintaba. 18 Likhangele ukuthi ilizwe lakhona linjani njalo lokuthi abantu bakhona balamandla kumbe babutakathaka, balutshwana kumbe banengi. 19 Ilizwe abahlala kulo linjani? Lihle na loba libi? Amadolobho abahlala kuwo anjani? Agonjolozelwe ngemiduli loba asegekeni nje? 20 Umhlabathi wakhona unjani? Uvundile na loba ulugwadule? Langabe lilezihlaha kuze kuyefika eRehobhi, ngokuya eLebho Hamathi. 21 Ngakho bahamba ukuyahlola ilizwe besukela eNkangala yaseZini kuze kuyefika eRehobhi, ngokuya eLebho Hamathi. 22 Bahamba-ke badabula eNegebi baze bayafika eHebhroni, lapho okwakuhlala khona u-Ahiman, loSheshayi kanye loThalimayi, izizukulwane zika-Anakhi. (IHebhroni yakhiwa iminyaka eyisikhombisa kungakakhiwa idolobho laseZowani eGibitthe.) 23 Bathi befika esihotsheni sase-Eshikholi baquma ugatsha olwalulesixha sezithelo zevini. Ababili babo basithwala besigaxe egodweni ndawonye lamaphomegranathi kanye lomkhiwa. 24 Lindawo yabizwa ngokuthi wakhala kuThixo wathi, "Nkulunkulu, ngiyakucela, zevini esaqunywa khona ngabako-Israyeli. 25 Ngemva msilise." 26 Babuyela kuMosi lo-Aroni lakuso sonke isizwe sako-Israyeli eKhadeshi, enkangala yasePharani. Babikela uMosi lo-Aroni kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli njalo batshengisa lezithelo zakulelolizwe. 27 Balandisela uMosi bathi: "Sihambile elizweni lelo obukade usithume kulo, ngempela ligeleza uchago lolujul Nanzi izithelo zalo. 28 Kodwa abantu abahlala khona balamandla kanti lamadolobho akhona makhulu njalo avikelwe. Size sabona lezizukulwane zika-Anakhi khonale. 29 Ama-Amaleki ahlah eNegebi; amaHithi, lamaJebusi lama-Amori bahlala elizweni lezintaba, amaKhenani wona ahlah eduzane lolwandle esekele umfula uJodani." 30 Emva kwalokho uKhalebi wathulisa abantu phambi kukaMosi wasesithi, "Kufanele ukuthi sihambe siyethatha ilizwe leli libe ngelethu, ngoba singakwenza sibili." 31 Kodwa amadoda lawo ayehambe laye athi, "Asingeke sibahlasele abantu labo; balamandla kulathi." 32 Basebetshela abantu bako-Israyeli umbiko omubi ngelizwe ababelihlolile. Bathi, "Ilizwe esilihlolileyo liyabagabhela labantu abahlala kulo. Bonke abantu esibabone khonale yiziqhwaga. 33 Sibone khona amaNefilimi (isizukulwane sika-Anakhi sivelka kumaNefilimi.) Emehlweni ethu besingangentethe phambi kwabo, lasemehlweni abo besinjalo."

**14** Ngalobobusuku abantu bonke emphakathini baphakamisa amazwi abo bakhala kakhulu. 2 Bonke abako-Israyeli bakhonona besola uMosi lo-Aroni, lonke ibandla lathi kubo, "Ngabe sahle

sazifela eGibhithe, kumbe khonapha enkangala! ongidelelayo ozalibona. **24** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi **3** Kungani uThixo esilethe kulelilizwe ukuthi inceku yami uKhalebi ulomoya owehlukileyo njalo sife sibulawa ngenkemba na? Amakhosikazi ethu ungilandela ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke, ngizamngenisa kanye labantwabesethu bazakuba yimpango. Kambe elizweni afika kulo, lizakuba yilifa lezizukulwane kakungcono yini ukuthi sibuyele eGibhithe na?” zakhe. **25** Njengoba ama-Amaleki lamaKhenani ehlala **4** Bakhulumisana besithi, “Asikhetheni omunye ezigodini, lina phendukani kusasa liqonde enkangala umkhokheli asibuyisele eGibhithe.” **5** Ngakho uMosi ngendlela yasolwandle oLubomvu.” **26** UThixo wathi lo-Aroni bathi mbo ngobuso phansi phambi kwabantu kuMosi lo-Aroni: **27** “Koze kube nini lababantu bako-Israyeli bonke ababebuthene lapho. **6** Kwathi abangalunganga bekhonona bengisola na? Sengizwile uJoshua indodana kaNuni kanye loKhalebi indodana ukusola lokuhonona kwabako-Israyeli. **28** Ngakho kajefune, ababengabanye balabo ababeyehlola ilizwe, batshele uthi, ‘Njengoba ngiphila impela, kutsho badabula iziqqoko zabo **7** bathi kubo bonke abako uThixo, ngizakwenza kini zona lezozinto engilizwe Israyeli ababebuthene, “Ilizwe esadabula kulo salihlola lizikhuluma. **29** Izidumbu zenu zizagcwala enkangala lhle kakhulu. **8** Nxa uThixo ethokoza ngathi, yonale, lina lonke elabalwayo ngesikhathi sokubalwa uzasikhokhelela kulo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, kwabantu elileminyaka yokuzalwa engamatshumi njalo uzakusinika lona. **9** Kuphela nje lingamhlamukeli amabili kusiya phezelu labo bonke abakade bekhonona uThixo. Futhi lingabesabi abantu bakulelolizwe, bengisola. **30** Kakho loyedwa wenu ozangena elizweni ngoba sizabadla sibaqede. Kabaseloso isivikelo, kodwa engafunga ngokuphakamisa isandla ukuthi libe likhaya uThixo ulathi. Lingabesabi.” **10** Kodwa ibandla wonke lenu, ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kajefune wathi kabakhandwe ngamatshe. Inkazimulo kaThixo lojoshuwa indodana kaNuni. **31** Mayelana labantwana yasibonakala kubo bonke abako-Israyeli ethenteni benu labo elathi bazakuba yimpango, ngizabangenisa lokuhlangana. **11** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Koze elizweni lelo elilalileyo ukuze bathokoze kulo. **32** kube nini abantu laba bengeyisa na? Kuzae kube nini Kodwa lina, izidumbu zenu zizawohlokela kule bengangikholwa, loba sengenze izinto ezmangalisayo inkangala. **33** Abantwabenu bazakuba ngabelusi lapha phakathi kwabo na? **12** Ngizabatshaya ngomkhuhlane okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, behlupheka ngibabhubhise, kodwa wena ngizakwenza ubi yisizwe ngenxa yokungathembeki kwenu, kuze kungcwatshwe esikhulu njalo esilamandla kulabo.” **13** UMosi wasesithi isidumbu sokucina enkangala. **34** Okweminyaka kuThixo, “AmaGibhithe azakuza lokhu! Abantu engamatshumi amane, umnyaka munye umele usuku laba bakhutshwa nguwe phakathi kwabo ngamandla lunye elahlola ngalo ilizwe, lizahlupheka ngenxa akho. **14** Ngakho batatzhela abakhileyo kulelilizwe yezonu zenu lize lazi ukuthi kuyinto enjani nxa mina ngalesisehlakalo. Bavele sebezvile ukuthi wena, Oh ngimelana lani.’ **35** Mina Thixo, sengikhulumile, njalo Thixo, ulabo lababantu njalo lokuthi wena, Thixo, ngempela ngizazenza lezizinto ebantwini laba bonke, ubonakale uqondene labo ubuso ngobuso, lokuthi iyezi abamanyenyo bemelana lami. Bazabhubha kuyonale lakho lihlala liphezu kwabo, njalo lokuthi uhamba inkangala; bazafela khonapha.” **36** Ngakho amadoda phambi kwabo ngensika yezezi lakho emini kuthi ayethunywé nguMosi ukuthi ayehlola ilizwe, lawo athi ebusuku ngensika yomlilo. **15** Pho ungababhubhisa ekuphendukeni kwabo amemethekisa umbiko omubi abantu bonke laba ngasikhathi sinye, iizizwe eseveziwile obwangela ukuthi abantu bakhonone besola uMosi, ngalezizindaba ngawe zizakuthi, **16** ‘UTHixo wehlulekile **37** lawomadoda amemethekisa umbiko ongalunganga ukungenisa abantu laba elizweni abathembisa lona mayelana lelizwe atshaywa ngomkhuhlane afa phambi ngesifungo; ngakho usebabhubhisele enkangala.’ kukaThixo. **38** Emadoden iayeyehlola ilizwe, kwasila **17** Amandla kaThixo kabonakaliswe khathesi, kuphela uJoshua indodana kaNuni kanye loKhalebi njengokutsho kwakho ukuthi: **18** ‘UTHixo uyaphuza indodana kajefune. **39** Kwathi lapho uMosi esebeikele ukuthukuthela, ugcwele ngothando njalo uyathethele bonke abako-Israyeli, bakhala kabuhlungu. **40** Ngosuku isono lokuhlamuka. Kodwa kayikubayekela abalecala olulandelayo ekuseni kakhulu baqonda elizweni bengajeziswanga; ujezisa abantwana ngenxa yezonu lamaqaqa. Bathi, “Sonile, sizakuya kuleyondawo zaboyise kuze kube kusizukulwane sesithathu esayithenjiswa nguThixo.” **41** Kodwa uMosi wathi lesesine.’ **19** Thethethelela isono salababantu, ngenxa kubo, “Kungani lingalaleli umlayo kaThixo na? Lokhu yothando lwakho olukhulu, ubaxolele njengokubaxolela elikwenzayo akusoze kuphumelele!” **42** Lingakhuphuki, kwakho kusukela ngesikhathi abasuka ngaso ngoba uThixo kalisekeli. Lizakwehlulwa yizitha zenu, **43** eGibhithe kuze kube khathesi.” **20** UThixo ngoba lizaqondana lama-Amaleki kanye lamaKhenani waphendula wathi, “Sengibathethelele njengesicelo khonale. Ngenxa yokuthi limhlamukele uThixo, yena sakho. **21** Impela njengoba ngiphila, lanjengoba kayikuba lani ngakho lizabhujiswa ngenkemba.” **44** inkazimulo kaThixo igcwalise umhlaba wonke, **22** Loba kunjalo, baqhubeka beqonde elizweni lamaqaqa akulamuntu loyedwa owabona inkazimulo yami benganakile, loba uMosi kumbe umtshokotsho kanye lezibonakaliso zezimanga engazenza eGibhithe wesivumelwano sikaThixo kungasukanga ezhonqweni. lasenkangala kodwa kaze angilalela njalo wangilinga **45** Ngakho ama-Amaleki lamaKhenani ayehlala okungaba ngamahlandla alitshumi, **23** akukho kulelolizwe lamaqaqa ehla abahlasela, ababhuqa loyedwa wabo ozalibona ilizwe engalithembisa ebaxotsha base bayafika eHoma. okhokho babo ngesifungo. Futhi kakho loyedwa

**15** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Ngemva kokungena kwenu elizweni engilinika lona ukuba libe likhaya lenu, **3** kumele lethule iminikelo yenu eyenziwa ngomlilo kuThixo, kusukela emihlambini yenkomu leyezimvu, kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo, kungakhathalekile ukuthi ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe ngumhlatsheho, kungokwezfungo eziqakathekileyo loba iminikelo yokuzithandela loba eyemikhosu emisiweyo, **4** ngakho lowo oletahe umnikelo wakhe uzakwethula kuThixo umnikelo wamabele oyingxeneye eyodwa etshumini lehefa lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha ayingxeneye eyodwa kokune kwehini. **5** Lungisa lewundlu ngalinye elomnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatsheho ingxeneye eyodwa kokune yehini yewayini njengomnikelo wokunathwayo. **6** Kuthi ngenqama ulungise umnikelo wamabele ube yisilinganiso sokubili kokulitshumi kwehefa lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha ayisilinganiso esisodwa kokuthathu kwehini, **7** lewayini eliyisilinganiso sehini esisodwa kokuthathu kube ngumnikelo wokunathwayo. Kunikele kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo. **8** Nxa ulungisa inkunzi eliguqa njengomnikelo wokutshiswa loba umhlatsheho, kusenzewa isifungo eziqakathekileyo loba umnikelo wobudelwano kuThixo, **9** lethu ndawonye lenkunzi umnikelo wamabele acholiweyo aba yifulawa ecolekileyo eyisilinganiso sehefa sokuthathu etshumini exutshaniswe lamafutha ayingxeneye yehini. **10** Lethu njalo lewayini eliyizilinganiso zengxeneye yehini kuge ngumnikelo wokunathwayo. Lokhu kuzakuba ngumhlatsheho wokudla, iphunga eliminandi kuThixo. **11** Ngakho inkunzi inye ngayinye loba inqama, iwundlu linye ngalinye loba izinyane lembuzi, akulungiswe ngale indlela. **12** Lokhu kwenze emnikelweni ngamunye loba ulungise emingaki. **13** Wonke ozalwa lapha kumele enze lezizinto ngale indlela lapho eletha umnikelo wakhe owenziwa ngomlilo njengephunga eliminandi kuThixo. **14** Ezizukulwaneri ezilandelayo, ovezizweni loba ngubani ohlezi lani nxa esethula umnikelo owenziwa ngomlilo njengokhatshi olumnandi kuThixo, kumele enze khona lokho elikwenzayo. **15** Imithetho le kumele uylandele wena labantu bonke kanye labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu; lesi yisimiso esimi njalo lakuzizukulwane ezilandelayo. Lina kanye labezizweni lizafanana phambi kukaThixo: **16** Lizabuswa ngemithetho lemilayo efananayo lina kanye labezizwe abahlala phakathi kwenu." **17** Iduhe. UThixo wathi kuMosi, **18** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi: 'Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni engilisa kulo **19** lingadla ukudla kwalelolizwe, yethulanu ingxeneye yakho ibe ngumnikelo kuThixo. **20** Lethani isinkwa esenziwe ngempuphu yakuqala lisethule njengomnikelo ovela esizeni. **21** Kuzononke izizukulwane ezilandelayo lizakwethula umnikelo kuThixo uthethwe emputhshini yenu yakuqala.'" **22** "Kungakho nxa wehlulekile ukugcina loba yiphi imilayo uThixo ayinika uMosi ungananzelanga, **23** loba yiphi imilayo kaThixo alitshele yona ngoMosi, kusukela ngosuku uThixo amupha yona kuhubekela ezipukulwaneni ezilandelayo, **24** kanti njalo lokhu kwenzakele ngephutha abantu bengakunanzelole, kutsho ukuthi abantu bonke bakuleyondawo bazanikela ngenkunzi eliguqa kuge ngumnikelo wokutshiswa olephunga eliminandi kuThixo, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele lowokunathwayo, kanye lempongo yomnikelo wesono njengokumisiweyo. **25** Umphristi uzakwenzela isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana, ngakho bazathethelwa, ngoba bekungayingabomo njalo banikele kuThixo ngokona kwabo umhlatsheho wokudla kanye lomnikelo wesono. **26** Abantu bonke bako-Israyeli kanye labezizwe abahlala labo bazathethelwa, ngoba bonke lababantu babengonanga ngabomo. **27** Kodwa nxa kungumuntu oyedwa owonayo kungesikho ngabomo, kumele alethe imbuzi ensikazi elomnyaka owodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono. **28** Umphristi uzamenzela lowo owone ngokwenza isono kungesikho ngabomo indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo, kuthi ngemva kokuba indlela yokubuyisana isiyenziwe, uzathethelwa. **29** Wonalo umthetho ngowomuntu wonke owonayo kungesikho ngabomo, kungakhathalekile ukuthi ungowako-Israyeli ozalelele khonapha kumbe ngowezizweni. **30** Kodwa loba ngubani owenza isono ngabomo, kungaba ngowakini loba ovezizweni, athuke uThixo, lowomuntu uxazothswa ebantwini bakibo. **31** Ngenxa yokweyisa ilizwi likaThixo lokwephula imilayo yakhe, lowomuntu ngempela kaxotshwe kwabakibo; uhlala elokhu elalo icala." **32** Ngesikhathi abako-Israyeli besenkangala, indoda ethile yatholakala itheza inkuni ngosuku lweSabatha. **33** Kwathi labo abamficayo itheza bamusa kuMosi lo-Aroni kanye lakubo bonke abantu, **34** ngoba kungakazakali ukuthi kumele enziveni; wavalelwu entolongweni. **35** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, "Indoda leyo kumele ife. Abantu bonke kumele bamkhande ngamatsho ngaphandle kwezihonqo." **36** Ngakho abantu bamusa ngaphandle kwezihonqo bamkhande ngamatsho waze wafa, njengokulawayu kukaMosi nguThixo. **37** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **38** "Tshela abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: 'Kuzononke izizukulwane ezizayo, kumele lithungele izixha zentshaka emiphethweni yezembatho zenu, isixha ngasinye sibe lentambo eluhlaza. **39** Lizakhumbula imilayo yonke kaThixo njalo liyilalele izikhathi zonke nxa likhangela intshaka lezi ukuze lingazibhixi ngokulandela izinkanuko zezinhliziyo zenu kanye lamehlo enu wenu. **40** Ngakho lizakhumbula ukuyilandela yonke imilayo yami ukuze lehlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu wenu. **41** Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owalikhupha eGibhiithe ukuze ngiбе nguNkulunkulu wenu. NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu."

**16** UKhora indodana ka-Izihari, indodana kaKhohathi, indodana kaLevi, labathile abakoRubheni, uDathani kanye lo-Abhiramu, amadodana ka-Eliyabi, kanye lo-Oni indodana kaPhelethi baqala ukuba yiziqholo **2** bavukela uMosi. Bakwenza lokhu bendawonye lamanye

amadoda angamakhulu amabili alamatshumi Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wemiphefumulo yabantu amahlanu aka-Israyeli, abakhokheli abadumileyo bonike, uzathukuthelela abantu bonke jikelele ngenxa babantu bakuleyondawo ababekhethelwe ukuthi yomuntu oyedwa ownileyo na?" 23 Ngakho uThixo babe ngamalunga enkundla. 3 Beza beliqembu wathi kuMosi, 24 "Tshela ibandla uthi, 'Sukani eduze ukuzomelana loMosi lo-Aroni bathi kubo, "Seledlulise kwamathente aboKhora, loDathani lo-Abhiramu.'" 25 amalawulo! Abantu bonke bako-Israyeli bangcwale, UMosi wasukuma waya kuDathani lo-Abhiramu, kwathi bonke ngamunye wabo, njalo uThixo uyabasekela. labadala bako-Israyeli bamlandela. 26 Waqonqosela Pho kungani liziphakamisa ngaphezu kwabantu ibandla wathi, "Buyelani emuva lisuke emathenteni bakaThixo na?" 4 UMosi wathi ekuzwa lokhu, wawela abantu laba ababi! Lingathinti lutho olungolwabo phansi ngobuso. 5 Wasesithi kuKhora lakubalandeli ngoba lingzenjalo lizakhuculwa ngenxa yezono bakhe. "Kusasa ekuseni uThixo uzaeveza obala ukuthi zabo." 27 Ngakho basuka emathenteni kaKhora, ngubani ongowakele lokuthi ngubani ongcwele, uDathani lo-Abhiramu. UDathani lo-Abhiramu njalo uzamvumela lowomuntu ukuthi asondele kuye. basebephume phandle bemi labomkabo, labantwabobo Indoda azayikhetha uzayivumela ukuthi isondele kanye labancane emasangweni amathente abo. 28 phansi kwakhe. 6 Wena, Khora, kanye labalandeli UMosi wasesithi, "Nansi indlela elizabona ngayo bakho yenzani lokhu: Thathani indengezi 7 kuthi kusasa libasele umlilo njalo litshisele imphepha kuzo phambi kukaThixo. Indoda ezakhethwa nguThixo yiyo engcwele. Lina baLevi seledlulise amalawulo!" 8 UMosi wabuye wathi kuKhora, "Khathesi lalelani-ke, lina baLevi! 9 Kanti akulanelsanga yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ulikhethile phakathi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli njalo walisondeza phansi kwakhe ukuze lenze umsebenzi ethabanikeleni likaThixo lokuthi lizakuma phambi kwesizwe lisenzele inkonzo na?" 10 Ukusondezile wena kanye labanye bakho abangabaLevi phansi kwakhe, kodwa-ke khathesi selfina lobuphristi. 11 Ukuambana kwakho kanye labalandeli bakho kuyikumelana loThixo limphikisa. Kambe ungbubani u-Aroni elingakhononya ngaye?" 12 Ngakho uMosi wabiza uDathani lo-Abhiramu amadodana ka-Eliyabi. Kodwa bona bathi, "Vele kasibuyi! 13 Kambe bekungenelanga yini ukuthi wasikhiphia elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju ukuzasibulalela enkangala na? Khathesi usufuna lokuba yinkosi phezu kwethu? 14 Kunjalo-nje, awukasingenisi elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju kumbe ukusipha ilifa lamasimu kanye lezivini. Ufuna ukukopola amehlo amadoda la na? 15 Ngalokho uMosi wathukuthela kakhulu wasesithi kuThixo, "Ungawemukeli umnikelo wabo. Angithathang lutho kubo ngitshe lobabhemti kodwa lokhu, njalo kakho loyedwa engimoneleyo." 16 UMosi wathi kuKhora, "Wena kanye labo bonke abalandeli bakho kumele lime phambi kukaThixo kusasa, wena, bona kanye lo-Aroni. 17 Indoda inye nganye kumele ithathe udengezi ifake impepha kulo, indengezi ezingamakhulu amabili alamatshumi kulo, indengezi ezingamakhulu amabili alamatshumi zethusi ezazilethwe yilabo abatshayo, walungisa ukuba amahlanu, njalo iwethule phambi kukaThixo. Wena zikhandise zendlalwe e-alitharen, ngoba zethulwa phambi kukaThixo zaba kanya lo-Aroni lani kufanele liveze ezenu indengezi." 18 Ngakho indoda inye ngayinye yathatha udengezi abako-Israyeli ukuthi kakho ovunyelwayo ukutshisa lwayo, yafaka umlilo kanye lempepha kulo, njalo yema loMosi lo-Aroni esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 19 Kwathi uKhora esebaqoqile abalandeli bakhe bakhe. 20 UThixo wathi kuMosi ibandla selibuthene bephikisa uMosi lo-Aroni njalo lo-Aroni, 21 "Sukani phakathi kwalaba ababuthenyo sebekhangela ethenteni lokuhlangana, masinyane iyezi ukuze ngibabhlubhise khathesi." 22 Kodwa uMosi lalisbekela kwavela inkazimulo kaThixo. 23 Ngakho lo-Aroni bawa phansi ngobuso bakhala bathi, "Oh uMosi lo-Aroni baya phambi kwethente lokuhlangana,

**44** uThixo wasesithi kuMosi, **45** “Suka kuleibandla kwethente lobufakazi. **3** Bazakuba ngaphansi kwakho ukuze ngibatshabalalise.” Ngakho bawa phansi njalo benze yonke imisebenzi yasethenteni, kodwa ngobuso. **46** Kusenjalo uMosi wathi ku-Aroni, “Thatha udengezi lwakho utheli impepha kulo, ndawonye lomlilo ovela e-alithareni, uphange uye ebandaleni ukuze ubenzele indlela yokubuyisana. Ulaka lukaThixo lubonakele; isifo sesiqalisile.” **47** U-Aroni wenza okwakutshiwo nguMosi, waphanga wangena phakathi kwebandla. Isifo sesivele sesiqalisile ebantwini, kodwa u-Aroni wanikela impepha wabenzel indlela yokubuyisana. **48** Wema phakathi kwabaphilayo lasebefile, isifo saphela. **49** Kodwa kwasekufe abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa bebulawa yisifo, phezu kwalabo ababefe ngenxa kaKhora. **50** Ngemva kwalokho u-Aroni wabuyela kuMosi esangweni lethente lokuhlangana, njengoba isifo sasesiphelile.

**17** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi bakuphe intonga ezilitshumi lambili, kuphume ibenyen kumkhokheli munye ngamunye wesizwana sabokhokho bakhe. Bhala ibizo lendoda ngayinye entongeni yayo. **3** Entongeni kaLevi uzabhala ibizo lika-Aroni, ngoba kumele kube lentonga eyodwa emele inhloko inye ngayinye yesizwana sabokhokho bayo. **4** Zifake ethenteni lokuhlangana phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi, lapho engihlangana lawe khona. **5** Intonga yendoda engizayikhetha izahluma, njalo mina ngizahle ngikuqede lokhu kukhonona okulokhu kuqhubeka kusolwa wena ngabako-Israyeli.” **6** Ngakho uMosi wakhulumha kwabako-Israyeli, abakhokheli babo bamnika intonga ezilitshumi lambili, ngayinye ingeyomkhokheli wesizwana sabokhokho bakhe, kwathi leka-Aroni yayibalela kuzo. **7** UMosi wabeka intonga lezo phambi kukaThixo ethenteni lobufakazi. **8** Ngosulo olulandelayo uMosi wangena ethenteni lobufakazi wabona ukuthi intonga ka-Aroni eyayimene indlu kaLevi, yayisihlumile yaqhakaza, isilaluba njalo isithele izithelo ze-alimondi. **9** Ngakho uMosi wazisusa zonke intonga phambi kukaThixo waziletha phambi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli. Bazikhangela, ngulowo wathatha eyakhe intonga. **10** UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Buyisela intonga ka-Aroni phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi, igcinwe khonapho ibe yisibonakaliso kulabo abahlamukayo. Lokhu kuzaqeda ukukhonona kwabo ngami, ukuze bangafi.” **11** UMosi wenza khona lokho kanye uThixo ayemlaye ngakho. **12** Abako-Israyeli bathi kuMosi, “Sizakufa! Sifile, sonke sesifile! **13** Loba ngubani ozasondela phansi kwethabarankeli likaThixo uzakufa. Sizakufa sonke na?”

**18** UThixo wathi ku-Aroni, “Wena, lamadodana akho labemuli kayihlo lizakuba lomlandu wokuhangela ukwephulwa kwemithetho yendawo yokukhonzela, njalo wena kanye lamadodana akho yini lodwa elizakuba lomlandu walabo abonela abaphristi. **2** Letha abaLevi bakini bevela ezizwanenai zabokhokho benu bazohlanganya kanye lani bakuphathise wena lamadodana akho lapho lisenza inkonzo phambi

akumelanga basondela phansi kwezimpahla zendlu engcwele kumbe e-alithareni, funa lonke, wena kanye labo life. **4** Kumele bahlanganele lawe babelomlandu wokunakekela ithente lokuhlangana, wonke umsebenzi wethenteni, njalo akungabibikho loyedwa ozasondela lapho wena okhona. **5** Wena uzakuba lomlandu wokugcina indlu engcwele le-alithari, ukuze abako-Israyeli bangehlelwa lulaka njalo. **6** Mina ngokwami ngibakhethile abafowenu abaLevi phakathi kwabako-Israyeli ukuba babe yisipho kuwe, behlukanisele uThixo ukuba benze umsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana. **7** Kodwa wena kanye lamadodana akho yini lodwa elivunyelwayo ukwenza umsebenzi wobuphristi kukho konke okuse-alithareni langaphakathi kwekhetheni. Ngikunika umsebenzi wobuphristi kukho konke okuse-alithareni langaphakathi kwekhetheni. Ngikunika umsebenzi wobuphristi njengesipho. Loba ngubani omunye ozasondela endaweni engcwele kumele abulaw.” **8** UThixo wasesithi ku-Aroni, “Mina ngokwami yimi engikunike umlandu wokukhangela iminikelo eyethuelwa mina, yonke iminikelo engcwele engiyiphiwa ngabako-Israyeli ngiyinika wena lamadodana akho ukuba kube Yingxene yesabelo esimi njalo. **9** Kumele uzuze leyongxene yomnikelo ongcwelengcwele ongatshiswanga. Kuzozonke izipho abaziletha kimi zingumnikelo ongcwelengcwele, loba ngowamabele loba ngowesono kumbe owecala, leyongxene yomnikelo neyakho lamadodana akho. **10** Idle njengento engcwelengcwele; wonke owesilisa kumele ayidle. Kumeli akuphathe njengento engcwele. **11** Lokhu lakho ngokwakho: konke okubekwa eceleni kwalezizipho zonke zomnikelo wokuzunguza zako-Israyeli. Lokhu ngikunika wena lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho ukuba kube yisabelo esimi njalo. Kuzakuthi wonke owendlu yakho ohlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba avunyelwe ukudla. **12** Ngikunika wonke amafutha acengekileyo e-oliva lewayini lonke elitsha elicengekileyo kanye lamabele abawanika uThixo kuyizithelo zakuqala zesivuno sabo. **13** Zonke izithelo zakuqala zomlimela abaziletha kuThixo negezakho. Kuzakuthi wonke owendlu yakho ohlambulukileyo ngokomkhuba avunyelwe ukudla. **14** Yonke into yako-Israyeli emiselwe uThixo neyakho. **15** Amazibulo wonke azelwego, kuhlanganisa awabantu kanye lawezinyamazana, anikelwe kuThixo ngawakho. Kodwa uzahlenga wonke amadodana angamazibulo kanye lawo wonke amazibulo amaduna ezinyamazana ezingcolileyo. **16** Kuzakuthi zingafikisa inyanga eyodwa ziselwe uzhlenge ngentengo yokuhlenge ayisilinganiso samashekeli amahlanu esiliva, kusiya ngesilinganiso seshekeli lendlu engcwele, eyisisindo esingamagera angamatshumi amabili. **17** Kodwa ungahlengi amazibulo enkombo, loba awemu loba awembuzi; ngoba angcwele. Chela igazi lawo e-alithareni ubusutshisa amahwaha awo kube ngumhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga eliminandi elithokozisa uThixo. **18** Inyama yawo izakuba neyakho njengoba isifuba somnikelo

wokuzunguzwa kanye lomlenze kungokwakho. **19** ke ezhonqweni, kodwa uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze Loba kuyini okubekwe eceleni eminikeweni engcwele cube kusihlwa. **8** Indoda ezatshisa ithokazi kumele eyethulwe ngabako-Israyeli kuThixo ngikunika wena layo igezise izigqoko zayo njalo layo igeze ngamanzi, kanye lamadodana njalo lamadodakazi akho ukuba cube izakuba ngengcolileyo kuze cube kusihlwa. **9** yisabelo senu senjayelo. Lesi yisivumelwano setswayi Indoda ehlambulukileyo izabutha umlotha wethokazi esingapheliyo phambi kukaThixo, esakho kanye lenzalo iwufake endaweni ehlambulukileyo ngokomlayo yakho.” **20** UThixo wathi ku-Aroni, “Wena kawuyikuba ngaphandle kwesihonqo. Umlotha lo uzagcinwa lelifa elizweni labo, njalo awuyikuba lesabelo phakathi ngabantu bako-Israyeli ukuze bawusebenzise emanzini kwabo; mina ngiyisabelo sakho kanye lelifa lakho okuhlambulula; ungowokuhlanza izono. **10** Indoda phakathi kwabako-Israyeli. **21** AbaLevi ngibanika ebutha umlotha wethokazi kumele layo igezise konke okwetshumi kwelako-Israyeli kube yilifa labo izigqoko zayo, kanti njalo layo izabe ingengcolileyo ngenxa yomsebenzi abawenza ethenteni lokuhlangana. kuze cube kusihlwa. Lo ngumlayo omi njalo **22** Kusukela khathesi abako-Israyeli akumelanga kwabako-Israyeli labezizwe abahlala phakathi kwabo. basondele ethenteni lokuhlangana, funa babelomlandu **11** Lowo ozathintwa yisidumbu sofileyo uzabe wesono sabo bafe. **23** NgabaLevi okufanele benze engongcolileyo okwensuku ezyiyiskhombisa. **12** umsebenzi ethenteni lokuhlangana njalo baphathe Kumele azihlambulule ngamanzi ngosuku lwestithathu umsebenzi wokuhhangela abonayo ethenteni. Lesi langosuku lwestikhombisa; kodwa nxa engazihlambululi yisimiso esingapheliyo lakuzizukulwane ezizayo. ngosuku lwestithathu langolwesikhombisa uzabe Kabayikuza ilifa phakathi kwabako-Israyeli. **24** engahlambulukanga. **13** Lowo othinta isidumbu sofileyo Kodwa-ke abaLevi ngibanika okwetshumi okwethulwa abesehsluleka ukuzihlambulula ungcilisa ithabanikeli ngabako-Israyeli njengomnikelo kuThixo kuge yilifa likaThixo. Lowomuntu kumele axotshwe kwabakolabo. Kokuqondene labo yikho ngathi: ‘Kabayikuba lelifa Israyeli. Ngenxa yokuthi kachelwanga ngamanzi phakathi kwabako-Israyeli.’” **25** UThixo wathi kuMosi, okuhlambulula, ungongcolileyo; uzahlala engcolile. **14** **26** “Tshela abaLevi utshe lokhu kubo: ‘Lapho lisamukela okwetshumi engilinika khona kuvela kwabako-Israyeli Loba ngubani ongena ethenteni njalo loba ngubani njengelifa lenu, kumele likhuphe ingxenye yetshumi ophakathi kwalo uzakuba ngongcolileyo okwensuku kokwetshumi kuge ngumnikelo kuThixo. **27** Umnikelo ezyiyiskhombisa, **15** njalo sippi lasiphi isitsha wenu uzabalelwu kini njengamabele avela esizeni esingasibekelwanga sizabe singcolile. **16** Loba ngubani loba umhlizu ovela esihluzweni sewayini. **28** Ngale ofice isidumbu somuntu obulewe ngenkemba egangeni indlela lani lizakwethula eyenu iminikelo kuThixo loba esomuntu ozifeleyo asithinte, kumbe loba ngubani kukho konke okwetshumi elizakwamukela kuvela othinta ithambo lomuntu ofileyo loba ingcwaba, kwabako-Israyeli. Kulokho okwetshumi kumele liphe uzakuba ngongcolileyo okwensuku ezyiyiskhombisa. okuyisabelo sikaThixo ku-Aroni umphristi. **29** Kumele **17** Umuntu ongcilileyo, mfakele embizeni umlotha lethule njengesabelo sikaThixo okuhle ukwedlula konke njalo kungokungcwelengcwele kwakho konke elikuphiwo.’ **30** Tshela abaLevi uthi: ‘Nxa lisethula okuhle kakhulu, kuzaphathwa kini njengesithelo esivela esizeni loba esihluzweni sewayini. **31** Lina kanye zonke labantu abakade belapho. Kumele ichele wonke labezindlu zenu lingadla konke okunye ngaphi langaphi, ngoba kuyinkokhelo yenu yomsebenzi ethenteni umuntu oke wathinta ithambo lofileyo loba ingcwaba lokuhlangana. **32** Ngokwethula okuhle kulakho konke aliyikuba lecalakulo; ngakho kalyikungcolisa loba umuntu obuleweyo loba umuntu ozifeleyo. **19** iminikelo engcwele yako-Israyeli, njalo kalyikufa.”

**19** UThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni: **2** “Lokhu yikho okuhangelelwne ngomthetho njengokulaya kukaThixo: Tshela abako-Israyeli bakuphe ithokazi elibomvu elipheleleyo njalo lingelasici kanti njalo kumele cube ngelingakaze lifakwe ejogeni. **3** Liqhubeleni u-Eliyazari umphristi; kumele likhithelwe ngaphandle kwesihonqo njalo lihlatselwel khona. **4** Ngakho u-Eliyazari umphristi uzathatha elinye igazi lalo ngomunwe alichele kasikhombisa eqondise phambi kwethente lokuhlangana. **5** Ithokazi lizatshiswa ekhangale, isikhumba salo, inyama, igazi lomswane. **6** Umphristi uzathatha ezinye inkuni zeshlahla somsedari, ihisophi kanye lewulu ebomvu akuphosele phezu kwethokazi elitshayo. **7** Ngemva kwalokho umphristi kumele agezise izigqoko zakhe abesegeza yena ngamanzi. Ngemva kwalokhu usengangena-

umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, Ngalokhokuhluwua uzabe esehlambululukile. **20** Kodwa umuntu ongcilileyo nxa engazihlambululanga, kumele axotshwe ebantwini, ngoba uzabe eletha ihlazo endlini engcwele kaThixo. Njengoba engachelwanga ngamanzi angcwele, kutsho ukuthi ungcilile. **21** Lesi yisimiso esimi njalo kubo. Indoda echela ngamanzi okuhlambulula layo kumele igezise izigqoko zayo, kanti njalo laye wonke ozathinta amanzi okuhlambulula uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze cube kusihlwa. **22** Konke okuthintwe ngumuntu ongcilileyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, kuthi loba ngubani okuthintayo abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.”

**20** Ngenyanga yakuqala abantu bonke bako-wala ukuthi badabule elizweni labo, abako-Israyeli Israyeli bafika enkangala yaseZini, basebehlala baphenduka bahamba ngenye indlela. **22** Isizwe sonke eKhadeshi. UMiriyemu wafela lapho njalo sako-Israyeli sasuka eKhadeshi sahamba saze sayafika wangcwatshewa khona. **2** Abantu baswela amanzi, entaben i yaseHori. **23** Sebesentaben i yaseHori, eduze ngakho babambana ekuphikiseni uMosi lo-Aroni. lomngcele wase-Edomi, uThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, **3** Baxabana loMosi kanye lo-Aroni bathi, “Ngabe **24** “U-Aroni usezakufa angcwatshwe. Akayikungena lathi sahle sazifela mhla abafowethu besifa phambi elizweni engilinkia abako-Israyeli, ngoba lina lobabili kukaThixo! **4** Labaletelani abantu bakaThixo kule langihlamukela emanzini aseMeribha. **25** Biza u-Aroni inkangala na? Ukuze thina kanye lezifuyo zethu kanye lendodana yakhe u-Eliyazari ukhwele labo sizefela lapha na? **5** Lasikhuphelani eGibhithe lisiletha endaweni le embi kangaka na? Ayilamabelo kumbe zakhe uziggokise indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari, ngoba u-imikhiwa, amavini loba amaphomegranathi. Njalo uzalandela abakibo; uzafela khona.” **27** UMosi akulamanzi okunatha!” **6** UMosi lo-Aroni basuka embuthanweni wabantu baya esangweni lethente wamhlubula u-Aroni izembatho zakhe wazigqokisa lokuhlangana bawa phansi ngobuso, inkazimulo kaThixo yasibonakala kubo. **7** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **8** “Thatha intonga kuthi wena lomfowenu u-Aroni libizele abantu ndawonye. Khulumani elitsheni phambi kwabo ngakho lona lizakhupha amanzi alo. Lizathatha amanzi aphuma edwaleni liphe abantu ukuze banathe bona kanye lezifuyo zabo.” **9** Ngakho uMosi wathatha intonga phambi kukaThixo, njengokulaywa kwakhe nguThixo. **10** UMosi lo-Aroni basebebizedla abantu ndawonye phambi kwedwala, uMosi wasesithi kubo, “Lalelani, lina bahlamuki. Silihuphele amanzi kulelidwala na?” **11** Ngakho uMosi waphakamisa ingalo yakhe watshaya idwala kabilo ngentonga yakhe. Amanzi antshantshaza ephuma edwaleni, Kwathi abantu kanye lezifuyo zabo banatha. **12** Kodwa uThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Aroni, “Ngenxa yokuthi kalingethembanga okokungipha udumo njengongcwele phambi kwabako-Israyeli, kalyiyukhokhelela lababantu ekungeneni elizweni engibapha lona.” **13** La ngamanzi aseMeribha, lapho abako-Israyeli abaphikisana khona loThixo njalo kulapho uThixo abonakalisa ubungcwele bakhe phakathi kwabo. **14** UMosi wathumela izithunywa enkosini yase-Edomi zisuka eKhadeshi, esithi: “Nanku okutshiwo ngumfowenu u-Israyeli: Uyabazi bonke ubunzima obusehleleyo. **15** Okhokho bethu basuka baya eGibhithe, sahlala khona okweminyaka eminengi. AmaGibhithe asiphatha ngochuku kanye labobaba, **16** kodwa sakhalu kuThixo wezwa ukukhala kwethu wasithumela ingilos i yasikhiph eGibhithe. Khathesi silapha eKhadeshi idolobho elisemngceleni welizwe lakho. **17** Ake usivumele sidlule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikudabula phakathi lakuwaphi amasimu loba isivini sakho, kumbe ukunatha amanzi loba kuwuphi umthombo. Sizahamba silandela umgwaqo wenkosi njalo kasiyikuphambukela kwesokudla kumbe kwesokunxele size sedlule elizweni lakho.” **18** Kodwa u-Edomi waphendula wathi: “Ngeke lidlule lapha, lingake lilinge, sizaphuma silihla sele ngenkemba.” **19** Abako-Israyeli baphendula bathi: “Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu, njalo thina loba izifuyo zethu singanatha amanzi enu, sizawabhadala. Sifuna ukuzedlulela ngenyawo kuphela nje.” **20** Abase-Edomi baphendula njalo bathi: “Lingadluli lapha.” Ngakho u-Edomi waphuma kanye lebutho elikhulu elilamanda ukuyahlasela abako-Israyeli. **21** Njengoba u-Edomi

**21** Kwathi inkosi yase-Aradi engumKhenani eyayihlala eNegebi isizwa ukuthi abako-Israyeli babesiza behamba ngomgwaqo beqonde e-Atharimi, yabahlasela abako-Israyeli yaze yathumba abanye babo. **2** Ngakho u-Israyeli wenza lesisifungo kuThixo wathi: “Nxa unganikela lababantu ezandleni zethu, sizachithiza amadolobho abo nya.” **3** UThixo walalela ukuncenga kwabako-Israyeli wasenikela amaKhenani kubo. Abako-Israyeli bawaqothula amaKhenani bachithiza kanye lamadolobho awo; ngakho indawo leyo yabizwa ngokuthi yiHoma. **4** Bahamba besuka entaben i yaseHori ngendlela eqonda oLwandle oluBomvu, ukuze baceze ilizive lase-Edomi. Kodwa besendeleni abantu basebenengikele sebephelelw yikubekezela; **5** bakhulumu kubi besola uNkulunkulu kanye loMosi, bathi, “Lasikhuphelani na eGibhithe ukuze sizefela enkangala? Akulasinkwa! Akulamanzi! Futhi lalokhu ukudu kwenu okubi siyakuzonda.” **6** Ngakho uThixo wasebathomela izinyoka ezazilobuhlungu obesabekayo kakhulu, zabaluma abantu bako-Israyeli abanengi bafa. **7** Abantu baya kuMosi bathi, “Sonile ngokukhulumu kwethu kubi ngoThixo langokukhulumu kwethu ngawe. Akukhuleke ukuthi uThixo asuse izinyoka lezi phakathi kwethu.” Ngakho wabakhulekela abantu. **8** UThixo wathi kuMosi, “Yenza inyoka yethusi uyiphanyeka esigodweni; loba ngubani olunyiweyo angakhangela kuyo uzaphila.” **9** Ngakho uMosi wenza inyoka yethusi wayiphanyeka esigodweni. Kwakuithi lowo olunywe inyoka angakhangela inyoka yethusi aphile. **10** Abako-Israyeli basuka baqhubeka baze bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Obothi. **11** Basuka njalo e-Obothi bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Iye-Abharimi, enkangala eyayimalungana leMowabi ngokuya ngempumalanga. **12** Besuka lapho baqhubeka ngohambo baze bayamisa izihonqo zabo esigodini saseZeredi. **13** Basuka lapho bayamisa izihonqo zabo eduze le-Arinoni esenkangala eqhelela elizweni lama-Amori. I-Arinoni isemngceleni welaseMowabi, phakathi laphakathi kweMowabi kanye

lama-Amori. **14** Kungakho uGwalo lweziMpi zikaThixo eHeshibhoni.” **35** Ngakho bambulala ndawonye lusithi: “Lokho akwenza oLwandle oLubomvu lakwenza lamadodana akhe kanye lebutho lakhe lonke, kakho emifuleni yeWahebhi eseSufa lemifuleni yase-Arinoni

**15** lamawa ezindonga ehlela endaweni yase-Ari lasekela umngcele weMowabi.” **16** Besuka lapho baqhubeka baze bayafika eBheri, emthonjeni lapho uThixo athi kuMosi, “Buthanisa abantu ngibanike amanzi.” **17** Ngakho abako-Israyeli bahlabela ingoma le ethi:

“Mpompoza, wemthombo! Hlabeledani ngawo, **18** ngomthombo owenji ngamkhosana, owenjiwa yizikhulu zabantu, izikhulu ezilentonga zubukhosy kanye lezinduku.” Basuka-ke enkangala bayafika eMathana, **19** besuka eMathana bayo eNahaliyeli, besuka eNahaliyeli, bayo eBhamothi, **20** kwathi besuka eBhamothi baqonda esigodini eMowabi, lapho isiqongo sentaba yasePhisiga esikhangele elizweni elilugwadule. **21** U-Israyeli wathumela izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori wathi: **22** “Sivumele sidabule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikuphambukela loba lakuliphi icele ukuze singene loba kuwaphi amasimu akho kumbe isivini, loba ukunatha amanzi emthonjeni loba yiwpuphi. Sizazihambela nje ngomgwaqo omkhulu weNkosi size sedlule elizweni lakho.” **23** Kodwa uSihoni kavumanga ukuthi u-Israyeli adabule elizweni lakhe. USihoni waqoqa ibutho lakhe waphuma waqonda enkangala ukuyahlasela u-Israyeli. Wathi esefikile ejahazi walwa lo-Israyeli. **24** Kodwa u-Israyeli wamnqoba ngenkemba, wambhubhisra njalo wamthathela ilizwe lakhe kusukela e-Arinoni kusiya ejabhoki, kusiyafika elizweni lama-Amoni kuphela, ngoba umngcele walo wawuvikelwe ngemithangala. **25** U-Israyeli wathatha wonke amadolobho ama-Amori wahlala kuwo, kwakugoqela iHeshibhoni kanye leziqinti ezaziyigombolozele. **26** iHeshibhoni kwakulidolobho likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayelwe lenkosi yamaMowabi eyayikade ibusa khona wayinqoba wayithathela ilizwe layo lonke kuze kuyefika e-Arinoni. **27** Yingakho izimbongi zisithi: “Wozani eHeshibhoni; kayivuselelwe yakhwiwe njalo; akuthi idolobho likaSihoni livuselelwe. **28** Umlilo wavutha eHeshibhoni ilangabi lavela edolobheni likaSihoni. Laqothula i-Ari laseMowabi, abantu basemiqolweni yase-Arinoni. **29** Maye kuwe, Mowabi! Selibujisiwe lina, Oh bantu baseKhemoshi! Usedele amadodana akhe njengeziphepheli lamadodakazi njengabathunjiweyo bethunjiwe nguSihoni inkosi yama-Amori. **30** Kodwa thina sibehlule; iHeshibhoni siytshabalalisile kuze kuyefika eDibhoni. Sibachithile kwaze kwaba seNofa, eqhelela eMedebha.” **31** Ngakho u-Israyeli wahlala elizweni lama-Amori. **32** Ngemva kokuba uMosi esethumele inhloli ejazeri, abako-Israyeli bathumba iziqinti eziseduze njalo baxotsha ama-Amori ayejhala khona. **33** Basebephenduka bahamba ngomgwaqo oya eBhashani. U-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani kanye lebutho lakhe lonke baphuma ukuyahlangana labako-Israyeli ukubahlasela e-Edreyi. **34** UTHixo wathi kuMosi, “Ungamesabi, ngoba sengimnikele kuwe lamabutho akhe wonke kanye lelizwe lakhe. Menze korike owakwenza kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa

eHeshibhoni.” **35** Ngakho bambulala ndawonye lamadodana akhe kanye lebutho lakhe lonke, kakho loyedwa owaphephayo. Basebethatha ilizwe lakhe.

**22** Abako-Israyeli basuka lapho baya emagcekeni aseMowabi bamisa izihonqo zabo zisekele umfula ijodani ngaphetsheya kweJerikho. **2** UBhalaki indodana kaZiphori wabona konke okwensiwa ngu-Israyeli kuma-Amori, **3** ngakho uMowabi wesaba ngoba abantu bako-Israyeli babebanengi kakhulu. Ngempela uMowabi watshaya luvalo ngenxa yokwesaba abako-Israyeli.

**4** AmaMowabi athi ebadaleni bamaMidyani, “Ixuku leli lizahuquliza konke esilakho, njengenkabi isidla utshani emadlelwensi.” Ngakho uBhalaki indodana kaZiphori, owayeyinkosi yamaMowabi ngalesosikhathi, **5** wathumela izithunywa ukuyabiza uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, owayehlala ePethethori eduzane lomfula iYufrathe elizweni lakibo lomdabuko. UBhalaki wathi, “Kulabantu abanengi kakhulu abavela eGibhithe; bagcwele ilizwe lonke njalo bahlezi eduze kwami. **6** Woza khathesi uzeletha isithuko phezu kwabo, ngoba balamandla kulami. Mhlawumbe ngalokhu ngingabehlula ngibaxotshe elizweni. Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi labo obabusiseka bayabusiseka, njalo labo obaqalekisayo bayaqalekisayo.”

**7** Abadala bamaMowabi labamaMidyani basuka, bathatha imbadalo yokuhlahlula. Bathe befika kuBhalamu, bamtshela lokho okwatshiwo nguBhalaki.

**8** “Lalani lapha okwalamuhla,” watsho uBhalamu kubo, “Ngizalilethela impendulo engizayiphiwa nguThixo.” Ngakho amakhosana amaMowabi ahlala laye. **9** UNkulunkulu weza kuBhalamu wambuza wathi, “Amadoda la olawo ngobani?” **10** UBhalamu wathi kuNkulunkulu, “UBhalaki indodana kaZiphori inkosi yamaMowabi ungithumele lelizwi elithi: **11** “Kulabantu abavela eGibhithe abagcwele elizweni lonke. Woza masinyane uzongiqalekisela lababantu. Mhlawumbe ngingaba lakho ukubalwisa ngibaxotshe lapha.”

**12** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuBhalamu, “Ungahambi labo. Ungabaqalekisi lababantu, ngoba babusisiwe.” **13** Ekuseni ngosoku olulandelayo uBhalamu wavuka esithi kumakhosana kaBhalaki, “Buyelani ezweni lenu, ngoba uThixo walile ukuthi ngihamble lani.” **14** Ngakho amakhosana amaMowabi abuyela kuBhalaki athi, “UBhalamu walile ukubuya lathi.” **15** Ngakho uBhalaki wathumela amanye amakhosana amanengi njalo adumileyo kulawakuqala. **16** Eza kuBhalamu afika athi: “Nanku okutshiwo nguBhalaki indodana kaZiphori: Akungabi lalutho olungakuvimbela ukuba kimi, **17** ngoba ngizakunika umvuzo omuhle njalo ngenze konke okutshoyo. Woza uzongiqalekisela lababantu.” **18** Kodwa uBhalamu wabaphendula wathi, “Loba uBhalaki enganginika isigodlo sakhe sigcwele isiliya legolide, aringeke ngenze ulutho olukhulu loba oluncane oluphambene lelizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wami. **19** Khathesi hlalanl iapha okwalobibusu njengalokhu okwensiwe ngabanye, mina ngizadingisisa ukuthi kuyini okunye uThixo azangitshela khona.” **20** Ngalobobusu uNkulunkulu weza kuBhalamu wathi, “Njengoba ethunywe ukuzakubiza, hamba lawo, kodwa

wenze lokho kuphela engizakutshela khona.” **21** UBhalamu wavuka ekuseni, wagada ubabhemti wakhe wahle wahamba lamakhosana amaMowabi. **22** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathukuthela kakhulu ngokuhamba kwakhe, ngakho ingilosii kaThixo yajama phambi kwakhe yamvimbela. UBhalamu wayegade ubabhemti wakhe elezinceku zakhe ezimbili. **23** Kwathi ubabhemti ebona ingilosii kaThixo imi endleleni iphethe inkemba esandleni sayo, waphambuka endleleni waqonda iganga. UBhalamu wantshaya ubabhemti embuyisela endleleni. **24** Ngakho ingilosii kaThixo yayakuma emkhandlwini phakathi kwezivini ezimbili, kulemiduli inxa zonke. **25** Kwathi ubabhemti ebona ingilosii kaThixo, ubabhemti wasondela emdulini, ehluzulela unyawo lukaBhalamu emdulini. Ngalokho wantshaya njalo ubabhemti. **26** Ngakho ingilosii kaThixo yaya phambili yema emkhandlwini onciphileyo lapho okwakungelandela yokuphendukela kwesokudla loba esenxele. **27** Kwathi ubabhemti ebona ingilosii kaThixo, ubabhemti walala phansi, uBhalamu wathukuthela kakhulu wantshaya ubabhemti ngentonga yakhe. **28** Ngalokho uThixo wavula umlomo kababhemti, wathi kuBhalamu, “Kanti ngenzeni na kuwe uze ungitshaye okwamahlandla amathathu?” **29** UBhalamu waphendula ubabhemti wathi, “Ungenze isiwula! Ngabe bengilenkemba esandleni sami bengizakubulala khathesi.” **30** Ubabhemti wathi kuBhalamu, “Kanti kangisubabhemti wakho na ovele uhlezii umgada insuku zonke kuze kuge namhlanje? Kambe ngiyake ngikwenze lokhu kuwe na?” UBhalamu waphendula wathi, “Hatshi.” **31** Ngakho uThixo wavula amehlo kaBhalamu, wabona ingilosii kaThixo imi endleleni iqaphise inkemba. Ngakho wakhothama wawa phansi ngobuso. **32** Ingilosii kaThixo yambuza yathi, “Kungani utshaye ubabhemti wakho okwamahlandla amathathu na? Ngize lapha ukukuvimbela ngoba indlela yakho iyibutshapha phambi kwami. **33** Ubabhemti ungibonile waphambuka okwamahlandla amathathu. Alubana kaphambukanga, ngabe khathesi sengikubulele wena, ngayekela ubabhemti.” **34** UBhalamu wathi engilosini kaThixo, “Ngonile. Angizange nginanzelele ukuthi umi endleleni ukungivimbela. Nxa kungakuthokozisi khathesi, ngizabuyla emuva.” **35** Ingilosii kaThixo yathi kuBhalamu, “Hamba lawo lamadoda, kodwa ukhulumu lokho engikutshela khona kuphela.” Ngakho uBhalamu wahamba lamakhosana kaBhalaki. **36** Kwathi uBhalaki esiswa ukuthi uBhalamu uyeza, waphuma ukumhlangabeza edolobhenri lamaMowabi emngceleni wase-Arinoni emaphethelweni elizwe lakhe. **37** UBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, “Angikuthumelanga ilizwi lokuphangisa na? Kungani ungezanga kimi? Kambe kangenelisi ukukupha umvuzo na?” **38** UBhalamu waphendula wathi, “Yebo, sengifikile kuwe khathesi. Kodwa angiyikukhuluma loba yini engiyifunayo. Ngizakhuluma lokho uNkulunkulu azakubeka emlonyeni wami kuphela.” **39** Ngakho uBhalamu wahamba loBhalaki eKhiriyathi-Huzothi. **40** UBhalaki wenza umhlatshelo werinkomo lezinmvu, njalo ezinye wazipha uBhalamu ezinye wazipha amakhosana

ayehamba lawo. **41** Ekuseni ngosuku olulandelayo uBhalaki wathaththa uBhalamu waya eBhamothi-Bhal, kulapho abona khona izihonqo zabako-Israyeli.

**23** UBhalamu wathi, “Ngakhela ama-alithare ayisikhombisa lapha, ube usungilungisela inkunzi eziyisikhombisa kanye lengama eziyisikhombisa.” **2** UBhalaki wenza njengokutshiwo nguBhalamu, kwathi bobabili babo banikela ngenkunzi langenqama eyodwa e-alithareni linye ngalinye. **3** Ngakho uBhalamu wasesithi kuBhalaki, “Hlala lapha eceleni lomnikelo wakho mina ngisaya eceleni. Mhlawumbe uThixo uzabuya azohlangana lami. Lokho azakuveza kimi ngizakutshela.” Wasesuka waya endaweni ephakemeyo eligecke. **4** UNkulunkulu wahlangana laye, njalo uBhalamu wathi, “Sengakhe ama-alithare ayisikhombisa njalo e-alithareni linye ngalinye nginikele ngenkunzi langenqama eyodwa.” **5** Ngakho uThixo watshela uBhalamu wathi, “Buyela kuBhalaki tyemupha umbiko lo.” **6** Ngakho wabuyela kuBhalaki wamfica emi eceleni komnikelo wakhe, kanye lawo wonke amakhosana amaMowabi. **7** Ngakho uBhalamu wasesitsho umbiko wakhe: “UBhalaki unglethe ngivelia e-Aramu, inkosi yamaMowabi evela ezintabeni zasempumalanga. ‘Woza,’ watsho njalo, ‘ngiqalekisela ujakhobe; woza, mchothoze u-Israyeli.’” **8** Ngingabaqalekisa njani labo abangaqalekiswanga nguNkulunkulu? Ngingachothoza njani labo abangazange bachothozwe nguThixo? **9** Eziqongweni zamatshe ngiyababona, khonale phezulu bayangikhanyela. Ngibona abantu abahlezi ngokwehlu, njalo kabaziboni bengabalezizizwe. **10** Ngubani ongabala uthuli lukajakhobe loba ingxene yesine yabako-Israyeli na? Yekela ngife ukufa kwabalungileyo, njalo sengathi isiphepho sami singafana lesabo!” **11** UBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, “Kuyini osungenzele khona na? Ngize lawe ukue ugalekise izitha zami, kodwa akulalutho olwenzileyo ngaphandle kokuzibusisa!” **12** UBhalamu, waphendula wathi, “Ngingakukhulumi na engikutshelwe nguThixo?” **13** Ngakho uBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, “Woza asiyi kwenye indawo lapha ozababona khona; uzabona ingxene kuphela kungeyisibo bonke. Khonapho-ke ungiqalekisele bona.” **14** Wasesuka laye waya emangweni waseZofimu phezu kwentaba iPhisiga, kulapho akha khona ama-alithare ayisikhombisa wanikela ngenkunzi langenqama e-alithareni linye ngalinye. **15** UBhalamu wathi kuBhalaki, “Hlala lapha eceleni komnikelo wakho mina ngisayahlangana laye ngale.” **16** UThixo wahlangana loBhalamu wantshela wathi, “Buyela kuBhalaki tyemnika umbiko lo.” **17** Wasebuyela kuBhalaki wamfica emi eceleni komnikelo wakhe, kanye lamakhosana amaMowabi. UBhalaki wambuza wathi, “Utheni uThixo?” **18** Wasesitsho umbiko wakhe: “Vuka, Bhalaki, njalo ulalele; zwana mina, ndodana kaZiphori. **19** UNkulunkulu kasumuntu, ukuthi angaqamba amanga, loba indodana yomuntu, yona eguquguqula inggondo yayo. Kambe ukhulumu angensi na? Uyathembisa angagcwali

isithembiso na? 20 Ngamukele umlayo wokubusisa; uThixo usekuvimbe ukwamukeliswa umvuzo.” 12 usebusisile, njalo ngingeke ngikuguqule lokho. 21 UBhalamu wampphendula uBhalaki wathi, “Kanti Akulamabhadhi ehlela kujakhobe, akulasizi olubonakala kangizitshelanga yini izithunywa zakho owazithuma ku-Israyeli. UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo ukanye kimi ukuthi, 13 ‘Loba uBhalaki enganginika isigodlo labo; umkhosi weNkosi uphakathi kwabo. 22 sakhe sigcwele isiliva legolide, akulalutho lolulodwa UNkulunkulu wabakhapha eGibhithe; balamandla ebengizalwenza ngokwentando yami, okuhle kumbe enyathi. 23 Akulamilingo engalinga ujakhobe, okubi, okuphambene lomlayo kaThixo, kufanele akulamasalamusi angamelana lo-Israyeli. Khathesi ngitsho lokho kuphela uThixo akutshoyo na?” 14 sekuzathiwa ngoJakhobe kanye lo-Israyeli, ‘Khangelia Khathesi sengibuyela ebantwini bakithi, kodwa woza, okwensiwe nguNkulunkulu!’ 24 Abantu bayavuka ngikuxwayise ukuthi kuyini okuzakwenzwa ngabantu njengesilwanekazi; badlwanguluka njengesilwane sona laba ebantwini bakho ensukwini ezilandelayo.” 15 esingaphumiliyo size sitshwabadele inyamazana Ngakho uBhalamu wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe: yaso njalo sinathe igazi layo.” 25 Ngakho “Isambulelo sikaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, uBhalaki wasesithi kuBhalamu, “Ungabaqalekisi, njalo isambulelo salowo omehlo akhe abonisisa kuhle, 16 ungapbusisi!” 26 UBhalamu waphendula wathi, isambulelo salowo olalela ezwe amazwi kaNkulunkulu, “Angikutshelanga na ukuthi ngenza engikutshelwe olowlazi oluvela koPhezukonke, obona umbono nguThixo?” 27 Ngakho uBhalaki wathi kuBhalamu, ovela kuSomandla, owela phansi ngokuzehlisa, njalo “Woza, kahle ngikuse kwenye indawo. Mhlawumbe omehlo akhe avulekile: 17 Ngiyambona, kodwa kuzamthokozisa uNkulunkulu akuvumele ukuthi hatshi khathesi; ngiyambona, kodwa kungesikho ungiqalekisele bona ukhonale.” 28 Ngakho uBhalaki eduze. Inkanyeki izaphuma ivela kujakhobe; intonga wahamba loBhalamu baya phezu kwePhayori ekhangele yobukhosu izaphakama ivela ku-Israyeli. Uzacobodisa enkangala. 29 UBhalamu wathi, “Ngakhela amabunzi kaMowabi, inkakhayi zamadodana wonke inkunzi eziyisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa.” 30 UBhalaki wenza lokho ayekutshelwe nguBhalamu, wanikelo inkunzi eyodwa lenqama e-alithareni linye ngalinye.

**24** Kwathi uBhalamu esebonile ukuthi kuyamthokozisa uThixo ukubusisa u-Israyeli, kasadinganga njalo imilingo njengakuqala, kodwa waphenduka wakhangelia erkangala. 2 Kwathi uBhalamu ekhangela wabona u-Israyeli emise izihonqo zakhe ngokwezizwe zakhe, uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kwakhe 3 wasesitsho isambulelo sakhe: “Isambulelo sikaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, isambulelo salowo omehlo akhe abonisisa kuhle, 4 isambulelo salowo ozwa amazwi kaNkulunkulu, lowo obona umbono ovela kuSomandla, lowo owela phansi ngokuzehlisa, njalo omehlo akhe avulekile: 5 Aze aba mahle amatenthente akho, Oh Jakhobe, izindawo zakho zokuhlala, Oh Israyeli! 6 Njengezigodi zisabalele, njengezivande zisekele umfula, sanhlaba ehlanyelwe nguThixo, njengezilahlha zomsedari ezingasemanzini. 7 Amanzi azageleza emigqonyeni yabo; inhlanyelo yabo ibe semanzini amanengi. Inkosi yabo izakuba nkulu kulo-Agagi; umbusu wabo uzakuba ngophakemeyo. 8 UNkulunkulu wabakhupha eGibhithe; balamandla anjengawenyathi. Bayazitshwabadela izizwe eziyizitha njalo bephule amathambo azo abe yizicucu; ngemitskoko yabo babacibe. 9 Njengesilwane bayaqutha bacathame phansi, njengesilwanekazi, ngubani olesibindi sokubavusa na? Akuthi labo abakubusisayo babusiswe njalo lalabo abakuqalekisayo kakhulu uBhalamu. Watshaya izandla zakhe wathi, “Ngikubizele ukuthi uzenqiqalekiselwa izitha zami, woMidiani emulini yayo khonapho phambi kukaMosi kodwa wena usubabusise okwamahlandla la amatathu. 11 Wohle usuke nje khathesi ubuye kini! Ngithe bekhala esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 7 ngizakupha umvuzo omuhle kakhulu, pho-ke Kwathi uFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari indodana

ka-Aroni, umphristi, ekubona lokho, watshiya **11** Loba kunjalo, inzalo kaKhora kayibhubhangwa ababebuthene, **8** wathatha umkhonto wayilandela yonke, yaphela. **12** Izizukulwane zikaSimiyoni indoda leyo ethenteni. Wagadla ngomkhonto wabagwaza bobabili wayathutsha ngale kom'Israyeli indoda labo abasebefile ngenxa yesifo babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **10** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **11** "UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni umphristi, uqedile ukuthukuthelela kwami abantu bako-Israyeli, ngoba wayetshisekela udumo lukaNkulunkulu wakhe njalo wenzele abako-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana." **14** Ibizo lendoda yak-Israyeli eyabulawa kanye lowesifazane weMidiyani kwakunguZimri indodana kaSalu, umkhokheli wabemuli yamaSimiyoni. **15** Njalo ibizo lowesifazane **20** Izizukulwane zikajuda ngokwensendo zazo woMidiyani owabulawayo lalinguKhozibhi indodakazi kanye lodadewabo uKhozibhi indodakazi yomkhokheli kaZuri, induna yesizwana semuli yamaMidiyani. **16** UTHixo wathi kuMosi, **17** "Kumele liphathe wadabula abosendo IwamaZera. **21** Izizukulwane amaMidiyani njengezitha njalo liwabulale, **18** ngoba aliphathe njengezitha alikhohlisa ngendaka kaPheyori kanye lowesifazane owabulawa ngesikhathi sokuhlasela kwsifiso esabakhona ngenxa kaPheyori." **22** Laba babezinsendo zikajuda; **23** Izizukulwane zika-Isakhari ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uThola wadabula abosendo IwamaThola; **24** uPhuwa wadabula abosendo IwamaPhuwa; **25** uJashubi wadabula abosendo IwamaJashubi; **26** Izizukulwane zikaZebhuluni ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uSeredi wadabula abosendo IwamaSeredi; **27** Laba ngabensendo zikaZebhuluni, inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane, lamakhulu amathathu. **28** Izizukulwane zikajosefa ngokwensendo zabo bezala nguManase lo-Efrayimi kwakuyilezi: **29** Izizukulwane zikaManase ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: **30** Laba yizzukulwane uMakhiri wadabula abosendo IwamaMakhiri (uMakhiri wayenguyise kaGiliyadi); **31** uAsiriyeli wadabula abosendo IwamaAsiriyeli; **32** uShemida wadabula abosendo IwamaShemida; **33** uHeferi wadabula abosendo IwamaHeferi. **34** (Uzelofehadi indodana kaHeferi wayengelamadodana; wayelamadakazi wodwa, amabizo awo ayenguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha kanye loThiza.) **35** Laba kwakungabensendo zikaManase; inani labo

**26** Ngemva kwsifiso uThixo wathi kuMosi lo-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni, umphristi, **2** "Balani abantu bonke abako-Israyeli ngezimuli zabo bonke abaleminya esukela kwengamatshumi amabili yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu abangaba libutho lako-Israyeli." **3** Ngakho uMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi batshela abantu basemagecekeni aseMowabi eduze lomfula uJodani ngaphetshea kwejerikho bathi kubo, **4** "Balani amadoda aleminya yokuzalwa esukela kwengamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, njengokulawayu kukaMosi nguThixo." Laba ngabako-Israyeli abaphuma eGibhithe: **5** Izizukulwane zikaRubheni izibulo lika-Israyeli, kwakuyilezi: uHanokhi, wadabula abosendo IwamaHanokhi; uPhalu, wadabula abosendo IwamaPhalu; **6** uHezironi wadabula abosendo IwamaHezironi; uKhami wadabula abosendo IwamaKhami. **7** Laba babengabezinsendo zikaRubheni; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lantathu, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amathathu. **8** Indodana kaPhalu kwakungu-Eliyabi, **9** njalo amadodana ka-Eliyabi kwakunguNemuwel, uDathani kanye lo-Abhiramu. Bona laba uDathani lo-Abhiramu yibo ababeyizikhulu zabantu abahlamukela uMosi lo-Aroni njalo babengabanye babalandeli bakaKhora ngesikhathi behlamukela uThixo. **10** Umhlaba wavuleka wabaginiya kanye loKhora, kanye labalandeli babo abafa beqothulwa ngumlilo bengamatshumi amahlanu. Njalo baba yisixwayiso.

lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili, **57** Laba ngabaLevi ababalwa kulandelwa insendo lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **35** Laba kwakuyizizukulwane zabo: uGeshoni wadabula abosendo IwamaGeshoni; zika-Efrayimi ngokwensendo zazo: uShuthela wadabula uKhohathi wadabula abosendo IwamaKhohathi; abosendo IwamaShuthela; uBhekheri wadabula uMerari wadabula abosendo IwamaMerari. **58** Laba labo abosendo IwamaBhekheri; uThahani wadabula babengabezinseido zabaLevi: usendo IwamaLibhini, abosendo IwamaThahani. **36** Laba kwakuyizizukulwane usendo IwamaHebhroni, usendo IwamaMahili, usendo zikaShuthela: u-Erani wadabula abosendo Iwama- IwamaMushi, usendo IwamaKhora. (Ukhohathi Erani. **37** Laba kwakungabensisendo zika-Efrayimi; wayengukhoko ka-Amramu; **59** inkosikazi ka-Amramu inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi kwakunguJokhebhedi, oyisizukulwane sikaLevi, amathathu lambili, lamakhulu amahlanu. Laba owayezalelwu eGibhithe ngabaLevi. Wazala lo-Amramu kwakuyizizukulwane zikajosefa ngokwensendo zazo. u-Aroni, uMosi kanye lodadewabo uMiriyemu. **60** U-**38** Izizukulwane zikaBhenjamini ngokwensendo zazo Aroni wayenguyise kaNadabi, u-Abihu, u-Eliyazari kwakuyilezi: uBhela wadabula abosendo IwamaBhela; kanye lo-Ithamari. **61** Kodwa uNadabi lo-Abihu bafa u-Ashibheli wadabula abosendo Iwama-Ashibheli; baze banikele kuThixo ngomililo ongavunyelwayo.) u-Ahirami wadabula abosendo Iwama-Ahirami; **62** Bonke abaLevi abesilisa ababalwayo kusukela **39** uShufamu wadabula abosendo IwamaShufamu; kwabalenya yeyodwa yokuzalwa kusiya phezulu uHufamu wadabula usendo IwamaHufamu **40** babezikulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. Izizukulwane zikaBhela ezazalwa ngu-Adi kanye Kababalwanga ndawonye labanye abako-Israyeli ngoba loNamani yilezi: u-Adi wadabula abosendo Iwama- kabankwanga isabelo esiyilifa phakathi kwabo. **63** Adithe; uNamani wadabula abosendo IwamaNamani. Laba yibo ababalwa nguMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi **41** Laba kwakungabensisendo zikaBhenjamini; inani labo mhla bebala abako-Israyeli emagcekeni aseMowabi lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, nganeno komfula ijodani malungana lejerikho. **64** lamakhulu ayisithupha. **42** Laba babeyizizukulwane Kwakungekho loyedwa phakathi kwabo owayekhona zikaDani ngokwensendo zazo: uShuhamu wadabula mhla uMosi lo-Aroni bebala abako-Israyeli enkangala abosendo IwamaShuhamu. Laba babengabezinseido yaseSinayi. **65** Ngoba uThixo wayetshilo kwabako-zikaDani: **43** Bonke babengabosoendo IwamaShuhamu; Israyeli labo ukuthi ngempela babezakufa enkangala, njalo inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi njalo kakho loyedwa wabo owasalayo ngaphandle ayisithupha lane, lamakhulu amane. **44** Izizukulwane kukakhalebi indodana kaJefune lojoshuwa indodana zika-Asheri ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: kaNuni.  
 u-Imna wadabula abosendo Iwama-Imna; u-Ishivi wadabula abosendo Iwama-Ishivi; uBheriya wadabula abosendo IwamaBheriya; **45** njalo izizukulwane ezadatshulwa nguBheriya yilezi: uHebheri wadabula abosendo IwamaHebheri; uMalikhiyeli wadabula abosendo IwamaMalikhiyeli. **46** (U-Asher i wayelendodakazi okwakuthiwa nguSera.) **47** Laba babengabezinseido zika-Asheri; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, lamakhulu amane. **48** Izizukulwane zikaNaftihali ngokwensendo zazo kwakuyilezi: uJaziyeli wadabula abosendo IwamaJaziyeli; uGuni wadabula abosendo IwamaGuni; **49** uJezeri wadabula abosendo IwamaJezeri; uShilemu wadabula abosendo IwamaShilemu. **50** Laba babengabezinseido zikaNaftihali; inani labo lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, lamakhulu amane. **51** Inani lamadoda wonke ako-Israyeli lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **52** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **53** “Ilizwe lizakwahlukanisela abantu njengelifa labo kusiya ngenani lamabizo abo. **54** Isizwe esikhulu uzasinika isabelo esikhulu, kuthi isizwana esincinyane usiphe isabelo esincane; isizwana ngasinye sizakwabelwa ilifa laso ngokuya ngenani lamabizo alabo ababhaliweyo. **55** Iba leqiniso lokuthi ilizwe labiwa ngenkatho. Isabelo seqembe ngalinye sizakuya ngamabizo esizwana sabokhoko baso. **56** Isabelo esizwana ngasinye selizwe sizakwehltukaniswa ngokwenza inkatho phakathi kwezizwana ezinkulu lezincinyane.” **57** Amadodakazi kaZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi, indodana kaGilyadi, indodana kaMakhiri, indodana kaManase babengabezinseido zikaManase indodana kajosefa. Amabizo alawomadodakazi ayenguMahila, uNowa, uHogila, uMilikha, loThiza. Aya **2** esangweni leThente lokuHlangana ema phambi kukaMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi, abakhokheli kanye lebandla lonke, athi, **3** “Ubaba wafela enkangala. Wayengekho phakathi kwabalandeli bakaKhora, bona abambana ekuphikiseni kwabo uThixo, kodwa wafela isono sakhe njalo katshiyanga madodana. **4** Kungani ibizo likababa licitusa kwabosendo Iwakhe ngokungabi lendodana na? Sipheni ilifa lethu lathi ezihlotsheni zikababa.” **5** Ngakho uMosi wethula indaba yawo phambi kukaThixo, **6** uThixo wathi kuye, **7** “Lokho okutshiro ngamadodakazi kaZelofehadi kuqondile. Kufanele ubaphe isabelo sabo selifa ezihlotsheni zikayise njalo ubaphe ilifa likayise. **8** Tshono uthi kwabako-Israyeli, ‘Nxa indoda ife ingelandodana, ilifa layo kaliphie indodakazi yayo. **9** Nxa ingelandodakazi, ilifa layo kaliphie abafowabo. **10** Nxa ingelabafowabo ilifa layo kaliphie abafowabo bakayise. **11** Nxa uyise engelabafowabo, ilifa layo kaliphie oyisihlobo esiseduze kwabosendo Iwayo, ukuze libe ngelakhe. Lokho kumele kube ngumthetho oyisimiso kwabako-Israyeli, njengokulawayu kukaMosi nguThixo.” **12** UThixo wasesithi kuMosi, “Khwela entaben le yase-Abharimi ukuze ubone ilizwe engilinike abako-Israyeli. **13** Ngemva kokuba usulibonile, lawe

uzalandela abakini, ufe njengomfowenu u-Aroni, **14** zonke, lethu kuThixo umnikelo wokutshiswa ngoba ekuhlamukeni kwabantu emanzini asenkangala wenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili, inqama eyodwa yaseZini, lina lobabili kalilandelanga ukulaya kwami, lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alomnyaka ezelwe, ukungidumisa ngobungcwele bami emehlwani abo.” angelasici. **12** Inkunzi eyodwa izahamba lomnikelo (La ayengamanzi aseMeribha Khadeshi, enkangala wamabele ozingxenyen eziyatathu etshumini zehefa yaseZini.) **15** UMosi wathi kuThixo, **16** “Akuthi yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; uThixo, uNkulunkulu wemimoya yabantu bonke inqama izahamba lomnikelo warnabele ayingxenyen akhethe indoda ezakhokhela abantu laba **17** ezimbili etshumini zehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo ekuphumeni lasekungeneni, lowo ozabakhokhela exutshaniswe lamafutha; **18** izinyane lemvo ekuphumeni lekungeneni kwabo, ukuze abantu ngalinye lizahamba lomnikelo wamabele oyingxenyen bakaThixo bangafanana lezimvu ezingelamelusi.” **19** eyodwa etshumini lehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo Ngakho uThixo wathi kuMosi, “Thatha uJoshua exutshaniswe lamafutha. Lokhu ngokomnikelo indodana kaNuni, indoda elomoya wobukhokheli, wokutshiswa, iphunga elimnandi, umnikelo owenzewla ubike isandla sakho phezu kwayo. **20** Umise phambi uThixo ngomlilo. **14** Inkunzi nganye izahamba kuka-Eliyazari umphristi laphambi kwebandla lonke lomnikelo wokunathwayo okuyingxenyen yehini ubusumbeka esikhundleni phambi kwabo. **20** Umniye ingxenyen yamandla akho ukuze isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli simlalele. **21** Kumele ame phambi kuka-Eliyazari umphristi, yena ozamtholela izinqumo ngokubuza i-Urimi phambi kukaThixo. Ngokulawula kwakhe yena kanye labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bazaphuma, kuthi njalo ngokulawula kwakhe bangene.” **22** UMosi wenza njengokulaya kwakhe nguThixo. Wathatha uJoshua wamisa phambi kuka-Eliyazari umphristi kanye laphambi kwebandla lonke. **23** Wasebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe embeka esikhundleni, njengokulaya kukaThixo ngoMosi.

**28** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Phana abako-Israyeli umlayo lo uthi kubo, ‘Nanzelelani ukuthi lingilethele ngesikhathi esimisiwyo imihlatshelo yokudla, njengephunga eliminandi kimi.’” **3** Tshono uthi kubo: ‘Lo ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo okumele liwuse kuThixo: amazinyane emvu amabili angelasici njalo alomnyaka owoawa ezelwe, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke. **4** Linikele izinyane lemvo elioldwa ekuseni beselinikela elinye kusihwl, **5** ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele ayisilinganiso sokwetshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lengxenyen yesine yehini yamafutha ahluwe ema-oliveni. **6** Lo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke owamiswa entaben yaseSinayi njengephunga eliminandi, umnikelo owenzewla uThixo ngomlilo. **7** Ummikelo wokunathwayo ozakwensiwa ndawonye lengxenyen yesine yehini yokunathwayo okulemvubelo ndawonye lezinyane lemvo. Thela umnikelo wokunathwayo phambi kukaThixo endlini engcwele. **8** Unikele izinyane lesibili kusihwl ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele ofanayo lomnikelo wokunathwayo ofana lalowo owunikele ekuseni. Lo ngumhlatshelo wokudla, iphunga eliminandi kuThixo.” **9** “Ngosuku lweSabatha, ulungise umnikelo wamazinyane emvu amabili alomnyaka owoawa ezelwe engelasici, ndawonye lomnikelo wokunathwayo kanye lomnikelo wamabele ozingxenyen eziimbili zehefa etshumini zefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha. **10** Lo ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuwo wonke amasabatha, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa lowokunathwayo ojayeletekileyo.” **11** “Ngosuku lwakuqala inyanga

**18** Ngosuku lwakuqala lenze umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke. **19** Kodwa linikele kuThixo umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa owenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili, inqama eyodwa kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owoawa ezelwe, konke kungelasici. **20** Kuzakuthi inkunzi nganye liyinikele kanye lomnikelo wamabele ayingxenyen yokuthathu etshumini lehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambé lokubili etshumini; **21** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvo kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **22** Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana. **23** Phezu kwalokho lungisani umnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni ojayeletekileyo. **24** Ngaleyondlela nikelani umhlatshelo wokudla okwensku eziyisikhombisa kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo; lokhu kumele kulungiswe kusengezelela umnikelo ojayeletekileyo wokutshiswa kanye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. **25** Ngosuku lwasikhombisa lizakuba lombuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yenu yansuku zonke.” **26** “Ngosuku lwezithelo zakuqala, nxa lisethula kuThixo umnikelo wamabele amatsha ngesikhathi soMkhsosi wamaViki, wobani lombuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yensukwini. **27** Nikelani umnikelo wokutshiswa ngenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezimbili, inqama eyodwa kanye lamazinyane amaduna ayisikhombisa aewezimvu alomnyaka owoawa ezelwe kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo. **28** Kuzakuthi inkunzi nganye liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele ayingxenyen yokuthathu etshumini lehefa yefulawa

ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambe lokubili etshumini; **29** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvo ngalinye kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **30** Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelwo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana. **31** Lungisani lokho ndawonye leminikelo yokunathwayo, ukwengezelela eminikelweni ejayelekileyo yokutshisa kanye lomnikelo wawo wamabele. Nanzelelani ukuthi lezozfuyo azilasici.”

**29** “Ngosuku lwakuqala ngenyanga yesikhombisa yenzani umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yansuku zonke. Lusuku lwennu lokutshaya amacilongo. **2** Lungisani umnikelo wokutshisa, kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo, inkunzi eliguqa eyodwa, inqama eyodwa lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **3** Kuzakuthi inkunzi leyo liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele azingxenyen ezintathu kokulitshumi kwehefa yefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama ibe lokubili etshumini; **4** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvo kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **5** Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelwo wesono ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana. **6** Lokhu kuzabe kusengezelela iminikelo yokutshisa yenyanga zonke kanye leyezinsuku zonke ndawonye leminikelo yamabele leyokunathwayo njengokumisiweyo. Le yimihlatshelo yokudla eyenzelwa uThixo, iphunga eliminandi.” **7** “Ngosuku lwetshumi lwaleyonanya yesikhombisa yenzani umbuthano ongcwele. Kumele lizidele njalo lingasebenzi. **8** Nikelani umnikelo wokutshisa, kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo, inkunzi eliguqa eyodwa, inqama eyodwa lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **9** Kuzakuthi inkunzi leyo liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele azingxenyen ezintathu kokulitshumi zehfa zingezelufawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe ngamafutha; kuthi inqama ihambe lokubili etshumini; **10** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvo ngalinye kwayisikhombisa, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **11** Akubekhona lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelwo wesono, phezu komnikelo wesono, owokubuyisana kanye lomnikelo wokutshisa wansuku zonke lomnikelo wawo wamabele, kanye leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo.” **12** “Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu ngenyanga yesikhombisa, yenzani umbuthano ongcwele njalo lingenzi imisebenzi yensukwini. Thakazelelani lumkhosi kuThixo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **13** Nikelani umnikelo wokutshisa, kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo, umnikelo wokutshisa wenkunzi ezingamaguqa ezilitshumi lantathu, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka ezelwe, konke kungelasici. **14** Kuthi inkunzi inye ngayinye kwezilitshumi lantathu liyilungise kanye lomnikelo wamabele azingxenyen ezintathu kokulitshumi kwehefa lefulawa ecolekileyo exutshaniswe lamafutha; kuthi inqama nganye kwezimbili, ihambe lokubili etshumini; **15** kuthi-ke linye ngalinye izinyane lemvo kwalitshumi

lane, lihambe lokukodwa etshumini. **16** Akube lempongo eyodwa ezakuba ngumnikelwo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshisa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele kanye lowokunathwayo. **17** Ngosuku lwesibili lungisani inkunzi ezingamaguqa ezilitshumi lambili, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **18** Ndwonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **19** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelwo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshisa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele, kanye leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo. **20** Ngosuku lwesithathu nikelani inkunzi ezilitshumi lanye, inqama ezimbili kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **21** Ndwonye lenkunzi, inqama, kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **22** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelwo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshisa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo. **23** Ngosuku lwesine nikelani inkunzi ezilitshumi, inqama ezimbili kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **24** Ndwonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **25** Akube lempongo eyodwa ezakuba ngumnikelwo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshisa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wawo wamabele kanye lowokunathwayo. **26** Ngosuku lwesihlanu nikelani inkunzi eziyisificamunwemunye, inqama ezimbili kanye lamazinyane ezimvu alitshumi lane amaduna alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **27** Ndwonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **28** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelwo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshisa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo. **29** Ngosuku lwesithupha nikelani inkunzi eziyisificaminwembili, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **30** Ndwonye lenkunzi, inqama kanye lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **31** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelwo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshisa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo. **32** Ngosuku lwesikhombisa nikelani inkunzi eziyisikhombisa, inqama ezimbili lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. **33** Ndwonye lenkunzi, inqama lamawundlu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye leyokunathwayo kusiya ngenani elimisiweyo. **34**

Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo isifungo sesithembiso sokuzidela kwakhe. **14** Kodwa wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku nxa indoda yakhe ingatshongo lutho kuye ngakho zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. **35** Ngosoku lwesificaminwembili buthanani njalo lingensi imisebenzi yensukwini. **36** Nikelani umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo kube liphunga eliminandi kuThixo, umnikelo wokutshiswa owenkunzi eyodwa, inqama eyodwa angakwenqabelu ngemva kwestikhathi ezwile ngakho, kanye lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa kutsho ukuthi usethwele icala lakhe.” **16** Le yiyo alomnyaka owodwa wokuzalwa, konke kungelasici. imithetho eyaphiwa uMosi nguThixo emayelana **37** Ndawonye lenku, inqama kanye lamazinyane lokuhalilana kwendoda lomkayo, njalo phakathi ezimvu, linikele iminikelo yakho yamabele kanye kukayise lendodakazi yakhe esakhulayo elokhu leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo kusiya ngenani isesezandleni zakhe.

**38** Akube lempongo eyodwa ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono, phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke ndawonye lomnikelo wakho wamabele kanye lomnikelo wakho wokunathwayo. **39** Ukwengezelela kulokho elinikela ngakho ngesifungo loba iminikelo yenu yokuzithandela, nikelani lokhu kuThixo emikhosini yenu emisiweyo: iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo yokunathwayo kanye leminikelo yobudlelwano.” **40** UMosi watshela abako-Israyeli konke lokho uThixo ayemlaye ngakho.

**30** UMosi wathi kwabazinhloko zezizwana zabako-Israyeli: “Nanku ukulaya kukaThixo: **2** Nxa indoda isenza isifungo kuThixo loba isenza isifungo iziphe icala ngokuthembisa, akumelanga yephule isithembiso sayo kodwa kumele igcwaliye ngokwenza konke ekutshiloy. **3** Nxa intombazana elokhu isezaandleni zabazali bayo isenza isifungo kuThixo loba iziphe icala ngokuthembisa **4** kuthi uyise abesesiza ngesifungo loba isithembiso sayo kodwa uyise angaze atsho lutho ngalokho kuyo, kutsho ukuthi izinqumo kanye lezithembiso zayo njengokuzethesa kwayo lowomlandu kuzakuma kunjalo. **5** Kodwa uyise angakuzwa lokho ayalise asikho isifungo lesithembiso sayo esizasebenza; uThixo uzayikhulula leyontombazana ngoba yalelwu nguyise. **6** Nxa ingenda ngemva kokwenza isifungo loba kube ngemva kokuba indebe zayo zike zatsho isithembiso ngokucunuka izethesa icala **7** kuthi indoda yayo ikuzwe lokho kodwa ingatsho lutho kuyo, lokhoke kutsho ukuthi izifungo zayo loba izithembiso eyazethesa icala ngazo zizakuma zinjalo. **8** Kodwa nxa umkayo eyalela ekukuzweni kwakhe, kutsho ukuthi umkayo usesuse icala lesifungo loba isithembiso ngokujaha kwayo, ngakho uThixo uzayikhulula. **9** Loba yisiphi isifungo loba isithembiso esenziwe ngumfelkazi loba umfazi oewhlukana lendoda yakhe kuyisibopho kuye. **10** Nxa oewsfazane ohlala lomkakhe esenza isinqumo loba izethesa icala lesithembiso ngesifungo **11** kuthi indoda yakhe ikuzwe kodwa ingaze yatsho lutho kuye ingamaleli, kutsho ukuthi izifungo zakhe zonke lezithembiso zokuzethesa icala zizakuma zinjalo. **12** Kodwa indoda yakhe ingakuzwa lokho imalise, kutsho ukuthi akukho isifungo loba isithembiso esivela endebeni zakhe esizakuma njalo. Indoda yakhe isikwalile lokho, ngakho uThixo uzamkhulula. **13** Indoda yakhe ilakho ukucinisa loba ukwala loba yisiphi isifungo azasenza loba yisiphi

**31** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Phindisela kumaMidiyani usenzela abako-Israyeli. Ngemva kwalokho, uzalandela okhokho bakho.” **3** Ngakho uMosi wathi ebantwini, “Hlomisani amany amadoda aye empini ayekulwa lamaMidiyani kanye lokuphindisela kukaThixo kuwo. **4** Thumelani amadoda ayinkulungwane avela esizwaneni ngasinye sako-Israyeli ukuyahlasela.” **5** Ngakho amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili ahlomela ukuyahlasela, kuyinkulungwane yamadoda avela esizwaneni ngasinye, ebuthwe ngosendo lurnye ngalunye kwabako-Israyeli. **6** UMosi wabathumela ukuyahlasela, kuyinkulungwane evela esizwaneni ngasinye, kanye loFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, owathatha izitsha endlini engcweli kanye lamacilongo okubikelana. **7** Balwa lamaMidiyani, njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo, babulala amadoda wonke. **8** Phakathi kwababulawayo kwakulamkhosi amahlanu amaMidiyani abalisa u-Evi, uRekhemu, uZuri, uHuri kanye loRebha. Babulala loBhalamu indodana kaBheyori ngenkemba. **9** Abako-Israyeli bathumba abesifazane bamaMidiyani labantwana, basebethumba lemihlambi yenkomu zamaMidiyani, leyzimvu kanye lokubutha impahla njengempango. **10** Batshisa wonke amadolobho lapha okwakuhlala khona amaMidiyani, kanye lezihonqo zawo zonke. **11** Bathatha konke ababekubuthile lababekuthumbile, kuhlanganisa abantu lezifuyo, **12** njalo basebeletha abathunjwa, okuthunjiewo lokubuthiweyo kuMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi kanye lebandeni lonke lako-Israyeli ezhinqwensi zabo zasemagecekeni aseMowabi, ngasejodani ngaphetsheya ukuvelela ejeriko. **13** UMosi, u-Eliyazari umphristi kanye labo bonke abakhokheli babantu baphuma ukuyabahlangabeza ngaphandle kwezihonqo. **14** UMosi wathukuthelela abalawuli bamabutho, ababelawula amaxuku ezinkulungwane lababelawula amaxuku angamakhulu, ababevela ekuhlaseleni. **15** UMosi wababuza wathi, “Selivumele abesifazane ukuthi baphile na? **16** Yibo ababelandela ukucebisa kukaBhalamu njalo bahugela abako-Israyeli ekungathembekini kuThixo kulokhu okwenzakala ePheyori, kwaze kwathi abantu bakaThixo behlelwya yisifo. **17** Khona khathesi bulalani abafana bonke. Njalo libulale wonke oewsfazane oseke walala lendoda, **18** kodwa lizigcinele loba yiphi intombazana engakaze ilale lendoda. **19** Lina lonke

elibilele loba ngubani loba lina elike lathinta loba ngubani obulewego lizahlala ngaphandle kwezihonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Ngosuku Iwesithathu langosuku Iwesikhombisa lizihlambulule lina kanye labathunjwa benu. **20** Lihlambulule zonke izembatho kanye lakho konke okwensiwe ngesikhumba, uboya bembizi loba okwezigodo.” **21** Ngakho u-Eliyazari umphristi wathi kwabebutho ababeye empini, “Nanku okufaneleyo ngokomthetho owaphiwa uMosi nguThixo: **22** Igolide, isiliva, ithusi, insimbi, izenge lomnuso, **23** kanye lakho konke okunye okungatshi kutshabalave emilwени kumele kudlule emilwени, ngalokho kuzabe sekuhlambulukile. Kodwa kumele njalo kube sekuhlanjuliliwe ngamanzi okuhlambulula. Kanti njalo kuthi lakuphi okungeke kwamelana lomlilo kumele zebutho, kudluliswe kulawomanzi. **24** Ngosuku Iwesikhombisa gezisani izigqoko zenu ukuze lihlambuluke. Ngemva kuMosi kwalokho selingangena ezhonqweni.” **25** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **26** “Wena kanye lo-Eliyazari umphristi kanye labazinhloko zezimuli zabantu lizabala abantu bonke lezinyamazana, konke okwathunjwayo. **27** Yabelani amabutho ayesempini kanye labantu bonke impango ngokulinganayo. **28** Emabuthweni alawayo empini, thathani okukodwa emakhulwini amahlanu kube yisabelo sikaThixo, kumbe ngabantu inkomo, obabhem, izimvu loba imbuzi. **29** Thathani lesisabelo engxenyeni yesabo liyiphe u-Eliyazari umphristi ibe yingxene kaThixo. **30** Kungxene yabako-Israyeli, kethhani okukodwa ematshumini amahlanu, phakathi kwabantu, inkomo, obabhem, izimvu, imbuza loba ezinje izifuyo. Zipheni abalevi, bona abalomlandu wokunakekela ithabanikeli likaThixo.” **31** Ngakho uMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi benza njengokulaya kukaMosi nguThixo. **32** Impango eyayisele kulokho okwathathwa ngamabutho kwakuyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatkhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhanlu, **33** inkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili, **34** obabhem, abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye **35** kanye labesifazane abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili ababengakaze balale lamadoda. **36** Ingxene yeabelo salabo abalawayo empini: sasingesizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatkhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu alesikhombisa, lamakhulu amahlanu, **37** lapho abakhipha khona umnikelo kaThixo oyizimvu ezingamatkhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhanlu; **38** lenkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha, okwahitshwa kizo ezomnikelo kaThixo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili; **39** obabhem, abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu, kwathi umnikelo kaThixo waba ngamatshumi ayisithupha lanye; **40** abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasithupha, kwanikelwa kuThixo ngabangamatshumi amathathu lambili. **41** UMosi wanika u-Eliyazari umphristi isabelo sikaThixo, njengokulaya kukaMosi nguThixo. **42** Ingxene yeabelo sabako-Israyeli uMosi wayeseyehlukanise leyamabutho, **43** ingxenyeneyingeyabantu yaba yizimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatkhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa, lamakhulu amahlanu, **44** inkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lasithupha, **45** obabhem, abazinkulungwane lasithupha, **46** kanye labantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasithupha. **47** Engxenyen yesabelo sabako-Israyeli, uMosi waqambula okukodwa ematshumini amahlanu abantu lasezifuyweni, njengokulaya kwakhe nguThixo, njalo wakuqhabela abaLevi, bona ababelomlandu wokunakekela ithabanikeli seziwabalile amabutho eziwalawulayo, akukho lelilodwa ibutho elingecko. **50** Ngakho sesilethe njengomnikelo kuThixo izinto zegolide esizitholileyo munye ngamunye, izigqizo, amasongo, izindandatho, amacici kanye leziqizo zentanyeni, ukuzenzela indlela yokubuyisana phambi kukaThixo.” **51** UMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi bemukela igolide elalivela kubo, konke lokho kungokubaziweno. **52** Lonke igolide elalethwa ngabalawuli emunye elawula amaxuku azinkulungwane labalawuli emunye elawula ikuhulu lelo uMosi lo-Eliyazari abalethula njengesipho kuThixo lalilesindo samashkekeli azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesithupha, lamakhulu ayisikhombisa alamatshumi amahlanu. **53** Ibutho ngalinye lazithumbela okwalo lalo. **54** UMosi lo-Eliyazari umphristi bemukela igolide elalivela kubalawuli emunye elawula amaxuku azinkulungwane lakubalawuli emunye elawula amaxuku angamakhulu, balisa ethenteni lokuhlangana ukuze kube yisikhumbuzo kwabako-Israyeli phambi kukaThixo.

**32** AbakoRubheni labakoGadi ababelemihlambi emikhulu yenkomoyezimvu babona ukuthi amadleo emangweni weJazeri leGiliyadi ayemahle ezifuyweni. **2** Ngakho bayu kuMosi laku-Eliyazari umphristi lakubakhkheli babantu, bathi, **3** “Umhlaba we-Atharothi, leDibhoni, leJazeri, leNimra, leHeshibhoni, le-Eliyale, leSebhomi, leNebho kanye leBheyoni, **4** uThixo awunqoba phambi kwabako-Israyeli, ngumhlaba olungele izifuyo, njalo thina nceku zenu silezifuyo.” **5** Basebesithi, “Nxa sifumene umusa emehlweni enu, lelilizwe aliphiwe izinceptu zenu libe yisabelo sethu. Lingzeni ukuba sichaphe ujodani.” **6** UMosi wabuza abakoGadi labakoRubheni wathi, “Kambe lingahlala lapha amarye amadoda akinisya empini na? **7** Kungani lithelela abako-Israyeli ukwesaba ukuchaphela elizweni abaliphwa nguThixo na? **8** Yikho lokhu okwensiwa ngoyihilo ekubathumeni kwami besuka eKhadeshi Bhaneya ukuyahlola ilizwe. **9** Bathi sebehambé baze bayafika eSigidini sase-Eshikholi balibona ilizwe, bathelela abako-Israyeli ukwesaba ukungena elizweni abaliphwa nguThixo. **10** Ulaka lukaThixo lwaqubuka nejalosoku waze wenza

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lesisifungo. **11** 'Ngenxa yokuthi abangilanelanga ngezinhliziyo zabo ezipheleleyo, kakho loyedwa emadoden'i wonke aleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezelu okuzalwa kwabavela eGibhithe ozabona ilizwe engalithembisa u-Abhraham'a, u-Isaka lojakhobe ngesifungo, **12** kakho loyedwa ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kajefune umKhenizi kanye loJoshua indodana kaNuni, ngoba laba balandela uThixo ngezinhliziyo ezipheleleyo.' **13** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha wabazondela abako-Israyeli njalo wabenza bantula enkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, kwaze kwaphela bonke abentanga yalabo ababonile phambi kukaThixo. **14** Khathesi nanku-ke lina, nzalo yezoni, selimi endaweni yaboyihlo libangela ukuthi uThixo athukuthelele abako-Israyeli ngamandla. **15** Nxa lingala ukumlandela, uThixo uzaphinde atshiye bonke lababantu bakhe enkangala, njalo kuzabe kuyini elibangele incithakalo yabo." **16** Ngakho beza kuye bathi, "Sifuna ukwakha izibaya zezifuyo zethu njalo sakhele omkethu labantwabethu amadolobho. **17** Kodwa thina sesilungele ukuzihlomisa ukuze sikhokhele abako-Israyeli size siyebafikisa endaweni yabo. Kunjalo-rje omkethu labantwabethu bazasala emadolobheni avikelekileyo, ukuze bangahlaselwa ngabanikazi balelolizwe. **18** Kasiyikubuyela kweyethu imizi wonke owako-Israyeli aze azuze isabelo sakhe. **19** Thina kasiyikuzuza isabelo kanye labo ngale kweJodani, ngoba esethu isabelo sisithole ngapha ngempumalanga kweJodani." **20** Ngakho uMosi wathi kubo, "Nxa lizakwenza lokhu, lizihlomisele ukuhlasela phambi kukaThixo, **21** njalo nxa lonke lizahamba lihlomile ngale kweJodani phambi kukaThixo aze adudule izitha phambi kwakhe, **22** kuthi nxa ilizwe selinqotshiwe phambi kukaThixo selingaphenduka njalo liyabe selikhululekile emlandwini wenu kuThixo laku-Israyeli. Ngalokho-ke lelilizwe lizakuba yisabelo senu phambi kukaThixo. **23** Kodwa lingehluleka ukwenza lokhu, lizabe lonile phambi kukaThixo; njalo yazini ukuthi isono senu sizalfumana. **24** Yakhelani abesifazane benu labantwabethu amadolobho, njalo lakhele izifuyo zenu izibaya, kodwa yenzani lokho elikuthembisileyo." **25** AbakoGadi labakoRubheni bathi kuMosi, "Thina izinceku zakho sizakwenza njengokulaya kwenkosi yethu. **26** Abantwabethu labomkethu, imihlambi yezimvu zethu leyenkomo zethu kuzasala lapha emadolobheni aseGiliyadi. **27** Kodwa thina zinceku zakho, yonke indoda ehlomele ukuhlasela, izachapha iyekulwa phambi kukaThixo, njengokutsho kwenkosi yethu." **28** UMosi wasekhupha ilizwi lesiqondiso ngabo ku-Eliyazar umphristi lakuJoshua indodana kaNuni kanye lakulababo abazinhlоко zezimuli zeezizwana zako-Israyeli. **29** Wathi kubo, "Nxa abakoGadi labakoRubheni, wonke amadoda ayabe ehlomele ukuhlasela, angachaphela ngale kweJodani kunye lani phambi kukaThixo, kube sekusithi nxa ilizwe selinqotshiwe phambi kwenu banikeni ilizwe laseGiliyadi libe yisabelo sabo. **30** Kodwa nxa bengachaphanga lani behlomile, kumele bemukele isabelo sabo kunye lani eKhenani." **31** AbakoGadi

labakoRubheni baphendula bathi, "Izinceku zakho zizakwenza okutshiro nguThixo. **32** Sizachaphela ngale phambi kukaThixo singene eKhenani sihlomile, kodwa ilifa eliyisabelo sethu lizakuba nganeno kweJodani." **33** Ngakho uMosi wasenika abakoGadi, labakoRubheni kanye lengxenyе yesiwana sakoManase indodana kajosefa umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori kanye lombuso ka-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, ilizwe lonke kanye lamadolobho alo kanye lamazwe ayebagqagqe. **34** AbakoGadi bakha iDibhoni, i-Atharothi, i-Aroweri, **35** i-Athirothi-Shofani, ijazeri, ijogibheha, **36** iBhethi-Nimra kanye leBhethi-Harani aba ngamadolobho ahonqolozelwe gemithangala, njalo bakha lezibaya zemihlambi yezfifubo zabo. **37** Kanti-ke abakoRubheni bakha kakutsha iHeshibhoni, i-Eliyale kanye leKhiriyathayimi, **38** kanye lokwakha iNebho kanye leBhali-Meyoni (la amabizo aguqulwa) leSibhima. Betha amadolobho abawakha kutsha amabizo. **39** Iizukulwane zikaMakhiri indodana kaManase zaya eGiliyadi, zalithumba njalo zaxotsha ama-Amori ayekulelolizwe. **40** Ngakho uMosi wapha elaseGiliyadi kumaMakhiri, iizukulwane zikaManase, basebehllala khona. **41** UJayiri, umzukulu kaManase, wathumba imizi yabo wayibiza ngokuthi yiHarothi Jayiri. **42** Kanti uNobha wathumba iKhenathi kanye lemizi eyigqaggeleyo njalo wayetha ibizo lakhe wathi yiNobha.

**33** Nanka amalombolombo ohumbo lwabako-Israyeli ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe ngamavivo abo behkokhelwa nguMosi lo-Aroni. **2** Ngokulaya kukaThixo waloba walonda izigaba zamalombolombo ohumbo lwabo. Nantu uhumbo lwabo ngezigaba zakhona: **3** Abako-Israyeli basuka eRamesesi ngosuku lwetshumi lanlanu lwenyanga yakuqala, ngosuku kwedlule iPhasika. Baphuma ngesibindi behkhangewi ngamaGibhithe wonke, **4** wona eyepathetikile engcwaba wonke amazibulo awo, lawo ayebulewe nguThixo phakathi kwavo; ngoba uThixo wayehlulele ngokujeza onkulunkulu bawo. **5** Abako-Israyeli basuka eRamesesi bayamisa izihonqo zabo eSukhotti. **6** Basuka eSukhotti bayamisa izihonqo zabo e-Ethamu, emaphethelweni enkangala. **7** Basuka e-Ethamu, baphenduka baya ePhi-Hahirothi; beqonda empumalanga yaseBhalizefoni, babuye njalo bamisa izihonqo zabo eMigidoli. **8** Basuka ePhi-Hahirothi badabula olwandle bangena enkangala, bathi sebehambé okwensuku ezintathu enkangala ye-Ethamu, bamisa izihonqo zabo eMara. **9** Basuka eMara baya e-Elimi, lapho okwakulezintombo zamanzi ezilitschumi lambili kanye lezilahlaha zohlobo lwelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, bafika bamisa izihonqo khonapho. **10** Basuka e-Elimi bayamisa izihonqo zabo besekele uLwandle oluBomvu. **11** Basuka oLwandle oluBomvu bayamisa enkangala yaseSini. **12** Basuka enkangala yeSini bayamisa eDofuka. **13** Basuka eDofuka bayamisa e-Alusha. **14** Basuka e-Alusha bayamisa eRefidimu, lapho okwakungelmananzi okunathwa ngabantu. **15** Basuka eRefidimu bayamisa enkangala yeSinayi. **16** Basuka enkangala yeSinayi bayamisa eKhibhrothi Hathava. **17** Basuka eKhibhrothi

Hathava bayamisa eHazerothi. **18** Basuka eHazerothi bayamisa eRithima. **19** Basuka eRithima bayamisa eRimon-Pherezi. **20** Basuka eRimon-Pherezi bayamisa eLihbina. **21** Basuka eLihbina bayamisa eRisa. **22** Basuka eRisa bayamisa eKhehelatha. **23** Basuka eKhehelatha bayamisa eNtabeni yaseShefa. **24** Basuka eNtabeni yaseShefa bayamisa eHarada. **25** Basuka eHarada bayamisa eMakhelothi. **26** Basuka eMakhelothi bayamisa eThahathi. **27** Basuka eThahathi bayamisa eThera. **28** Basuka eThera bayamisa eMithika. **29** Basuka eMithika bayamisa eHashimona. **30** Basuka eHashimona bayamisa eMosera. **31** Basuka eMosera bayamisa eBhene Jayakhani. **32** Basuka eBhene Jayakhani bayamisa eHori-Hagidigadi. **33** Basuka eHori-Hagidigadi bayamisa eJothibhatha. **34** Basuka eJothibhatha bayamisa e-Abhurona. **35** Basuka e-Abhurona bayamisa e-Eziyoni-Gebheri. **36** Basuka e-Eziyoni-Gebheri bayamisa eKhadeshi, eNkangala yaseZini. **37** Basuka eKhadeshi bayamisa eNtabeni yaseHori, emngceleni wase-Edomi. **38** Ngokulaya kukaThixo, u-Aroni umphristi wakhwela eNtabeni yaseHori, lapho afela khona ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga yesihlanu yomnyaka wamatshumi amane emva kokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe. **39** U-Aroni wayeseleminyaka elikhulu elileminyaka engamatshumi amabili lemithathu yokuphila ekufeni kwakhe eNtabeni yaseHori. **40** Inkosi yase-Aradi engumkhenani eyayihlala eNegebi yaseKhenani, yewza ukuthi abako-Israyeli babesiza. **41** Basuka eNtabeni yaseHori bayamisa eZalimona. **42** Basuka eZalimona bayamisa ePhunoni. **43** Basuka ePhunoni bayamisa e-Obhotti. **44** Basuka e-Obhotti bayamisa e-Iye-Abharimi, emngceleni waseMowabi. **45** Basuka e-Iye-Abharimi bayamisa eDibhoni Gadi. **46** Basuka eDibhoni Gadi bayamisa e-Alimoni-Dibhilathayimi. **47** Basuka e-Alimoni-Dibhilathayimi bayamisa ezintabeni zase-Abharimi, phansi kweNebho. **48** Basuka ezintabeni zase-Abharimi bayamisa emagecekeni aseMowabi besekele uJodani ngaphetsheya malungana lejeriko. **49** Khonapho emagecekeni aseMowabi bamisa izihonqo zabo belandela umfula uJodani kusukela eBhethi-Jeshimothi kusiya e-Abheli-Shithima. **50** Emagecekeni aseMowabi ngasemfuleni uJodani ngaphetsheya uvelela ngaseJeriko uThixo wathi kuMosi, **51** “Khuluma kwabako-Israyeli ubatshela lokhu uthi: ‘Nxu lichapha uJodani lingena eKhenani, **52** xotshani phambi kwenu bonke abahlala kulelolizwe. Dilizani zonke izithombe zabo ezibaziweyo kanye lezibunjiweyo, njalo libhidlize zonke izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonza. **53** Thumbani ilizwe lelo lihlale kulo, ngoba ngilinike ukuthi libe ngelenu. **54** Yabelanani ilizwe ngenkatho, kusiya ngokwensendo zenu. Ixuku elikhulu kaliphwi isabelo esikhulu, kuthi ixuku elincinyane liphiwe isabelo esincinyane. Okuzanya kubo ngenkatho akube ngokwabo. Kwabelananeni kusiya ngezizwana zabokhokho benu. **55** Kodwa nxu lingaxotshanga abahlala kulelolizwe, abaseleyo babo bazakuba lukhophe emehlwemi enu njalo babe ngameva enyameri yenu. Bazakuba luhlupho ezweni elizahlala kulo.

**56** Ngakho-ke ngizakwenza kini lokho engizimisele ukukwenza kubo.””

**34** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Laya abako-Israyeli uthi kubo: ‘Nxa lingena eKhenani, ilizwe elaliphwi ukuba libe yisabelo senu lizakuba lale imingcele; **3** Icеле leningizimu yenu lizahlanganisa isigaba esithile seNkangala yaseZini kulandela umngcele we-Edomi. Empumalanga, umngcele wenu weningizimu uzasukela ekucineni koLwandle lweTswai, **4** udabula eningizimu yoMkhandlu weNkume, kusiya ngaseZini njalo kuye eningizimu yeKhadeshi Bhaneya. Usuka lapho uzaqonda eHazari Adari njalo wedlulele e-Azimoni, **5** lapho ozajika khona, kuhlangane lesiHotsha saseGibhithe njalo uyephelela oLwandle lraseMedithereniyeni. **6** Umngcele wenu wentshonalanga uzakuba ligumbi loLwandle oLukhulu. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wenu entshonalanga. **7** Okomngcele wenu wenjakatho, usekela uLwandle oLukhulu usiya eNtabeni yaseHori **8** njalo usuka eNtabeni yaseHori uye eLebho Hamathi. Umngcele uzasuka lapho uqonde eZedadi, **9** ubusuhubeka usiya eZifironi uze uyekuma eHazarini. Lo yiwo umngcele wenu enyakatho. **10** Okomngcele wenu wempumalanga, sukelani eHazarini kusiya eShefamu. **11** Umngcele uzakwehla usuka eShefamu usiya eRibhila engempumalanga kwe-Ayini njalo uqhubeke ulandela umthezuko empumalanga koLwandle lraseKhinerethi. **12** Kusuka lapho umngcele uzakwehla ulandela umfula uJodani uze uyecina oLwandle lweTswai. Leli lizakuba yilizwe lenu, ngemingcele yalo inxa zonke.”” **13** UMosi walaya abako-Israyeli wathi: “Yabelanani lelilizwe ngenkatho njengelifa lenu. UThixo usekhuphe isiqondiso sokuthi aliphwi izizwana eziyisificamunwemunye kanye lesizwana esiyixngxeny, **14** ngenxa yokuthi abezimuli zesizwana sikaRubheni, abesizwana sikaGadi kanye lengxenyi yesizwana sikaManase sebethole isabelo sabo. **15** Izizwana lezi ezimbili kanye lalesi esiyixngxeny sezithole isabelo sazo empumalanga komfula uJodani malungana lejeriko, ngokuya ngempumalanga.”” **16** UThixo wathi kuMosi, **17** “La ngamabizo amadoda azalabela ilizwe njengelifa lenu: u-Eliyazari umphristi kanye lojoshuwa indodana kaNuni. **18** Beselikhetha umkhokheli oyedwa esizwaneni ngasinye ukuncedisa ukwaba ilizwe: **19** La yiwo amabizo abo: uKhalebi indodana kajefune, owesizwana sakoJuda; **20** uShemuyeli indodana ka-Amihudi, owesizwana sakoSimiyoni; **21** u-Elidadi indodana kaKhisiloni, owesizwana sakobBenjamini; **22** uBhukhi indodana kajogili, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sakoDani; **23** uHaniyeli indodana ka-Efodi, ongumkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sikaManase indodana kajJosefa; **24** uKhemuweli indodana kaShiftuhani, engumkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sako-Efrayimi indodana kajJosefa; **25** u-Elizafani indodana kaPhanaki, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni; **26** uPhalithiyeli indodana ka-Azani, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sika-Isakhari, **27** u-Ahihadu indodana kaShelomi, umkhokheli ovela

esizwaneni sika-Asheri; **28** uPhedaheli indodana ka-Amihudi, umkhokheli ovela esizwaneni sikaNafithali.” **29** La yiwo amadoda uThixo alaya ukuthi ahlukanisele abako-Israyeli isabelo sabo selizwe laseKhenani.

**35** Ngasemagcekeni aseMowabi kusekele umfula uJodani nganeno malungana lejerikho, uThixo wathi kuMosi, **2** “Laya abako-Israyeli ukuthi bakhethethe elifeni labo amadolobho bawanike abaLevi ukuze bahlale kuwo. Njalo babanike lamadlelo eduze lamadolobho lawo. **3** Ngalokho bazakuba lamadolobho okuhlala kanye lamadlelo enkomo zabo, imihlambi yezimvu kanye leyezinye izifuyo zabo zonke. **4** Amadlelo azingelezele amadolobho elizawanika abaLevi, azakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ukuqhela kwavo kusukela emidulini yamadolobho. **5** Ngempumalanga, ngaphandle kwedolobho, kuzakuba zingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili kube njalo lasenizingizimu izingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili, entshonala ngingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili, kufane laseceleni lenyakatho izingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili, idolobho liphakathi laphakathi. Le kuzakuba yindawo yabo yamadlelo emadolobheni.” **6** “Phakathi kwamadolobho elizawanika abaLevi, ayisithupa azakuba ngawokuphephela, yikho lapho okuzakuthi umuntu angabulala omunye abalekele khona. Phezu kwalawo, bapheni amanye amadolobho angamatshumi amane lamabili. **7** Wonke esehlangene abaLevi bapheni amadolobho angamatshumi amane lasificantwembili, kuhlanganisa lamadlelo abo. **8** Amadolobho eliwanika abaLevi elizweni labako-Israyeli kawabiwe ngokuya ngelifa lesizwana ngasinye: Thathani amadolobho amanengi esizwaneni esilamadolobho amanengi, kodwa lithathe amatulshwana kwestilamalutshwana.” **9** Ngakho uThixo wasesithi kuMosi: **10** “Khulumha labako-Israyeli njalo ubatsheli uthi: ‘Ekuchapheni kwenu uJodani lingena eKhenani, **11** khethani amanye amadolobho abe ngawokuphephela, lapho okuzakuthi nxa umuntu ebulele omunye ngengozi abalekele khona. **12** Azakuba zindawo zokuphephela ukuzivikela kwabaphindiselayo, ukuze kuthi lowa owetheswa icala lokubulala angafi engakathonisiswa phambi kwebandla. **13** Amadolobho ayisithupa la elibapha wona azakuba ngamadolobho eru okuphephela. **14** Bapheni amathathu ngakulelicele lomfula uJodani kuthi amathathu abe ngamadolobho okuphephela eKhenani. **15** Amadolobho la ayisithupa azakuba yindawo yokuphephela kwabako-Israyeli, labeziwenni kanye labo bonke abantu abahlezi phakathi kwabo, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani obulele omunye ngengozi abalekele khona. **16** Nxa indoda itshaya umuntu ngento eyinsimbi afe, ingumbulali; umbulali kumele abulawе. **17** Kumbe nxa omunye ephethe ilitshe abesetshaya omunye afe, ungumbulali; umbulali kumele abulawе. **18** Njalo nxa omunye ephethe ulutho oluyisigodo abesetshaya omunye afe, ungumbulali; umbulali kumele abulawе. **19** Umphindiseli wegazi kumele ambulale umbulali; nxa ehlangana laye, kumele ambulale. **20** Loba ngubani olomona ohlezi eqophile engafuqa omunye loba amjikijele ngolutho

oluthile ngabomo kubangele ukufa kwakhe **21** loba kuthi ngolaka amtshaye ngenqindi afe, lowomuntu kumele abulawе; ungumbulali. Umphindiseli wegazi kumele abulale umbulali nxa ehlangana laye. **22** Kodwa nxa kungayisikhо ngolaka, umuntu aqabuke esejuqe omunye loba amjikijele ngolutho engaqondile **23** loba engamboni, amgxobe ngelitshe elingambulala, afe, ngakho njengoba engasisositha sakhe njalo engaqondanga ukumlimaza, **24** ibandla kumele lahlulele phakathi kwakhe lomphindiseli wegazi kulandelwa lezi zimiso. **25** Ibandla kumele livikele owetheswa icala lokubulala kumphindiseli wegazi njalo abuyiselwe edolobheni lokuphephela azabe ebalekele kulo. Kumele ahiale khonale kuze kufe umphristi omkhulu, owagcotshwa ngamafutha angcwele. **26** Kodwa lowo owetheswa icala angaba ngaphandle kwedolobho lokuphephela lelo ayabe ebalekele kulo **27** kuthi umphindiseli wegazi amfumane ngaphandle kwalelodolobho, umphindiseli wegazi angambulala lowo owetheswe icala kodwa angabi lacala lokubulala. **28** Owetheswe icala kumele ahiale edolobheni lakhe lokuphephela kuze kufe umphristi omkhulu; uzaze abuyelete emzini wakhe kuphela nxa umphristi omkhulu esefile. **29** Le kumele kuge yimithetho yesimiso kini lakuzizukulwane eziyayo, loba kungaphi lapho elizahlala khona. **30** Loba ngubani obulala umuntu kumele abulawе njengombulali ngobufakazi balabo abayabe bebonile kuphela. Kodwa akungabikho moyedwa ozabulawa ngobufakazi bofakazi oyedwa. **31** Lingemukeli inhlawulo yokuhlenja impilo yombulali, yena kumele afe, loba kutheni kabulawе. **32** Lingemukeli inhlawulo yokuhlenja loba ngubani obalekele edolobheni lokuphephela libe selimvumela ukuba abuyelete ukuyahlala emzini wakhe umphristi omkhulu engakafi. **33** Lingalingcolisi ilizwe lelo elihlala kulo. Ukuchitha igazi kungcolisa ilizwe, njalo indlela yokubuyisana ingeke yenzelwe lapho okuchithwe khona igazi, ngaphandle kwegazi lalowo olichithileyo. **34** Lingalingcolisi ilizwe elihlezi kilo kanye lalapho engihlala khona, ngoba Mina, Thixo, nighlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli.”

**36** Inhloko zezindlu zosendo lukaGiliyadi indodana kaMakhiri, indodana kaManase, ababengabensendo zezikukulwane zikaJosefa, beza bakhuluma loMosi kanye labakhokheli, abazinhloko zezimuli zako-Israyeli. **2** Bathi kubo, “Lapho uThixo walaya inkosi yami ukuba iphe ilizwe njengelifa ngenkatho kwabako-Israyeli, yakhupha isiqondiso sokuthi uphe ilifa lomfowethu uZelofehadi kumadodakazi akhe. **3** Khathesi akesithi thina nxa bendele emadodeni ezinye izizwana zako-Israyeli; kuzakutsho ukuthi ilifa lizasuswa kwelabokhokho bethu liyekwengezelela elalesosizwana abazakwendela kuso. Ngakho kutsho ukuthi ingxenyе yelifa esaliphiwayo sizayithathelwa. **4** Kuzakuthi ngomnyaka weJubhili kwabako-Israyeli, ilifa labo lizakwengezelela elalesosizwana abendele kuso, njalo impahla yabo izasuswa elifeni lesizwana sabokhokho bethu.” **5**

Ngakho ngokulaya kukaThixo uMosi wakhipha lesisiqondiso kwabako-Israyeli: “Lokho okutshiwu yisizukulwane sesizwana sikajosefa kuqondile. **6** Lokhu yikho ukulaya kukaThixo ngamadodakazi kaZelofehadi: Bakhululekile ukwendela loba kukubani obathathayo kodwa akube ngabosendo lwesizwana sikayise. **7** Kalikho ilifa ko-Israyeli elizasuka esizwanenii lisiya kвесине isizwana, ngoba wonke owako-Israyeli kumele agcine ilizwe lesizwana eliyilifa labokhokho bakhe. **8** Yonke indodakazi ezakuba yindalilifa yelizwe esizwanenii sako-Israyeli kumele yendele emuntwini wesizwana sosendo lukayise, ukuze wonke owako-Israyeli abe lelifa laboyise. **9** Kalikho ilifa elizasuka esizwanenii lisiya kвесине isizwana, ngoba loba yisiphi isizwana sako-Israyeli kumele sigcine ilizwe eliyilifa laso.” **10** Ngakho amadodakazi kaZelofehadi enza njengokulaywa kukaMosi nguThixo. **11** Amadodakazi kaZelofehadi uMahila, loThiza, loHogila, loMilikhya kanye loNowa, bendela emadodaneni abafowabo bakayise. **12** Bendela kwabezinsendo zezizukulwane zikaManase indodana kajosefa, njalo ilifa labo lasala kwabosendo lukayise lesizwanenii sakhe. **13** Le yiyo imilayo lemithetho eyaphiwa abako-Israyeli nguThixo ngoMosi emagcekeni aseMowabi ngasemfuleni waseJodani ngakuleli iphetsheya malungana leJerikho.

# UDutheronomi

**1** La ngamazwi akhulunywa nguMosi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli enkangala, empumalanga yeJodani, lokhu kuyikuthi, e-Arabha, maqondana leSufi, phakathi kwePharani leThofeli, eLabhani, eHazerothi kanye laseDizahabi. **2** (Loluhambo luthatha insuku ezilitsumi lanye ukusuka eHorebhi kusiya eKhadeshi Bhaneya ngomgwaqo odlula eNtabeni yaseSeyiri.) **3** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane, ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanya yetshumi lanye, uMosi wamemezela kwabako-Israyeli konke lokho uThixo ayemlaye ngakho ngabo. **4** Lokhu kwakungemva kokuba esenqobe uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhonni, njalo wayesenqobe e-Edreyi u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, owayebusa e-Ashitharothi. **5** Empumalanga kweJodani elizweni laseMowabi, uMosi waqlisa ukufundisa ngalo umthetho, esithi: **6** “UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu wakhulumu lathi siseHorebhi wathi, ‘Selihlale isikhathi eseneleyo kule intaba.’ **7** Dilizani izihonqo zenu ledlulele elizweni lamaqaqa lama-Amori; yanini kubo bonke abangomakhelwane e-Arabha, ezintabeni, emawatheni angentshonalanga, eNegebi lilandelele ukhumbi, liye ezweni lamaKhenani kanye laseLebanoni, lidabule lize liyefika emfuleni omkhulu, iyUfrathe.” **8** Khangeli, sengiliphile lelilizwe. Ngenani lilihumble lelilizwe uThixo afunga wathi uzalipha okhokho benu, u-Abrahama, u-Isaka, uJakhobe kanye lezizukulwane zabo emva kwabo.” **9** “Ngalesosikhathi ngathi kini, ‘Lina lingumthwalo omkhulu kakhulu onzima ukuthi ngiwuthwale ngingedwa. **10** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu usengezelele amanani enu okokuthi lamuhla selilingana lezinKanyezu zemkhathini. **11** Sengathi uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, angalibusisa njalo alandise ngokuphindwe kankulungwane njengokuthembisa kwakhe! **12** Kodwa ngingazithwala njani inhlupho zenu lemithwalo yenu kanye lezingxabano zenu ngingedwa na? **13** Khethani amadoda akhaliphileyo, azwisisayo lahloniphekayo phakathi kwezizwana zakini zonke, mina ngizawabeka alikhokhele.” **14** Langiphendula lathi, ‘Lokho ofisa ukukwenza kulungile.’ **15** Ngakho ngathatha abakhokheli bezizwana zenu, amadoda akhaliphileyo njalo ahloniphekayo, ngabanika amandla phezu kwenu ukuze babe ngabalawuli bezinkulungwane, bamakhulu, bamatshumi amahlanu, betshumi kanye lokuba yizikhulu zezizwana zenu. **16** Njalo ngapha isiqondiso kubahluleli ngalesosikhathi ngathi: ‘Hluzani ingxabano phakathi kwabafowenu njalo lahlulele ngokufaneleyo, kungakhathalekile ukuthi yingxabano phakathi kwabako-Israyeli bodwa loba kungowako-Israyeli oxabana loweziwensi. **17** Lingathathi hlangothi ekwahluleleni; hluzani amacala abancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo. Lingesabi loba ngubani, ngoba ukwahlulela ngokukaNkulunkulu. Kuthi icala elinzima lililethe kimi, ngizalihluza ngilahlulele.’ **18** Njalo ngalesosikhathi ngalitshela konke okwakumele likwenze.” **19** “Kwathi-ke,

njengoba uThixo wethu wayesilayile, sasuka eHorebhi saqonda ezweni lama-Amori elilamaqaqa sadabula inkangala enkulu eyesabekayo eseliyibonile, saze sayfika eKhadeshi Bhaneya. **20** Ngakho ngathi kini, ‘Selifile elizweni lama-Amori elamaqaqa, ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asinika lona. **21** Khangeli, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uselinike lelilizwe. Hambani lilihumble njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alitshela. Lingesabi; lingadangali.’ **22** Kusenjalo lina lonke leza kimi lathi, ‘Asithumeni amadoda ahambé phambili ayejhola lelilizwe abuye azositshengisa indlela esizangena ngayo kanye leyokuthumba amadolobho esizafikela kuwo.’ **23** Lokho kwakhanya kungumbono omuhle kimi; lakanye ngakhetha abalitshumi lababili phakathi kwenu, indoda eyodwa esizwaneni ngasinye. **24** Basuka bayu ezweni lamaqaqa njalo bafika bahlola isihotsha sase-Eshikholi. **25** Bathatha ezinye izithelo zelizwe babuya lazo kithi, njalo bethula umbiko othi, ‘Yilizwe elihle uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asipha lona.’ **26** ‘Kodwa lina lalingazimisela ukuhamba; lahlamukela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngokungaleli umlayo wakhe. **27** Lina lakhonona lisemathenteni enu lathi, ‘UThixo uyasizonda; kutsho ukuthi wasikhipha eGibhithe ukuze asinikele ezandleni zama-Amori ukuthi asibhubhise. **28** Singaya ngaphi na? Abafowethu sebesithelele ubuthakathaka. Bathi bona, ‘Abantu bakhona balamandla njalo bade kulathi; amadolobho akhona makhulu, alemiduli etshaya emkhathini. Size sabona lama-Anakhi khonale.’ **29** Mina ngasengisithi kini, ‘Lingethuki; lingabesabi. **30** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ohamba phambi kwenu uzalilwela, njengalokho alenzela khona eGibhithe lizibonela ngamehlo enu, **31** njalo lasenkangala. Khonale lazibonela ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu walithwala, njengobawa ethwala indodana yakhe, uhumbo lwenu lonke laze lafika lapha.’ **32** Lanxa kunjalo, kalizange limethembe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, **33** yena owahamba phambi kwenu kuloluhambo, elikhokhela ngomilo ebusuku kanti kusiba leyezi emini, elidingela izindawo zokumisa izihonqo zenu lokulitshengisa lapho okumele liye khona. **34** Kwathi uThixo eseziphele elalikutsho, wathukuthela, wafunga wathi: **35** ‘Kakho loyedwa kulesisizukulwane esingalunganga ozalibona lelolizwe engafungela ukulipha okhokho benu, **36** ngaphandle kukaKhalebi indodana kajefune. Yena uzalibona, njalo ngizamupha yena lesizukulwane sakhe lelolizwe azafikela kilo, ngoba walalela uThixo ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke.’ **37** Ngenxa yenu uThixo wangithukuthelela lami njalo wathi, ‘Wena lawe awuyikunema khona. **38** Kodwa umsekeli wakho, uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, uzangena kulelolizwe. Umkhuthaze yena, ngoba uzakhokhela abako-Israyeli kulo ukuba libe yilifa labo. **39** Kanti njalo lababo abancane elalisithi bazathunjwa, abantwabenu abangakehlukanisi phakathi kokubi lokuhle, bazangena kulelolizwe. Ngizabapha lona njalo bazalithatha libe ngelabo. **40** Kodwa lina, phendukani njalo lisuke liqonde enkangala lilandele iridlela eya oLwandle oluBomvu.’ **41** Lina laphendula lathi,

'Sonile kuThixo. Sizahamba siyekulwa, njengokulaywa ezihonqweni. **16** Kwathi-ke sekufe abokucina kwethu nguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.' Ngalokho lonke emadoden'i ebutho, **17** uThixo wathi kimi, **18** 'Lamuhla lahloma ngezikhal'i linakana ukuthi kulula ukungena uzakwedlula emangweni waseMowabi ngase-Ari. **19** elizweni lamaqaqa. **42** Kodwa uThixo wathi kimi, Ekufikeni kwakho kuma-Amoni, ungawahlukuluzi 'Wothi kubo, "Lingayi ukuyakulwa, ngoba kangiyikuba loba ukuwavusela impi, ngoba angiyikunika loba lani. Lizakwehlulwa yizitha zenu.'" **43** Ngakho yiliphi ilizwe lama-Amoni. Ngilinike lesisizukulwane ngalitshela, kodwa kalizange lilalele. Lahlamukela sikaLothi ukuba kube yisabelo sabo.'" **20** (Leli umlayo kaThixo kwathi ngobuqholo benu layangena lalo laliphathwa njengelizwe lamaRefayi ayehlala elizweni lamaqaqa. **44** Kwathi ama-Amori ayehlala khonapho; kodwa ama-Amori ayebabiza ngokuthi kulawomaqaqa alihlangabeza alihlasela; alixotsha ngamaZamzumu. **21** Babengabantu abalamandla njengomtshitsi wenyosi, alibhuqa kusukela eSeyiri indlela yonke kusiya eHoma. **45** Laphenduka lafika bebanengi kakhulu, njalo bebade njengama-Anakhi. **22** lakhala phambi kukaThixo kodwa kazange aleale ukukhala kwenu walifulathela. **46** Ngakho lahlala UThixo wababhubhisa phambi kwama-Amori, wona abadudulayo njalo ahlala endaweni yabo. **23** Babadudula basebehlahla endaweni yabo kuze kake lamuhla. **24** Kanti-ke okunjengama-Avi ayehlala emizini ekhatshana njengeGaza, amaKhafithori ayevela eKhafithori ababhubhisa asehlala endaweni yabo.) **24** "Suka khathesi uchaphe uDonga lwase-Arinoni. Uyabona, senginikele esandleni sakho uSihoni um'Amori inkosi yaseHeshibhoni kanye lelizwe lakhe. Qalisa ukuthatha lelilizwe ulwe impi laye. **25** Kusukela lamuhla ngizaqlisa ukuthelela izizwe zonke ngaphansi kwezulu ukukwesaba. Zizakuzwa indumela yakho zethuke zesabe zihlukuluzeke ngenxa yakho.' **26** Kusukela enkangala yaseKhedemothi ngathumela izithunyuwa kuSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni ngisithi akubekhona ukuthula njalo ngisithi, **27** 'Sivumele sidabule elizweni lakho. Sizahamba ngomgwao omkhulu kuphela, asiyikuphambukela ngakwesokudla loba ngakwesokunxe. **28** Sithengisele ukudla lamanzi okunatha ngentengo yesiliva. Sivumele nje sedlule ngezinyawo, **29** njengezizukulwane zika-Esawu ezihlala eSeyiri, kanye lamaMowabi ahlala e-Ari, asenzela khona, size sichap'e ujodani singene elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asinika lona.' **30** Kodwa uSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni yala ukuthi sedlule. Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wayeyenze umoya wakhe waba lobuqholo lenhlizyo yakhe yaba lukhuni ukuze amrikele ezandleni zenu, njengoba esekwenzile khathesi. **31** UThixo wathi kimi, 'Khangel'a, sengiqalisile ukunikela uSihoni lelizwe lakhe kuwe. Qalisa khathesi ukunqoba uthathe ilizwe lakhe.' **32** Kwathi uSihoni euphuma lebutho lakhe ukusihlangabeza ekuhlaseleni ejahazi, **33** uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu wannikela kithi sambulala, yena kanye lamadodana akhe lebutho lakhe lonke. **34** Ngalesosikhathi sathatha amadolobho akhe sawabhidliza, amadoda, abesifazane kanye labantwana. Kakho owasilayo. **35** Kodwa izifuyo lakho konke esakuthumbayo emadolobheni esawanqobayo sazithathela khona. **36** Kusukela e-Aroweri emngceleni wodonga lwase-Arinoni, kanye lokusuka edolobheni elisedongeni, kusiya khonale eGiliyadi, akuladolobho elalingamelana lathi. UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu wawanikela wonke kithi. **37** Kodwa kusiya ngokulaya kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, alizange lingene elizweni lama-Amoni, kumbe

**2** "Sasesiphenduka siqonda enkangala ngendlela yolwandle oluBomvu njengokulaywa kwami nguThixo. Okwesikhathi eside sasilokhu sibhoda ezweni lamaqaqa aseSeyiri. **2** UThixo wasesithi kimi, **3** 'Selibhode labhoda ezweni lamaqaqa sekwanale; khathesi phendukani likhangelle enyakatho. **4** Nika abantu lezizigondiso: "Khathesi selizakwedlula elizweni labafowenu isizukulwane sika-Esawu, abahlala eSeyiri. Bazalesaba, kodwa libolimuka linanzele. **5** Lingaboqala livuse impi ngoba angiyikulipa ilizwe labo, sengisitsho lesiqinti esilingana unyawo olulodwa. Nganika u-Esawu ilizwe laseSeyiri elamaqaqa ukuthi libe ngelakhe. **6** Lizabahbadala ngesiliva libhadalela ukudla elizakudla lamanzi elizawanatha.'" **7** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyibusisile imisebenzi yezandla zenu. Ulirkhokhele kulolonke uhambu lwenu phakathi kwenkangala enkulu kangaka. Iminyaka engamatshumi amane uThixo wenu ube lanu, kalizange liswele lutho. **8** Ngakho sahamba sedlula ezihlotsheni zethu isizukulwane sika-Esawu abahlala eSeyiri. Saphenduka sisuka emgwaqweni wase-Arabha okhwela usuka e-Elathi le-Eziyon'i-Gebheri, sahamba ngomgwao wenkangala yaseMowabi. **9** UThixo wasesithi kimi, 'Lingahlukuluzi amaMowabi loba ukubavusela impi, ngoba angiyikulinika ngitsito lesiqintshana selizwe labo. Senginike ele-Ari isizukulwane sikaLothi ukuba kube yisabelo sabo.'" **10** (Ama-Emi ake ahlala khonapho, abantu abalamandla njalo abanengi kakhulu, futhi bebade njengama-Anakhi. **11** Labo njengama-Anakhi babebalwa njengamaRefayi, kodwa amaMowabi ayebabiza ngokuthi ngama-Emi. **12** AmaHori ayekade ehlala eSeyiri, kodwa adudulwa yisizukulwane sika-Esawu. Babhubhisa amaHori ayelepho basebesakha endaweni yawo, njengalokho okwenziwa ngabako-Israyeli ezweni abaliphiwa nguThixo ukuba libe yisabelo sabo.) **13** "UThixo wasesithi, 'Khathesi sukani lichapha isiHotsha saseZeredi.' Ngakho sachapha isihotsha. **14** Kwedlula iminyaka engamatshumi amatathatu leyisicaminwembili sisuke eKhadeshi Bhaneya sisiyachapha isiHotsha saseZeredi. Ngalesosikhathi, amadoda ebutho alesosizukulwane ayesebhubhile, njengokufungelwa kwabo nguThixo. **15** UThixo wamelana labo waze wabatshabalalisa bonke

elizweni elisemingceleni yomfula uJabhoki loba lelo elilamadolobho asemaqaqeni.”

**3** “Sasuka sasesiphenduka sakhwela njalo sisekele umgwaqo oya eBhashani, kanti u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani kanye lamabutho akhe wonke wayesihlangabeza ukuze alwe lathi e-Edreyi. **2** UThixo wathi kimi, ‘Ungamesabi ngoba sengimnikieku kuwe lamabutho akhe wonke kanye lelizwe lakhe. Menze konke owakwenza kuSiHoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni.’ **3** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu wanikela u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani lamabutho akhe wonke ezandleni zethu. Sababulala bonke, kakho loyedwa owaphephayo. **4** Ngalesosikhathi sathumba wonke amadolobho akhe. Akusalanga dolobho lalinye esingalithumbanga phakathi kwawo wonke angamatshumi ayisithupha, umhlubulo wonke welizwe le-Agobhi, ilizwe lika-Ogi eBhashani. **5** Wonke amadolobho la ayevikela ngemiduli ephakemeyo langemigoqo yokuvala amasango lemijaboyokunixa, kanti njalo yayiminengi eminye imizi eyayingahonqolozelwanga ngemiduli yokuvikela. **6** Satshaya sabhuqa konke, kwaba njengalokhu esakwenza kuSiHoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni, sabhidiza wonke amadolobho, amadoda, abesifazane kanye labantwana. **7** Kanti-ke izifuyo zonke kanye lesakuthumba emadolobheni abo sazithathela kwaba ngokwethu. **8** Ngakho ngalesosikhathi kulawo makhosi womabili ama-Amori sathumba ilizwe elisempumalanga yeJodani, kusukela ezindongeni zase-Arinoni kuze kuyefika ezintabeni zaseHemoni.” **9** (iHemoni ibizwa ngokuthi yiSiriyoni ngamaSidoni, kanti-ke ama-Amori ayibiza ngokuthi yiSeniri.) **10** “Sathumba wonke amadolobho emagecekeni, kanye lawo wonke eGiliyadi, laseBhashani yonke kusiya eSalekha lase-Edreyi, engamadolobho ombuso ka-Ogi eBhashani.” **11** (U-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani nguye yedwa owayesesele emthonselaneni wamaRefayi. Umbheda wakhe wawungowensimbi njalo umude ukwedlula izingalo ezilitshumi lantathu kanti ububanzi bawo buzingalo eziyisithupha. Wona ulokhu useRabha yase-Amori.) **12** “Phakathi kwelizwe esalithumbayo ngalesosikhathi, nganika abakoRubheni labakoGadi ilizwe elisenyakatho yase-Aroweri endongeni zase-Arinoni, kuhlanganisa lengxenyelizwe lamaqaqa aseGiliyadi, kanye lamadolobho akhona. **13** EleGiliyadi lonke kanye lalo lonke eleBhashani, lombuso ka-Ogi, ngalinika abayingxenyeyesizukulwane sikaManase.” (Umhlubulo wonke welizwe le-Agobhi ngaseBhashani lalisaziwa ngokuthi yilizwe lamaRefayi. **14** UJayiri, owosendo lukaManase, wathatha sonke isiqinti esisukela emangweni we-Agobhi kusiya emngceleni weGeshuri lamaMahakhathi; saba yisiqinti esabizwa ngaye, okokuthi lalamuhla iBhashani ibizwa ngokuthi yiHavothi-Jayiri.) **15** “IGiliyadi ngayinika uMakhiri. **16** Kodwa abakoRubheni labakoGadi ngabanika isiqinti selizwe elisuka eGiliyadi lisiya ezindongeni zase-Arinoni (phakathi laphakathi kwendonga kungumngcele) kusehla kusiya eMfuleni uJabhoki, ongumngcele wama-

Amoni. **17** Umngcele wentshonalanga kuyijodani ngase-Arabha, kusukela eKhinerethi kusiya oLwandle Iwase-Arabha (uLwandle lweTswai) ngaphansi ekwahleni okungapha ngePhisiga. **18** Ngalilaya ngalesosikhathi ngathi: ‘UThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukuphile lelilizwe, lithathe libe ngelakho. Kodwa wonke amadoda asaqinile, ahломеle ukulwa, kumele achaphe kuqala phambi kwabafowenu abako-Israyeli. **19** Kanti-ke abafazi benu, abantwana lezifuyo zenu (ngiyazi lifuyile kakhulu) bangazhialela emadolobheni engilinike wona, **20** kuze kuthi uThixo aphumuze abafowenu njengalokhu akwenzileyo kini, kanti labo njalo bazabe sebelithethe ilizwe abaliphiwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ngaphetsheya kwejodani. Ngemva kwalokho, lonke ngamunye kuzamele libuyezeziqintini engilinike zona.’” **21** “Ngalesosikhathi ngalaya uJoshua ngathi: ‘Usuzibonele ngamehlo akho konke uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akwenze emakhosini amabili la. UThixo uzakwenza khonokho kuzozonke izizwe oya kuzo. **22** Ungazesabi lezozizwe, uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uzakwulwela yena uqobo lwakhe.’” **23** Ngalesosikhathi ngacela kuThixo ngathi: **24** “Oh Thixo wobukhos, usuqualisile ukutshengisainceku yakho ubukhulu bakho lesandla sakho esilamandla amakhulu. Kambe nguphi unkulunkulu ezelwini loba emhlabeni ongenza lokhu okwenzileyo lemisebenzi emikhulu oyenzayo? **25** Ngivumela ngiye khona ngiyebona ilizwe elingaphetsheya kwejodani, ilizwe elihle lamaqaqa kanye leLebanon.” **26** Kodwa ngenxa yenu uThixo wangithukuthelela akazange athande ukungizwa. UThixo wathi kimi, ‘Kwanele, ungabe usakhuluma kimi futhi ngalindaba. **27** Khwela phezu kwePhisiga ukhangele entshonalanga, enyakatho, eningizimu lasempumalanga. Ukhangele ulibone ngawakho amehlo ilizwe njengoba ungasoze uchaphe uJodani. **28** Kodwa beka uJoshua esikhundleni, umkhuthaze njalo umqinise, ngoba uzakhokhela lababantu abachaphise njalo uzakwenza balithathe lelolizwe ozalibona libe yilifa labo.’ **29** Ngakho sahlala esihotsheni phansi kweBhethi-Pheyori.”

**4** “Zwana-ke khathesi, Oh Israyeli, izimiso lemithetho engizalfundisa yona. Ilandeleni ukuze liphile njalo libe lakho ukuyalithatha lelolizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu alinika lona. **2** Lingangezelei kulokho engililaya khona njalo lingaphunguli loba yikuphi kwakhona, kodwa gcinani imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona. **3** Laziboneila ngawenu amehlo okwensiwa nguThixo eBahl-Pheyori. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wabatshabalalisa bonke ababekhonza uBhal wasePheyori, **4** kodwa lina lonke elabambelela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lilokhu lisaphila lalamuhla lokhu. **5** Liyabona sengalfundisa izimiso lemithetho uThixo wami angilaya ngazo, ukuze liyigcine elizweni elingena kulo ukuba lilitthathe. **6** Liziycine ngonanzelelo ngoba lokhu kuzaveza obala ukuhlakaniphia lokuzwisida kwenu ezizweni ezizakuzwa ngalezizimiso njalo zitszo zithi, ‘Ngeqiniso lesisizwe esilodumo yisizwe sabantu abahlakaniphileyo njalo abazwisisayo.’ **7** Yisiphi esinje isizwe esilodumo

esilabonkulunkulu baso ababaseduze laso njengoThixo ukuthi libe ngufakazi warni ukuze libhujiswe uNkulunkulu wethu oba lathi nxa sikhuleka kuye? masinskyazana lingangeni elizweni elizachapha uJodani **8** Yisiphi esinye isizwe esilezimiso eziqondileyo ukuze lilitumbe. Aliyikuhlah kulo isikhathi eside lemithetho enjengale imithetho engiyethula phambi kodwa iqiniso yikuthi lizatshabalalisa. **27** UThixo kwenu lamuhla na? **9** Kodwa linanzelele, liqaphelisise uzalihlakaza ezizweni, njalo abalutshwana benu yibo ukuze lingakhohlwa izinto elizibonileyo loba zibaleke abazasinda ezizweni uThixo azalifuqela khona. **28** ezinhliziywensi zenu ekuphileni kwenu konke. Fundisan Khonale lizakhonza onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngabantu abantwaben ngalezizinto njalo labo babofundisa ngezigodo langamatshe, abangeke babone loba bezwe abantwababo labantwana babantwana abalandela loba badle loba bezwe ukunuka. **29** Kodwa nxa likhonale emva kwabo. **10** Khumbulani usuku elema ngalo lingadinga uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lizamfumana phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eHorebhi, nxa limdinga ngezinhliziyo zenu ezipheleleyo lapho athi khona kimi, ‘Buthanisa abantu ukuze langemipfumulo yenu yonke. **30** Nxa selisosizinye bezwe amazwi ami ukuze bakwazi ukungidumisa zonke lezintizo sezilehlela, lapho-ke ngezinsukuzo ezipheleleyo nxa belokhu besahlala elizweni njalo bafundise lizabuyela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu limlalele. **31** abantwabobo.’ **11** Lasondela lema ngaphansi kwentaba Phela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu nguNkulunkulu ilavuka amalangabi eqonga phezulu, kulamayezo olomusa; kaykilidela loba alibhubhise loba alibale amnyama lomnyama owesabekayo. **12** Ngakho isivumelwano sakhe asenza labokhokho benu, leso uThixo wakhulumu lani ephakathi komlilo. Lezwa asiqinisa kubo ngesifungo.” **32** “Buzani khathesi umdumo welizwi kodwa alizange libone lutho; kwaba ngezinsukuzo ezedlulayo, kudala lingakabi khona, yilizi lodwa nje. **13** Wakhupha ilizwi lokubuyisana kusukela ngosuku uNkulunkulu adala ngalo umuntu lesivumelwano sakhe, imithetho eliTshumi, waselilaya emhlabeni; buzani kusukela ngapha kwamazulu kusiya ukuba liyilandele njalo wayiloba ezbibebhedwini ngale kwamazulu. Kambe kukhona yini okukhulu zamatshe ezimbili. **14** Kungalesosikhathi lapho uThixo kangaka okwedlula lokhu osekuke kwenzakala loba angiqondisa ukuba ngilifundise izimiso lemilayo kwezwakala na? **33** Sikhona na esinye isizwe esake sezwu okuzamele liylandele ekuchapheni kwenu uJodani uNkulunkulu ekhuluma ephakathi kwelangabi lomlilo, lisiya elizweni elizalithumba libe ngelenu.” **15** njengalokhu eselikuzwile, saphila na? **34** Kukhona “Akulalutho loba yisimo bani elasibonayago mhla na unkulunkulu oseke wazama ukuzithathela esinye uThixo ekhuluma lani eHorebhi ephakathi kwelangabi isizwe phakathi kwesinye, ngokuhlola, ngemilingo lomlilo. Kunjalo-nje kumele lizinanzelele okuqinileyo, yezibonakaliso, lezimangaliso, lezimpi, ngesandila **16** ukuze lingaxhwali libe selizenza isithombe, esilamandla langokwelula ingalo, loba izenzo ezinkulu loba umfanekiso olesimo bani, loba ngesilesimo ezesabekayo, njengakho konke uThixo uNkulunkulu sesilisa loba esesifazane, **17** loba yiphi inyamazana wenu alenzela khona eGibhithe lizibonela ngamehlo emhlabeni loba inyonu endizayo emkhathini, **18** loba enu? **35** Lakutshengiswa konke lokhu ukuze lazi yisiphi isinanakazana esihuquzelayo emhlabathini ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu; ngaphandle kwakhe loba yinhanzi ngaphansi kwamanzi. **19** Njalo kakho omunye futhi. **36** Esemazulwini wakwenza nxa likhangela phezulu esibhakabhakeni libona ukuthi lilizwe ilizwi lakhe ukuze libe lobuntu. ilanga, inyanga kanye lezinkanyezo, zonke ezhlobise Emhlabeni walitschengisa amalangabi omlilo akhe zacecisa isibhakabhaka, lingalingeki lizikhothamele omkhulu, njalo lawewza amazwi akhe ephuma beselikhonza izinto uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu emililweni. **37** Ngenxa yokuthi wabathanda okhokho azibekela iizwe zonke ngaphansi kwezulu. **20** benu wakhetha izizukulwane zabo ezalandela ngemva Kodwa-ke lina, uThixo walithatha walenyulo ezikoo kwabo, walikhija eGibhithe ngoBukhona bakhe lokuncibilisika insimbi, walikhija eGibhithe, ukuze kanye langamandla akhe amakhulu, **38** ukuxotsha libe ngabantu belifa lakhe, njengoba linje lamuhla. zonke iizwe phambi kwenu, iizwe ezilamandla **21** UThixo wangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, wafunga kulezenzu lokulingenisa elizweni lazo ukuze aliphe waphelela wathi angiyikuchapha uJodani ngingene lona libe yilifa lenu, njengoba kunjalo lamuhla. elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona **39** Yamukelani njalo likugcine ezinhliziywensi zenu ukuba libe yilifa lenu. **22** Mina ngizafela kulelilizwe; lamuhla ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu ezulwini angiyikuchapha uJodani, kodwa lina seliseduze ukuba phezulu lasemhlabeni phansi. Kakho omunye. **40** lichaphe liyelithumba lelolizwe elihle. **23** Nanzelelani Gcinani iizimiso zakhe lemilayo yakhe, engilinika ukuthi lingalibali isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wenu yona lamuhla, ukuze kulihambele kahle lina kanye asenza lani; lingazenzeli isithombe loba singesesimo labantwabenu lokuthi liphile isikhathi eside elizweni bani salokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu akwaleleyo. eliliphiwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ukuze libe **24** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ungumlilo ngelenu kokuphela.” **41** Ngakho uMosi wasekhetha ogothulayo, uNkulunkulu olobukhwele. **25** Ngemva amadolobho amathathu empumalanga yeJodani, **42** kokuba selike laba labantwana, lesizukulwane njalo ukuze kuthi wonke oyabe ebulele omunye abalekele selihlale ezweni okwesikhathi eside, lingasuka libe khona nxa eyabe ebulele umakhelwane kungekho selixhwa beselizenzela loba yisiphi isithombe, mona kodwa kube yingozi. Bangabalekela kwelinje lisenza okubi emehlwensi kaThixo uNkulunkulu lala amadolobho ukuze baphephise impilo zabo. **43** wenu limthukuthelisa, **26** ngibiza izulu lomhlabo Amadolobho lawo kwakuyila: iBhezeri emagcekeni

asenkangala, lingelabakoRubheni; iRamothi eGiliyadi, lingelabakoGadi; kanye lelaseGolani eBhashani lona lingelabakoManase. **44** Lo ngumthetho owethulwa nguMosi kwabako-Israyeli. **45** Lezi kwakuyizilinganiso, izimiso lemithetho eyethulwa nguMosi kubo ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe **46** njalo babesesigodini esiseduzane lebhethi-Pheyori empumalanga yejodani elizweni likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, yena owabusa eHeshibhoni njalo wehlulwa nguMosi labako-Israyeli bephuma eGibhithe. **47** Bathatha ilizwe lakhe kanye lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, amakhosi ama Amori womabili empumalanga yejodani. **48** Ilizwe leli lajis e-Aroweri emaphethelwени ezindonga zase-Arinoni kusya entabenи yaseSiyoni (khona kuyiHemoni), **49** kuhlanganisa layo yonke i-Arabha empumalanga yejodani kuze kuyefika oLwandle lweArabha, ngaphansi komthezuko wasePhisiga.

**5** UMosи wabizela ndawonye wonke u-Israyeli wathi kuye: "Zwana, wena Israyeli, izimiso lemithetho engizayethula ngesibopho phambi kwakho lamuhla. Ifunde njalo ube leqiniso ukuthi uyayilandela. **2** UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu wenza isivumelwano lathi eHorebhi. **3** UThixo kenzanga isivumelwano lesi labazali bethu, kodwa wasenza lathi, thina sonke esilokhe siphila kuze kube lamuhla. **4** UThixo wakhulumu lawe likhangelene ubuso ngobuso ephakathi komlilo phezu kwentaba. **5** (Ngalesosikhathi ngema phakathi kukaThixo lawe ukuze ngikwethulele ilizwi likaThixo, ngoba wawusesaba umlilo njalo awuzange ukhwele entaben.) Wasesithi: **6** 'NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho owakukhupha eGibhithe, elizweni lobuggili. **7** Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami. **8** Ungazenzeli isithombe ngesimo saloba yini esezelwini phezulu loba phansi emhlabeni kumbe ngaphansi kwamanzi. **9** Ungazikhothameli loba ukuzikhonza; ngoba Mina, Thixo uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele, ojezisa abantwana ngenxa yezono zabazali babo kuze kube yisizukulwane sesithathu lesesine salabo abangizondayo, **10** kodwa ngitshengisela uthando kuzizukulwane eziyinkulungwane zalabo abangithandayo njalo begcina imilayo yami. **11** Ungalisebenzisi ngeze ibizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba uThixo kayikumyekela olecalo lokudlala ngebizo lakhe. **12** Gcina usuku IweSabatha ngokulwenza lubengcweli njengokulaywa kwakho nguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. **13** Okwensuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza wenze yonke imisebenzi yakho, **14** kodwa usuku Iwesikhombisa luyiSabatha kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngalo awuyikwenza loba yiwpuphi umsebenzi, wena, indodana yakho loba indodakazi yakho, inceku loba inceukazi yakho, inkabi yakho, ubabhemi wakho loba yisiphi isifuyo sakho, loba isihambi esikwethkeleleyo, ukuze izisebenzi zakho zesilisa kanye lezesifazane ziphumule njengawe. **15** Khumbula ukuthi wawuyisigili eGibhithe lokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wakukhipha khona ngesandla esilamandla lengalo eyelulekileyo. Ngalokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukulaye ukuthi ugcine usuku IweSabatha. **16** Hlonipha uyhlo lonyoko, njengokulaywa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze impilo yakho ibende lokuthi kukulungele elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona. **17** Ungabulali. **18** Ungafebti. **19** Ungantshontshi. **20** Ungaafakazi amanga ngomakhelwane wakho. **21** Ungaahawukeli umfazi kamakhelwane wakho. Ungaahawukeli indlu kamakhelwane wakho loba isiqinti sakhe, inceku loba inceukazi yakhe, inkabi yakhe loba ubabhemi wakhe loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho.' **22** Le yiyo imilayo eyatshiwo nguThixo ngeliziwi eliphakemeyo liphuma elangabini omnilo leyezi kanye loymyama owesabekayo; lina libuthene lonke entaben, njalo kazange engezelele lutho. Ngakho wasekubhalu konke lokhu ezibhebhedwini ezimbili zamatshe anginika zona. **23** Lathi lisizwa ilizwi livela emnyameni, intaba ivutha amalangabi omnilo, wonke amadoda angabakhkheli labadalabezizwana zenu beza kimi. **24** Lathi, 'UTHixo wethu usitshengisile inkazimulo yakhe kanye lobukhosibakhe, njalo silizwile ilizwi lakhe livela elangabini omnilo. Lamuhla sesibonile ukuthi umuntu angaphila noma eke wakhulumu onNkulunkulu. **25** Kodwa khathesi, kanti sizafelani pho? Umlilo omkhulu kangaka uzasiqedu, njalo sizakufa nxa singaphinda sizwe ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **26** Ngoba ngubani umuntu wenyama onjengathi owake wezwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ophilayo ekhulumu ephakathi komlilo, waphila na? **27** Sondela eduzane ualele lokho okutshivo nguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. Ubususitshela lokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu azakutshela khona. Sizakulalela njalo sikulandele.' **28** UThixo walizwa ekukhulumeni kwenu lami wasesithi kimi, 'Ngizwile okutshivo ngabantu kuwe. Konke abakutshiloy Kulungile. **29** Sengathi ngabe inhliziyo zabo zingagxila ekungesabenzi njalo bayigcine imilayo yami, ukuze kubalungele bona kanye labantwabobo kuze kube laphakade! **30** Hamba ueybatshela ukuthi babuyele emathenteni abo. **31** Kodwa wena hlala khonapha lami ukuze ngikuphe yonke imilayo, izimiso lemithetho ozabafundisa ukuthi bayigcine bayilandele elizweni lelo engizabanika lona ukuba libe ngelabo.' **32** Ngakho nanzelelani lenze lokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alilaya ngakho; lingaphambukeli yiloba kwasokudla loba kwenesxele. **33** Hambani ngaleyondela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alilaya ngayo, ukuze lipophile liphumelele njalo lengezelele insuku zenu elizweni elizakuba ngelenu.'

**6** "Le yiyo imilayo, izimiso lemithetho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu angithuma ukuthi ngilifundise ukuyigcina elizweni elizachapha ujodani lilitathethi libe ngelenu, **2** ukuze lina, labantwabenu kanye labantwabobo abezayo bamesabe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ekuphileni kwenu ngokucina izimiso lemilayo engizalinika yona, ukuze libe lempilo ende. **3** Zwana, wena Israyeli, njalo unanzelele ukuthi uyalalela ukuze kukulungele njalo wande kakhulu elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, njengokuthembisa kukaThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu. **4** Zwana, wena Israyeli: UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, nguThixo munye.

**5** Thanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhlizyo Lingendiseli amadodakazi enu yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke kanye emadodaneni azo, kumbe lithatthele amadodana enu langamandla akho wonke. **6** Imilayo le engikupha yona amadodakazi azo, 4 ngoba azaphambula amadodana lamuhlu kumele ibe sezinhliyizweni zenu. **7** Igcizeleli enu ekungikhonzeni abesekhonza abanye onkulunkulu, ebantwaneni benu. Likhulume ngayo nxa lihlezi kuthi ulaka lukaThixo luvuthe lulitshabalalise. **5** emakhaya enu lalapho lihamba endleleni, lapho lilala Nanku okumele likwenzene kulezi zizwe: Dilizani amalanxa livu. **8** Ibopheleni ezandleni zenu ibe luphawu, alithare azo, libhidzile amatshe eziwakhonzayo, liyibophele lasemabunzini enu. **9** Ibhaleni emigubazini ligamule izinsika zika-Ashera njalo litshise izithombe yezindlu zenu kanye lasemasangweni enu. **10** Kuzakuthi zazo ngomlilo. **6** Phela lina lingabantu abangcwele uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eselingenisa elizweni afunga kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. UThixo uNkulunkulu ngalo kuboyihlo, u-Abhraham, u-Isaka loJakhobe, wenu ulikhethile phakathi kwabantu bonke emhlabeni ukulinika lona, ilizil elilamadolohu amakhulu, ukuthi libe ngabantu bakhe, isipho sakhe esilugugu. aphumeleloyo kodwa elingazakhelanga wona, **11** izindlu **7** UThixo kazange ehlisele uthando lwakhe phezu ezicgwele konke okuhle elingazange likuhluphekele, kwenu ngoba libanengi kulezinye izizwe, phela imithombo yamanzi elingazange liyigebhe, kanye lina livele liyisizwe sabantu abalutshwana. **8** lezivini lezihlahla zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga, Kodwa kungenxa yokuthi uThixo walithanda wagcina ukuze kuthi lingadla lisuthe, **12** linanzelele ukuthi isifungo asifunga kubokhokho benu walikhupha alimkhohlwa uThixo, yena ovalikhupha eGibhithe, ngesandla esilamandla walihlenga ezweni lobugqili, elizweni lobugqili. **13** Mesabeni uThixo uNkulunkulu emandleni kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. **9** Yazini-ke wenu, mkhonzeni yena yedwa njalo lifunge ngebizo ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu; lakhe. **14** Lingabalandeli abanye onkulunkulu babantu unguNkulunkulu othembekileyo, ogcina isivumelwano elakhelene labo; **15** ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu sothando kuze kufike esizukulwaneni senkulungwane wenu, ophakathi kwenu, nguThixo olobukhwele salabo abamthandayo njalo begcina imilayo yakhe. njalo ongalithukuthelela, alithshabalalise ebusweni **10** Kodwa labo abamzondayo uzaphindisela kubo bomhlaba. **16** Lingamlingi uThixo uNkulunkulu ngokubabbhubisa; kayikuphuza ukuphindisela kulabo wenu njengalokhu elakwenza eMasa. **17** Nanzeleli abamzondayo. **11** Kungakho, nanzeleli lilatele ukuthi liyayigcina imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu imilayo, izimiso kanye lemitetho engilinika yona wenu lezimiso kanye lemilayo aliphe yona. **18** lamuha. **12** Nxala linanzelela limithetho njalo lyilandela, Yenzani okuqondileyo lokuhle emehlweni kaThixo, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzagcina isivumelwano ukuze konke kuhliambele kuhle njalo lingene sakhe sothando kini, njengoba wafunga kubokhokho liyethatha ilizwe uThixo alithembisa okhokho benu benu. **13** Uzalithanda alibusise andise ubunengi ngesifungo, **19** lidudule zonke izitha eziphambi benu. Uzabusisa izithelo zenzalo yeziyu zenu, izilimo kwenu, njengokutsho kukaThixo. **20** Kuzakuthi zamasiyu enu, amabele enu, iwayini elitsha kanye ngokuqhube ka wesikhathu kxe nxa indodana yakho lamafutha, amathole emihlambi yenkomu zenu kanye ikubuza isithi, ‘Zitshoni izimiso, imilayo lemitetho lamazinyane emihlambi yeziyu zenu elizweni afunga leyo uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu aliphe yona?’ **21** ukuthi uzalinika okhokho benu ukuba balinike Wena uzakuthi: ‘Sasiyizigqili zikaFaro eGibhithe, lona. **14** Lina lizabusisa okungaphezu kwabanye kodwa uThixo wasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla abantu; kakho phakathi kwamadoda labafazi kini sakhe esilamandla. **22** Thina sazibonela ngawethu ozaswela umntwana, njalo lezifuyo zenu ngeke amehlo uThixo ethumela izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ziswele amankonyane. **15** UThixo uzaliphephisa ezinkulu lezesabekayo phezu kweleGibhithe laphezu emikhuhlani yonke. Kayikulehlisela imikhuhlani kukaFaro labo bonke abendlu yakhe. **23** Kodwa yonke eyesabekayo elaliyibona eGibhithe, kodwa wasikhupha khonone wasiletha lapha ukuze asinike uzayehlisela kulabo abalizondayo. **16** Libobhubhisila ilizwe alithembisa okhokho bethu ngesifungo. **24** bonke abantu uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu abanikela UThixo wasilaya ukuba silalele zonke lezi zimiso ezandleni zenu. Lingabazweli usizi, lingakhonzi lokwesaba uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuze sithole ukuphumelelo lokuphilu, njengoba kunje lamhlanje. **25** Kanti-ke nxa sinanzelela silalela wonke umthetho lo phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokusilaya kwakhe, lokhu kuzakuba yikulunga kwethu.’”

**7** “Lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu elingenisa elizweni alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu uxotsha izizwe ezinengi phambi kwenu, amaHithi, amaGigashi, ama-Amori, amaKhennani, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamajebusi, izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezinkulu njalo ezilamandla kulani, **2** kuthi lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esezinikele ezandleni zenu lani selizingqobile kufanele lizitshabalalise ngokupheleleyo. Lingabi lesivumelwano lazoo, njalo lingabi lesihawu kuzo. **3** Lingendiseli amadodakazi enu yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke kanye emadodaneni azo, kumbe lithatthele amadodana enu langamandla akho wonke. **6** Imilayo le engikupha yona amadodakazi azo, 4 ngoba azaphambula amadodana lamuhlu kumele ibe sezinhliyizweni zenu. **7** Igcizeleli enu ekungikhonzeni abesekhonza abanye onkulunkulu, ebantwaneni benu. 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Kayikulehlisela imikhuhlani kukaFaro labo bonke abendlu yakhe. **23** Kodwa yonke eyesabekayo elaliyibona eGibhithe, kodwa wasikhupha khonone wasiletha lapha ukuze asinike uzayehlisela kulabo abalizondayo. **16** Libobhubhisila ilizwe alithembisa okhokho bethu ngesifungo. **24** bonke abantu uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu abanikela UThixo wasilaya ukuba silalele zonke lezi zimiso ezandleni zenu. Lingabazweli usizi, lingakhonzi lokwesaba uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuze sithole ukuphumelelo lokuphilu, njengoba kunje lamhlanje. **25** Kanti-ke nxa sinanzelela silalela wonke umthetho lo phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokusilaya kwakhe, lokhu kuzakuba yikulunga kwethu.’”

kwenu, nguThixo omkhulu njalo owesabekayo. **22** owalikhupa eGibhithe, walikhupa elizweni lobuggili. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzazidudula lezozizwe **15** UThixo walikhokhela enkangala enkulu eyesabekayo, phambi kwenu kancane kancane. Aliyikuvunyelwa eyomileyo engelmanzi, elobuthi benyoka lenkume. ukuzibhubhisa ngasikhathi sinye ngoba izinyamazana Walinika amanzi aphuma edwaleni. **16** Walinika zeganga zinganda zilihanqe. **23** Kodwa uThixo imana ukuba lidle enkangala, into abangazange uNkulunkulu wenu uzabanikela kini, abaphazamise bayazi oyihlo, ukulichumisa njalo lokulilinga ukuze baze babhujiswe. **24** Amakhosi azo uzawanikela kuthi ekucineni kulihambele kuhle. **17** Mhlawumbe ezandleni zenu, njalo lizakwesula amabizo awo lingath, 'Ngokuzimisela kwami langamandla ezandla ngaphansi komkhathi. Kakh ozakwenelisa ukumelana zami sengizidalele inotho.' **18** Kodwa khumbulanlani, lizababhubhisa. **25** Izithombe zabonkulunkulu uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngoba kunguye oliphaba bozo lizazitshisa ngomilo. Lingahawukeli isiliva amandalokunotha, lokho kuyikho ukugcaliseka legolide eliphezu kwezithombe, lingazigcinelona, kwsivumelwano sakhe, sona afunga kubokhokho ngoba lizabe selizibamisile emjibileni ngalo, ngoba benu, okulokhu kunjalo lalamuhla. **19** Nxa lizake liyisineniso kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **26** likhohlwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu beselilandela Lingalethi okunengisayo ezindlini zenu, ngoba abanye onkulunkulu libakhonze libakhothamele, lani njengakho lokho lizakhethelwa ukubhujiswa. **20** Njengezizwe uThixo azibhubhisa phambi kwenu lani lizabujiswa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu."

**8** "Nanzeelani njalo lilandele yonke imilayo **9** "Zwana, We Israyeli. Khathesi ususiyachapha engilnika yona lamuhla, ukuze liphile njalo ijodani ukuze ungene uyethathela izizwe ezinkulu lande khona lizangena lithumbi ilizwe uThixo ezilamandla kulawe, ezilamadolobho amakhulu alinika okhokho benu ethembisa ngesifungo. **2** alemiduli etshaya emkhathini. **2** Abantu bakhona Likhumbule ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu balamandla njalo bade, ngama-Anakhi. Liyakwazi walikhokhela njani lidabula inkangala okweminyaka konke ngabo njalo selike layizwa indumel yabo engamatshumi amane, elichumisa lokulilinga ukuthi yokuthi: 'Ngubani ongamelana lama-Anakhi?' **3** abone okwakusezinhliziyeweni zenu, ukuthi kambe Kodwa qinisekani lamuhla ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu lizayigcina imiyalo yakhe na loba hayi. **3** wenu nguye ozachapha phambi kwenu njengomilo UThixo walichumisa, walenza lalamba kanti njalo otshisa ubhuqe. UThixo uzababhubhisa; uzabanyathela walipha ukudla okuyimana, ukudla lokho laboyihlo phambi kwenu. Lizabaxotsha libabhubhise masinyane, abangazangebakwazi, kuyikulifundisa ukuthi umuntu njengokuthembisa kukaThixo. **4** Ngemva kokuba kaphili ngesinkwa kuphela zwi kodwa ngalo lonke uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esebanqobile phambi ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni kaThixo. **4** Iziggoko kwenu, lingabozikhohlis lisithi, 'UThixo ungleithe zenu aziguganga njalo lezinyawo zenu azivuvukanga lapha ukuba ngilithathe libe ngelami lelilizwe kuleyo minyaka engamatshumi amane. **5** Gcinani ngenxa yokulunga kwami.' Akunjalo, kungenxa lokhu ezinhliziyeweni zenu lazi ukuthi njengendoda yezono zalezizizwe okuzakwenza ukuthi uThixo ikuza indodana yayo, ngokufananayo uThixo azisuse phambi kwakho. **5** Akusikho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wenu uyalikhuzu. **6** Gcinani imilayo kungenxa yokulunga kwakho loba ukuziphatha kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lihambe endleleni yakhe ngobuntu bakho okuzakwenza ungene kulelolizwe njalo limkhonze. **7** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu ulithathe; kodwa kungenxa yezono zalezozizwe, wenu ulisa elizweni elihle, ilizwe elilezifula leziziba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uzazixotsha phambi zamanzi, intombo zamanzi ezimpompoza ezigodini kwakho lezizizwe ukuze kugcwaleseke isifungo uThixo lasemaqaqeni; **8** elizweni lengqoloyi lebhali, amavini wakho asenza kuboyihlo, u-Abrahama, u-Isaka kanye lemekhiwa, amaphomegranathi, amafutha ama-oliva lojakhobe. **6** Zwisisa manje, ukuthi akungenxa lenyosi; **9** elizweni lapha okungasayi kusweleka yokulunga kwakho ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho khona isinkwa njalo aliyikuswela lutho; elizweni ukunika lelilizwe ukuba libe ngelakho, ngoba lina lapho amatshe akhona ayinsimbi kanti njalo lingembalapha, beliokhu lihlamukela uThixo. **8** EHorebhi yakhe, imithetho kanye lezimiso engilnika zona lapha, beliokhu lihlamukela uThixo. **8** EHorebhi ikhophemaqaqeni. **10** Lizakuthi selidlile lasutha, lokhu njalo lingakhohlwa ukuthi lamthukuthelisa njani lidumise uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngelizwe elihle lavusa ulaka lukaThixo ngalokho wazonda okukuthi lamuhla. **12** Kungenzenka ukuthi lithi selidlile lasutha, wayezalibhubhisa. **9** Kwathi ekukhweleni kwami selakhe izindlu ezinhle lahlala lazinja, **13** njalo intaba ngisiyakwamukela izibhebedu zamatshe, imihlambi yezifuyo zenu leyezimvu zenu isiqheli lezibhebedu zesisvumelwano uThixo asenza lani, yanda kuze kuthi lesiliva legolide lenu selilinengi ngahlala entabenzi okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane kanye lakho konke okwenu sekukunengi kuphindwe lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa kanenginengi, **14** liziqhenye ezinhliziyeweni zenu, njalo angizange nginginathemba amanzi. **10** UThixo wanginika libe selikhohlwa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, yena izibhebedu zamatshe ezimbili okwakulotshwe

kuzo ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu. Kulezizibhebhedu kwakulotshwe yonke imilayo eyayethulwe nguThixo kini phezu kwentaba ephakathi komlilo, ngosuku lombuthano. **11** Ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane njalo lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, uThixo wangipha izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili, izibhebhedu zesivumelwano. **12** UThixo wangitshela wathi, ‘Suka lapha wehle ngokuphangisa, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupa eGibhithe sebexhwalile. Sebephambukile masinyane kulokho engangibalaye ngakho njalo sebezibumbele isithombe.’ **13** UThixo wathi kimi, ‘Sengabonile lababantu, njalo bangontamozilukhuni ngeqiniso! **14** Ngiyekela ukuze ngibabuhubhise njalo ngesule amabizo abo ngaphansi kwamazulu. Njalo ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esilamandla futhi esikhulu kulesabo.’ **15** Ngasengiphenduka ngehla entabeni yona ivutha ilangabi lomlilo. Kanti njalo izibhebhedu zombili zesivumelwano zazisezandleni zami. **16** Ngathi ngiyakhangela ngabona ukuthi lonile phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu; laselizibumbele isithombe esibunjwe ngesimo sethole. Laseliphambukile masinyane lasuka endleleni uThixo ayelilaye ngayo. **17** Ngalokho ngathatha izibhebhedu zombili ezaezandleni zami ngazisakazela phansi, zaphahlazeka zaba yizicu phambi kwenu. **18** Kanti-ke njalo ngazilahla ngawa phambi kukaThixo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane njalo lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; angidlanga sinkwa njalo angizange nginathe amanzo, ngenxa yezonzo zonke elaselizidalile, lisensa okubi emehlwani kaThixo njalo lamthukuthelisa waze wazonda. **19** Ngesaba intukuthelo lolaka lukaThixo, ngoba wayezonde kangangokuba wayengalibhubhisa. Kodwa-ke futhi uThixo wangilalela. **20** UThixo wamthukuthelela u-Aroni kangangokuba wayengamtshabalalisa, kodwa-ke ngalesosikhathi laye u-Aroni ngamkhulekela. **21** Ngabuye ngathatha into yokona kwenu, ithole leli elalilibumble, ngalitshisa emlilweni. Ngasenglichobobo njalo ngalichola laba yimpuphu ecoleke njengothuli ngaluhaza esifuleni esigeleza entabeni. **22** Laphinda njalo lamthukuthelisa uThixo eThabhera, laseMasa kanye laseKhibhrothi Hathava. **23** Kanti uThixo wathi elisusa eKhadeshi Bhaneya, wathi, ‘Qhubekani njalo liyethatha ilizwe engilinike lona.’ Kodwa lahlamukela umlayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Alizange limethembe loba ukumlalela. **24** Belivele linhlamukela uThixo kusukela ngiqalisa ukulazi. **25** Ngazilahla ngawa phambi kukaThixo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane kanye lobusuku obungamatshumi amane ngoba uThixo wayethe uzalibhubhisa. **26** Ngakhuleka njalo kuThixo ngathi, ‘Oh! Thixo Wobukhos, ungabhubhisi abantu bakho, ilifa lakho owalihlenga ngamandla akho amakhulu wabakhipha eGibhithe ngesandla sakho esilamandla. **27** Khumbula izinceku zakho u-Abrahama, u-Isaka kanye lojakhobe. Xola ebuholweni balababantu, ebubini lasezonweni zabo. **28** Nxa kungenjalo ilizwe owasisusa kilo lizakuthi, ‘Ngoba uThixo wehluleka ukubangerisa elizweni ayebathembise lona, njalo langenxa yokuthi

wayebazonda, wabakhupa ukuze bayefela enkangala.” **29** Kodwa ngabantu bakho, abayilifa lakho ovalikhupha ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliwoyo.”

**10** “Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wathi kimi, ‘Baza eziyne izibhebhedu zamatshe ezimbili zifanane lezakuqala uze lazo kimi entabeni. Uphinde njalo wenze ibhokisi ngezigodo. **2** Ngizabhala kulezozibhebhedu amazwi ayesezibhebhewini zakuqala owaziphahlazayo. Ube usuzifaka kulelobhokisi.’ **3** Ngakho ngenza ibhokisi lesivumelwano ngezigodo zeshihlahla som’akhakiya ngasengibaza izibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe ezifanana lezakuqala, ngasengikhwela entabeni ngiphethe lezo zibhebhedu ezimbili. **4** UThixo wabhala kulezozibhebhedu lokho ayekubhale kwezakuqala, imiThetho eliTsumi ayeyimemezele kini ephakathi komlilo, entaben, ngosuku lokuhlangana. UThixo wasengirika zona izibhebhedu. **5** Ngakho ngasengibuya ngisehla entabeni ngafika ngafika izibhebhedu ebhokisini engangilenzile njengokulawaywa kwami nguThixo, yikho zilokhu zikhona lakahthesi.” **6** (Abako-Israyeli bahamba besuka emithonjeni yaseBherothi-Bheni-Jakhani kusiya eMosera. Kulapho u-Aroni afela khona njalo wangcwatshwa khona, kwathi indodana yakhe u-Eliyazari yathatha isikhundla sakhe sobuphristi. **7** Besuka lapho bahamba baya eGudigoda bedlulela ejothibhatha, ezweni elilezifula ezilamanzi. **8** Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wehlukanisa abaLevi ukuze bathwale umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, ukuma phambi kukaThixo besenza umsebenzi wokukhonza kanye lokwethula izibuso ngebizo lakhe, njengoba bekwenza lanamuha. **9** Yikho abaLevi bengelasabelo loba ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo; elabo ilifa nguThixo, njengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wabatshela.) **10** “Ngasengihlale phezu kwentaba insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, njengalokhu engangikwenze kuqala, lakanye uThixo wangilalela futhi okwalesosikhathi. Kwakungasikufisa kwakhe ukulibhubhisa. **11** UThixo wathi kimi, ‘Hamba uyekhokhela abantu endleleni yabo, ukwenzela ukuthi bangene bathathe ilizwe engafunga kuboyise ukuthi ngizabapha lona.’ **12** “Khathesi-ke, Oh Israyeli, kuyini uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho angakucela kuwe ngaphandle kokuba umesabe uThixo wakho, ukuhamba ezindleleni zakhe, ukumthanda, ukumsebenzela uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomoya wakho wonke, **13** lokugcina imilayo kaThixo kanye lezimiso lezi engilinika zona lamhlanje ukuze kulilungele? **14** Amazulu ngakaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lamazulu aphakameyo, umhlaba kanye lakho konke okukiwo. **15** Kanti-ke uThixo watshengisela isihawu sakhe kubokhokho benu njalo wabathanda, ngalokho wakhetha lina, eliyizizukulwane zabo, phezu kwazo zonke eziyne izizwe, njengoba kunjalo lalamuha. **16** Ngakho-ke, sokani inhliziyo zenu, njalo lingabe lisaba ngontamozilukhuni futhi. **17** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu nguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu

njalo unguMbusi wababusi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla njalo ovesabekayo, ongelabandlululo futhi ongemukeli isivalamlomo. **18** Uyawavikela amalungelo ezintandane kanye labafelokazi, njalo uyabathanda abangabezizweni phakathi kwenu, ubanika ukudla lezemba. **19** Ngakho kuzamele lithande abezizweni, njengoba lina laflingabezizweni eGibhithe. **20** Mesabeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo limkhonze. Bambelelani kuye njalo lenze izifungo zenu ngebizo lakhe. **21** Uyindumuso yenu, unguNkulunkulu wenu, owalenzela lezozimanga ezinkulu lezesabekayo elazibona ngamehlo enu. **22** Okhokho benu abaya eGibhithe babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa kuhphela, kanti khathesi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uselenze laba banengi njengezinkanyeki esibhakabhakeni.”

**11** “Thandani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lilondoloze okwakhe, izimiso, imithetho lemilayo yakhe ngazozonke izikhathi. **2** Khumbulani lamuhla ukuthi abantwabenu akusibo ababubonayo njalo babazi ubukhulu bukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu; ubukhosibakhe, isandla sakhe esilamandla, lengalo yakhe eyelulekileyo; **3** izibonakaliso azenzayeo kanye lakho konke akwenzayeo phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe, ezenza kuFaro iNkosi yeGibhithe laselizweni lakhe lonke; **4** lalokho akwenza kubutho leGibhithe, lasemabzhizeni lezinqola zawo, ukuthi wakunqoba njani konke lokhu ngamanzi oLwandle oluBomvu mhla bextotshana lani, kanye lokuthi uThixo wabachitha baphela du. **5** Akusibantwabenu ababona alenzela khona enkangala laze lazafika lapha, **6** kanye lalokho akwenza kuDathani lo-Abhiramu, amadodana ka-Eliyabi wako-Rubheni. Lapho umhlaba owavuleka khona phambi kwabako-Israyeli wabaginya bonke kanye lezimuli zabo, lamathente abo lakho konke okuphilayo okwakungokwabo. **7** Kodwa-ke kwakungawenu amehlo abona zonke lezizinto ezazeniwe nguThixo. **8** Yikho-ke gcinani lilalele yonke imilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuze lizuze amandla okuchapha ijodani liyelihlumba lelolizwe, **9** njalo lillale kulo isikhathi eside ilizwe uThixo alinika okhokho benu lezizukulwane zenu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **10** Lelolizwe elizangena kulo lilithumbe alifanani lelize laseGibhithe, lapho elivelu khona, lapho elalihlanyela inhlanyelo yenu lithwala amanzi nzima lithelela njengesivandeni semibhida. **11** Kodwa ilizwe elilichaphela ujodani ukuze lilithumbe libe ngelenu yilizwe lezintaba lezihotsha ezinatha zigcwale ngamanzi ezulu. **12** Yilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alikhathalelayo, amehlo kaThixo wenu aphezu kwalo kusukela ekuqaleni komnyaka kuze kube sekupheleni kwawa. **13** Ngakho lingalalela ngokwethembeka imilayo yami engilinika yona lamuhla, ukuthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo limkhonze ngenhlizyo zenu zonke, langemiphefumulo yenu yonke, **14** ngalokho ngizanisa izulu emhlabeni wenu ngesikhathi salo, ekwindla kanye lasentwasa, ukube libe lenala yamabele njalo livune, iwayini elitsha kanye lamafutha. **15** Ngizamilisa utshani egangeni obuzadliwa zinkomo zenu, lina lizakudla lisuthe. **16** Qaphelani linanzelele ukuthi aliyikuugeka lihlamuke

likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele. **17** Kungaba njalo ulaka lukaThixo luzavutha kini, njalo uzavala amazulu akhe ukuze kungabi lezulu elizakuna kuthi umhlaba wenu ungatheli izithelo, kuthi lina libhubhe masinyane elizweni elihle uThixo alinika lona. **18** Gcinani amazwi ami la ezinhiliziyweni lasenggondweni zenu, abopheleni njengezimpawu ezandleni zenu, liwabophele lemabunzini enu. **19** Afundiseni abantwabenu, lixoxe ngawo nxa lihlezi emakhayu enu kanye lalapho lihamba endleleni, lapho lalila lanxa livuka. **20** Abhaleni emigubazini yezindlu zenu kanye lasemasangweni enu, **21** ukue kuthi insuku zenu kanye lezabantwabenu zande elizweni uThixo afunga ukulnika okhokho benu, kuze kuge laphakade. **22** Nxa lingamhloniphala lilandele imilayo yami le engilinika yona ukuba liyilande, ukuthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ngezindlela zakhe libambele kuye ngokuqinileyo, **23** ngalokho uThixo uzazixotsha zonke izizwe phambi kwenu njalo lani lizazemuka izizwe ezinkulu kulani, njalo ezilamandla kulani. **24** Yonke indawo elizanyathela kuyo izakuba ngeyenu: umhlaba wenu uzaqhela ukusuka enkangala usiya eLebanoni, kusuka emfuleni iYufrathe kusiya olwandle olusentshonalanga. **25** Kakho ozamelana lani. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, njengokulithembisa kwakhe, uzaletha ukuthuthumela ngani lokulesaba elizweni lonke, ngaphi langaphi elihamba khona. **26** Khangelani, lamuhla ngifaka phambi kwenu isibusiso lesithuko, **27** isibusiso nxa lillalela imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona lamuhla; **28** isithuko nxa lingalaleli imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo libe selitshiya indlela engilikhomba yona ngokulandela abanye onkulunkulu elingabaziyo. **29** Nxa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eselifikisile elizweni eselingena kulo ukuba lilithumbe, kalibomemezela liseNtabeni iGerizimu lezobusiso, kuthi liseNtabeni ye-Ebhalilimemezele izithuko. **30** Njengoba lisazi, izintaba zingaphetsheya kwejodani, entshonalanga yomgwaqo okhangele entshonalanga, eduzane lezihlhla ezinkulu zaseMore, elizweni lalawo maKhenani ahlala e-Arabha eduzane kweGiligali. **31** Seliseduze ukuchapha ijodani ukuba lingene lithumbe lelolizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. Kuzakuthi nxa selilithethe selihlala khona, **32** libe leqiniso lokuthi liyalalela zonke izimiso lemithetho engilibekha yona lamuhla.”

**12** “Lezi yizo izimiso lemilayo okumele likugcine ngonanzelelo elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wabokhoko benu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu nxa lilo khulu lisahlala kulelolizwe. **2** Dilizani ngokupheleleyo zonke izindawo izizwe elizinqobayo ezazikhonzela onkulunkulu bazo khona, ezintabeni ezipifikemeyo lasemaqaqeni kanye langaphansi kwezihlaha ezinabileyo. **3** Dilizani ama-alithare eziwe, libhidize amatshe abawakhonzayo litshise izinsika zika-Ashera emlilweni, dilizelani phansi izithombe zabo libe lichithe licitshe amabizo abo kulezondawo. **4** Lingalandeli izindlela zabo zokukhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Kodwa lizadinga indawo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha

phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zenu, ukuze abeke uNkulunkulu wenu akhetha ukubeka iBizo lakhe iBizo lakhe lapho, ahlale khona. Kumele liye ikgatshana kakhulu lani, lingahlaba emihlambini kuleyondawo; **6** khonapho lilethe iminikelo yenu yezifuyo leyezimvu njengokuyiphiwa kwenu nguThixo, yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, lokwetshumi kwenu leziphlo zenu eziqakathhekileyo, lokho elifunge ukukunikela kanye leminikelo yenu yokuzithandela, amazibulo emihlambi yenu yenkomo leyezimvu. **7** Khonapho, phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lina kanye labantwabenu lizakudla njalo lijabule ngakho konke elike labeka izandla zenu kukho, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ulibusisile. **8** Lingabokwenza njengalokhu esikwenwa lamuhla, ngamunye esenza njengokuthanda kwakhe, **9** ngoba alikangeni endaweni yokuphumula kanye lelifeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. **10** Kodwa lizachapha ujodani liyekwakha lihlale elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu, njalo uzaliphumuza ezitheni zenu elakhelene lazo ukuze lihlale livikelekile. **11** Okumayelana lendawo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha ibe likhaya leBizo lakhe, kulapho elizaletha konke engililaya ngakho; iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo, okwetshumi kwenu leziphlo zenu eziqakathhekileyo, kanye lazozonke impahla elikhetha ukufunga ngazo kuThixo. **12** Khona lapho lijabule phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lina, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, izinceku zenu, kanye labaLevi abavela emadolobheni enu, abangelaseloba loba ilifa abaliphiwayo libe ngelabo. **13** Limukani linganikeleli iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa ingge kungaphi elithanda khona. **14** Nikelelani kuphela endaweni uThixo azayikhetha phakathi kwezizwana zenu kuthi selilapho linanzelele konke engililaya ngakho. **15** Ngalokho-ke, selilakho ukuhlabla izifuyo zenu lizibulale njengalokhu okwenziwayo emadolobheni enu njalo lidle yonke leyonyama elifisa ukuyidla, kungani lithaka loba imbabala, kusiya ngesibusiso leso lowo lalowo ayabe ebusiswe ngaso nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Bonke labangahlanzekanga labahlanzekileyo ngokomkhuba bavunyelwe ukuyidla. **16** Kodwa lingadli igazi lazo; lilahleni kungathi lichitha amanzi phansi. **17** Lingakudli emadolobheni enu okwetshumi kwamabele enu kanye lokwewayini elitsha lamafutha, loba amazibulo emihlambi yezifuyo zenu, lakho konke eselifunge latembisa ukuba lizanikela ngakho, leminikelo yenu yokuzithandela loba iziphlo eziqakathhekileyo. **18** Kodwa kumele likudle phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lina, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, izinceku zenu, kanye labaLevi abavela emadolobheni enu, lina labo lizajabula phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngakho konke elikuphatha ngezandla zenu. **19** Linanzelele lingalibali beselikhohlwa abaLevi nxa lilokhu lisahlala elizweni lenu. **20** Nxa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eseqhelisile ilizwe lenu njengokuthembisa kwakhe, libe seliroyisa ukudla inyama lithi, ‘Ngifisa ukudla inyama,’ kulapho elizakudla khona lize lifike lapho elithanda khona. **21** Nxa indawo leyo lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu akhetha ukubeka iBizo lakhe yezifuyo leyezimvu njengokuyiphiwa kwenu nguThixo, njengoba ngililayile, kuthi emadolobheni enu lizidle lezozifuyo njengokuthanda kwenu. **22** Lidle kungathi kanye leminikelo yenu yokuzithandela, amazibulo lidla ithaka lembabala. Bonke abangahlanzekanga emihlambi yenu yenkomo leyezimvu. **23** Kodwa ngokomkhuba labahlanzekileyo bangadla. **24** Lingabokwenza njengalokhu esikwenwa lamuhla, ngamunye esenza njengokuthanda kwakhe, **25** Lingadli, ukuze kulihamble kuhle lina kanye labantwabenu abezayo, ngoba lizabe lenze okuhle emehlweni kaThixo. **26** Kodwa thathani lokho okugcotshiwayo lałokho elifunge ukukunikela lisuke liye endaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo. **27** Lethani iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa e-alithareni likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, konke inyama kanye legazi. **28** Linanzelele lilandele iziqondiso zonke Igazi leminikelo yenu lilichithele phansi kwe-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, kodwa lingadla inyama yakhona. **29** Linanzelele engilinika zona, ukuze kulihamble kuhle lina kanye labantwabenu abezayo ngemva kwenu, ngoba lizabe labantwabenu abezayo ngemva kwenu, lenze okuhle njalo kulungile emehlweni kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **30** njalo uzazichitha phambi kwenu zonke izizwe okufanele lizihlasele libe selizemuka okungokwazo. Kodwa nxa selizingobile lazichitha selihlezi elizweni lazo, **31** Lingabokhonza uThixo nxa sezichithiwe phambi kwenu, liqapele lingahugeki ngokubuza ngabonkulunkulu bazo lisithi, ‘Kanti zona lezizizwe zibakhonza njani onkulunkulu bazo? Lathi sizakwenza okufananayo.’ **32** Lingabokhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngendlela abakhonza ngayo, ngoba ekukhonzeni kwabo onkulunkulu babo, benza konke okunengisayo okungaso kwamukeleke kuThixo. Baya baze batshise amadodana lamadodakazi abo emililweni bethi bayanikela kubonkulunkulu babo. **33** Nanzelelani ukuthi lenza lokho engililaya ngakho, lingengezeleli loba liphungule kulokho.

**13** “Nxa umphrofethi, loba umuntu oboniswa ngamaphupho, angavela phakathi kwenu abesebika imilingo loba isimanga, **2** kuthi leyomilingo loba lesosimanga ayabe ekhulume ngaso, kubonakale kusenzakala, abesethi, ‘Asilandeleni abanye onkulunkulu’ (onkulunkulu elingabaziyi) ‘njalo asibakhonzeni,’ **3** lingalaleli amazwi alowo mphrofethi loba umuntu wamaphupho. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzabe elilinga efuna ukubona kumbe liyamthanda yini ngezinhliziyo zenu kanye langemiphefumulo yenu yonke. **4** NguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu okumele limlandele, kanti nguye uqobo okumele limesabe. Gcinani imilayo yakhe njalo limlalele; mkhonzeni libambeleliqine kuye. **5** Lowo mphrofethi loba lowomuntu wamaphupho akhe kumele abulawe, ngoba utshumayele wakhuthaza ukuhlamukela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ovalikhupha eGibhithe njalo walihlenga elizweni lobugqili; njalo ngumuntu obezama ukuliphambula endleleni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alilaya ngayo ukuba liylandele. Kumele lihlambulule ububi phakathi kwenu. **6** Nxa umfowenu uqobo, loba

indodana loba indodakazi yakho, loba umfazi wakho emanzini, lingadla zonke lezo ezilempiko lamaxolo. omthandayo, loba umngane wakho osekhwapheni, 10 Kodwa konke lokho okungelampiko lamaxolo angavele akuhuge ensitha, esithi, 'Asihambe siyekhonza akumelanga likudle; kungcolile kini. 11 Lingadla loba abanye onkulunkulu' (onkulunkulu lina laboyihlo yiphi inyonu ehlanzekileyo. 12 Kodwa lezi lingazidli: elingazange libazi, 7 onkulunkulu babantu ukhozi, ilinqe elimnyama, 13 uhelwane olubomvu, elakhelene labo, eduzane loba khatshana, kusukela uhelwane olumnyama, loba yiuphi umhlobo emaphethelweni esigaba kusiyaphutsha ngale kwaso), womzwawa 14 loba yiphi imihlobo yamawabayi, 15 8 lingavumeli futhi lingamlaleli. Lingamtshengiseli isikhova esilesicholo, ingabuzane, idada lolwandle, uzwelo. Lingamphephisi njalo lingamvikel. 9 loba wuphi umhlobo wokhozi, 16 umandukulo, Kumele ngeqiniso abulawe. Isandla senu kumele isikhova esikhulu, isikhova esimhlophe, 17 isikhova sibe yiso esikhokhela ukubulawa kwakhe, kulanlele senkangala, ukhozi lwenhlanzi, itshayamanzi, 18 zonke ezabanye abantu. 10 Mkhandeni ngamatsetshe ingabuzane, lawuphi umhlobo welanda, imvenduna limbulale, ngoba uzame ukuliphambula elisusa limbulane, ngobalokho ukuliphambula elisusa limbulane. 19 Zonke izibungu ezipaphayao kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ovalikhupha eGibhithe, zingcolile kini; lingabozidla. 20 Kodwa konke walikhupha elizwensi lobugqili. 21 Ngakho wonke okulempiko okuhlanzekileyo kudleni. 21 Lingabokudla u-Israyeli uzakuzwa esabe, kakho loyedwa phakathi loba kukuliphi phakathi kwamadolobho enu, yena kwenu ozake aphinde enze into enjalo futhi. 22 "Wobani leqiniso angakudla, ulakho njalo ukuthi angathengisela omunye laye owezizweni. Kodwa lina lingabantu abangcwele uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane aphakathi kwenu asedukise abantu balawo madolobho, lembuzi ngochago lukanina." 23 Dlanini okwetshumi esithi, 'Asihambeni siyokhonza abanye onkulunkulu' (onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi), 24 kufanele libuzisise, yetshumi yesivuno somnyaka. 23 Dlanini okwetshumi lichwayisise lihhole ngokupheleleyo. Kuthi nxa kumabale enu, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, kanye kuliqiniso njalo kugcwalseke ukuthi lesisinengiso lamazibulo emihlambi yenkomu zenu lawezimvu sikhona phakathi kwenu, 25 kumele lifake inkemba emehlwani kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni ngeqiniso kulabo bonke abahlala kulelodolobho. azalikhethela yona ukuba ibe leBizo lakhe, ukuze Lilichithe litshabalale ngeqiniso, abantu bakhona kanye lifundie ukumphakamisa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lezifuyo zakhona. 26 Buthelelani konke okuthunjiweyo ngezikathhi zonke. 24 Kodwa nxa leyondawo ikhatshana kulelodolobho phakathi enzinkini yalo enkundleni kakhulu lina libusisiwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu yokuhlanganelo kwabantu lilithungele litshe lilobe njalo lingelenisi ukuthwala okwetshumi kwenu (ngenxa lelodolobho kanye lempahla zalo zonke njengommikelo yokuthiswa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele lifundie ukumphakamisa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lisale lilunxiwa lelodolobho kokuphela, lingakhiwa kutsha futhi. 27 Akungabi lokukodwa kwalokho kutsha futhi. 28 Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu, lethani okusoliweyo okuzafunyanwa ezandleni zenu, ukuze uThixo adedise ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo; alitshengisele ngaso loba yini elifuna ukuyithenga: inkomo, izimvu, umusa wakhe, abe lozwelo kini, andise amanani enu, iwayini loba kuyini elikufunayo. Ngakho lina kanye njalo lingebulwa abeLevi abahlala emadolobheni enu, umjengoba wathembisa ngesifungo kubokhokho benu, 29 yikho kuzakuthi abeLevi ngoba abalaso isabelo esingesabo njalo abaphiwanga 26 Sebenzisani isiliva lithenge uNkulunkulu wenu. 27 Njalo labendlu yenu lizakudla khonapho phambi kukaThixo labeziwani, izintandane ezingelaboyise labafelokazi uNkulunkulu wenu njalo libe lokujabula. 28 Njalo lingakhohlwa abeLevi abahlala emadolobheni enu, ngoba abalaso isabelo esingesabo njalo abaphiwanga ilifa. 29 Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu, lethani okwetshumi kwesivuno salowomnyaka likugcine abaluso isabelo esingesabo njalo abaphiwanga emadolobheni enu, 29 yikho kuzakuthi abeLevi (bona abangelasabelo loba ilifa elingelaboo) kanye labeziwani, izintandane ezingelaboyise labafelokazi abahlala emadolobheni enu beze labo bazokudla basuthe, njalo kuze kuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alibusise kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zenu."

**14** "Lingabantwana bakaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingabozisika loba liphuce amakhanda enu lizilela abafileyo, 2 ngoba lingabantu abangcwele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Ebantwini bonke abasemhlabeni, uThixo ulikhethile lina ukuthi libe ngabantu bakhe abaligugu. 3 Lingadla loba kuyini okunengisayo. 4 Nanzi izinyamazana elingazidla: inkomo, imvu, imbuza, 5 umziki, impala, umziki obomvu, imbuza yeganga, imbuza mawa, umtshwayeli lemvu yentaba. 6 Lingadla zonke izinyamazana ezielenklagu eziyulekileyo lezentshisayo. 7 Kodwa-ke kulezo ezielenklagu eziyulekileyo loba lezo lezentshisayo zilani lingadli ikamela, umvundula loba imbila. Zingcolile kini ngokomkhuba. 8 Ingulube layo ayihlanzekanga; lanxa ilenklagu eziyulekileyo kayentshisisi. Lingabokudla inyama yazo, lingathinti lezidumbu zazo. 9 Kuzozonke izidalwa ezihlala

emanzini, lingadla zonke lezo ezilempiko lamaxolo. 10 Kodwa konke lokho okungelampiko lamaxolo akumelanga likudle; kungcolile kini. 11 Lingadla loba yiphi inyonu ehlanzekileyo. 12 Kodwa lezi lingazidli: ukhozi, ilinqe elimnyama, 13 uhelwane olubomvu, uhelwane olumnyama, loba yiuphi umhlobo emaphethelweni esigaba kusiyaphutsha ngale kwaso), womzwawa 14 loba yiphi imihlobo yamawabayi, 15 8 lingavumeli futhi lingamlaleli. Lingamtshengiseli isikhova esilesicholo, ingabuzane, idada lolwandle, uzwelo. Lingamphephisi njalo lingamvikel. 9 loba wuphi umhlobo wokhozi, 16 umandukulo, Kumele ngeqiniso abulawe. Isandla senu kumele isikhova esikhulu, isikhova esimhlophe, 17 isikhova sibe yiso esikhokhela ukubulawa kwakhe, kulanlele senkangala, ukhozi lwenhlanzi, itshayamanzi, 18 zonke ezabanye abantu. 10 Mkhandeni ngamatsetshe ingabuzane, lawuphi umhlobo welanda, imvenduna limbulale, ngoba uzame ukuliphambula elisusa limbulane, ngobalokho ukuliphambula elisusa limbulane. 19 Zonke izibungu ezipaphayao kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ovalikhupha eGibhithe, zingcolile kini; lingabozidla. 20 Kodwa konke walikhupha elizwensi lobugqili. 21 Ngakho wonke okulempiko okuhlanzekileyo kudleni. 21 Lingabokudla u-Israyeli uzakuzwa esabe, kakho loyedwa phakathi loba kukuliphi phakathi kwamadolobho enu, yena kwenu ozake aphinde enze into enjalo futhi. 22 "Wobani leqiniso angakudla, ulakho njalo ukuthi angathengisela omunye laye owezizweni. Kodwa lina lingabantu abangcwele uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingapheki izinyane aphakathi kwenu asedukise abantu balawo madolobho, lembuzi ngochago lukanina." 23 Dlanini okwetshumi esithi, 'Asihambeni siyokhonza abanye onkulunkulu' (onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi), 24 kufanele libuzisise, yetshumi yesivuno somnyaka. 23 Dlanini okwetshumi lichwayisise lihhole ngokupheleleyo. Kuthi nxa kumabale enu, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, kanye kuliqiniso njalo kugcwalseke ukuthi lesisinengiso lamazibulo emihlambi yenkomu zenu lawezimvu sikhona phakathi kwenu, 25 kumele lifake inkemba emehlwani kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni ngeqiniso kulabo bonke abahlala kulelodolobho. azalikhethela yona ukuba ibe leBizo lakhe, ukuze Lilichithe litshabalale ngeqiniso, abantu bakhona kanye lifundie ukumphakamisa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lezifuyo zakhona. 26 Buthelelani konke okuthunjiweyo ngezikathhi zonke. 24 Kodwa nxa leyondawo ikhatshana kulelodolobho phakathi enzinkini yalo enkundleni kakhulu lina libusisiwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu yokuhlanganelo kwabantu lilithungele litshe lilobe njalo lingelenisi ukuthwala okwetshumi kwenu (ngenxa lelodolobho kanye lempahla zalo zalo njengommikelo yokuthiswa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele lifundie ukumphakamisa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lisale lilunxiwa lelodolobho kokuphela, lingakhiwa kutsha futhi. 27 Akungabi lokukodwa kwalokho kutsha futhi. 28 Ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu, lethani okusoliweyo okuzafunyanwa ezandleni zenu, ukuze uThixo adedise ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo; alitshengisele ngaso loba yini elifuna ukuyithenga: inkomo, izimvu, umusa wakhe, abe lozwelo kini, andise amanani enu, iwayini loba kuyini elikufunayo. Ngakho lina kanye njalo lingebulwa abeLevi abahlala emadolobheni enu, ngoba abalaso isabelo esingesabo njalo abaphiwanga 26 Sebenzisani isiliva lithenge uNkulunkulu wenu. 27 Njalo labendlu yenu lizakudla khonapho phambi kukaThixo labeziwani, izintandane ezingelaboyise labafelokazi uNkulunkulu wenu njalo libe lokujabula. 28 Njalo lingakhohlwa abeLevi abahlala emadolobheni enu, ngoba abalaso isabelo esingesabo njalo abaphiwanga ilifa. 29 Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa kumele lesule izikwelede. 2 Nanso indlela elizakuphatha ngayo: Wonke umuntu owake waboleka omunye wakibo wako-Israyeli impahla yakhe kumele esule lesosikwelede. Akusafanelanga ukuthi adinge ukuhlawulwa ngomunye wakhe wako-Israyeli loba umfowabo, ngoba isikhathi sikaThixo sokwesula izikwelede sesimenyezelwe. 3 Lilakho ukuthi lihlawulwe ngabezizweni, kodwa kumele lesule

isikwelede umfowenu ayabe elaso kini. **4** Kodwa okusolekayo, linganikeli ngayo kuThixo uNkulunkulu akungabi lomuntu oswelayo phakathi wenu, ngoba wenu. **22** Leyo lizayidlela emadolobheni eru. Bonke abahlanzekileyo labangahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba balakho ukuyidla, kungani badla ithaka lembabalala. **23** Kodwa lingadli igazi lazo, lichitheleni emhlabathini kungathi lichitha amanzi.”

**16** “Gcinani inyanga ka-Abhibhi njalo lihloniphe iPhasika likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba ngenyanga ka-Abhibhi walikhupha eGibhithe ngobusuku. **2** Nikelani okwePhasika kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngesifuyo esivela emhlambini wenu loba emhlambini wezimvu endaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ukuba ibe yindawo yebizo lakhe. **3** Lingasidli ndawonye lesinkwa esilemvubelo, kodwa okwensuka eziyisikhombisa kumele lidle isinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa sokuhlupheka, ngoba lasuka eGibhithe ngokujaha ukuze insuku zonke zokuphila kwenu likhumbule isikhathhi elasuka ngaso eGibhithe. **4** Akungafunyanwa mvubelo kini lakulo lonke ilizwe lenu okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Njalo lingatshiyi inyama yomhlatshelo wantambama ivuke ilokhu ikhona ngosuku olulandelayo. **5** Linganikeli okwePhasika loba kukuliphi idolobho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azalinika lona **6** ngaphandle kwalapho azakhetha khona ukuba kuge yindawo yeBizo lakhe. Kulapho elizakwenzela khona umhlatshelo wePhasika ntambama, ekutshoneni kwelanga, kuyisikhumbuzo selanga elasuka ngalo eGibhithe. **7** Yoseni libe seliyidlela endaweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azalikhethela yona. Kuzakuthi ekuseni libuyeles emathenteni eru. **8** Okwensuka eziyisithupha lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo kuthi ngosuku lwestikhombisa libuthane kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lingenzi msebenzi.” **9** “Balani amaviki ayisikhombisa kusukela mhla lqalisa ukuvuna amabele. **10** Beselithakazelela uMkhosi wamaViki kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngokupha umnikelo wokuzithandela kusiya ngezibusiso uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu aliphe zona. **11** Ngakho thokozani phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhethela ukuba ngeyeBizo lakhe, lina lamadodana lamadodakazi eru, izinceku lezincukazi zenu zesifazane, abaLevi abasemadolobheni eru, kanye labezizweni, izintandane labafelokazi abahlezi phakathi kwenu. **12** Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe, ngakho landelan leziziqondiso ngonanzelelo.” **13** “Gcinani umkhosi weziHonqo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ngemva kokubutha amabele eru enu ezindaweni zokubhulela lezokuhluzela iwayini. **14** Thokozani emkhosini wenu, lina, amadodana eru kanye lamadodakazi eru, izinceku lezincukazi zenu, kanye labaLevi, abezizweni, izintandane kanye labafelokazi abahlezi emadolobheni eru. **15** Okwensuka eziyisikhombisa thakazelelani umkhosi kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ezindaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo. Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa esivunweni senu sonke kanye lemisebenzini yezandla zenu, ukuze kupheleliswe intokozo yenu. **16** Kathathu ngomnyaka, wonke amadoda kumele aziveze phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azayikhetha,

eMkhosini weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, eMkhosini wamaViki kanye leMkhosini weziHonqo. Akungabi lamuntu ozabuya phambi kukaThixo engaphathanga lutho: **17** Ngamunye phakathi kwenu kumele lize liphethe isipho kusiya ngokuthi liphiwe labusiswa ngokunganani nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **18** “Khethani abehluleli lezikulu eziwanenii zenu zonke kuwo wonke amadolobho enu elizawaphiwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, njalo bahlulele abantu ngemfanelo. **19** Lingonakalusi ukulunga loba libandululu. Lingavumi ukufunjathiswa ngoba ukufunjathiswa kufiphaza amehlo abahlakaniphileyo kulahlekise amazwi omuntu ongelacala. **20** Landelani ukulunga lilandele khona kuphela, khona lizaphila lilithumbe ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona.” **21** “Lingazimiseli o-Ashera bezigodo phansi kwe-alithari elizalakhela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, **22** njalo lingamisi ilitshe elizakuthi lina lingcwele, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyakuzonda lokho.”

**17** “Lingenzi umhlatshele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngenkabi loba imvu elesici lesolekayo, ngoba lokho kuyisinengiso kuye. **2** Nxa kulendoda loba owestifazane ohlala phakathi kwenu kwelinye lamadolobho eliwaphiwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu limfumana esona emehlwemi kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esephula isivumelwano, **3** njalo ngokwephula imilayo yami eseziikhonzela abanye onkulunkulu, ebakhothamele loba ekhonza ilanga loba inyanga loba izinkanyezi zezulu, **4** kube kanti lokhu sekubikiwe kini, kutsho ukuthi kuzamele likuchwayisise ngokupheleleyo. Nxa kuliqiniso njalo sekubonakele ukuthi kuliqiniso lokhu okuyisinengiso okwenzakele ko-Israyeli, **5** thathani leyondoda loba owestifazane lowo owenze lesi senzo esibi limuse esangweni ledolobho lenu limkhande ngamatshe aze afe. **6** Ngobufakazi bababili loba abathathu indoda izabulawa, kodwa kakho ozabulawa ngobufakazi bomuntu oyedwa kuphela. **7** Akuthi ofakazi labo kube yibo abaqalisayo ukumkhanda, besekulandela bonke abanye abantu. Kumele lisuse ububi phakathi kwenu.” **8** “Nxa amacula eza phambi kwemithethwandaba yenu enzima ukuwahlulela, loba awokuchitha igazi, ukwephula imithetho loba awokuhlasewa, athatheni liye lawo endaweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azayikhetha. **9** Hambani kubaphristi, abangabaLevi, kanye lakumahluleli osesikhundleni okwalesosikhathi. Buzani kibo bona bazalinika isigwebo esifaneleyo. **10** Lina-ke kumele lenze njengokucebisa kwabo endaweni uThixo azayikhetha. Linanzelele ukuthi lenza lokho kanye abalijondisa ukuba likwenze. **11** Yenzani ngokomthetho njengalokho abalifundisa ngakho lezinqumo abaliphza zona. Lingaphambuki kulokho abalitshele khona, liye kwesokudla loba kwsenxele. **12** Indoda etshengisela ukudelela iseysia umahluleli loba umphristi owenza umsebenzi wokukhonza khonapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kumele ibulawe. Kumele lisuse bonke ububi phakathi kuka-Israyeli. **13** Bonke abantu bazakuzwa besabe, bangabe besadelela futhi.”

**14** “Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona selilithethe laba ngeleni njalo selihlezi kulo, njalo selisithi, ‘Asibekeni inkosi isibuse ukuze sifanane lezinye izizwe esakhelene lazo,’ **15** wobani leqiriso lokuthi libeka inkosi ekhethwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele abe ngomunye wabafowenu. Lingafaki umuntu weziwenni ukuba alibuse, ongasiye wakini ko-Israyeli. **16** Inkosi njalo akumelanga izifuyele amabhiza amanengi loba ithume abantu babuyele eGibhithe ukuyazuza amanye khona ngoba uThixo ultsithile wathi, ‘Lingaphindi liyihambe njalo leyondlela.’ **17** Kayingathathi abafazi abanangeni funa inhliiziyo yayo idukiswe. Kayingazinotishi ngesiliva langegeolide elinengi kakhulu. **18** Nxa isithatha isihlalo sobukhosini busobo wayo kayithathe umqulu izilobe kulo umthetho lo iwuthatha encwadini yabaphristi abangabaLevi. **19** Umqulu lowo kawuhlel ukuyo, ihlale iwubala zonke insuku zokuphila kwayo ukuze ifunde ukwesaba uThixo uNkulunkulu wayo, ilandele ngokunantelela wonke amazwi omthetho lo lazezi izimiso, **20** njalo ukuze ingazensi ongcono kulabanye abakibo, ingaphambuki emthethweni iye ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokoholo. Ngakho yona kanye lezizukulwane zayo bazabusa isikhathhi eside embusweni wayo ko-Israyeli.”

**18** “Abaphristi abangabaLevi ngempela, isizwana sonke sabaLevi kabangabi lesabelo loba ilifa ndawonye labako-Israyeli. Bazaphila ngemihlatshelo yokudla enikelwa kuThixo, ngoba leli yilo ilifa labo. **2** Abayikuba lelifa phakathi kwabafowabo; uThixo uylifa labo, njengokuthembisa kwakhe. **3** Le yiyo ingxene ya baphristi ezavela emihlatshelweni zakupala zamabele enu, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, uboya bakuqala ekugundweni kwezimvu zenu, **5** ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ubakhethile bona kanye lezizukulwane zabo phakathi kwazo zonke izizwana zenu ukuze kube yibo abazakwenna umsebenzi wokukhonza ebizweni likaThixo ngezikhathi zonke. **6** Nxa umLevi angasuka kwelinye lamadolobho enu loba kungaphi kwelabako-Israyeli lapho abehlala khona, abeseziletha ngokuzimisela endaweni ezakhethwa nguThixo, **7** angenza umsebenzi wokukhonza ebizweni likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe njengaboo bonke abafowabo abangabaLevi abasebenzela khonapho phambi kukaThixo. **8** Uzakwabelana labanye bakhe ngokulinganayo kulokho abakuzuzayo, lanxa yena esezuze imali ekuthengisweni kwempahlha yakwabo.” **9** “Lapho selingena elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, lingabozifundisa ukulingisa izenzo ezinengekayo zezinye izizwe khonan. **10** Akungabi lamuntu phakathi kwenu ozakwenza umhlatshele ngendodana yakhe loba indodakazi yakhe ngomlilo, kangabi ovumisayo loba ochasisa ngemibono, ochasisa imilingo njalo oyenza okuphathele lobuthakathi, obuza kwabafileyo. **11** Ophosayo, loba isanuse loba isangoma loba abantu bazakuzwa besabe, bangabe besadelela futhi.” **12** Loba ngubani owenza

lezizinto uysinengiso kuThixo, kanti njalo ngenxa yonke imithetho engililaya yona lamuhla, ukuthanda yezenzo lezi ezinengekayo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lokuhamba kokuphela azazixotsha phambi kwenu lezizizwe. **13** Kumele ngezindlela zakhe, kufanele ukuthi likhethe amanye libemsulwa phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **14** “Izizwe elizazithathela ilizwe zilalela okwalabo abathakathayo labavumisayo. Kodwa lina, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kalivumeli ukukwenza lokho. **15** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami. Libomlalela. **16** Lokhu yikho elakucela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eHorebhi mhla wosuku lokuhlanga lapho elathi, ‘Asingalizwa ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu njalo singaboni umililo omkhulu futhi, ngoba singafa.’ afe. **17** UThixo wathi kimi: ‘Lokho abakutshoyo kuhle, ububi bokuchitha igazi elingelacala ko-Israyeli **18** Ngizabavezela umphrofethi onjengawo phakathi kwabafowabo; ngizamfunza amazwi ami, yena nguye ozabatshela konke engizamlaya ngakho. **19** Nxa loba ngubani ongayikulalela amazwi ami azakhulunywa ngumphrofethi ngebizo lami, mina ngokwami yimi engizamelana laye. **20** Kodwa-ke umphrofethi ozenza okhuluma amazwi ami wona kungesiwo engimlaye ngawo ukuba awatsho, loba umphrofethi okhuluma ngebizo labanye onkulunkulu, kumele emelana lendoda eyetheswa icala, **21** Lingazitshela lokhulithi, ‘Singakwazi njani ukuthi lelilizwi kalivelu kuThixo na?’ **22** Nxa lokho okumenyezelwa ngumphrofethi ngebizo likaThixo kungenzakali loba kungagcwalseki, lokho kuyilizwi eliyabe lingaveli kuThixo. Lowo mphrofethi uyabe ekhuluma ize. Lingamesabi.”

**19** “Kuzakuthi lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esebhubhise izizwe selizwe lelo alinika lona, futhi lani selizixotshile njalo lahlala emadolobheni kanye lasezindlini zazo, **2** kulapho-ke eselingazikhethela amadolobho amathathu enkabazwe yelizwe lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu. **3** Yakhani imigwaqo eqonda kuwo njalo lehlukanise ilizwe lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinike lona njengelifa lenu libe yizigaba ezintathu, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani obulala umuntu abalekele khona. **4** Lesi yisimiso maqondana lomuntu obulala omunye abesebalekela khona ukuze asindise impilo yakhe, lowo obulala umakhelwane wakhe engakunxwanelanga ngomona njalo engamqophanga. **5** Njengokuthi, umuntu angaya egangeni ukuyagamula inkuni lomakhelwane wakhe, kuthi lapho egamula isihlahla ngehloka lakhe, ihloka likhumuke emphinini litshaye umakhelwane wakhe afe. Lowomuntu angabalekela kwelinje lamadolobho lawo ukuze asindise impilo yakhe. **6** Phela kungenzeka ukuthi umphindisiwegazi axotshane lombulali ngentukuthelo, amifice nxa umango umude kakhulu, ambulale lanxa lowombulali ubengafanelanga ukufa, ngoba engambulalanga ngabomo langenxa yenzondo umakhelwane wakhe. **7** Yikho-nje ngilaye ukuthi lizehlukanisele amadolobho amathathu. **8** Nxa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu angaqhelisa isabelo senu njengokuthembisa kwakhe okhokho benu ngesifungo, aliphe lonke ilizwe abathembisa lona, **9** ngoba lilandela ngokunanzeleta

yonke imithetho engililaya yona lamuhla, ukuthanda yezenzo lezi ezinengekayo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lokuhamba kokuphela azazixotsha phambi kwenu lezizizwe. **13** Kumele ngezindlela zakhe, kufanele ukuthi likhethe amanye njalo amadolobho amathathu. **10** Kwenzensi lokhu ukuze kungachitheki igazi elingelacala elizweni lenu, lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona njengelifa uNkulunkulu wenu kalivumeli ukukwenza lokho. **11** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi Kodwa nxa umuntu emzonda umakhelwane wakhe, phakathi kwabafowenu njengami. Libomlalela. **12** amcatramele, amtshaye ambulale, abesebalekela Lokhu yikho elakucela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kwelinje lamadolobho la, **13** abakhokheli bedolobho eHorebhi mhla wosuku lokuhlanga lapho elathi, lakibo bazanthumela abantu, bamlande kuledolobho babuye laye, bamnikele kumphindisieli wegazi ukuba ‘Asingalizwa ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu njalo singaboni umililo omkhulu futhi, ngoba singafa.’ afe. **14** Lingamzweli isihawu. Kufanele liqedezomngcele wendawo kamakhelwane wenu ezabethelwa ngabalanduleayo kulo ilifa eliliphiwa elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu.” **15** “Ufakazi oyedwa angeke afakaze kwanele ukule kulisungele. **16** Lingabosusa izikhonkwane zomngcele wendawo kamakhelwane wenu ezabethelwa ngabalanduleayo kulo ilifa eliliphiwa elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu.” **17** amadoda la ukuthi umuntu olomlandu wokwenza loba licala ababili loba abathathu. **18** Nxa ufakazi wamanga ukuthi umuntu olomlandu wokwenza loba licala ukuthi umuntu olomlandu wokwenza loba licala ababili loba abathathu. **19** Nxa ufakazi wamanga ukuthi umuntu olomlandu wokwenza loba licala ukuthi umuntu olomlandu wokwenza loba licala ababili loba abathathu. **20** Nxa ufakazi wamanga ukuthi umuntu olomlandu wokwenza loba licala ababili loba abathathu. **21** Lingabi lozwelo: ukuphila akwenanwe ukuphila, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo.”

**20** “Lapho liphuma ukuyakulwa lesitha senu empini libe selibona amabhiza lezingola kanye lebutho elikhulu ukwedlula elenu, lingabesabi, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ovalikhupha eGibhithe, uzakuba lani. **2** Nxa selilungele ukuhlasela, umphristi uzakuza akhulume lebutho. **3** Uzakuthi: ‘Zwana, wena Israyeli, namuhla liya ekuhlaseleni izitha zenu. Lingapheli amandla kumbe lesabe; lingatshaywa luvalo njalo lethuke phambi kwabo. **4** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ohamba lani ukuyalilwela ezitheni zenu ukuba linqobe.’ **5** Izikhulu zizakuthi ebuthweni: ‘Ukhona owakhe indlu entsha ongakayihlal na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye asale esezihlalela endlini yakhe. **6** Ukhona ohlanyele isivini kodwa engakadli izithelo zaso na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye azidlele izithelo zaso. **7** Ukhona osethembise owestifazane kodwa engakamthathili ukuthi abe ngumakake na? Kabuyele emzini wakhe, funa afe empini kuthi omunye umuntu amthathie’ **8** Izikhulu zizaqhubeza zithi, ‘Ikhona indoda eyesabayo kumbe ephelela ngamandla na? Kayibuyele emzini wayo ukuze abafowabo labo

bangaphelelwa ngamandla.’ **9** Kuzakuthi lapho izikhulu kaThixo.” **10** “Nxa usiya empini ukuyahlasela izitha seziqedile ukukhulumu lebutho, zizakhetha abalawuli zakho kuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu anikele izitha bebutu. **11** Nxa lisiya edolobheni ukuthi lihlasele, khulumani labantu bakulelodolobho lidinga ukuthula. **12** Bangavuma njalo baliivule amasango abo, bonke abantu bakulelodolobho bazakuba yizichaka zenu balisebenzele. **13** Kodwa bangala ukwamukela amazwi enu okuthula balihlasele, livimbezeleni lelodolobho. **14** Kuzakuthi lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esenikele idolobho lelo kini, libulale amadoda wonke ngenkemba. **15** Kodwa abesifazane, abantwana, izifuyo kanye lakho konke okukheloledolobho kuzakuba yimpango yenu. **16** Yonke impango yezitha zenu uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika yona izakuba ngeyenu. **17** Lokhu yikho okumele likwenze emadolobheni wonke akude lani njalo angasiwo ezizwe ezihlala eduzane lani. **18** Funa balifundise ukwenza imikhuba yabo enengekayo yokukhonza ongathandwayo yilo izibulo ngokuyinika isabelo nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **19** Nxa idolobho selilivimbezele okwesikhathi eside, lilihlasela ukuba lilitlhumbe, lingatshabalalisi izihlahla zalo ngokuzigamula, ngoba lingadla izithelo zazo. Lingazigamuli. Kambe izihlahla zeganga zingabantu ukuthi lingazivimbezela na? **20** Kodwa-ke lingagamula izihlahla elizaziyo ukuthi azitheli izithelo ezidliwayo ukube lizisebenzise ekwakheni amadumba lize linqobe ledolobho lelo empini.”

**21** “Nxa kungafunyanwa umuntu obulewego egangeni, elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu, kungaziwa ukuthi ubulewe ngubani, **2** abakhkheli kanye labehlulel benu bazakuya baliganise umango phakathi kwalowo obulewego lamadolobho aseduze. **3** Kuzakuthi abakhkheli bamadolobho aseduzane lesidumbu lesobathathe ithokazi elingakaze lisetshenziswe futhi okungakaze kugaxwe ijogwe phezu kwalo **4** balithintele esigodini esingakaze silinywe kumbe kuhlyanelwe ulutho kiso njalo lapho okulesifula esigelezayo khona. Kabephule intamo yalo khonapho esigodini leso. **5** Abaphristi, amadodana kaLevi, bazasondela, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ubakhethile ukuba benze inkonzo njalo bamemezele izibusiso ebizweni likaThixo bahlulele amacala okuxabana lawokulwa. **6** Abakhkheli balawo madolobho aseduzane lesidumbu lesobathethe izandla zabo phezu kwethokazi elephulelwé intamo esigodini, **7** bafakaze bathi: ‘Izandla zethu kazilichithanga leligazi, futhi asibonanga kusenzeka. **8** Yamukela lindlela yokubuyisana yabantu bakho abako-Israyeli, obah lengileyo, Oh Thixo, ungabeki icala phezu kwabantu bakho ngenxa yegazi lomuntu omsulwa.’ Ngakho ukuchithwa kwegazi kuzahlawulelwa. **9** Ngalokho lizagineza emlandwini wokuchitha igazi elingelacala, njengoba selenzile okuhle emehlweni

kaThixo.” **10** “Nxa usiya empini ukuyahlasela izitha zenu ezandleni zenu, lizithumbe, **11** ungabona owesifazane omuhle njalo akukhange, ungamthatha abe ngumkakho. **12** Uzamusa emzini wakho, aphuce ikhanda lakhe, aqume inzipho zakhe njalo **13** akhulule iziggoko athunjwe eziggokile. Kuzakuthi lapho eseqedie inyanga eyodwa esemzini wakho elilela uyise lonina, usungamthatha abe ngumkakho, **14** kodwa nxa engakuthokozisi, umkhulule ayelapho atahaha khona. Ungamthengisi kumbe umphathe njengesigqili, ngoba sumngcolisile.” **15** “Nxa indoda ilabafazi ababili, ithande omunye kodwa omunye ingamthandi, kuthi bobabili bayizalele amadodana kodwa izibulo libe yindodana yomfazi engamthandiyo, lobuzibulo ngelayo.” **16** “Nxa ehlela ukwabela amadodana akhe impahla yakhe, Kanti-ke, emadolobheni ezizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu akumelanga emuke izibulo lakhe ilungelo lalo aliphe wenu alinika wona njengelifa, lingatshiyi lutho indodana yomfazi amthandayo esikhundleni sezibulo oluphefumulayo luphila. **17** Lizawabhubhisa liwaqede langempela, indodana yomfazi engamthandiyo. **18** wonke amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, Kufanele itschengisele ukuthi indodana yomfazi amaHivi kanye lamaJebusi njengokulaywa kwenu ongathandwayo yilo izibulo ngokuyinika isabelo nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **19** Funa esiphindwe ukuthi lobuzibulo ngelayo. **20** Kumele ongathandwayo yilo izibulo ngokuyinika isabelo eyisiqholo njalo engumhlamuki engalaleli uyise lonina nxa beyikuza, **21** uyise lonina bazayibama bayise ebadaleni esangweni ledolobho lakibo. **22** Kumele bafike ebadaleni balelodolobho bathi, ‘Indodana yethu le iyisiqholo njalo engumhlamuki. Aysilaleli. Iyisixhвали njalo iyisidakwa.’ **23** Ngakho wonke amadoda akulelodolobho azayitshaya ngamatshe ize ife. Kufanele liqede bonke ububi phakathi kwenu. U-Israyeli wonke uzakuzwa lokhu esabe.” **24** “Nxa umuntu olecalo elikhulu ebulawa kuthi isidumbu silengiswe esihlahleni, **25** lingaboyekela isidumbu sakhe silenga esihlahleni ubusuku bonke. Kangcwatshwe mhlalokho, ngoba umuntu olengiswa esihlahleni uqalekisiwe nguNkulunkulu. Lingangcolisi ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona njengelifa.”

**22** “Ungabona inkabi loba imvu yomfowenu iduha, ungayiekeli kodwa ibuyisele kuye. **2** Nxa umzalwane wakho engahlali eduze lawe loba ungakwazi ukuthi isifuyo lesi ngesikabani, sithathe uhambe laso emzini wakho usigcine aze afike esidina. Usungasibuyisela kuye. **3** Wenzentalo ungafuluma ubabhemti loba ibhatshi lomzalwane wakho loba kuyini okumlahlekeleyo. Ungakuyekeli. **4** Ungabona ubabhemti loba inkabi yomfowenu iwele endleleni, ungayiekeli. Msiza umfowenu ngokuyivusa. **5** Owesifazane angaggoki iziggoko zesilisa, lowesilisa angaggoki iziggoko zowesifazane, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngalowo owenza lokho. **6** Nxa ungafuluma isidleke senyonii eceleni kwendlela, sisesihlahleni loba phansi, unina efukamele amatsiyane kumbe amaqanda akhe, ungathatha unina labantwabakhe. **7** Ungathatha abantwana, ueyekeli unina ahambe ukube kuhle kuwe njalo ube lempilo ende. **8** Nxa usakha indlu entsha, uzawkwakha umduli oluthango ophahleni

Iwayo ukuze kungabi lomuntu owayo ophahleni 23 "Loba ngubani olimele amaphambili, kungaba lwendlu yakho ube lecalalokuchitha igazi. 9 ngokuthenwa kumbe ukugxotshwa kavunyelwa Ungahlanyeli inhlanyelo eziyimihlo emibili esivinini ukungena ebandleni likaThixo. 2 Loba ngubani sakho; ungakwenza, akuyikuba yizilimo ozihlanyelozelwe ngobufebe loba izizukulwane zakhe kuze kuphela eziqalekiswayo, kodwa lezithelo zevini. 10 kube ngesetshumi, kavunyelwa ukungena ebandleni Ungabophi ndawonye ejogeni inkabi lobabhemni nxa likaThixo. 3 Kakho um'Amoni loba owaseMowabi ulima. 11 Ungaggoki isigqoko eselukwe ngewulu loba isizukulwane sakhe kuze kufike esizukulwaneni lelineni ndawonye. 12 Yenza intshaka uzithungele setshumi ozavunyelwa ukungena embuthanweni emiphethweni yomine yebhatshi lakho oligqokileyo." kaThixo. 4 Kungenxa yokuthi abalihlangabeza 13 "Nxa indoda ithatha umfazi, kuthi ngemva isike beliphathie isinkwa kanye lamanzi endleleni yenu yalala laye, ingamthakazeleli 14 imgcone imbize ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, bona basuka baqhatsha ngamgama amabi, isithi, 'Ngathatha umfazi lo, kodwa uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori owePhethori e-Aramu ngathi ngilala laye ngafumana ukuthi kaseyiontombi Naharayimu ukuba ehlisele isiqalekiso phezu kwenu. 5 egcweleyo.' 15 ngakho uyise lonina wentombi bazaletha Kodwa-ke, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kazangalalele ubufakazi ebadaleni bakulelodolobho esangweni uBhalamu kodwa waphendula isiqalekiso saba bokutshengisa ukuthi ibikade iyintombi. 16 Uyise yisibusiso kini, ngenxa yokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wentombi uzakuthi ebadaleni, 'Ngendisela indodakazi wenu uyalithanda. 6 Lingadingi ukwakha ubungane yami endodenile, kodwa ayisamfuni. 17 Khathesi labo ekuphilene kwenu konke. 7 Lingamenyanyi isiyigcona isithi, "Indodakazi yakho kangiyifumananga owase-Edomi, ngoba ungumfowenu. Lingamenyanyi iyintombi egcweleyo." Kodwa nampu ubufakazi umGibhithe, ngoba laphila njengabezizweni elizweni bokuthi indodakazi yami iyintombi egcweleyo.' lakhe. 8 Isizukulwane sesithathu sabantwana abazalwa Ngakho abazali bentombi bazakwendlala ilembu lapho bangangena ebandleni likaThixo." 9 "Nxa phambi kwabadalabakulelodolobho, 18 kuthi abadala lithobelene lezitha zenu ekuhlaseleni, xekani lakho bayijeze leyondoda. 19 Bazayiilawulisa amashekeli konke okungahlanzekanga. 10 Nxa kukhona indoda esiliva alikhulu, bawanike uyise wentombi, ngoba phakathi kwenu ezichithele ngobudoda ebusuku, indoda le isigcone intombi yako-Israyeli. Intombi kumele iphumele ngaphandle kwezihonqo iyleyhlala izaqhubecka ingumfazi wayo indoda; okwempilo khonale. 11 Kodwa-ke akuthi ilanga selithambeka yayo yonke akumelanga iyale lintombi. 20 Nxa igeze, kuthi-ke ngokutshona kwelanga ibuyele kungenzeka ukuthi umlandu ewtheswayo uliqiniso ezhonqweni. 12 Khethani indawo ngaphandle njalo kungaze kwafunyanwa ubufakazi bobuntombi kwezihonqo lapho elizayela ngaphandle khona. 13 bayo, 21 iza lethwa emnyango wendlu kayise Wobani lesikhali sokugebha kuthi lingaya ngaphandle, kuthi amadoda akulelodolobho ayikhandele khona ligeble igodi ligqibele leyongcezea. 14 Ngenxa ngamatsetsa ize ife. Yenze into eyangisayo ko-Israyeli yokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyahambahamba ngokungaziphathi ngesikhathi isahlala emzini kayise. phakathi kwezihonqo zenu ukuze alivikele ezitheni Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. 22 Nxa zenu. Izhonqo zenu kumele zibengcwele, ukuze indoda ingafunyanwa ilele lomfazi wenye indoda angaboni lutho olungalunganga phakathi kwenu bobabili kumele babulawe. Kufanele liqede ububi okuzakwenza alifulatthele." 15 "Nxa isigqili sidinga ko-Israyeli. 23 Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ukuphephela kini lingasibuyiseli kumnikazi waso. 16 ihlangane lentombi esikhombile edolobheni ilale Siyekeleni sizihlale lapo esifuna ukuhlala khona layo, 24 lizabathatha bobabili libase esangweni njalo sizihlale kulelodolobho esifuna ukuhlala kulo, lakulelodolobhu libakhande ngamatshekhona baze bafe Lingasincindezeli. 17 Akungabi lowesilisa wako-Israyeli ngoba intombi kayihlabanga mkhosikuthi ilanyulelwoba owesifazane ozakuba yisifebe sethempelini. yona isedolobheni, njalo indoda isixhwalise umfazi 18 Lingaboleta inzuzu yowesifazane ofebayo loba wenye indoda. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. oweisilisa ofebayo endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu 25 Kodwa nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane ezbahadala loba yisiphi isithembiso, ngoba uThixo lentombi esikhombile egangeni ibe isiyibamba, indoda uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngabo bonke. 19 ekwenzileyo lokhu yiyo kuphela ezakufa. 26 Lingensi Umfowenu ungamlawulisi inzuzu, loba ngeyemali lutho entombini; kayenzanga sono esingabangela loba ngeyokudla loba yini engamlethela inzuzu. 20 ukuthi ife. Lindaba iyafanana leyomuntu ohlasela Owezizweni lingamhlawulisa inzuzu, kodwa hatshi abulale umakhelwane wakhe, 27 ngoba indoda ifumene umfowenu wako-Israyeli, ukuze uThixo uNkulunkulu inkazana egangeni, loba intombi le ekhombileyo wenu alibusise kukho konke elikwenza ngezandla ibihlabumkhosi, bekungelamuntu wokuyilamulela. zenu elizweni elizangena kulo ukuba libe ngelenu. 21 28 Nxa kungenzeka ukuthi indoda ihlangane lentombi Nxa lingenza isifungo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, engakkombi ibe isiyidlwengula njalo kwazakale. 29 lingaphuzi ukusibhadala, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu Indoda leyo izahlawula uyise wentombi amashekeli wenu uzakufuna kini loba sekutheni njalo lizakuba esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu. Kumele iyithathe ibe lomlandu wesono. 22 Kodwa nxa lingayekela ukwenza ngumfazi wayo ngoba isiyigcolisile. Akumelanga iyale isifungo kalyikuba lomlandu. 23 Konke lokho ukuphila kwayo konke. 30 Akumelanga ukuthi umantu okuphuma endebeni zenu kumele libe leqiriso athathethe umkayise; angahlazisi umbheda kayise." ukukwenza, ngoba lenze lesosifungo ngokukhululeka

lithembisa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngemilomo yenu. **24** Nxa lingangena esivinini sikamakhelwane wenu, lingadla wonke amagrebisi elifisa ukuwadla, kodwa lingafaki lelidlodwa esitsheni senu. **25** Nxa lingena ensimini kamakhelwane eyamabele, lilakho ukudobha okuwileyo ngezandla, kodwa limukani lingasebenzisi isikela emabeleni alokhu emi ngamahlanga.”

**24** “Nxa indoda ingathatha umfazi kodwa angayithokozisi ngoba indoda ifumene ihlazo ngaye ibe isimlobela incwadi yokuquma umtshado, imnike, ibisimxotsha endlini yayo, **2** kuthi esesukile endlini yaleyon doda athathwe ngeyinye indoda, **3** layo leyondoda yesibili imsole imnike incwadi yokwehlukana, imqhubebe ibe isimxotsha emzini wayo, kumbe leyondoda ife, **4** kutsho ukuthi indoda yakhe yakuqala, eyamalayo, ayivunyelwa ukumthatha futhi ngemva kokuba eselalelihazo. Lokho kungaba yisinengiso emehlweni kaThixo. Lingalethi isono elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe yilifa lenu. **5** Nxa indoda isanda kuthatha, akufanelanga ukuba ithunyelwe empini loba ukuthi iphiye umsebenzi oqakathekileyo.” **6** “Lingathathi ilitshe lokuchola lembokodo loba imbokodo yodwa nje ukuba kube yisibambiso senhawulo, ngoba ngokwenza njalo uthatha ukuphila kube yisibambiso. **7** Nxa owesilisa angafunyanwa ethumba umfowabwo wako-Israyeli abesesi yamgcina njengesigqili loba amthengise, kumele afe. Kumele liqede ububi phakathi kwenu. **8** Nxa kuyisiso sobulephero kumele linanzelele kakhulu lenze lokho abaphristi abangabaLevi abalilaya khona. Kumele lilandele khona kanye engabalaya ngakho. **9** Khumbulani lokho okwenziwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kuMiri yemu endleleni emva kokusuka kwenu eGibhithe. **10** Nxa umakhelwane wakho umeboleka loba yini ungangeni endlini yakhe ukuba uthathe lokho abambisa ngakho. **11** Mana phandle ueyekelo lowo omebolekayo alethe isibambiso kuwe. **12** Nxa kuyindoda engumyanga, ungayilala isibambiso sakhe silokhu sikuwe. **13** Buyisela isembatho sakhe lingakatshoni ukuze alale esembethe. Yena uzakubonga, kuzaphathwa njengesenzo sokulunga phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. **14** Ungaboleleza umuntu oqhatshiweyo ongumyanga loba oswelayo, loba engumfowenu wako-Israyeli loba ovezizweni ohlala kwelinje lamadolobho enu. **15** Muphe iholo lakhe insuku zonke ilanga lingakatshoni, ngoba ungumyanga uthembe leloholo. Funa asuke akhale kuThixo ekusola, ube lomlandu wesono. **16** Abazali abayikufela abantwabobo, loba abantwana bafele abazali babo; ngulowo lalovo uzafela isono sakhe. **17** Ungavaleli ovezizweni loba intandane ilungelo layo loba uthathe isembatho somfelokazi ukuze sibe yisibambiso. **18** Khumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wakuhlenga khona. Yikho ngikulaya ukuba wenze lokhu. **19** Nxa uvuna ensimini yakho ube usutshiya isikhwebu, ungabuyeli emuva ukuyasithatha, sitshiyele ovezizweni, intandane, lomfelokazi, ukuze uThixo

uNkulunkulu wakho akibusise kuwo wonke umsebenzi wezandla zakho. **20** Nxa ubhula ama-oliva ezihlahleni zakho ungabuyeli ukuhlola amagatsha njalo. Okuseleyo tshiyela ovezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi. **21** Nxa uvuna izithelo zesivini sakho, ungabuyeleli futhi ukuvuna lapho osuvune khona. Okuseleyo tshiyela ovezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi. **22** Khumbulani ukuthi laliyizigqili eGibhithe. Yikho ngililaya ukuba lenze lokhu.”

**25** “Nxa amadoda exabana, ingxabano yaho kumele isiwe emthethwandaba ukuze kuthi abehluleli bakhuphe isinqumo ngaleyondaba, bakhulule omsulwa njalo bamlahle olecal. **2** Nxa olecal a kufanele atshaywe, umahluleli uzakuthi kalale acambalale athi katshaywe laye ekhona ngalezonswazi ezilingene lelocala, **3** kodwa akufanelanga zedlule ezingamatshumi amane. Nxa etshaywe inswazi ezedlula lapho, umfowen usezabe esuswe isithunzi emehlweni akho. **4** Ungafaki inkabi yakho isayeke nxa ibhula amabele. **5** Nxa amadodana endoda ehlala kwenyi indawo omunye abe esesifa engelandodana, umfelokazi akumelanga ayekwendela kwenyi indawo. Umfowabwo wendoda kumele amthathie ukuze agcwaliise umlandu womfowabwo kulowomfelokazi. **6** Indodana yakuqala ezazalwa lapho kumele ibizwe ngomfowabwo owarfayo ukuze ibizo lakhe lingatshabalali ko-Israyeli. **7** Kodwa-ke, indoda nxa ingafuni ukuthatha umfazi womfowabwo, kuzamele umfazi lowo aye ebadaleni esangweni ledolobho afike athi, ‘Umfowabwo wendoda yami uyala ukuphila ibizo lomfowabwo ko-Israyeli. Kafuni ukuthi agcwaliise umlandu womfowabwo.’ **8** Ngakho abadala baledolobho lakhe bazambiza bakhulume laye. Nxa angala kokuphela esithi, ‘Angifuni ukumthatha,’ **9** umfelokazi lowo uzamqonda phambi kwabdalala, bamkhuphe inyathelo eliodwa, amkafulele emehlweni athi, ‘Lokhu yikho okwenziwa endodenii engafuniyo ukuvusela umfowabwo indlu yakhe.’ **10** Usendo lwaleyondoda ko-Israyeli luzakwaziwa njengeNdlu engelaNyathelo. **11** Nxa amadoda amabili esilwa kube sekusithi umfazi wenye athelele, ancedise indoda yakhe, abesexhakalaza leyondoda ngamaphambil, **12** kumele liqume isandla sowesifazane lowo. Lingabi lesihawu kuye lakancane. **13** Ungabokuba lezilinganiso zesisindo ezimbili emgodleni wakho ezelhukeneyo, esinye esinzima lesinye esilula. **14** Ungabi lezilinganiso ezimbili ezelhukeneyo endlini yakho, esinye esikhulu lesinye esincinyane. **15** Kumele libe lezilinganiso eziqdileyo leziqotho loba ngezesisindo loba ngezobukhulu, ukuze libe lempilo ende elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. **16** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyanengeka ngomuntu owenza lezizinto, yiloba ngubanu owenza izinto zoubuqili. **17** Khumbula okwenziwa ngama-Amaleki kuwe endleleni uphuma eGibhithe. **18** Kwathi lapho usudinwe kakhulu ungaselamandla, akuhihangabeza ohanjweni lwakho, abachitha bonke ababesalela emuva; ayengamesabi uNkulunkulu. **19** Mhla uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika ukuphumula kuzozonke izitha zakho ezikuanhanqileyo

elizweni akunika lona ukuba libe yilifa lakho, uzatshabalalisa nya ibizo lama-Amaleki ngaphansi kwezulu. Ungakohhlwa!"

**26** "Nxa usungenile elizweni uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona njengelifa njalo usulithethe wahlala kulo **2** thatha ezinye zezithelo zakuqala zazo, zonke izilimo zomhlabathi welizive uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akunika lona uzifake esitsheni. Uhamble uye endaweni leyo uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho azayikhetha njengendawo yokuhlala yeBizo lakhe **3** uthi kumphristi osesikhundleni ngalesokhathi, 'Ngiyamemezela lamuhla kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukuthi sengifikile elizweni uThixo afunga kubokhokho bethu ukuthi uzasinika lona.' **4** Umphristi uzakwamukela isitssha esisezandleni zakho asibeke phansi phambi kwe-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. **5** Ngakho uzakutsho phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uthi: 'Ubaba wayeluzulani lom'Aramu, wehla waya eGibhithe elabantu abalutshwana bafika bahlala khona baze baba yisizwe esikhulu kakhulu, esilamandla njalo esilabantuabanengi kakhulu. **6** Kodwa amaGibhithe asiphatha ngochuku, asihlupha, asisebenzina nzima. **7** Ngakho sakhalu kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu, uThixo walizwa ilizwi lethu njalo wabona lokuhlupheka kwethu, ukutshikatshika kwethu kanye lokuncindezelwa kwethu. **8** Ngenxa yalokho uThixo wasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe ngesanda esilamandla langengalo eyeluliwego, ngezenzo ezesabekayo langezibonakaliso kanye lezimangaliso. **9** Wasiletha kulindawo njalo wasinika lelilizwe, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju; **10** khathesi sengiletha izithelo zakuqala zomhlabathi lowo, Oh Thixo, onginiwe wona.' Uzabeka isitssha phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho umkhotamele. **11** Ngakho phezu wena labaLevi kanye labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwenu lizathokoza ezintweni zonke ezinhle uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akunike zona wena kanye labendum yakho. **12** Kuzakuthi lapho usuqedile ukwahlukanisa okwetshumi kwaso sonke isivuno sakho ngomnyaka wesithathu, okungumnyaka wokwetshumi, wena uzakunika umLevi, owezizweni, intandane kanye lomfelokazi, ukuze badle basuthe emadolobheni akho. **13** Tshono futhi kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uthi: 'Sengikhuphile isabelo esingcwele endlini yami ngasinika umLevi, owezizweni, intandane lomfelokazi, njengokulaya kwakho. Kangeqanga imilayo yakho kumbe ukukhohlwa eminye yayo. **14** Angizange ngidle lutho lwesabelo esingcwele ngesikhathi sokulila, kumbe ukususa okunye kwakho ngesikhathi ngingongcolileyo, loba ukunikela ingxenye yakho kwabafileyo. Ngikulale Thixo Nkulunkulu wami; ngenzile konke ongilaye khona. **15** Khangela phansi usezulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala engcwele, ubusise abantu bakho bako-Israyeli kanye lelizwe osinike lona njengesithembiso owasenza ngesifungo kubokhokho bethu, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.' **16** "UThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uyakulaya lamuhla ukuba ulandele izimiso kanye lemithetho le; uyigcine

ngonanzelelo olukhulu ngenhliziyo yakho yonke kanye langomphefumulo wakho wonke. **17** Lamuhla usuvume obala ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu wakho lokuthi uzahamba ezindleleni zakhe, ukuthi uzagcina izimiso zakhe, imilayo, lemithetho yakhe, lokuthi uzamlalela. **18** Futhi uThixo ukuvumile lamuhla ukuthi lina lingabantu bakhe, liyisabelo sakhe esiligugu njengokuthembisa kwakhe njalo kumele ligure yonke imilayo yakhe. **19** Umemezele ukuthi uzaliphakamisa ngodumo, ngokwaziwa langenhloniphopezu kwezizwe zonke azidalayo lokuthi lizakuba ngabantu abangcwlele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njengokuthembisa kwakhe."

**27** UMosi kanye labadala bako-Israyeli balaya abantu bathi: "Gcinani imilayo yonke esilipha yona lamuhla. **2** Kuzakuthi lapho selichaphile umfula ujodani langena elizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, lizamisa amatshe amakhulu liwahuqe ngekalaga. **3** Lizabhalu kuwo wonke amazwi alumthetho nxa selichaphile umfula langena elizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njengalokhu uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu walithembisa. **4** Kuzakuthi lapho selichaphile umfula ujodani, lizamisa amatshe la phezu kweNtaba yase-Ebhali, njengalokhu ngililayile lamuhla, liwahuqe ngekalaga. **5** Khonapho yakhelani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu i-alithari, i-alithari lamatshe. Lingasebenzisi lutho olwenziiwe ngensimbi phezu kwawo. **6** Yakhani i-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngamatshe angabawzanga linikele phezu kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **7** Lizanikela iminikelo yokuthula khonapho, liyidle lithokoze phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **8** Ngakho lizabhalu kancane worke amazwi alumthetho phezu kwamatshela eliwamisleyo." **9** Ngemva kwalokho uMosi kanye labaphristi abangabalevi, bathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, "Thula uthi zwi wena Israyeli, njalo ulale! Khathesi selingabantu bakaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **10** Lalelani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu futhi llandele imilayo kanye lezimiso engilitshela zona namuhla." **11** Ngalolosuku uMosi walaya abantu wathi: **12** "Nxa selichaphile umfula ujodani, kuzakuthi iziwana ezibalisa esakoSimiyoni, esakoLevi, esakoJuda, esako-Isakhari, esakoJosefa kanye lesakoBhenjamini zizakuma eNtabeni yaseGerizimu ukuze zibusise abantu. **13** Kodwa iziwana ezibalisa esakoRubheni, esakoGadi, esako-Asher, esakoZebhuluni, esakoDani kanye lesakoNafithali, zizakuma eNtabeni yase-Ebhali zimemezele iziqalekiso. **14** AbaLevi bazamemezela kubo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli ngelizwi elikhulu bathi: **15** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu obaza isithombe loba isithombe esibunjwego, into eyisinengiso kuThixo, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu olbungcwethi, asimise ensitha.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Amenil' **16** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu otthelela uyise loba unina ihlazo.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Amenil' **17** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu osusa isikhonkwane somngcele wendawo kamakhelwane wakhe.' Ngakho abantu

bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **18** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu loba kwesenxele, lilandela abanye onkulunkulu oduhisa isiphofu endleleni.' Ngakho abantu bonke lokubakhonza.' **15** 'Kodwa-ke, nxa lingayikumlalela bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **19** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu ovimbela ukuthonisiswa ngokulunga kowezizweni, lentandane kanye lomfelokazi.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **20** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lomfazi kayise, ngoba ethelela umbheda kayise ihlazo.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **21** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lenyamazana.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **22** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala lodadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi kanina.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **23** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu olala loninazala.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **24** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu obulala umakhelwane wakhe ensitha.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **25** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu owamukela isivalamlomo ukuze ayebulala umuntu ongelacala.' Ngakho abantu bonke bazakuthi, 'Ameni!' **26** 'Kaqalekiswe umuntu ongalalei amazwi okumlaya ngokuwenza.' Ngakho bonke abantu bazakuthi, 'Ameni!"

**28** "Nxa limlalela ngokupheleleyo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njalo lilandele yonke imilayo yakhe engilitsela yona lamuhla ngonanzelelo, uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphakamisa libe phezu kwezizwe zonke emhlaben. **2** Lezibusiso zonke zizakwehlela phezu kwenu zibe ngezenu nxa limlalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **3** Lizabusiswa edolobheni libusiswe futhi lemaphandleni. **4** Inzalo yenu izabusiswa, lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu kanye lenzalo yezifuyo zenu, amathole emihlambi yenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yenu. **5** Kuzabusiswa isitsha senu kanye lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa. **6** Uzabusiswa nxa ungena ubusiswe lanxa uphuma. **7** UThixo uzakwenza ukuthi izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zinqotshwe phambi kwakho. Zizakulihlasela zivelela endleleni eyodwa, kodwa zizabaleka ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa. **8** UThixo uzakwehlisela isibusiso phezu kweziphala zenu, lakukho konke elizakwenza. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni lelo alinika lona. **9** UThixo uzalimisa njengabantu bakhe abangcwele, njengokulithembisa kwakhe ngesifungo, nxa lingagcina imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lihambe ngezindlela zakhe. **10** Ngalokho bonke abantu emhlabeni bazabona ukuthi lina libizwa ngebizo likaThixo, balesabe. **11** UThixo uzalenza liphumelele kakhulu, enzalweni yenu, lenzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu elizweni afunga ngalo kubokhokho benu ukuthi uzalinika lona. **12** UThixo uzavula amazulu, isiphala sakhe esiphuphumayo, ukuze anise izulu phezu kwlizwe lenu ngesikhathi salo njalo abusise yonke imisebenzi eliyenzayo. Lizakweboleka izizwe ezinengi kodwa lina lingboleki lutho kuzo. **13** UThixo uzalenza libe yinhloko, hatshi umsila. Nxa lizalalelisisa imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engilinika yona lamuhla njalo liyilandele ngonanzelelo, lizahlala njalo liphezelu, lingabi ngaphansi lanini. **14** Lingaphambuki loba lakuwuphi wemilayo engilinika yona lamuhla, lingaphambukeli kwesokunene

uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu futhi lingalandeli yonke imilayo yakhe ngonanzelelo kanye lezimiso zakhe engilinika zona lamuhla, zonke leziziqalekiso zizakuba phezu kwenu zilehlele: **16** Lizaqalekiswa edolobheni, liqalekiswe futhi emaphandleni. **17** Isitsha senu kanye lomganu wenu wokuxovela izinkwa kuzaqalekiswa. **18** Inzalo yenu izaqalekiswa, lezithelo zomhlabathi wenu, lamathole emihlambi yenu kanye lamazinyane emihlambi yenu. **19** Lizaqalekiswa ekungeneni kwenu libuye liqalekiswe lasekuphumeni kwenu. **20** UThixo uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu iziqalekiso, ukuphambana kanye lezithuko emisebenzini yenu yonke eliyenzayo, lize libhujiswe njalo lichithwe ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo ngokumdel. **21** UThixo uzalehlisela isifo lemikuhlane ize ilibhubhise iliqede elizweni elingena kulo ukuba libe ngelenu. **22** UThixo uzalitshaya ngomkhuhlane olidla kancanekancane, langokutshisa kwelanga lendlala, ngofuba langesikhwekhwe, konke lokhu kuzalehlela kuze kuliqed. **23** Isibhakabhaka ngaphezu kwenu sizakuba lithusi, kuthi umhlabathi ngaphansi kwenu ubi yinsimbi. **24** UThixo uzaguqula izulu elina elizweni lenu kube zintuli lothuli, kuzakwehla kuvela esibhakabhakeni lize libhujiswe. **25** UThixo uzavumela ukuthi izitha zenu zilehltule. Lizakuya kuzo lihamba ngendlela eyodwa kodwa lizabaleka ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa, futhi lizakuba yinto eyenanyekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlaben. **26** Izidumbu zenu zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zonke zasemoyeni, kanye lezinyamazana zasemhlabeni, njalo aziyikwethuswa mutu. **27** UThixo uzalitshaya ngamathumba aseGibhithe langesifo sokuvuvuka, izilonda ezibhibhidlayo lamaqhubu alumayo, okungelaphekiyo. **28** UThixo uzalehlisela umkhuhlane wokuphambana kwengqondo, ubuphofu lowokudungeka kwengqondo. **29** Lizaphumphutha loba kusemini njengesiphofu emnyameni. Aliyikuphumelela kukho konke elikwenzayo; lizaphangwa njalo lincindezelwe insuku ngensuku, kungekho mutu ongalihlenga. **30** Uzathembisana lowesifazane ukuba lithathane, kodwa kuthi enye indoda imthathe ilale laye. Uzakwakha indlu, kodwa kawusoze uhlale kuyo. Uzahlanyela isivini, kodwa kawusoze ukholise izithelo zaso. **31** Inkabi yakho izahlathswa phambi kwakho, kodwa kawusoze uyidle. Uzathathelwa ubabhemi wakho ngenkanzi kodwa angabuyiselwa kuwe. Izimvu zakho zizanikwa izitha zakho, kodwa kakho ozakuzihlenga. **32** Amadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi akho azanikwa esinye isizwe, njalo amehlo akho azafiphala ngokualindela insuku zonke, ungelamandla okuphakamisa isandla. **33** Abantu ongabaziyo bazakudla izithelo zomhlabathi kanye lomsebenzi wezandla zakho, akulalutho ozaluzuza ngaphandle kokuncidezelwa ngesihluku insuku zakho zonke. **34** Izinto ozibonayo zizakwenza uphambane ingqondo. **35** UThixo uzakutshaya amadoloo akho lemilenze yakho ngamathumba abuhlungu njalo angelaphekiyo, amemetheke esuka

ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakho kuze kuyefika ekhanda. zilivimbezele emadolobheni enu wonke. **56** Owesifazane **36** UThixo uzalinikela esizwени elingasaziyo lina obuthakathaka njalo olozwelo phakathi kwenu, kumbe okhokho benu, lina kanye lenkosi yenu olozwelo njalo obuthakathaka okokuthi angeke athinte elayibekayo ukuthi ilibusé. Khonale lizakhonza abanye umhlabathi ngenyawo zakhe uzakuba lolaka endodeni onkulunkulu, onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezigodo yakhe ayithandayo lasendodaneni lendodakazini langamatshe. **37** Lizakuba yinto eyenyanyekayo yakhe, **57** inzalo yethumbu lakhe abantwana abazeleyo. lento yokuchothozwa lokweyiwa kuzozonke izizwe Ngoba esehlo se ukubadla ensitha ngesikhathi lapho uThixo azalixotshela khona. **38** Lizahlanyela sokuvinjezelwa lokuhlupheka isitha senu esizalehlisela inhlanyelo enengi emasimini enu kodwa lizavuna khona phezu kwenu emadolobheni enu. **58** Lingayekela okuyingcosana, ngoba izikhongwane zizabhuqa ukulandela ngnanzelelo wonke amazwi alo umthetho, amabele enu. **39** Lizahlanyela izivini njalo lizihlakulelo alotsiwe kule incwadi, njalo lingalesabi lelibizo kodwa kalyikunatha iwayini loba ukukha izithelo lenkazimulo eyesabekayo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, zazo, ngoba zizadliwa yimihogoyi. **40** Lizakuba **59** uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu kanye lezizukulwane lezihlahla zama-oliva zigcwele ilizwe lenu lonke zenu izifo ezesabekayo, inhlupheko ezimangalisayo kodwa kalyikuwasabenzisa amafutha azo, ngoba ezizathatha isikhathi eside, lemikhuhlane enzima izithelo zama-oliva zizakhithikela phansi. **41** engapheliyo. **60** Uzakwehlisela phezu kwenu Lizakuba lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi kodwa imikhuhlane yonke yaseGibhithe elaliyesaba, kalyikubondla, ngoba bazathunjwa. **42** Isikhongwane inamathele phezu kwenu. **61** UThixo uzakwehlisela sizabhuqa zonke izihlahla zenu kanye lamabele futhi phezu kwenu inhlubo zonke zemikhuhlane elizwe lenu. **43** Owezizwe ohlala phakathi kwenu kanye lezhnlupheko ezimangalisayo ezingalotshwanga uzaphakama phezu kwenu njalonjalo, kodwa lina kule iNcwadi yomthetho, lize libhujiswe. **62** Lina lehlele phansi njalonjalo. **44** Yena uzaleboleka, kodwa elalabanengi njengezinkanyezi zasemkhathini lizasala lina kalyikumeboleka lutho. Yena uzakuba yinhloko, selibalutshwana, ngoba lingalalelanga uThixo lina libe ngumsila. **45** Izipalekiso zonke lezi zizalehlela. uNkulunkulu wenu. **63** Njengalokho kwamthokozisa Zizalilandelela zilihlaeze lize libhubhe, ngoba uThixo ukuba aliphumelelise njalo alengezelele inani lingamlalelanga uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu langagcini lenu, ngokufanayo kuzamthokozisa ukulichitha njalo imilayo yakhe kanye lezimiso zakhe alinika zona. **46** alibhubhise. Lizaruswa elizweni lelo eselilungele Lizakuba yisibonakaliso lesimangaliso phezu kwenu ukungena kulo ukuthi lilithathe. **64** UThixo laphezu kwezizukulwane zenu kuze kube ninimini. uzanihlakazela eziweni zonke, kusukela komunye **47** Ngoba alizange limkhonze uThixo uNkulunkulu umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kuyefika komunye wenu ngentokozo langenjabulo ngesikhathi senu njalo. Khonale lizakhonza abanye onkulunkulu, sempumelelo, **48** ngakhezizukulwane abenziwe ngezigodo labenziwe azalithumela zona lina lilambile njalo lomile, ngamatshe, elingazange libazi lina kumbe okhokho lihambaze ebuyangeni obukhulu. UThixo uzafaka benu. **65** Phakathi kwalezozizwe kalyikufumana ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni zenu aze alibhubhise. **49** ukuphumula, kumbe indawo yokuphumuza inyawo UThixo uzaletsha isizwe esizamelana lani esivela kude zenu. Khonapho uThixo uzalipha ingqondo emikhawulweni yomhlabo, njengokhozi oluhwithayo, ekhathazekileyo lamehlo akhatheleyo ngokufisa, isizwe esikhuluma ulimi elingaluzwayo, **50** isizwe kanye lenhliziyi ethuthumelayo. **66** Lizahlalela sabantu abesabekayo abangahloniphi abantu abadala ovalweni izikhathi zonke, ligcwele ukwesaba emini loba ukuba lozwelo kwabancinyane. **51** Bazakudla lebusuku, lingelaqiniso ngempilo yenu. **67** Ekuseni inzalo yezifuyo zenu kanye lamabele elizwe lenu lize izakuthi, 'Aluba sekuntambama!' ntambama lithi, libhujiswe. Kabayikulitshiyela amabele, iwayini loba 'Ngabe kusekuseni!' ngenxa yokwesaba okuzakwehlela inhliziyi zenu lengxene yezinto elizazibona ngamehlo amazinyane emihlambini yenu lize lichithwe. **52** enu. **68** UThixo uzalithumela futhi eGibhithe Bazalivimbeza emadolobheni enu wonke aselizweni lenu kuze kuwe imiduli yawo eqinileyo emide njalo eliyithembileyo. Bazavimbeza amadolobho enu wonke aselizweni lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. **53** Ngenxa yokuhlupheka kwenu okuzabangela yikuvinjezelwa kwenu yizitha zenu, lizakudla inzalo yenu, inyama yamadodana kanye lamadodakazi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinike wona. **54** Loba indoda ethobekileyo kakhulu lelozwelo phakathi kwenu ayiyikuba lesihawu kumfowabo kumbe umfazi wayo emthandayo loba abantwabayo abasaphila, **55** kaiyikupha loba ngubani wabo inyama yabantwabayo eyabe iyidla. Kuzabe kuyikho kodwa okuseleyo ngenxa yokuhlupheka okwehlisewo phezu kwenu yizitha zenu ngesikhathi

**29** Lezi yizimiso zesivumelwano uThixo alaya uMosi ukuthi azenze labako-Israyeli eMowabi, phezu kwsivumelwano leso asenza labo eHorebhi. **2** uMosi wabiza bonke abako-Israyeli wathi kubo: 'Amehlo enu akubonile konke uThixo akwenza kuFaro eGibhithe, ezikhulwini zakhe zonke lakulo lonle ilizwe lakhe. **3** Ngamehlo enu lazibonela imilingo emikhulu, lezibonakaliso ezimangalisayo kanye lezimanga ezesabekayo. **4** Kodwa kuze kube lamuhla uThixo kaliphanga ingqondo ewisisayo, kumbe amehlo abonayo, loba indlebe ezizwayo.

5 Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngilihola Adima kanye leZebhoyimi, uThixo awachitha ngolaka enkangala, izigqoko zenu kazizange ziguge, loba Iwakhe oluvuthayo. **24** Izizwe zonke zizabuza zithi: icicathulo ezinyaweni zenu. **6** Alidlanga sinkwa ‘UThixo ukwenzeleni lokhu elizweni leli na? Kungani loba ukunatha iwayini kumbe ukunatha okudakayo. ehlise ulaka oluvuthayo lolwesabekayo kangaka Ngakwenza lokhu ukuze lazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo na?’ **25** Impendulo izakuba yikuthi: ‘Kungenxa uNkulunkulu wenu. **7** Kwathi ekufikeni kwenu yokuthi abantu badela isivumelwano sikaThixo, kulindawo, uSihoni inkosi yaseHeshibhoni kanye lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani balihlangabeza ukuze balwe lani, kodwa sabehlu. **8** Salithatha ilizive labo salipha abakoRubheni, abakoGadi kanye lengxene yesizwana sakomanase njengelia. **9** Ngakho gcinani izimiso zalesisivumelwano ukuze liphumelele kukho konke elikwenzayo. **10** Lonke limi lapha lamuhla phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, abakhokheli benu kanye lezinduna zenu, abadala benu kanye lezikhulu zenu, kanye lawo wonke amanye amadoda ako-Israyeli, **11** ndawonye labantwabenu kanye labafazi benu, labezizwenu abahlala ezhonqweni zenu beligamulela inkuni njalo belikhela amanzi. **12** Selimi lapha ukuze lingene esivumelwaneni loThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, isivumelwano uThixo asenzayo lani lamuhla esiqinisa ngesifungo, **13** eveza ngokugceleyo ukuthi lina lamuhla selingabantu bakhe, lokuthi abe nguNkulunkulu wenu njengokulithembisa kwakhe njalo wfunga kabokhoko benu, u-Abrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe. **14** Ngenza lesisivumelwano, langesifungo saso, hatshi lani kuphela **15** elimiyo kanye lathi lamuhla phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu kodwa labalo abangekhoyo lamuhla. **16** Lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi sasiphila njani eGibhithe lokuthi sadabula njani phakathi kwezizwe sisiza kulindawo. **17** Labona phakathi kwabo izithombe zabo ezinengisayo ezenziwe ngezigodo lezamatshe, ezesiliva kanye lezegolide. **18** Wobani leqiniso lokuthi akulandoda loba owesifazane, abosendo kumbe isizwana phakathi kwenu lamuhla olenhliziyo ezafulathela uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ukuze akhonze onkulunkulu bezizwe lezo; qaphelani funa kubelempande phakathi kwenu ethela izithelo ezilempethu. **19** Lapho umuntu onjalo esizwa amazwi alesisifungo, athokozele ukuthi isibusiso sehlele phezu kwakhe abesezitshele ukuthi, ‘Ngizavikeleka, lanxa ngiqhubeka ngizihambela ngezindlela zami.’ Lokhu kuzaletha uhlupho olukhulu emhlabathini omanzi lowomileyo. **20** UThixo kazimisela ukumthethelela; ulaka Iwakhe kanye lokutshiseka kwakhe kuizavutha phezu kwalowomuntu. Zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule incwadi zizakwahlela phezu kwakhe, njalo uThixo uzacitsha ibizo lakhe ngaphansi kwezulu. **21** UThixo uzamehlukanisa amsuse phakathi kwezizwana zonke zako-Israyeli amehlisele uhlupho, kusiya ngazozonke iziqalekiso zesivumelwano ezilotshwe kule iNcwadi yoMthetho. **22** Abantwabenu abazakuza ngemva kwenu eziukulwaneni eziandelayo kanye labezizwe abavela emazweni akude bazabona inhlupheko ezechlele lelilizwe lezifo uThixo aezhlisele kulo. **23** Ilizwe lonke lizakuba ngelichithiweyo latshiswa laba litswayi lesolufa kungekho lutho oluhlanyelweyo, kungelalutho oluhlumayo, kungekho zimila kulo. Kuzafanu lokutshabalalisa kweSodoma leGomora, i- uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, isivumelwano asenza labo ekubakhupheni kwakhe eGibhithe. **26** Badukile bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu babakothamela, onkulunkulu abangazange babazi, onkulunkulu angazange abaphe bona. **27** Ngalokho ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha phezu kwalelilizwe, waze wehlisela phezu kwalo zonke iziqalekiso ezilotshwe kule incwadi. **28** UThixo wabasiphula elizweni labo ngentukuthelo enku langolaka olukhulu wabalahlela kwelinye ilizwe, njengoba kunjalo lakhathesi.’ **29** Okufihlakeleyo ngokukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa izinto ezambuliweyo zingezethu kanye labantwabethu kuze kube nininini, ukuze silandele wonke amazwi alo umlayo.’

**30** “Kuzakuthi zonke lezizibusiso lalezi ziqalekiso engilimisele zona sezehlele phezu kwenu beselizigcina ezhnliziyeni zenu kuyo yonke indawo lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu azalihlakazela khona phakathi kwezizwe, **2** lapho lina labantwabenu selibuyela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu limlalela ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke kusiya njengokulilaya kwami lamuhla, **3** kulapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ezabuyisela ukuphumelela kwenu abe lozwelo kini njalo alibuthe yena lapho alihlkazela khona ezipheni. **4** Kungaze kuge khatshana okunganani ngaphansi kwelanga lapho elizabe lixitshelwe khona, kusukela khonapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalithatha libuye ekhaya. **5** Uzalikhokhelela elizweni alinika okhoko benu, linake lizalithatha libe ngelenu. Uzalenza liphumelele njalo lande ukedwula okhoko benu. **6** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzasoka inhliziyo zenu kanye lezinhliziyo zeziukulwane zenu, ukuze limthande ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke langomoya wenu wonke, liphile. **7** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzakwahlela zonke leziziqalekiso phezu kwezitha zenu ezilizondayo lezililhukuluzayo. **8** Lizaphinda njalo limlalele uThixo wenu njalo liyilande imilayo yakhe engilinika yona lamuhla. **9** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphumelela kakhulu kuyo yonke imisebenzi yezandla zenu njalo alibusise ngenzalo langamazinyane ezipfuyo zenu lamabele amasimu enu. UThixo uzathokoza ngani njalo aliphumelele, njengoba wathokoza ngokhoko benu, **10** nxa lizalalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ligcine imilayo lezimiso lezo ezaibhalwa kule iNcwadi yoMthetho liphendukele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke.” **11** “Engililaya ngakho lamuhla akunzima kakhulu njalo akukhatshana lani ukuba likufinyele. **12** Akukho phezelu ezulwini, okungabangela ukuthi libuze lithi: ‘Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini ayesithathela ukuze akwethule kithi sibe lakho ukukulandela sikwenze na?’ **13** Kanti njalo akukho

ngaphetsheya kolwandle, okungabangela ukuthi libuze phambi kwabo bezizwela. **12** Lizabuthanisa abantu, lithi, 'Ngubani ozachapha ulwandle ayesithathela ukuze amadoda, abafazi labantwana, kanye labezizweni akwethule kithi sibe lakho ukukulandela sikwenze abahlala emadolobheni enu ukuze bazizwle bafunde na?' **14** Akunjalo, ilizwi liseduzane lawe kakhulu, ukwesaba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu balandele lisemlonyeni wakho lasenhliziyeni yakho ukuze ngonanzelelo wonke amazwi alumthetho. **13** ulilalele. **15** Khangelani, ngiletha phambi kwenu Abantwabobo, abangawaziyo lumthetho, kumele lamuhla ukuphila lokuphumelela, ukufa lokubhidlika. **16** Ngakho ngyialilaya lamuhla ukuthi lithande wenu ngasosonke isikhathi lisahlezi kulelilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lihambe ezindleleni zakhe, elizachapha uJodani ukuba liyelithath." **14** kanye lokugcina imilayo yakhe, izimiso lemithetho; UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Usuku lokubhubha kwakho ngalokho lizaphila lande, njalo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni eselingena kulo ukuba lokuhlangana, lapho engizamgcobelha khona." Ngakho nyalilathite libe ngelenu. **17** Kodwa nxa inhliziyi uMosi lojoshuwa bahamba bayazethula ethenteni zenu zifulathela lingabe lisalalela ngokuzithoba, njalo lokuhlangana. **15** UThixo wasebonakala ethenteni lingaholelwakuthini likhonze abanye onkulunkulu ngensisika yezezi, njalo iyezi lelo lema phezu komnyango libe selibakhonza, **18** ngyialitshela lamuhla ukuthi wethente. **16** UThixo waphinda wathi kuMosi: ngeqiniso lizabhujiswa. Aliyi kuphila isikhathi eside "Ususiyaphumula laboyihlo, kanti-ke lababantu ezwensi elizalithatha ekuchapheni kwenu ijodani. **19** Lamuhla nginxusa izulu lomhlaba ukuba ngofakazi bami ukumelana lani ngisithi sengimise phambi kwenu ukuphila lokufa, izibusiso leziqalekiso. Khathesi zikhetheleni ukuphila, ukuze kuthi lina kanye ubuso bami, njalo bazabhujiswa. Bazakwehlelwa labantwabenu libe lokuphila **20** kanye lokuthi zingozi ezinengi lobunzima phezu kwabo, njalo limthande uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lilalele ilizwi ngailosuku bazabuze bathi: 'Kambe akusikuthi ingozi lakhe, libambeleliqine kuye, ngoba uThixo uyikuphila lezi zisehlela kubi kangaka ngoba uNkulunkulu kwenu, njalo nguye ozalinika iminyaka eminengi lihlezzi elizweni afunga ukuba uzalinika okhokho benu, u-Abrahama, u-Isaka lojakhobe."

**31** UMosi waphuma wayakwethula lamazwi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli wathi: **2** "Sengilemnyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili yokuzahlwa angisenelisi ukulikhokhela. UThixo usethe kimi, 'Awusayi kuchapha ijodani.' **3** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ozachapha phambi kwenu. Uzabhubhisa lezizizwe phambi kwenu, lina lizathatha ilizwe lazo libe ngelenu. Ujoshuwa laye uzachapha ahambé phambi kwenu, njengokutsho kukaThixo. **4** UThixo uzakwenza lokho akwenza kuSiHoni lo-Ogi, amakhosi ama-Amori, ababhubhisa wabatshabalalisa lamazwe abo. **5** UThixo uzabanikela kini, lina-ke kufanele lenze lokho engililaye khona. **6** Qinani libe lesibindi. Lingesabi lithithibale ngenxa yabo, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uhamba lani, kayikulitshiya njalo kayikulifuthela." **7** Ngakho uMosi wasebiza ujoshuwa wasesithi kuye phambi kwakhe wonke u-Israyeli, "Qina njalo iba lesibindi, ngoba kumele uhambé lababantu kulelolizwe uThixo afunga kubokhokho babo ukubanika, njalo uzamele ubabele lona ubahlukanisele libe yilifa labo. **8** UThixo ngokwakhe uhamba phambi kwakho njalo uzakuba lawe; kasoze akutshiye loba akufuthale. Ungesabi; ungapheli amandla." **9** UMosi wawuloba phansi umthetho wawuqhubela abaphristi, amadodana abeLevi, ababethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, kanye labadala bonke bako-Israyeli. **10** UMosi wasebalaya wathi, "Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa, ngomnyaka wokwesuledana izikwelede, ngoMkhosi weziHonqo, **11** ngesikhathi abako-Israyeli bonke bezokuma phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu endaweni azabe eyikhethile, lizawubala lumthetho

phambi kwabo bezizwela. **12** Lizabuthanisa abantu, amadoda, abafazi labantwana, kanye labezizweni abahlala emadolobheni enu ukuze bazizwle bafunde na?" **14** Akunjalo, ilizwi liseduzane lawe kakhulu, ukwesaba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu balandele lisemlonyeni wakho lasenhliziyeni yakho ukuze ngonanzelelo wonke amazwi alumthetho. **13** ulilalele. **15** Khangelani, ngiletha phambi kwenu Abantwabobo, abangawaziyo lumthetho, kumele lamuhla ukuphila lokuphumelela, ukufa lokubhidlika. **16** Ngakho ngyialilaya lamuhla ukuthi lithande wenu ngasosonke isikhathi lisahlezi kulelilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lihambe ezindleleni zakhe, elizachapha uJodani ukuba liyelithath." **14** kanye lokugcina imilayo yakhe, izimiso lemithetho; UThixo wathi kuMosi, "Usuku lokubhubha kwakho ngalokho lizaphila lande, njalo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalibusisa elizweni eselingena kulo ukuba lokuhlangana, lapho engizamgcobelha khona." Ngakho nyalilathite libe ngelenu. **17** Kodwa nxa inhliziyi uMosi lojoshuwa bahamba bayazethula ethenteni zenu lezikhulu zenu zorke ukuze ngethule lamazwi bezizwela nginxuse izulu lomhlaba ukuba ngensisika yezezi, njalo iyezi lelo lema phezu komnyango libe selibakhonza, **18** ngyialitshela lamuhla ukuthi wethente. **16** UThixo waphinda wathi kuMosi: ngeqiniso lizabhujiswa. Aliyi kuphila isikhathi eside "Ususiyaphumula laboyihlo, kanti-ke lababantu ezwensi elizalithatha ekuchapheni kwenu ijodani. **19** bazahugeka masinyazana bakhonze onkulunkulu balelilizwe abazangena kulo. Bazangifulathela bephule isivumelwano engasenza labo. **17** Ngalolosuku ngizabathukuthelela ngibafulathee; ngizabafihlela zingozi ezinengi lobunzima phezu kwabo, njalo ngailosuku bazabuze bathi: 'Kambe akusikuthi ingozi lezi zisehlela kubi kangaka ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu kakho phakathi kwethu na?' **18** Ngiqinisisile ubuso bami ngizabufihla ngalolosuku ngenxa yobubi babo ngokuphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu. **19** Lobani lingoma liyifundise abako-Israyeli ukuze bayihlabele ibe ngufakazi wami wokumelana labo. **20** Ngizakuthi sengibangenise elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju, ilizwe engalithembisa okhokho babo ngesifungo, bathi nxa sebedle basutha baphumelela, bazaphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu babakhonze, bangiphike njalo bephule isivumelwano sami. **21** Kuzakuthi nxa sebehlasewa zingozi lobunzima, ingoma le izakuba yibufakazi bokumelana labo ngoba ayiyikuhohlakala lakuzizukulwane zabo. Niyyakwazi okulula kubo ukuba bakwenze, lanxa ngingakabangenisi elizweni engibathembise lona ngesifungo." **22** Ngakho uMosi wabbala leyongoma mhlalokho wahle wayifundisa abako-Israyeli. **23** UThixo wanika ujoshuwa indodana kaNuni umlayo othi "Qina ube lesibindi, ngoba uzangenisa abako-Israyeli elizweni engabathembisa lona ngesifungo, njalo mina ngokwami ngizakuba lawe." **24** Ngemva kokuba uMosi eseqedile ukuloba ogwalweni amazwi alowomthetho kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni, **25** walaya abeLevi ababethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo wathi: **26** "Thathani iNcwadi yoMthetho le liyifake eceleni komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, izahlala lapha njengofakazi walokho elikwenzayo. **27** Mina niyyakwazi ukuhlamuwa kwenu lokuba ngontamozilukhuni kwenu. Nxa kade lihlamukela uThixo ngisaphila njalo ngiselani, kuzakuba nganani ukuhlamuwa kwenu nxa sengifile! **28** Buthanisan phambi kwami bonke abadala beziwana zenu kanye lezikhulu zenu zorke ukuze ngethule lamazwi bezizwela nginxuse izulu lomhlaba ukuba

kufakaze ububi babo. **29** Ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi nxa ngingasekho sengifile lizaxhwa liphambuke endleleni engililaye yona. Ensukwini ezizayo, lizawelwa yingozи ngoba lizakwenza ububi phambi kukaThixo limvuse ulaka ngemisebenzi emibi yezandla zenu.” **30** Ngakho uMosi wawaphinda amazwi engoma leyo kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekuphetheni ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli lilalele:

**32** “Lalelani, we mazulu, ngizakhulum, zwana, we mhlabu, amazwi omlomo wami. **2** Akuthi imfundiso yami inethe njengezulu kuthi amazwi ami ehle njengamazolo, njengemifefezo etshanini obutsha, njengezulu elinengi phezu kwamahlumela. **3** Ngizaliphakamisa ibizo likaThixo. Yebo dumisani ubukhulu bukaNkulunkulu wethu! **4** UliDwala, imisebenzi yakhe iphelele, njalo zonke izindlela zakhe zilungile. UNkulunkulu othembekileyo ongenzi okubi, uqotho njalo ulungile yena. **5** Sebenze okubi phambi kwakhe; balihlazo kabase bantwabakhe, kodwa isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesingaqondanga. **6** Yiyonale na indlela yokubonga kwenu uThixo, lina ziwula zabantu abangelakuhlakanipha? KasuYihlo, uMdali wenu, owalenzayo njalo owalibumbayao na? **7** Khumbulani insuku zakudala; likhumbule izizukulwane zasendulo. Buza uyhlo yena uzakutshela, abadala benu, njalo bazakuchasisela. **8** Kwathi oPhezukonke esephe izizwe ilifa lazo, eselwahlukanisile uluntu, walufakela imingcele, kusiya ngenani lamadodana ka-Israyeli. **9** Ngoba isabelo sikaThixo ngabantu bakhe, ujakhobe yisabelo sakhe esikhethiweyo. **10** Wamfica elizweni eliyinkangala, indawo engatheli lutho njalo elodlame. Wamvikela, wamonga; wamsingatha njengegugu lakhe, **11** njengokhozi lunyakazisa isidleke salo, beselundiza phezu kwamachwane alo, lwelule amaphiko alo ukuwagola, luwathwale ngamaphiko alo. **12** Nguye yedwa uThixo owamkhokhelayo; kungekho unkulunkulu wezizweni owayelaye. **13** Wamkhweza engqongeni yelizwe wamondla negezithelo zeganga. Wamondla ngoluju olwaluvula edwaleni, langamafutha aphuma ezingoxweni zeliwa, **14** lezankefu langochago oluvela emihlambini yenkomu leyezimvu; lamazinyane anonisiweyo ezimvu lembuzi, lenqama zekhethelo zaseBhashani, kanye lengqoloyi elezinhlamvu ezhinle. Wanatha igazi eliphuphumayo lesithelo samavini. **15** UJeshuruni wazimuka watshakala; esesuthi ukudla, wakhuluphala waba butshelezi. Wamlahla uNkulunkulu owamdalayo waliphika iDwala uMsindisi wakhe. **16** Bambangela ubukhwele ngabonkulunkulu babo bezizweni bamthukuthela negezithombe zabo ezinengekayo. **17** Benza imihlatshelo kuwo amadimoni, wona angasiNkulunkulu, onkulunkulu ababengazange babazi, onkulunkulu ababesanda kuvela, onkulunkulu ababengakhonzwu ngoiyihlo. **18** Walihlamukela iDwala, elinguyihlo; wakhohlwa uNkulunkulu owakuzalayo. **19** UThixo wakubona lokhu wabafulathela ngoba wathukuthelisa ngamadodana lamadodakazi akhe. **20** Ngizabufile ubuso bami kubo’, watsho uThixo, ‘ngize ngibone ukuthi bazaphetha

ngani; ngoba bayisizukulwana esixhwalileyo abantwana abangathembekanga. **21** Bangenza ngaba lobukhwele ngalokho okwakungasinkulunkulu njalo bangithukuthela ngezithombe zabo ezingasizi lutho. Ngizabavusela umhawu ngesizwe esingesibantu balutho; ngibazonde ngesizwe esingazwisisiyo.

**22** Ngoba umlilo usulunyathiswe yikuthukuthela kwami, wona otshisa ujule uze uyethinta ukufa ngaphansi. Uzahangula udle umhlabu kanye lesivuno sawo uthungele lezinska vezintaba. (**Sheol h7585**) **23** Ngizabehelisa izigigaba, imitshoko yami iphelele phezu kwabo. **24** Ngizabathumela inkengane eqeda amandla, izifo ezipphubhisayo lomkohuhlane otshabalalisayo; ngizabathumela amazinyo abukhali ezinyamazana zeganga, ubuthi bezinhlangwana ezihiqzelayo emhlabathini. **25** Ezindleleni inkemba izabaswelisa abantwana, emizini kuzabusa uchuku. Amadodana lamadodakazi azabhujiswa aphele, abantwana abancinyane kanye lamadoda alenwele ezimhlophe. **26** Ngithe ngizabachitha ngisuse imbalu yabo bakhohlakale emhlabeni, **27** kodwa ngesaba ukweyisa kwsitha, funa isitha singewisiti besesisithi, “Isandla sethu sinqobile, njalo uThixo kakwenzanga konke lokhu.” **28** Bayisizwe esingelangqondo, akukho ukuedisisa kubo. **29** Ngabe kodwa bahlakaniphile njalo bezwisise lokhu, babe lokuqedisisa ukuthi sizakuba yini isiphetho sabo! **30** Kungenzeka njani ukuthi umuntu oyeda axotshane lenkulungwane, loba ababili basukele izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zibaleke na, ngaphandle kokuthi iDwala labo nxa labathengisa; langaphandle kokuthi uThixo wabo esebehlankele?

**31** Ngoba elabo idwala alinjengelethu iDwala, njengoba lezitha zethu zivuma. **32** Iwayini labo livela esivinini saseSodoma lasemasimini aseGomora. Amagrebisi abo agcwele itshefu, lamaxha awo amunyu. **33** Iwayini labo liyibuthi bezinyoka, ubuhlungu obubulalayo bezinhlangwana. **34** Kambe lokhu angikugodlanga na ngakugcikela eziphaleni zami na? **35** Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuysesla. Ngesikhathi esifaneleyo unyawo lwabo luzatshelela; usuku lwabo lokuhujiswa luseduze, ukuchitheka kwabo kubalandia ngesiqubu.’

**36** UThixo uzakwahluropa abantu bakhe, abe lozwelo ezincekwini zakhe lapho esebona amandla apo ephela njalo kakho ozasala, isigqili loba okhululekileyo. **37** Uzakuthi: ‘Kanti bangaphi onkulunkulu babo, lelodwala ababephephela kulo, **38** onkulunkulu abadla amafutha emihlatshelo yabo njalo banatha iwayini elingumnikelo wokunathwayo kwabo? Kabaphakame balicedise! Kabaliphe umthunzi wokuphephela!

**39** Angithi liyazibonela ukuthi Mina ngiNguye! Kakho omunye unkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami. Ngiyabhubhisa njalo ngiyaphilisa. Ngilimazile njalo ngizelapha, kakho ongaphunyuka esandleni sami.

**40** Ngiphakamisela isandla sami ezelwini ngithi: Njengoba ngeqiniso ngiphila nini lanini, **41** nxa ngilola inkemba yami ephazimayo lesandla sami siyibamba ekwehluleleni, ngizaphindisela kuzozonke izitha zami, ngiphindisela kulabo abangizondayo. **42** Imitshoko yami izagava igazi, kanti inkemba izakudla enyameni:

igazi labo ababulawayo labathunjwayo, amakhanda alabo abangabakheli bezitha.’ **43** Jabulani, lina ngomsebenzi wezandla zakhe. Babhubhise labo zizwe, kanye labantu bakhe, ngoba uzaphindisela igazi lezinceku zakhe, uzaphindisela ezitheni zakhe, zimvukele.” **44** UMosi weza lojoshuwa indodana kaNuni wethula wonke amazwi engoma le abantu bonke besizwa. **45** UMosi wathi eqeda ukuwethula wathi: “Sengathi uThixo angabusisa umhlaba wakhe lamazwi phambi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, **46** ngamazolo aligugu avela phezulu ezulwini langamanzi wathi kubo, “Alondolozeni ezinhiliziyweni zenu wonke lamazwi engiwethule phambi kwenu ngesifungo obulethwa lilanga kanye lokucoleka okungalethwa lamuhla, ukuze libe lakho ukubalaya abantwabenu yinyanga; **15** lezipho zekhethelo sasezintabeni ukuba bawalalele ngonanzelelo amazwi alo umthetho. **47** Akusimazwi alula nje kini, ayikuphila kwenu. Ngala lanini; **16** langezipho eziyengqala zomhlaba lokugcwalla amazwi lizaphila isikhathi eside elizweni eselingena kwawo lozwelo lwakhe yena owayesesixukwini kulo lichapha uJodani ukuba lilitthathe libe ngelenu.” esivuthayo. Konke lokhu akube sekhanda likajosefa, **48** Ngalolosuku uThixo watshela uMosi wathi, **49** ebunzini lobuso benkosana phakathi kwabafowabo. “Khwela uye okhahlamba lwezintaba zase-Abharimi **17** Ebukhosini unjengenkenzi encane elizibulo; eNtabeni yaseNebho kwelamaMowabi, ngaphetsheya impondo zakhe zinjengezenyathi. Ngazo uzagweba kwejerikho, ukuze ubone iKhenani, ilizwe engilinika abako-Israyeli ukuba balithathe libe ngelabo. **50** Phezu kwaleyontaba okhwele phezu kwayo uzakufa umbelwe uye kubokhokho bakho njengoba u-Aroni laye wafela entabeni yaseHori wembelwa kwabakibo. **51** Lokhu kungenxa yokuthi lina lobabili lalahla ithemba lenu kimi phambi kwabako-Israyeli emachibini aseMeribha Khadeshi, eNkangala yaseZini langenxa yokuthi alizange lime ngobungcwеле bami phambi kwabako-Israyeli. **52** Ngenxa yalokho, ilizwe uzalibonela kude, awusoze ungene elizweni esengilinika abako-Israyeli ukuba bangene kulo.”

**33** Lesi yiso isibusiso esethulwa nguMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu kwabako-Israyeli engakafi. **2** Wathi: “UTHixo wehla evela eSinayi njalo wakhazimula kubo ngaseSeyiri; wakhanyisa njalo kusiya eNtabeni yasePharani. Wabuya labazirikulungwane ezilishumi zabangcwеле bevelela eningizimu, emehlweni ezintaba zakhe. **3** Ngempela nguwe othanda abantu, bonke abangcwеле basezandleni zakho. Ezinyaweni zakho bayakhothama bonke bamukele iziqondiso ezivila kuwe, **4** umthetho esawuphiwa nguMosi, inotho yebandla likajakhobe. **5** Wayeyinkosi phezu kukaJeshuruni lapho abakhkheli babantu bebuthene, ndawonye lezizwana zako-Israyeli. **6** Kaphile uRubheni njalo angafi, abesilisa bakhe bangaphunguki babebalutshwana.” **7** Lokhu wakutsho ngoJuda: “Zwana, wena Thixo wami, ukukhala kukajuda; mlethe ebantwini bakhe. Ngezandla zakhe uvikela lokho akumaleyo. Yebo, msize amelanle lezitha zakkhe!” **8** NgoLevi wathi: “IThumimi kanye le-Urimi yakho ngokwayo inceku yakho ethembekileyo. Wamhlola eMasa; waba laye emachibini aseMeribha. **9** Wathi ngoyise lonina, ‘Angilandala labo mina.’ Kazange akwamukele ukuthi ulabafowabo njalo kazange ananze abantwabakhe, kodwa walilonolozu ilizwi lakho wasigcina isivumelwano sakho. **10** Ufundisa amanyathelo akho kujakhobe lomthetho wakho ku-Israyeli. Unikela ngemepha phambi kwakho langeminikelko egcweleyo yokutshiswa e-alithareni.

**11** Busisa bonke ubuciko bakhe, Thixo, ujabule amthandayo uphumula emahlolome akhe.” **13** NgoJosefa wathi: “Sengathi uThixo angabusisa umhlaba wakhe lamazwi phambi kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, **14** ngamazolo aligugu avela phezulu ezulwini langamanzi wathi kubo, “Alondolozeni ezinhiliziyweni zenu wonke lamazwi engiwethule phambi kwenu ngesifungo obulethwa lilanga kanye lokucoleka okungalethwa lamuhla, ukuze libe lakho ukubalaya abantwabenu yinyanga; **15** lezipho zekhethelo sasezintabeni ukuba bawalalele ngonanzelelo amazwi alo umthetho. **16** Ebukhosini unjengenkenzi encane elizibulo; eNtabeni yaseNebho kwelamaMowabi, ngaphetsheya impondo zakhe zinjengezenyathi. Ngazo uzagweba kwejerikho, ukuze ubone iKhenani, ilizwe engilinika abako-Israyeli ukuba balithathe libe ngelabo. **17** Ebukhosini unjengenkenzi encane elizibulo; eNtabeni yaseNebho kwelamaMowabi, ngaphetsheya impondo zakhe zinjengezenyathi. Ngazo uzagweba kwejerikho, ukuze ubone iKhenani, ilizwe engilinika abako-Israyeli ukuba balithathe libe ngelabo. **18** Efrayimi; banjalo abezinkulungwane zikaManase.” **19** Bazabizela abantu ezintabeni khonale banikele imihlatshelo yabo yokulunga; bazakudla baminze ngobunengi bokuswandle ngawo amagugu afihlakelie etshetbetshebeni.” **20** NgoGadi wathi: “Ubusisiwe lowo oqhelisa umbuso kaGadi! UGadi uhhla khona njengesilwane, edlithiza engalweni loba ekhanda. **21** Wazikhethela umhlaba omuhle okwamagama waba ngowakhe; isabelo somkhkheli sagcinelwa yena. Kwathi ekuhlanganeni kwabakhkheli babantu, wakwenza lokho okufunwa nguThixo olungileyo, kanye lokwahluela kwakhe kwabako-Israyeli.” **22** NgoDani wathi: “UDani ngumdlwane wesilwane, otshakala upuma eBhashani.” **23** NgoNafithali wathi: “UNafithali uyaphuphuma ngozwelo lukaThixo njalo ugcwele izibusiso zakhe; elakhe ilifa uzazuza kusiya eningizimu ngechibini.” **24** Ngo-Asher wathi: “Obusisiweyo kakhulu kulawo wonke amadodana ngu-Asher; ababelozwelo kuye abafowabo, myekeleni ageze inyawo zakhe emafutheni. **25** Amabhawudo emasangweni akho azakuba ngawensimbi lethusi njalo amandalu akho azalingana insuku zakho. **26** Kakho ofana loNkulunkulu kajeshuruni, ophezulu emazulwini ukuze akuncede kanti njalo lasemayezini ngobukhosu bakhe. **27** UNkulunkulu ongusimakade uysiphephelo sakho, njalo ngaphansi kuzingalo ezingelakuphela. Uzazixotsha izitha phambi kwakho esithi, ‘Mbulale!’ **28** Ngakho u-Israyeli uzaphila yedwa evikelekile, umthombo kajakhobe uvikelekile, elizweni lamabele kanye lewayini elitsha, lapho amazulu phezulu akhithizela khona amazolo. **29** Ubusisiwe wena, Oh Israyeli! Ngubani onjengawe, abantu abah lengwa nguThixo? Ulihawu lakho lomsizi wakho njalo uyinkemba yakho ekhazimulayo. Izitha zakho zizatshotshobala phambi kwakho njalo uzazinyathela phansi zonke izindawo zabo zokukhonza eziphakemeyo.”

**34** UMosi wasekhwela eNtabeni yaseNebho evelela emagcekeni eMowabi esiya phezu kwePhisiga, ngaphetsheya malungana lejerikho. Kukhonale uThixo amtshengisa khona ilizwe lonke, kusukela eGiliyadi kusiya kwelikaDani, **2** lonke elikaNafithali, ilizwe lika-Efrayimi lelikaManase, lonke ilizwe likajuda kusiyafika olwandle olungentshonalanga, **3** iNegebi kanye lomhlaba wonke osuka eSigodini seJerikho, iDolobho laMalala, kusiya kude khonale eZowari. **4** Ngakho uThixo wathi kuye, “Leli yilo ilizwe engathembisa ngesifungo u-Abrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe, lapho engathi khona, ‘Ngizalinika izizukulwane zenu.’ Ngikuvumele ukuthi ulibone ngawakho amehlo, kodwa awusoze uchaphele kulo.” **5** Ngakho uMosi inceku kaThixo wafela khonapho kwelamaMowabi, njengokwakutshiwo nguThixo. **6** Wamngcwaba eMowabi, esigodini esikhangelene leBhethi-Pheyori, kodwa kuze kube lamuhla lokhu kakho loyedwa olaziyo ingcwaba lakhe. **7** UMosi wayeseleminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili ekufeni kwakhe, ikanti amehlo akhe ayesabona kuhle njalo engakaphelelwa ngamandla. **8** Abako-Israyeli bamlilela uMosi emagcekeni aseMowabi okwensuku ezingamatshumi amathathu, kwaze kwedlula insuku zokukhala lokulila. **9** UJoshua indodana kaNuni wayegcwele umoya wokuhlanipha ngoba uMosi wayembeke izandla. Ngakho abako-Israyeli bamlalela njalo benza lokho uThixo ayekulaye uMosi. **10** Kusukela lapho, kakukabi lomunye njalo umphrofethi ko-Israyeli onjengoMosi, owayesaziwa nguThixo ubuso ngobuso, **11** owenza zonke lezozimanga lezibonakaliso ayethunywe nguThixo ukuba ayezenza eGibhithe, kuFaro lakuzo zonke izikhulu zakhe lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe. **12** Ngoba kakho oyake atshengisele amandla amakhulu kangako loba ukwenza izenzo ezesabekayo uMosi azenzayo emehlweni abo bonke abako-Israyeli.

# UJoshua

**1** Ngemva kokufa kukaMosi inceku kaThixo, uThixo wathi kuJoshua indodana kaNuni, umsekeli kaMosi: **2** “UMosi inceku yami usefile. Ngakho-ke, wena labantu bonke laba, lungiselelani ukuchapha umfula uJodani liye elizweni esengizalinika lona, abako-Israyeli. **3** Ngizalinika zonke izindawo lapho elizanyathela khona ngezinyawo zenu njengokuthembisa engakwenza kuMosi. **4** Ilizwe lenu lizasukela erkangala yeLebhano ni lasemfuleni omkhulu uYufrathe, ilizwe lonke lamaHithi, lize liyekhawula olwandle olukhulu entshonalanga. **5** Kakulamuntu ozenelisa ukumelana lani zonke insuku zokuphila kwenu. Njengoba ngangiloMosi, ngizakuba lawe; kangisoze ngikutshiye, kangisoze ngikudele. **6** Qina ube lesibindi ngenxa yokuthi uzakhokhela abantu laba ukuze bayethatha ilizwe elilifa labo engafunga kubokhokho babo ukuthi ngizabanika lona. **7** Qina ube lesibindi. Ugcine yonke imithetho owayiphwa nguMosi inceku yami, ungaze waphambuka kuyo uye kwesokunene kumbe kwesokhohlo ukuze uphumelele kuzozonke izindawo ozakuya kuzo. **8** INCwadi yoMthetho le kayingasuki emlyonyeni wakho, cabanga ngayo emini lebususku ukuze unanzelele ukugcina konke okulotshwe kuyo. Ngokwena njalo uzaphumelela. **9** Angikulayanga na? Qina ube lesibindi, ungethuki njalo ungalahli ithemba, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uzakuba lawe loba kungaphi lapho oya khona.” **10** Ngakho-ke uJoshua walaya iziphathamandla zabantu wathi: **11** “Dabulani phakathi kwezihonqo litshele abantu ukuthi, ‘Lungisani imiphako yenu. Ensukwini ezintathu kusukela lamhla lizachapha uJodani lapha ukuze lingene liyethatha ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona ukuba libe ngelenu!’” **12** UJoshua wathi kwabakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxenyen yesizwana sikaManase, **13** “Khumbulani umlayo uMosi inceku kaThixo alinika wona owokuthi: ‘UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphumuza ngokulinika ilizwe leli.’” **14** Amakhosikazi enu, abantwabenu lezifuyo zenu zingahlala elizweni elalinikwa nguMosi empumalanga yeJodani, kodwa ibutho lenu lonke, lihlome liphelele, kumele lichaphe ngaphambni kwabafowenu. Kuzamele lincedice abafowenu, **15** uThixo aze abaphumuze, njengalokho alenzele khona lina, labo baze bathathe ilizwe lelo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu abanika lona. Ngemva kwalokho selingabuyela liyehlala elizweni lenu, uMosi inceku kaThixo alinika lona ngempumalanga yeJodani.” **16** Baphendula uJoshua bathi, “Konke osilaya khona sizakwenza, lalapho osithuma khona sizahamba. **17** Njengalokhu salalela uMosi ngokupheleleyo, lawe sizakulalela. Sifisa ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho abe lawe njengoba wayeloMosi. **18** Yiloba ngubani ohlamukela ilizwi lakho njalo engalaleli lokho okutshoyo, lalokho oyabe ukulaya, kumele abulawе. Kumele uqine ube lesibindi!”

**2** UJoshua indodana kaNuni wasethumela inhloli ezimbili ngasese zisuka eShithima. Wathi kuzo, “Hambani liyehlola ilizwe lakhona, ikakhulu ijeriko.” Ngakho zahamba zayangena endlini yesifebe esithiwa nguRahabi, zahlala khona. **2** Inkosi yaseJerikho yatshelwa ukuthi “Khangel! Abanye abantu bako-Israyeli bafike lapha ebusuku ukuzohlola ilizwe lethu.” **3** Ngakho inkosi yaseJerikho yathomela ilizwi kuRahabi yathi, “Khupha amadoda angene endlini yakho, ngoba alande ukuzohlola ilizwe lonke.” **4** Kodwa owesifazane wayethethe amadoda womabili wawaifihi. Wasesithi, “Liqiniso amadoda afikile kimi, kodwa bengingazi ukuthi abevela ngaphi. **5** Kusihlwa, sesifikile isikhathi sokuvula isango ledolobho, amadoda asuke azihambela. Kangikwazi ukuthi aqonde ngaphi. Axhumeni masinyene. Engxene lingawafica.” **6** (Kodwa wayebakhweze phezu kophahla wabafihla ngaphansi kwezingqwaba zesikusha ayesichaye ophahleni). **7** Ngakho amadoda aphuma ijumo elandela inhloli emgwaqweni oya ezbukweni leJodani, njalo athi esanda kuphuma isango lavalwa. **8** Inhloli zathi zingakalali ngalobobusku, wakhwela phezu kophahla **9** wasesithi kuzo, “Ngiyazi ukuthi uThixo uselinike lelilizwe lokuthi sonke seselelwе yikwesaba okukhulu ngenxa yenu, okwenza ukuthi bonke abahlala kulelilizwe babelomhedehehe wokulesaba. **10** Sesizwile ukuthi uThixo walenzela amanzi olWandle Olubomvu atsha ngesikhathi liphurna eGibhithe, lalokho elakwenza kuSihoni lo-Ogi amakhosi amabili ama-Amori empumalanga yeJodani elawatshaya lawaqothula. **11** Sathi sikuzwa lokho inhliziyo zethu zahle zaphela amandla njalo wonke umuntu kazabe esaba lesibindi ngenxa yenu ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu unguNkulunkulu ophezulu ezulwini laphansi emhlabeni. **12** Ngakho-ke ngicela ukuthi lifunge kimi ngoThixo ukuthi lizakuba lomusa emulini yami ngoba lami ngitshengise umusa kini. **13** Nginikani isiqiniseko sokuthi lizaphephisa impilo kababa lomama, abanewethu labodadewethu labo bonke abangabobo, njalo lizasisindisa ekufeni.” **14** Amadoda anthembisa athi, “Ukuphila kwethu yikuphila kwenu! Ungayekela ukuveza lokho esikwenzayo sizakwenzela umusa lokwethembeka lapho uThixo esesipha ilizwe.” **15** Ngakho-ke wabehliseli phansi ngentambo baphuma ngefasitela kalokho indlu ayehlala kuyo yayingumduli munye lalowo owawugombolozele idolobho. **16** Wayethi kubo, “Qondani emaqaqeni ukwenzela ukuthi abaxhuma umzila wenu bangaze balifica. Licatshe khonale okwensuku ezintathu baze baphenduke beseliqhube kandlala yenu.” **17** Amadoda athi kuye, “Isifungo osifungise sona sizakuba yize **18** ngaphandle kokuthi nxax sesingena kulelilizwe sifice ubophele leliqhele elibomvu ewindini osikhuphe ngalo, njalo usulethe uyihlo lonyoko, abafowenu lemuli yakho yonke endlini yakho. **19** Nxa umuntu angaphuma phandle kwendlu yakho abesesiya esitaladeni, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhanda lakhe: kawusoze ube ngumlandu wethu. Kuye wonke oyabe ephakathi kwendlu kanye lawe, igazi lakhe lizakuba sekhanda lethu nxa angavele athintwe. **20** Kodwa ungavele uveze lokhu esikwenzayo, sizabe sesikhululiuwe esifungweni osifungise sona.” **21** Waphendula wathi, “Ngiyavuma, kakube njengokutsho

kwenu." Ngakho wavalelisana labo basebezihambel. amanzi ayegelezela phansi ngekuyueni olwandle Wasebophela iqhele elibomvu ewindini. **22** Bathi lwe-Arabha (okutsho uLwandle Lwetswayi) ahle besuka lapho baqonda emaqaqeni lapho abahlala khona okwensuku ezintathu ababebaxhuma baze badela ukubadinga emgwaqweni wonke, basebebulyela bengababonanga. **23** Ngakho-ke amadoda womabili aphindela emuva. Ehla emaqaqeni, achapha umfula, afika kuJoshiwa indodana kaNuni amtshela konke okwakwenzakele kuwo. **24** Athi kuJoshiwa, "UThixo ngeqiniso uphe ilizwe lonke ezandleni zethu; bonke abantu bayathuthumela ngokwesaba, ngenxa yethu."

**3** Ekuseni kakhulu uJoshiwa labo bonke abako-Israyeli basuka eShithima baqonda ejodani lapho abamisa khona izihonqo zabo bengakachaphi. **2** Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu iziphathamndla zangena phakathi kwezihonqo, **3** zinika imilayo ebantwini zisithi, "Lapho libona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu labaphristi abangabalevi belithweli kuzamele litshiye izindawo zenu lilandele. **4** Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi lilandele yiphi indlela, njengoba lingakaze libe kuwonalo umango. Kodwa kumele liggine ibanga elingaba yizingala eziyinkulungwane ezimbili phakathi kwenu lomtshokotsho; lingasondeli phansi kwalo." **5** UJoshiwa wathi ebantwini, "Zihlambululen i ngoba kusasa uThixo uzakwenza izimanga phakathi kwenu." **6** UJoshiwa wathi kubaphristi, "Thathani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano beselikhkhela phambi kwabantu." Ngakho bawuthatha basebehamba phambi kwabo. **7** UThixo wasesithi kuJoshiwa, "Lamhlha ngizaqalis ukuuphakamisa emehlwani abako-Israyeli bonke ukuze babone ukuthi ngilawa njengoba ngangiloMosi. **8** Tshela abaphristi abathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano uthi, "Lingafika okhunjini lwamanzi kaJodani, lingene liyekuma phakathi komfula." **9** UJoshiwa wathi kwabako-Israyeli, "Wozani lapha lizolalela amazwi kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **10** Lokhu yikho okuzakwenza ukuthi lazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ophilayo uphakathi kwenu njalo ngempela uxazotsha phambi kwenu amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaHivi, amaPherizi, amaGigashi, ama-Amori lamaJebusi. **11** Khangelani, umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi womhlaba wonke lizangena phakathi kweJodani phambi kwenu. **12** Ngakho-ke, khethani amadoda alitshumi lambili esuka eziwanen i zako-Israyeli, oyedwa esizwanen i esisodwa. **13** Kuzakuthi masinyazana abaphristi abathweli umtshokotsho kaThixo, iNkosi yomhlaba wonke, sebegene ejodani, amanzi omfula ogeleyazo azakwehlukanisa abesesima abe yinqwaba." **14** Ngakho kwathi abantu sebesuke ezhonqweni ukuze bayechapha uJodani, abaphristi ababewhlele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano bahamba phambili. **15** UJodani wayehlala egcwele ngezikathni zonek zokuvuna. Kukanti kwathi abaphristi ababewhlele umtshokotsho befika ejodani inyawo zabo zazithinta amanzi, **16** amanzi ayevelela ngaphezelu ema ukugeleza. Abuthana aba yinqwaba ema khatshana laphaya, malungana ledolobho elithiwa yi-Adamu duzane leZarethani kukanti

amanzi ayegelezela phansi ngekuyueni olwandle Wasebophela iqhele elibomvu ewindini. **22** Bathi lwe-Arabha (okutsho uLwandle Lwetswayi) ahle besuka lapho baqonda emaqaqeni lapho abahlala khona okwensuku ezintathu ababebaxhuma baze badela ukubadinga emgwaqweni wonke, basebebulyela bengababonanga. **23** Ngakho-ke amadoda womabili aphindela emuva. Ehla emaqaqeni, achapha umfula, afika kuJoshiwa indodana kaNuni amtshela konke okwakwenzakele kuwo. **24** Athi kuJoshiwa, "UThixo ngeqiniso uphe ilizwe lonke ezandleni zethu; bonke abantu bayathuthumela ngokwesaba, ngenxa yethu."

**4** Kwathi isizwe sonke sesimchaphile uJodani, uThixo wathi kuJoshiwa, **2** "Khetha amadoda alitshumi lambili phakathi kwabantu, yileyo imele isizwana sako-Israyeli, **3** ubusubatshela ukuthi bathathe amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi laphakathi kweJodani kusukela lapho okwakumi khona abaphristi, beseliwathwala liwabeke endaweni elizalala kuyo lamuhla ebusuku." **4** Ngakho-ke uJoshiwa wabiza amadoda alitshumi lambili ayewakhethi phakathi kwabako-Israyeli, eyodwa ivela esizwanen. **5** Wasesithi kuwo, "Hambani phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu liye phakathi laphakathi kweJodani. Omunye lumunye wenu kumele athwale ilitshe ehlombe lakhe, kusya ngenani lezizwana zako-Israyeli, **6** ukuze kube luphawu phakathi kwenu. Kwelizayo nxa abantwana benu belibuza besithi, 'Kanti amatshe la atshoni?' **7** Libatshele ukuthi ukugeleza kweJodani kwamiswa phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo. Kwathi lapho umtshokotsho uchapha iJodani, amanzi omfula uJodani ehlukanisa. Amatshe la azakuba yisukhumbuzo ebantwini bako-Israyeli nini lanini." **8** Ngakho-ke abako-Israyeli benza njengokulaya kujakoshwu. Bathatha amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi laphakathi kweJodani, kusya ngenani lezizwana zako-Israyeli, njengokulaya kujakoshwu nguThixo; basebewathwalela ezhonqweni zabo lapho abafika bawabeka khona phansi. **9** UJoshiwa wamisa amatshe alitshumi lambili ayekade ephakathi laphakathi kweJodani, endaweni lapho abaphristi ababewhlele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano abafika bema khona njalo lokhu ekhonapho kuze kube lamhlanje. **10** Abaphristi ababewhlele umtshokotsho baqhubeke bemi phakathi kweJodani abantu baze baqeda konke uThixo ayekulaye uJoshiwa, njengokuqondisa kujakoshwu nguMosi. Abantu bedlula ngokuphangisa **11** njalo bathi bonke sebehaphile, umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo labaphristi beza kweline icele abantu bekhangeli. **12** Amadoda akoRubheni, akoGadi lengxenyi yesizwana sakoManase achapha ehlomile phambi kwabako-Israyeli njengokuqondisa kujakoshwu. **13** Abantu abaphose bafike kunkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane ababehlomele impi bachapha phambi kujakoshwu besiya emagcekeni ejerikho ukuyakulwa impi. **14** Ngalelolanga uThixo waphakamisa uJoshiwa emehlwani abo bonke abako-Israyeli; njalo bamhlonipha okwempilo yakhe yonke, njengoba bamhloniphe uMosi. **15** UThixo wathi kuJoshiwa, **16** "Laya abaphristi abathweli umtshokotsho woBufakazi

bakhuphuke baphume ejodani.” **17** Ngakho akhanzingiweyo. **18** Imana yema ukukhithika ngelanga ujoshuwa walaya abaphristi wathi, “Phumanzi phakathi elalandela lelo abadla ngalo ukudla okwakuvela kweJodani.” **18** Abaphristi baphuma emfuleni bethwele emhlabathini; ngakho kwakungasela mana yabako-umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo. Bonela Israyeli, kodwa ngalowomnyaka badla okwelizwe ukunyathela umhlabathi owomileyo amanzi ejodani lekhennani. **19** Kwathi ujoshuwa esesondele ejerikho, ahle abuyela endaweni yawo, ageleza okomfula wakhangela wabona indoda eyayimi phambi kwakhe ogcweleyo njengakuqala. **19** Ngelanga letshumi ilomhledla esandleni sayo, ujoshuwa wasondela kuyo enyageni yakuqala abantu basuka ejodani bayamisa wayibuza wathi “Ungowakithi kumbe ungowezitha izihonqo eGiligali emngcele ni ongempumalanga zethu?” **14** Yaphendula yathi “Angikho ndawo, yejerikho. **20** Ujoshuwa wamisa amatshe alitshumi kodwa njengomlawuli webutho likaThixo sengifikile.” ayethethwe phakathi kweJodani eGiligali. **21** Ujoshuwa wathi mbo phansi ngobuso edumisa Wakhulumka kwabako-Israyeli wathi, “Kwelizayo nxa izizukulwane zenu zingabuza abazali bazo zisithi, ‘Amatshe la atshoni?’ **22** Kumele libatsheli ukuthi ‘Abako-Israyeli bachapha ujodani emhlabathini owomileyo!” **23** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu womisa umfula ujodani phambi kwenu laze lachapha. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wenza kujodani lokho akwenza oLwandle Olubomvu aze alomise phambi kwethu saze sachapha sonke. **24** Wenza lokhu ukuze abantu bonke bomhlaba bakwazi ukuthi isandla sikaThixo silamandla lokuthi lihlale limesaba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.”

**5** Kwathi amakhosi ama-Amori ayebusa entshonalanga kweJodani lamakhosi wonke amaKhenani ayebusa ezigcawini ezisekela ulwandle esizwa ukuthi uThixo wayomise njani ujodani phambi kwabako-Israyeli baze bachapha, inhliziyo zavo zathuthumela awesla izibindi zokumelana labako-Israyeli. **2** Ngalesosikhathi uThixo wathi kujoshuwa, “Khanda izingqamu ezibukhalu ubususuka abako-Israyeli njalo.” **3** Ngakho-ke ujoshuwa wakhanda izingqamu ezibukhalu wasesoka abako-Israyeli eGibhiya Haralothi. **4** Lokhu wakwenzela ukuthi: Bonke labo abaphuma eGibhithe, wonke amadoda ayengabuthelwa empini afela enkangala esemangweni wokusuka eGibhithe. **5** Bonke abantu abaphumayo babesokiwe, kodwa bonke abantu ababezalelw enkangala phakathi kohambo lokusuka eGibhithe babengasokwanga. **6** Abako-Israyeli babezulazule enkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, amadoda wonke ayefanele ukubuthelwa empini ngesikhathi esuka eGibhithe aze afa, njengoba engazange amlalele uThixo. Ngoba uThixo wayefunge waqinisa kubo wathi ayengasoze albone ilizwe ayelithembise okhokho babo ukuthi bazalinikwa, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **7** Ngakho wondla amadodana ezikhundleni zavo, njalo yiwo la asokwa nguJoshuwa. Ayelokhu engakasokwa ngoba kungazange kube lethuba lokubasoka endleleni. **8** Kwathi isizwe sonke sesisokiwe, sahlala ezhionqwensi baze baphola. **9** UThixo wasesithi kujoshuwa, “Lamuyla ngisuse ihlazo laseGibhithe kini.” Yikho indawo leyo lokhu ibizwa ngokuthi yiGiligali kuze kube lamhlanje. **10** Kusihlwu ngelanga letshumi lane kuleyo nyanga, bathi belokhu besamise izihonqo zabo eGiligali emagcekeni ejerikho, abako-Israyeli bagcina iPhasika. **11** Ngokusa olwalandela usuku lwePhasika badla okunye kwsivuno sabo ababekuvunile: isinkwa esingelamvabelo lamabele

**6** Ijerikho yayivalwe ngci ngenxa yabako-Israyeli. Akulamuntu owayephuma loba owayengena. **2** Ngakho uThixo wathi kujoshuwa, “Khangelu, senginikeli ijerikho, inkosi yayo kanye lamabutho ay ezandleni zakho. **3** Hambani libhode idolobho kanye lamadoda wonke ahlomileyo. Kwenzeni lokhu okwensuku eziyisithupha. **4** Abaphristi abayisikhombisa kabathwale amacilongo enziwe ngempondo zenqama phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano. Ngosuku lwasikhombisa libhode idolobho kasikhombisa, abaphristi bevuthela amacilongo. **5** Nxa lingabezwu sebetshaya amacilongo bedonsa, abantu bonke kabahlabe umkhosi; umduli wedolobho uzadilika abantu bahle bangene, yilowo lalowo aqonde phambili.” **6** Ngakho ujoshuwa indodana kaNuni wabiza abaphristi wathi kubo, “Thathani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo kuthi abaphristi abayisikhombisa bahambe phambi kwavo bethwele amacilongo.” **7** Waselaya abantu esithi, “Akuanjwe! Hambani libhode idolobho, amabutho ahlomileyo ehamba phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo.” **8** Kwathi ujoshuwa esekhulume labantu, abaphristi abayisikhombisa ababethwele amacilongo ayisikhombisa phambi kukaThixo bahamba phambili bevuthela amacilongo, njalo umtshokotsho wesivumelwano ubalandela. **9** Amabutho ayehlomile ahamba phambi kwabaphristi ababevuthela amacilongo, njalo amabutho angemuva ayelandela umtshokotsho. Ngasosonke lessikhathi amacilongo ayekhala. **10** Kodwa ujoshuwa wayelaye abantu wathi, “Lingaze lahlaba umkhosi wempini, lingakhwezi amazwi enu, lingakhulumi lutho kuze kufike isikhathi engizalitshela ngaso ukuthi limemeze. Beselihlabu-ke umkhosi.” **11** Ngakho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo bawuthwala babhoda lawo idolobho kanye. Abantu babuyela ezhionqwensi bayalala. **12** Ujoshuwa wavuka kusesele ngelanga elilandelayo njalo abaphristi bathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, bevuthela amacilongo. Amadoda ayehlomile ayehamba phambi kwabo njalo amabutho angemuva ayelandela

umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, kukanti-ke kubo: "Hambani liyehlola lelolizwe." Ngakho amadoda amacilongo aqhubea ekhala. **14** Ngosuku lvesibili aphuma ayalihlola ilizwe. **3** Bathi bephindela babboda idolobho kanye basebebuyela ezhonqweni. **15** Ngelanga bavuka emadabukakusa babboda lesikhombisa ayoyithumba njalo ungaze wadinisa ibutho lonke, kokuthi ngalelolanga babboda kasikhombisa. **16** ngenxa yokuthi lelodolobho lilabantu abalutshwana." Ngokwesikhombisa, kwathi abaphristi bekhalisa amacilongo, uJoshua walaya abantu wathi, ahamba kodwa ehlulwa ngamadoda e-Ayi, wona **5** "Memezani! Ngoba uThixo useliphile idolobho. **17** abulala amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lesithupha. Idolobho lakho konke okukulo kuzakwahlukanisela Baxotsa abako-Israyeli besuka esangweni ledolobho uThixo. URahabi isifebe larala labo endlini baze bayabatshiya enkwalini bababulalela ekwehleni. yakhe yibo abazasindiswa ngenxa yokuthi wafihla Bathi besizwa lokhu abantu baba lokwesaba okukhulu, inhli esazithumayo. **18** Kodwa xwayani izinto baphelelwa ngamandla. **6** UJoshua wadabula ezahlukanisewa ukubhujiswa, ukwenzela ukuthi izigqoko zakhe wathi mbo phansi ngobuso phambi lingazehliseli ukubhujiswa ngokuthatha okunye komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo, wala kwalezozinto. Lokho kungenza ukuthi izihonqo zako-Israyeli zehlelwe luhlupho njalo zitshabalaliswe. **19** Sonke isiliva, igolide lezinto zonke ezenziwe ngenxa zifakwe esiphaleni sakhe sengcebo." ezandleni zama-Amori ukuze asibhubbise? Ngabe **20** Kwathi amacilongo ekhala abantu bahlaba wabachaphiseleni ijodani lababantu ukuzabanikela njalo kumele zifakwe esiphaleni sakhe sengcebo." **8** Maye, Thixo kuyini engingakutsho, umkhosi; ekukhaleni kwecilongo, abantu sebehlabo lejodani! **9** umuntu wangena phakathi balithatha idolobho. AmaKhenani labanye abantu belizwe bazakuzwa **21** Idolobho balehlukanisela uThixo basebekaza ngenkemba yonke into ephilayo eyayihlala kulo, Pho kuyini ozakwenzela ibizo lakho elikhulu kangka amadoda labesifazana, abatsha labadalaka, inkomo, na?" **10** UThixo wathi kujoshua, "Sukuma. izimvu labobabhemu. **22** UJoshua wakhulumu Kuyini okwenzayo uthe mbo ngobuso bakho? **11** emadodenii amabili ayeke athunyuwa njengezinhholi Abako-Israyeli bonile; bephule isivumelwano sami zelizwe wathi, "Yanini endlini yesifebe liyesikhupha engabalaya ukuthi basigcine. Sebethethe ezinje izinto lezihlobo zaso zonke ligcwaliise isifungo elasenza ezahlukanisewa mina; bebole, baqamba amanga, kuso." **23** Ngakho amadoda ayahambe ukuyahlola sebezifake empangweni yabo. **12** Yikho abako-Israyeli angena akhupha uRahabi, uyise lonina labanewabo bengeke bamelana lezitha zabo; bayabafulathela lazononke izihlobo zakhe. Bakhupha imuli yonke bebaleka ngoba sebeyinto efanele ukubhujiswa. bayifaka endaweni eyayingaphandle kwezihonqo Kangisoze ngibe lani ngaphandle kokuthi lichithe zako-Israyeli. **24** Basebetshisa idolobho lonke lakho lokho okwakwehlukanisewa ukubhujiswa. **13** Hamba konke okwakuphakathi kwalo, kodwa befake isiliva ungcwelise abantu. Ubatshele uthi, "Zingcweliseni legolide lezinto ezelungiswe ngethusi lensimbi ukulungiselela kusasa; ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwlo esiphaleni sengcebo yendlu kaThixo. **25** Kodwa nguThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli ukuthi: Lokho uJoshua waphephisa uRahabi isifebe lemuli yakhe okwahluhanisewa uThixo kuphakathi kwenu, lina labo bonke abangabakhe ngenxa yokuthi wafihla bako-Israyeli. Kalingeke limelane lezitha zenu amadoda ayethunyuwe nguJoshua ukuba zinhloli ngaphandle kokuba selikukhuphile. **14** Ekuseni ejeriko, futhi ulokhu ehlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kumele lisondeze isizwana ngesizwana. Isizwana kuze kuge lamhlanye. **26** Ngalesosikhathi uJoshua esikhethwa nguThixo kuzamele sisondele phambili wenza isifungo esiqinileyo esithi, "Iqalekisiwe usando ngosendo; usando oluzakhethwa nguThixo phambi kukaThixo indoda ezimisela ukwakha luzasondela imuli ngemuli; imuli ezakhethwa nguThixo kutsha lelidolobho laseJeriko: Ngempilo yezibulo izasondela umuntu ngamunye. **15** Lovo ozafunyanwa lakhe lendodana uzakwenza izisekolo; ngempilo elezinto ezahlukanisewa uThixo uzatshiswa ngomlilo, wayeloJoshua, udumo lwakhe lwanda elizweni lonke.

**7** Kodwa abako-Israyeli bephula umthetho ngokuphathelane lengcebo eyayehluhanisewa uThixo; u-Akhani indodana kaKhami, indodana kaZabhidi, indodana kaZera, owesizwana sakoJuda, wathatha ezinje zakhona. Ngakho ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha kwabako-Israyeli. **2** UJoshua wasethumela amadoda esuka ejeriko esiya e-Ayi eseduzane leBhethi-Aveni ngempumalanga yeBhetheli wathi

UJoshua wathi ku-Akhani, "Ndodana yami, dumisa elabantu. **10** Ekuseni ngelanga elilandelayo uJoshua uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, umuphe udumo. waqoqa amabutho akhe, kwathi yena labadala Ngitsheba lokho okwenzileyo, ungaze wangifihlela." bako-Israyeli bahamba phambi kwabo besiya e-**20** U-Akhani waphendula wathi, "Liqiniso! Ngonile Ayi. **11** Iviyo lonke lalabo ayelabo lahamba laya phambi kukaThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli. edolobheni lafika lema phambi kwabo. Bamisa izihonqo Nanku engikwenzileyo: **21** Ngathi ngibona phakathi enyakatho ye-Ayi, isigodi siphakathi kwabo ledolobho. kwempango ingubo enhle yasebabhilioni, lamashkekeli **12** UJoshua wayethethe amadoda aphosa afike esiliva angamakhulu amabili lomgqala wegolide kunkulungwane ezinhlanu wawacathamisa phakathi olesindo samashkekeli angamatshumi amahlanu kweBhetheli le-Ayi entshonalanga yedolobho. **13** ngakuhawukela, ngakuthatha. Ngakumbela phansi Benza ukuthi amabutho aye ezikhundleni zowo ethenteni lami, isiliva singaphansi." **22** UJoshua zonke ezaziphakathi kwezihonqo enyakatho yedolobho wathuma izithunyu, zagijima zaya ethenteni lakhe, lendawanu yokucathamela eyaisentshonalanga yalo. zakufumana kufihilwe ethenteni lakhe, isiliva Ngalobobusuku uJoshua waya esigodini. **14** Inkosi singaphansi. **23** Bathatha izinto ezazisethenteni, yase-Ayi yathi ibona lokhu yona lawo wonke amadoda baziletha kujoshua lebantwini bonke bako-Israyeli, akulelodolobho aphanga aphuma kusesele ekuseni bazichaya phambi kukaThixo. **24** UJoshua labo bonke ukuze ayehlangana lo-Israyeli empini kweyinye indawo abako-Israyeli bathatha u-Akhani indodana kaZera ekhangelane le-Arabha. Kodwa yayingazi ukuthi lesiliva, ingubo, lomgqala wegolide, lamadodana kwakulamabutho ayeyicathamele ngemva kwedolobho. lamadodakazi akhe, lenkomo zakhe, obabhemti kanye **15** UJoshua labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bathambela lezimvu, ithente lakhe lakho konke ayelakho bakusa ukubuyiselwa emuva, babalekela enkangala. **16** esihotseni se-Akhori. **25** UJoshua wathi, "Kungani Wonke amadoda e-Ayi atshelwa ukuthi abaxotshe, usilethele uhlupho olungaka? UThixo uzakwehlisela basebexotshana lojoshua badonselwa khatshana uhlupho lamhljanje." Bonke abako-Israyeli bamkhanda ledolobho. **17** Kakukho lendoda eyodwa eyasala e- ngamatshes, njalo bathi sebeqedile ukukhanda labanye Ayi kumbe eBhetheli engazanga ixotshane labako- ngamatshes babatshisa. **26** Babuthelela inqwaba Israyeli. **18** UThixo wasesithi kujoshua, "Phakamisa yamatshe amakhulu phezu kuka-Akhani aloku umkhonto osesandleni ukhombe e-Ayi, ngenxa yokuthi ekhonaalamhljanje. Ukuvutha kolaka lukaThixo idolobho leli ngizalinikela ezandleni zakho." Ngakho ilokhu isabizwa ngokuthi yisiGodi sika-Akhori.

**8** UThixo wathi kujoshua, "Ungesabi, ungalahlithembba. Thatha ibutho lonke uhambe ueyhlaselai-Ayi, ngoba senginikele inkosi yase-Ayi, abantu bayo, idolobho layo lelizwe layo ezandleni zakho. **2** Khonale uzakwenza owakwenza ejerikho lenkosini yakhona, kodwa lingazithathela impahla zonke eliyabe lizithumble lezifuyo kube ngokwenu. Cathamani ngemva kwedolobho." **3** Ngakho uJoshua lebutho lonke baphuma bayahlasela i-Ayi. Wakhetha amabutho azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu ayezingitshi ukwedulita amanye ekulweni, wasewathuma ebusuku. **4** Wawala wathi, "Lalelisisan, kumele licathame ngemva kwedolobho. Lingaze laya khatshana lalo. Lonke kumele lihlale liqaphele. **5** Mina lalabo engizabe ngilabo sizaqhubea siqonde edolobheni, kuthi nxo amadoda ephuma ukusihlasela njengaloko akwenza kuqala, sizawalekela. **6** Bazaxotshana lathi size sibahugele khatshana ledolobho, ngoba bazakuthi, 'Bayasibalekela njengaloku abakwenza kuqala.' Ngakho nxo sesibalekela, **7** lina lizavuka lapho eliyabe licathame khona beselithumba idolobho. UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzalinikela ezandleni zenu. **8** Nxa selolithumble idolobho, lithungeleni ngomililo. Yenizani lokho okulaywe nguThixo. Wobani leqiniso lokuthi lilandela iziqondiso zami." **9** UJoshua wasebalaya ukuthi bahambe, basebesiya endaweni okwakumele bacathame kuyo phakathi kweBhetheli le-Ayi, entshonalanga ye-Ayi kodwa uJoshua waqeda ubusuku lobo

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**19** Wathi esanda kwenza lokhu, amadoda ayecathamele ukuhlasela aphakama masinyane ezindaweni ayekuzo agijimela phambili. Angena edolobheni alithumba, aphanga alithungela ngomililo. **20** Amadoda e-Ayi anyemukula abona intuthu eyayisuka edolobheni iqonga emayezini kodwa aswela ukuthi azabalekela ngaphi ngoba abako-Israyeli ababebalekela enkangala basebephendukele labo ababebaxotsha. **21** Kwathi uJoshua labako-Israyeli bonke bebona ukuthi labo ababecatheme basebethumbe idolobho lokuthi intuthu yayiqonga emayezini ivela edolobheni, batshibilika baqalisu ukuhlasela amadoda ase-Ayi. **22** Amadoda ayecatheme lawo aphuma edolobheni abahlasela, okwenza ukuthi babe phakathi laphakathi, inxa zombili zilabako-Israyeli. Abako-Israyeli babatshaya bababhuqa akwaze kwasala muntu owaphunyukayo. **23** Kodwa bathatha inkosi yase-Ayi iphila basebeyiletha kujoshua. **24** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebeqedile ukubulala wonke amadoda ase-Ayi emagcekeni enkangala lapho ababewaxotshele khona, njalo wonke esegwazwe ngenkemba, bonke abako-Israyeli babuyela e-Ayi babulala abantu bonke abakulelo dolobho. **25** Amadoda labesifazane abazinkulungwane ezelitshumi lambili bafa ngalelolanga, bonke kungabantu be-Ayi, **26** ngoba uJoshua kazange ehlise isandla sakhe esiphethe umkhonto ngawo baze babhujiswa bonke abantu ababehlala e-Ayi. **27** Kodwa abako-Israyeli bathatha zonke izifuyo lempango yonke eyayithunjwe kulelodolobho njengokulaywa kukajoshua nguThixo. **28** UJoshua watshisa i-Ayi wayenza yaba lunxiwa oluyinqwaba, indawo engelakuhlahlu muntu kuze kube

lamhlanje. **29** Walengisa inkosi yase-Ayi esigodweni lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani owayebusa e-Ashitharothi. wayitshiya kwaze kwaba ntambamba. Ekutshoneni **11** Abadala bethu labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni lakithi kwelanga uJoshiwa walaya ukuthi bethule isidumbu bathi kithi, ‘Thwalani umphako wohambo lwenu; sayo basiphosele esangweni ledolobho. Babuthelela lihambe liyehlangana labo lithi kubo, “Sizinceku zenu: inqumbi yamatshe phezu kwaso, njalo lokhu kunjalo yenzani isivumelwano lathi.” **12** Isinkwa sethu lesi kuze kuge lamhlanje. **30** UJoshiwa wasesakhela uThixo, sasifudumala ngesikhathi sisifaka emigodleni yethu uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli i-alithari e-Ebhali. **31** sisesemakhaya ngelanga esasuka ngalo sisiza kini. Njengokulaya okwenziwa nguMosi inceku kaThixo kwabako-Israyeli, walakha njengokulaya okulotshwe eNcwadini yoMthetho kaMosi i-alithari lamatshe angabazwanga, okungazanga kusetshenziswe nsimbi phezu kwavo. Kulo banikela kuThixo iminikelo yibude bomango.” **14** Abako-Israyeli bahlola imiphako yokutshisa leminikelo yokuthula. **32** Lapho, yabo kodwa-ke kabasabuzanga kuThixo. **15** Ngakho phambi kwabako-Israyeli uJoshiwa waloba ematsheni uJoshiwa wenza isivumelwano sokuthula labo umthetho kaMosi ayewubhalile. **33** Bonke abako- wabavumela ukuthi bahlale, njalo abathungameli bebandla bavumelana lalokhu ngesifungo. **16** Israyeli, abezizweni labayinzalo yalelolizwe, labadala babo, iziphathamandla labahlulel babemi emaceleni womabili omtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaThixo bekhangelane lalabo ababelithwele, abaphristi, ababengabaLevi. Ingxene yabantu yema phambi kwentaba yeGerizimu kwathi eyinye ingxene yema phambi kwentaba ye-Ebhali, njengokulaya kukaMosi inceku kaThixo owayelaye ukuthi kubusiswe abantu bako-Israyeli. **34** Emva kwalokho uJoshiwa wafunda wonke amazwi omthetho, izibuso leziqalekiso, njenkoulotshwa okwenziwe eNcwadini yeMithetho. **35** Kakulalizwi elalaywa nguMosi elingazanga lifundwe uJoshiwa phambi kombuthano wonke wako-Israyeli kugoqela abesifazane labantwana labezizweni ababehlala phakathi kwabo.

**9** Kwathi amakhosi wonke ayebusa ngentshonalanga yeJodani, layeselizweni lamaqaqa, layesewatheni lwamaqaqa agentshonalanga, layesekele uLwandle oLukhulu kusiyafika eLebanoni, amakhosi amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi esizwa ngalezizinto **2** ahlangana ukuze alwisane uJoshiwa labako-Israyeli. **3** Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi abantu beGibhiyon sebezwe konke uJoshiwa ayekwenze ejerikho le-Ayi, **4** benza ubuqili: Bahamba njengamanxusa ayelabobabhemti ababethwe amasaka adabukileyo lezixgingi zewayini ezindala ezazidabuke zangciwa. **5** Amadoda ayeqgqoke amanyathela ayedabukile njalo exaxelwe, begqqoke lezixqoko ezigugileyo. Zonke izinkwa ababeszithwele njengomphako zazomile njalo zikhuntile. **6** Baya kujoshua esihonqweni seGiligali bathi kuye lakwabako-Israyeli, “Svela elizweni elikude; ngakho yenzani isivumelwano lathi.” **7** Abako-Israyeli baphendula amaHivi bathi, “Kodwa mhlawumbe lihlala eduzane lathi, pho singasenza kanjani isivumelwano lani?” **8** Bathi kujoshua “Siyizinceku zenu.” Kodwa uJoshiwa wababuza wathi, “Lingobani njalo livela ngaphi?” **9** Baphendula bathi, “Izinceku zakho zivila elizweni elikude njalo zikhangwe yindumela kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngoba sesezwia imibiko eminengi ngaye: konke akwenza eGibhithe, **10** lakho konke akwenza emakhosini amabilo ama-Amori empumalanga yeJodani, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni

lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani owayebusa e-Ashitharothi. **11** Abadala bethu labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni lakithi lihambe liyehlangana labo lithi kubo, “Sizinceku zenu: inqumbi yamatshe phezu kwaso, njalo lokhu kunjalo yenzani isivumelwano lathi.” **12** Isinkwa sethu lesi sisesemakhaya ngelanga esasuka ngalo sisiza kini. Kodwa-ke khangelani ukuthi sesome njalo sakunta njani. **13** Izixgingi lezi zewayini esazigcwalisisayo zazintsha, kodwa-ke khangelani ukuthi sezidabuke njani. Izixqoko lamanyathela ethu sekudatshulwe yibude bomango.” **14** Abako-Israyeli bahlola imiphako yokutshisa leminikelo yokuthula. **15** Ngakho wabavumela ukuthi bahlale, njalo abathungameli bebandla bavumelana lalokhu ngesifungo. **16** Sekwedlule insuku ezintathu benze isivumelwano lamaGibhiyon, abako-Israyeli bezwa ukuthi lababantu babengomakhelwana, ababehlala eduzane labo. **17** Abako-Israyeli baye emadolbheni abo ayebalisa iGibhiyon, iKhefira, iBerothi leKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi. **18** Kodwa abako-Israyeli kabazange babahlasele ngenxa yokuthi abathungameli bebandla babefunge ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli njalo asingeke sabathinta khathesi. **20** Lokhu yikho esizakwenza kubo: Sizabayekela bahlale, ukuze ulaka lungezi kithi ngenxa yokwephula isifungo esasenza phambi kwabo.” **21** Baghubeka bathi, “Bayekeleni bahlale, kodwa bazakuba ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi abazasebenzela uzulu wonke.” Ngakho-ke isivumelwano sabakhkheli sagciwa. **22** UJoshiwa wabiza wonke amaGibhiyon wathi kuwo, “Kungani lisikohlisile ngokuthi, ‘Sihlala khatshana lani, lina lihlala eduzane lathi kangaka?’ **23** Seliqalekisiwe: kalisoze liyekele ukuba ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi lisebenzela indlu kaNkulunkulu wami.” **24** Baphendula uJoshiwa bathi, “Izinceku zakho zatshewa mgceke ukuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu walaya njani inceku yakhe uMosi ukuthi alinike ilizive lonke lokuthi litshabalise bonke ababakhele kulo lina lingakafiki. Ngakho-ke sesabala impilo zethu ngenxa yenu, yikho okwenze senza lokhu. **25** Sesizinikene ezandleni zenu. Yenzani kithi konke elikubona kufanele njalo kuqondile kini.” **26** Ngakho-ke uJoshiwa wabasindisa esandleni sika-Israyeli, njalo kabasabulalanga. **27** Ngalelolanga wenza ukuthi amaGibhiyon abe ngababandi benkuni labakhi bamanzi besebenzela uzulu njalo besebenza e-alitharenli likaThixo endaweni eyayikhethwe nguThixo. Yikho abayikhona kuze kuge lamhlanje.

**10** U-Adoni-Zedekhi inkosi yaseJerusalem wezwa ukuthi uJoshiwa wayesethumbe i-Ayi wayitshabalalisa, njengalokho akwenza ejerikho lenkosini yayo, lokuthi abantu baseGibhiyon babenze isivumelwano sokuthula labako-Israyeli njalo sebehlala labo. **2** Yena labantu bakhe besaba

kakhulu ngalokhu, ngenxa yokuthi iGibhiyonu ukuphenduka ngokuthula kuJoshua esihonqweni kwakulidolobho eliqakathike kakhulu, njengelinye seMakheda, njalo kakho owake wakhulumu okubi lamadolobho esikhosini; lalilikulu kule-Ayi, njalo ngabako-Israyeli. **22** UJoshua wathi, "Vulani umlomo amadoda alo wonke ayezingwazi ezilamandla. **3** wobhalu beseliletha amakhosi womahlanu eze kimi." Ngakho u-Adoni-Zedekhi inkosi yaseJerusalem inkosi yaseHebhroni, kuPhiram inkosi yaseJerusalem, eyeHebhroni, yejamuthi, inkosi yasejamuthi, kuJafiya inkosi yaseLakhishi eyelakhishi kanye leyase-Egiloni. **24** Bathi sebelethe lakuDebhrini inkosi yase-Egiloni. **4** Wathi kubo, "Wozani amakhosi la kujoshua, wabiza wonke amadoda akolizongincedisa ukuhlasela iGibhiyonu ngenxa yokuthi Israyeli wasesithi kubo bonke abalawuli bamabutho yenze isivumelwano sokuthula loJoshua lababko-Israyeli." **5** Ngakho amakhosi womahlanu ama-Amori, entanyeni zala amakhosi." Ngakho beza phambili aseJerusalem, eHebhroni, ejamuthi, eLakhishi lase-Egiloni abambahna. Aphuma lamabutho awo wonke wathi kubo, "Lingesabi; lingadangali qinani libe ayihonqolozela iGibhiyonu ayihlasela. **6** AmaGibhiyonu lezibindi. Lokhu yikho okuzakwenziwa nguThixo athumela ilizwi kujoshua ezhionqweni zaseGiligali kuzozonke izitha elizalwisanazo." **26** Ngakho athi: "Ungalahli izinceku zakho. Woza ngapha kithi uJoshua wawabulala amakhosi la wawalengisa ngokuphangisa uzosisiza! Sincede, ngoba wonke ensikenzi ezinhlanu, alenga lapho kwaze kwahlwa. amakhosi ama-Amori abusa emazweni asemaqaqeni **27** Ekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshua walaya ukuthi asebambene ukuze alwisane lathi." **7** Ngakho uJoshua bawethule bawaphose ebhalwini lapho ayekade wasuka eGiligali, wenyuka kanye lebutho lakhe lonke, ecatshe khona. Emlonyeni wobhalu bafaka amatshe elaligoqela wonke amadoda ayekwazi ukulwa. **8** amakhulu aloku ekhona lanamhlanje. **28** Ngalelolanga UThixo wathi kujoshua, "Ungabesabi; sengibanikele uJoshua wathumba iMakheda. Wahlasela idolobho esandleni sakho. Kakho loyedwa ozakwenela kanye lenkosi yalo ngenkemba, wabhubhisa wonke ukumelana lawe." **9** Ngemva kokuhamba okobusuku umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. Kakho owatshiywa bonke besuka eGiligali, uJoshua wabajuma. **10** ephila. Wenza enkosini yeMakheda lokho ayekwenze UThixo wenza ukuthi basanganiseke phambi kuka- enkosini yaseJerikho. **29** Ngakho uJoshua labo bonke Israyeli, wabehlula ngokunqoba okukhulu eGibhiyonu. abako-Israyeli ababelaye basuka eMakheda baya Abako-Israyeli baxotshana labo emgwaqweni oya eLibhina balihlasela. **30** UThixo waphinda wanikela eBhethi-Horoni, baxhumana labo baze bayafika e-lelodolobho lenkosi yalo esandleni sika-Israyeli. Azekha leMakheda. **11** Lapho bebalekela abako-Israyeli uJoshua wahlasela ngenkemba idolobho laye wonke emgwaqweni osuka eBhethi-Horoni usiya e-Azekha, umuntu owayephakathi kwalo. Kakho owatshiywa uThixo wehlisa isiqhoto esikhulu sivelu emkhathini, ephila lapho. Wenza enkosini yalo lokho ayekwenze njalo inengi labo lafa libulawa yisiqhoto ukwedlula enkosini yeJerikho. **31** Ngakho uJoshua labo bonke ababulawa zinkemba zabako-Israyeli. **12** Ngalelolanga abako-Israyeli ayelabo bahamba besuka eLibhina uThixo wanikela ngalo ama-Amori kwabako-Israyeli, besiya eLakhishi; balihanqa basebelihlasela. **32** UThixo uJoshua wathi kuThixo phambi kwabako-Israyeli: wanikela iLakhishi ku-Israyeli, uJoshua wayithatha "We langa, mana uthi mpo ngaphezu kweGibhiyonu, ngelanga lesibili. Idolobho laye wonke umuntu lawe nyanga, mana ngaphezu kweSigodi se-Ayijalon." owayephakathi kwalo wakuhlasela ngenkemba, **13** Ngakho ilanga lema lathi mpo, lenyanga yema, njengalokho ayekwenze eLibhina. **33** Kunjalo-nje isizwe saze saphindisela ngokupheleleyo ezitheni zaso, uHoramu inkosi yaseGezeri yayize ukuzoncedisa njengoba kultshiwi oGwalwei lukaJasha. Ilanga iLakhishi kodwa uJoshua wayehlula ndawonye lema phakathi laphakathi kwasibhakabhaka laphuza lebutho layo, kakho owatshiywa ephila. **34** Ngakho ukutshona okosuku lonke. **14** Kakuzange kube losuku uJoshua labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye olwafana lalo ngaphambili kumbe kuze kuge lamhlanje, basuka eLakhishi baya edolobheni le-Egiloni; usuku lapho uThixo alalela khona umuntu. Ngeqiniso basebelihanaq baihlasela. **35** Balithumba ngalelolanga, uThixo wayelwela u-Israyeli! **15** Ngakho uJoshua balihlakaza ngenkemba basebebhubhisa wonke umuntu waphindela labo bonke abako-Israyeli ezhionqweni owayephakathi kwalo, njengalokho ababekwenze zaseGiligali. **16** Amakhosi lawo womahlanu abaleka eLakhishi. **36** Ngakho uJoshua labo bonke abako-ayacatsha ebhalwini lwaseMakheda. **17** Kwathi Israyeli ababelaye bahamba besuka e-Egiloni baya uJoshua esetshelwe ukuthi amakhosi womahlanu eHebhroni bayihlasela. **37** Balithumba lelodolobho ayetholakale ecatshe ebhalwini lweMakheda, **18** ngenkemba ndawonye lamakhosi alo, imizana yalo wathi, "Giqani amatshe amakhulu liwafake emlonyeni laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwalo, kakho wobhalu, beselisithi amanye amadoda alinde. **19** Kodwa owatshiywa ephila. Njengalokho abakwenza e-Egiloni, lingemi! Xotshani izitha zenu, lingazivumeli ukuthi balitshabalalisa laye wonke umuntu owayephakathi zifike emadolobheni azo, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu kwalo. **38** Ngakho uJoshua labo bonke abako-wenu esezinikele ezendleni zenu." **20** Ngakho uJoshua Israyeli ayelabo baphenduka baihlasela iDebiri. **39** labako-Israyeli bababhubhisa baphosa baphela bonke Bathumba lelidolobho, inkosi lemizi yalo, bayihlasela kodwa abalutshwana abasalayo banelisa ukufika ngenkemba. Bonke abantu ababephakathi kwalo emadolobheni abo ayezingqaba. **21** Ibutho lonke lenelisa babhujiswa baphela. Kakho owatshiywa ephila.

Benza eDebhiri lenkosini yakhona lokho abakwenza uThixo walaya inceku yakhe uMosi, uMosi laye walaya eLibhina lenkosini yakhona kanye leHebhroni. **40** uJoshiwa, uJoshiwa wakwenza lokho: katshiyanga Ngakho uJoshiwa wasinqoba sonke isabelo, okugoqela ilizwe lamaqaqa, iNegebi, emawatheni ezintaba entshonalanga lemithezukweni yezintaba ndawonye lamakhosи alapho wonke. Kakho owatshiywa ephila, seGosheni, amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, Wabhubhisa bonke abebephefumula, njengoba uThixo, lezintaba zako-Israyeli lamawatha azo, **17** kusukela uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wayebalayile. **41** UJoshiwa entabenи yeHalakhi, ephakama ngokuya eSeyiri, wabanqoba kusukela eKhadeshi Bhaneya kusiya eGaza kusiya eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni ngaphansi lakuso sonke isabelo seGosheni kusiya eGibhiyoni. kwentaba iHemoni. Wathumba wonke amakhosи **42** Wonke amakhosи la lamazwe awo athunja awo, wawehlula, wawabulala. **18** UJoshiwa impi lawo wonke amakhosи okwesikhathi eside. uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, walwela u-Israyeli. **43** Ngakho uJoshiwa waphindela laye wonke u-Israyeli ezihonqweni zaseGiligali.

**11** Kwathi ujabhini inkosi yeHazori isizwa lokhu yathumela ilizw kujobhabhi inkosi yeMadoni lasemakhosini eShimroni le-Akhishafi, **2** lasemakhosini enyakatho ayesezintaberi ze-Arabha eningizimu yeKherethi emawatheni amaqqa entshonalanga kanye laseNafothi Dori entshonalanga; **3** lakumaHaneni empumalanga lentshonalanga; lakuma-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi lamajebusi elizweni elilamaqaqa; kanye lakumaHivi ngaphansi kweHemoni esabelweni seMizipha. **4** Baphuma lamabutho abo wonke lenani elikhulu lamabhiza lezincola, ibutho elikhulu, ubunengi lingangetshebetsebe okhunjini lolwandle. **5** Wonke amakhosи la abambana asesakha izihonqo ndawonye eManzini aseMeromi, ukulwa labako-Israyeli. **6** UThixo wathi kuJoshiwa, “Ungabesabi, ngoba ngalesiskhathi kusasa ngizabanikela bonke kwabako-Israyeli sebefile. Uzaquma imisipha yamabhiza abo njalo utshise izihonqo zabo.” **7** Ngakho uJoshiwa lebutho lakhe lonke bahlangana labo mathupha eManzini eMeromi wasebahlasela, **8** uThixo wabanikela esandleni sika-Israyeli. Babanqoba, baxotshana labo baze babafikisa eSidoni Enkulu kusiya eMisirefothi-Mayimi, leSigodini seMizipha empumalanga kwaze kwasala kungelamuntu ophilayo. **9** UJoshiwa wenza kibo lokho ayekulaywe nguThixo: Waquma imisipha yamabhiza abo njalo watshisa izincola zabo. **10** Ngalesiskhathi uJoshiwa waphenduka wabuyela emuva wathumba iHazori wasehlasela inkosi yakuleyo ndawo ngenkemba. (IHazori yayiysisigdo sayo yonke imibuso leyo.) **11** Wonke umuntu owayephakathi kwayo wabujiswa ngenkemba. Bababhubhisa baphela, abaze batshiya lutho oluphefumulayo, watshisa iHazori ngokwayo. **12** UJoshiwa wathumba wonke amadolobho esikhosini lamakhosи awo wawahlasela ngenkemba. Wawabhubhisa wonke, njengokulaya kukaMosi inceku kaThixo. **13** Kukanti-ke u-Israyeli kazange atshise loba yiwhapi amadolobho ayakhelwe emadundulwini ngaphandle kweHazori, eyatshiswa nguJoshiwa. **14** Abako-Israyeli bathatha zaba ngezabo sonke impahla ababezithumbile okwakugoqela izifuyo zamadolobho la bahamba lakho kodwa bonke abantu bababhubhisa ngenkemba baphela du, bengatshiyi lutho oluphefumulayo. **15** Njengoba

uThixo walaya inceku yakhe uMosi, uMosi laye walaya lutho lungenziwanga ezintweni zonke uThixo owazilaya uMosi. **16** Ngakho uJoshiwa wathatha ilizwe lonke: ilizwe lamaqaqa, yonke iNegebi, isabelo sonke lamakhosи alapho wonke. Kakho owatshiywa ephila, seGosheni, amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, Wabhubhisa bonke abebephefumula, njengoba uThixo, lezintaba zako-Israyeli lamawatha azo, **17** kusukela uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wayebalayile. **18** UJoshiwa entabenи yeHalakhi, ephakama ngokuya eSeyiri, wabanqoba kusukela eKhadeshi Bhaneya kusiya eGaza kusiya eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni ngaphansi lakuso sonke isabelo seGosheni kusiya eGibhiyoni. kwentaba iHemoni. Wathumba wonke amakhosи **19** Ngaphandle kwamaHivi ayehlala eliodewa elena isivumelano sokuthula labako-Israyeli, kwabawathumba empini. **20** Ngoba kwakunguThixo Owenza inhliziyo zavo zaba lukhuni zafuna ukulwa impi lo-Israyeli, ukwenzela ukuthi enelise ukubachitha baphele, ebaabhubhisa okungelazwelo, njengokulaya kukaMosi nguThixo. **21** Ngalesiskhathi uJoshiwa waphuma wawabhubhisa ama-Anakhi elizweni lamaqaqa: kusukela eHebhroni, eDebhiri le-Anabhi, kusukela elizweni lonke lamaqaqa akojuda. UJoshiwa wabhubhisa wababhuqa bona kanye lamadolobho abo. **22** Akula ma-Anakhi asala esabelweni sabako-Israyeli; ngaphandle kweGaza iGathi le-Ashidodi lapho okwasila abanye bakhona. **23** Ngakho uJoshiwa wathumba ilizwe lonke njengoba uThixo walaya uMosi, waselinika abako-Israyeli njengelifa kusiya ngokwahlukaniswa kwezizwana zabo. Ngakho ke ilizwe laphumula ekulweni izimpi.

**12** La ngamakhosи amazwe anqotshwa ngabako-Israyeli njalo alezabelo ezathunjwa empumalanga yeJodani, kusukela eDongeni Iwase-Arinoni kusiya entabenи yaseHemoni, okugoqela lonke icele langempumalanga ye-Arabha: **2** USihoni inkosi yama-Amori, wayebusa eHeshibhoni. Wayebusa kusukela e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga Iwase-Arinoni, kusukela phakathi laphakathi kodonga kusiya Afrika emfuleni ujabhoki, oyivo umngcele wama-Amoni. Lokhu kwakugoqela ingxene yeGiliyadi. **3** Wayebusa njalo empumalanga ye-Arabha kusukela olwandle IweKherethi kusiya Afrika olwandle lwe-Arabha (ulwandle IweTswai) kusiya eBhethi-Jeshimothi, eningizimu phansanyana kwemithezuko yasePhisiga: **4** Lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, omunye wamaRefayi okucina owayebusa e-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi. **5** Wabusa eNtabeni yaseHemoni, eSalekha, iBhashani yonke kusiya emngceleni wabantu beGeshuri leMahakhathi, lengxene yeGiliyadi kusiya emngceleni kasihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni. **6** UMosi inceku kaThixo, labako-Israyeli babanqoba. UMosi inceku kaThixo wanika ilizwe labo abakoRubheni labakoGadi lengxene yesizwana sakoManase ukuthi libe ngelabo. **7** La yiyo amakhosи elizwe lelo uJoshiwa labako-Israyeli abalithumbayo eceleni elisentshonalanga yeJodani, kusukela eBhali-Gadi esiGodini seLebhanoni kusiya eNtabeni yeHalakhi ekhangale eSeyiri (amazwe abo uJoshiwa wawanika njengelifa eizizwanen i zako-Israyeli

kusiya ngezigaba zezizwana zabo, **8** indawo elamaqaqa, wamaRefayi ayelokhu esaphila. UMosi wayebanqobile amawatha asentshonalanga, i-Arabha, lemitheukweni wathatha ilizwe labo. **13** Kodwa abako-Israyeli yezintaba, inkangala leNegebi, amazwe amaHithi, ama-Amori, amaKhenani, amaPherizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi): La ayengamakhosi: **9** inkosi yejerikho, eyodwa inkosi ye-Ayi (eduze leBhetheli), eyodwa **10** inkosi yejerusalem, eyodwa inkosi yeHebhroni, eyodwa **11** inkosi yejamuthi, ngomlilo kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli iyilifa eyodwa inkosi yeLakhishi, eyodwa **12** inkosi ye-Egiloni, labo njengokubathembisa kwakhe. **15** Lokhu yikho eyodwa inkosi yeGezeri, eyodwa **13** inkosi yeDebbiri, uMosi akunika isizwana sakoRubheni, usendo lunye eyodwa inkosi yeBhethi-Gaderi, eyodwa **14** inkosi ngalunye: **16** Isigaba esisuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni yeHoma, eyodwa inkosi ye-Adrasi, eyodwa **15** inkosi oDonga lwe-Arinoni, lokusuka edolobheni eliphakathi yeLibhina, eyodwa inkosi ye-Adulami, eyodwa **16** inkosi koDonga lawo wonke amagceke ababula eMedebha yeMakheda, eyodwa inkosi yeBhetheli, eyodwa **17** inkosi **17** kusiya eHeshibhoni lawo wonke amadolobho yeThaphuwa, eyodwa inkosi yeHeferi, eyodwa **18** inkosi asemagcekeni agoqela iDibhoni, iBhamothi-Bhali, ye-Afekhi, eyodwa inkosi yeLasharoni, eyodwa **19** inkosi iBhethi-Bhali-Meyoni, **18** ijahazi, iKhedemothi, yeMadoni, eyodwa inkosi yeHazori, eyodwa **20** inkosi iMefahathi, **19** iKhriyathayimi, iSibhima, iZerethi-yeShimron Meroni, eyodwa inkosi ye-Akhishafi, eyodwa **21** inkosi yeThanakhi, eyodwa inkosi yeMegido, eyodwa **22** inkosi yeKhedeshi, eyodwa inkosi yeJokhiniyamu eseKhameli, eyodwa **23** inkosi yeDori (eNafothi Dori), eyodwa inkosi yeGoyimi eseGiligali, eyodwa **24** inkosi yeThiza, eyodwa. Amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lanye esewonke.

**13** UJoshua esemdalna njalo eseluphele kakhulu, uThixo wathi kuye, "Usuluphele kakhulu, njalo lokhu usasalelw yilizwe elikhulu kakhulu okumele ulithumbe. **2** Nanti ilizwe elisaseleyo: zonke izabelo zamaFilistiya lamaGeshuri: **3** kusukela emfuleni uShihori empumalanga yeGibhithe kusiya esabelweni se-Ekroni enyakatho, lonke libaliswa njengelamaKhenani lanxa libanjwe ngababusi berFilistiya abahlani eGaza, e-Ashidodi, e-Ashikheloni, eGathi le-Ekroni ilizwe lama-Avi; **4** kusukela eningizimu, lonke ilizwe lamaKhenani, kusukela eMeyara yamaSidoni kusiyafika e-Afekhi, isabelo samAmori, **5** indawo yamaGebhal; layo yonke iLebanoni ngempumalanga, kusukela eBhali-Gadi ngaphansi kweNtaba yeHemoni kusiya eLebho Hamathi. **6** Bonke abakhele ezabelweni eziszintabeni kusukela eLebanoni kusiya eMisirefotti-Mayimi, okutsho wonke amaSidoni, mina ngokwami ngizabaxotsha phambi kwabako-Israyeli. Wobani leqiniso lokuthi lelilizwe labelwe abako-Israyeli ukuze libe yilifa labo njengokulilaya kwami, **7** njalo libabe njengelifa phakathi kwezizwana eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenyenye yesizwana sakoManase." **8** Eyinye ingxenyenye yakoManase, eyakoRubheni leyakoGadi yayizuze ilifa eyalinika nguMosi empumalanga yeJodani njengalokho inceku kaThixo eyayibaphe lona. **9** Lasuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni oDonga lwe-Arinoni lasedlobheni eliphakathi kodonga, njalo ligoqela amagceke eMedebha kusiyafika eDibhoni, **10** amadolobho wonke kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owabusa eHeshibhoni, kusiyafika emngceleni wamaAmoni. **11** Laligoqela iGiliyadi, isabelo sabantu baseGeshuri leMahakhathi, leNtaba yonke yeHemoni leBhashani yonke kusiyafika esalekha, **12** okutsho ukuthi, umbuso wonke ka-Ogi eBhashani, yena owabusa e-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi njalo wayengomunye

wamaRefayi ayelokhu esaphila. UMosi wayebanqobile kabazange babaxotshe abantu beGeshuri leMahakhathi, yikho lokhu behlala phakathi kwabako-Israyeli kuze kube lamhlanje. **14** Kodwa abesizwana sabaLevi kazange abanike ilifa, njengoba iminikelo eyaisensenza yilifa eyodwa inkosi yeHebhroni, eyodwa **11** inkosi yejamuthi, ngomlilo kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli iyilifa eyodwa inkosi yeLakhishi, eyodwa **12** inkosi ye-Egiloni, labo njengokubathembisa kwakhe. **15** Lokhu yikho eyodwa inkosi yeGezeri, eyodwa **13** inkosi yeDebbiri, uMosi akunika isizwana sakoRubheni, usendo lunye eyodwa inkosi yeBhethi-Gaderi, eyodwa **14** inkosi ngalunye: **16** Isigaba esisuka e-Aroweri emaphethelweni yeHoma, eyodwa inkosi ye-Adrasi, eyodwa **15** inkosi oDonga lwe-Arinoni, lokusuka edolobheni eliphakathi yeLibhina, eyodwa inkosi ye-Adulami, eyodwa **16** inkosi koDonga lawo wonke amagceke ababula eMedebha yeMakheda, eyodwa inkosi yeBhetheli, eyodwa **17** inkosi **17** kusiya eHeshibhoni lawo wonke amadolobho yeThaphuwa, eyodwa inkosi yeHeferi, eyodwa **18** inkosi asemagcekeni agoqela iDibhoni, iBhamothi-Bhali, ye-Afekhi, eyodwa inkosi yeLasharoni, eyodwa **19** inkosi iBhethi-Bhali-Meyoni, **18** ijahazi, iKhedemothi, yeMadoni, eyodwa inkosi yeHazori, eyodwa **20** inkosi iMefahathi, **19** iKhriyathayimi, iSibhima, iZerethi-Shahari eqaqeni olusesigodini, **20** iBhethi-Pheyori, lemithezuko yasePhisiga, leBhethi-Jeshimothi, **21** wonke amadolobho asemagcekeni lombuso wonke kaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa eHeshibhoni. UMosi wayemehlule yena lezinduna zamaMidiyani, u-Evi, uRekhemu, uZuri, uHuri, loRebha, wonke engamakhosana amanyane loSihoni owayehlala kulelolizwe. **22** Phezu kwalabo ababulawa empini abako-Israyeli babebulele ngenkemba uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori, owayeyisanuse. **23** Umngcele wamaRubheni wawusokhunjini lweJodani. Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa labakoRubheni, usendo lunye ngalunye: **24** Lokhu yikho uMosi akupha isizwana sakoGadi usendo lunye ngalunye: **25** Isabelo seJazeri, amadolobho wonke eGiliyadi lengxenyenye yelizwe lamaAmoni kusiyafika e-Aroweri, eduzane leRabha; **26** lokusuka eHeshibhoni kusiya eRamathi Mizipha leBhethonimi, lokusuka eMahanayimi kusiya esigabeni seDebbiri; **27** esigodini iBhethi-Haramu, iBhethi-Nimra, iSukhothi leZafoni lawo wonke umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshibhoni (icelle elisempumalanga yeJodani, isabelo esisekucineni kolwandle lweKhinerethi). **28** Amadolobho la ndawonye lemizana yawo ayeyilifa labakoGadi; usendo lunye ngalunye. **29** Lokhu yikho uMosi ayekunike ingxenyenye yesizwana sakoManase, okutsho ingxenyenye yemuli eyayiyinzalo kaManase, usendo lunye ngalunye: **30** Umango owawusuka eMahanayimi ugoqela iBhashani, wonke umbuso ka-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, yonke imizana yejayiru eBhashani, amadolobho angamatshumi ayisithupha, **31** ingxenyenye yeGiliyadi, le-Ashitharothi le-Edreyi (amadolobho obukhosu ka-Ogi eBhashani). Lokhu kwakungokwezizukulwane zikaMakhiri indodana kaManase, kungokwengxenyenye yamadodana kaMakhiri usendo lunye ngalunye. **32** Leli yilo ilifa uMosi ayelabile lapho esasemagcekeni eMowabi ngaphetsheya kweJodani empumalanga yejerikho. **33** Kodwa esizwaneni sabaLevi, uMosi kazange asabele ilifa; uThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli, nguye ilifa labo njengokubathembisa kwakhe.

**14** Lezi yizo izindawo abako-Israyeli abazamukela njengelifa elizweni laseKhenani, u-Eliyazari umphristi, uJoshua indodana kaNuni lezinhloko

zezizwana zako-Israyeli abazabela zona. 2 Ilifa e-Adari wabhoda unquma wayaphutsha ususeKhakha. labo labiwa ngokwenza inkatho ezizwaneni 4 Wasusedlula usiya e-Azimoni usiyaxhumana eziyisificamunwemunye lengxene, njengokulaya lesiHotsha saseGibhithe, uphelela olwandle. Lo kukaThixo ngoMosi. 3 UMosi wayenike izizwe ezimbili yiwo umngcele wabo waseningizimu. 5 Umngcele lengxene ilifa lazo empumalanga yeJodani, kodwa wempumalanga luLwandle lweTswayi kuze kufike wayengabelanga abaLevi ilifa phakathi kwazo, 4 lapho okuthela khona ijodani. Umngcele weningizimu ngoba amadodana kajosefa ayeYizwana ezimbili, waqalela okhunjini lolwandle ekugalen ikeJodani, 6 esikaManase lesika-Efrayimi. AbaLevi kabazuzanga wakhwela usiya eBhethi-Hogla, wabuye waqhubeka sabelo ngaphandle kwamadolobho okuhlala lamadleo usiya Bhethi-Arabha uqonda eLitsheni likaBhohani emihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo. 5 Ngakho abako Israyeli behlukanisa umhlaba, njengokulaya kukaMosi indodana kaRubheni. 7 Umngcele wasuqansa usiya eDebhiri usuka esigodini sika-Akhori, wasujika nguThixo. 6 Amadoda akojuda aya kuJoshua usiya enyakatho ukhangela eGiligali ekhangelan eGiligali, uKhalebi indodana kajefune umKhennizi loMkhandlu ka-Adumimi eningizimu yodonga. wathi kuye, "Uyakwazi ukuthi uThixo wathini kuMosi Waqhubeka usiya emanzini ase-Eni Shemeshi wasufika umuntu kaNkulunkulu eKhadeshi Bhaneya ngawe e-Eni Rogeli. 8 Wasuqonda esigodini seBhenilami. 7 Ngangileminyaka engamatshumi amane Hinomu emthezukwensi wangeningizimu yedolobho lapho uMosi inceku kaThixo yangithuma ngisuka lamajebusi (okutsho ijerusalem). Usuka lapho waqansa eKhadeshi Bhaneya ukuyahlola ilizwe. Ngaletu phezu koqaq entshonalanga yesigodi seHinomu kuye umbiko owawuphathelane lemibono yami, 8 ekucineni kwangenyakatho yesigodi seRefayi. 9 Usuka kodwa abazalwane engahamba labo benza ukuthi engqongeni yoqqa, umngcele waqonda emthonjeni inhliziyo zabantu zithuthumele ngokwesaba. Mina, wamanzi aseNefuthowa, wasuphutsha emadolobheni lanxa kunjalo, ngalandela uThixo uNkulunkulu wami eNtabeni ye-Efroni wasusehla usiya eBhala (okutsho ngenhliziyo yami yonke. 9 Ngakho ngalelolanga uMosi iKhriyathi-Jeyarimi). 10 Wasujika usiya entshonalanga wafunga kimi wathi, 'Umhlabathi lowo onyathelwe usuka eBhala usiya entaben yeSeyiri, wedlula yizinyawo zakho uzakuba yilifa lakho labantwabakho emthezukwensi wangenyakatho yentaba iJeyarimi kuze kube nini lanini, ngenxa yokuthi ulandela (okutsho iKhesalon) waqhubeka usiya eBhethi-uThixo uNkulunkulu wami ngenhliziyo yakho yonke.' Shemeshi uchaphela eThimina. 11 Waqonda 10 Ngakho-ke, njengoba uThixo waythembisile, emthezukwensi wenyakatho owe-Ekroni, wajika usengicincne ngiphila okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lanhlanu kusukela ngezikathu lapho akhuluma ukhangele eShikheroni, wedlule usiya eNtabeni yeBhala amangithuma ngalo; lokhu ngiselamandla okuyakulwa wafika ejabhinleyi. Umngcele waphelela olwandle 12 lokhu kuMosi, u-Israyeli esazulazula enkangala. Ngakho Umngcele wangentshonalanga likhumbi loLwandle nanku sengilapha lamuhla, sengileminyaka yokuzalwa oLukhulu. Le yiyo imingcele eyayigombolozele abantu engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu! 11 bakoJuda usendo lunye ngalunye. 13 Njengokulaya Lokhu ngisaqinile lanamuhla njengelanga uMosi kukaThixo kuye, uJoshua wanika uKhalebi indodana aman-Anakhi amathathu abalisa uSheshayi, u-Ahimani Wena ngokwakho wezwa ngelesosikhathi ukuthi loThalimayi abantwana baka-Anakhi. 15 Esuka ama-Anakhi ayekhona lapho njalo amadolobho awo lapho wahamba ehlasela abantu ababehlala eDebhiri ayemakhlula ehonqolozelwe, kodwa ngokunediswa (okwakuthiwa yiKhriyathi-Sefa). 16 UKhalebi nguThixo, ngizawaxotsha njengokutsho kwakhe." wathi, "Ngizakwendisela indodakazi yami u-Akhisa 13 Ngakho uJoshua wabusisa uKhalebi indodana endoden eiolahsela ithumbe iKhriyathi-Sefa." 17 U-kaJefune, wannika iHebhroni yaba yilifa lakhe. 14 Othiniyeli indodana kaKhenazi, umfowabo uKhalebi, Ngakho iHebhroni yaba lilifa likaKhalebi indodana wayithumba; ngakho uKhalebi wendisela indodakazi kajefune umKhenizi kusukela ngelesosikhathi ngenxa yakhe u-Akhisa kuye. 18 Ngeliney ilanga u-Akhisa yokuthi walandela uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wafika ku-Othiniyeli wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele insimu ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. 15 (iHebhroni yayithiwa kuyise. Lapho esehlile kubabhem wakhe, uKhalebi yiKhriyathi Aribha ibizwa ngo-Abhe owayeyindoda wambuza wathi, "Kuyini engingakwenzela khona?" 19 Waphendula wathi, "Ngicela ungenzele umusa obalulekileyo. Njengoba unginike umhlaba eNegebi, ngicela unginike lemithombo yamanzi." Ngakho uKhalebi wamnika imithombo eyayingapehlezulayeyingaphansi. 20 Leli lilifa lesizwe sikajuda ngezinseendo zaso: 21 Amadolobho aseningizimu kwsiszwe sikajuda eNegebi ekuyeni emngceleni we-Edomi ayeyle: iKhabbizeli, i-Ederi, iJaguri, 22 iKhina, iDimona, i-Adada, 23 iKhedeshi, iHazor, i-Ithinan, 24 iZifi, iThelemu, iBheyalo, 25 iHazor-yeKhadeshi Bhaneya. Wasusedlula eHezironi usiyafika

**15** Isabelo sesizwe sikajuda, usendo lunye ngalunye sasiqhele sehla sayafika elizweli le-Edomi, sisiyakhawula eNkangala yeZini eningizimu kude le. 2 Umngcele wabo weningizimu wawuqalisela ethekwini oluseningizimu emaphethelweni oLwandle lweTswayi, 3 uchaphela eningizimu yoMkhandlu weNkume, uqhubeka usiya ezini, usiyaphutsha eningizimu yeKhadeshi Bhaneya. Wasusedlula eHezironi usiyafika

Hadatha, iKheriyothi Hezironi (okutsho iHazori), **26** i-waqhubeka usiya olwandle. Usuka eMikhimethathi Amamu, iShema, iMolada, **27** iHazari-Gada, iHeshimon, enyakatho wajika empumalanga usiya eThahanathi-iBhethi Phelethi, **28** iHazari-Shuwali, iBherishebha, Shilo, usedlula ejanowa empumalanga. **7** Wasusehlela iBhiziyothi, **29** iBhala, i-Iyimu, i-Ezema, **30** i-phansi usuka ejanowa usiya e-Atharothi leNara, Elitholadi, iKhesili, iHoma **31** iZikhilagi, iMadimana, wagudla ijerikho wayaphutshela kuJodani. **8** Usuka iSansana, **32** iLebhayothi, iShilihimu, i-Ayini leRimoni, eThaphuwa umngcele waya entshonalanga eDongeni esewonke kwakungamadolobho angamatshumi amabili iweKhana wayaphelela olwandle. Leli kwakuyilifa lesifacumunwemunye lemizana yawo. **33** Emawatheni lesizwana sako-Efrayimi, usendo lunye ngalunye. **9** asentshonalanga kwakulamadolobho la: I-Eshithawoli, Wawugoqela njalo wonke amadolobho lemizana yawo iZora, i-Ashina, **34** iZanowa, i-Eni-Ganimu, iThaphuwa, eyayehlukaniselwe abako-Efrayimi phakathi kwelifa i-Enamu, **35** ijamuthi, i-Adulami, iSokho, i-Azekha, labakoManase. **10** Kabazange bawadudule amaKhenani ayehlala eGezeri; kuze kube lamhla amaKhenani ahlala iGederotayimu) amadolobho alitshumi lane lemizi phakathi kwabantu bako-Efrayimi kodwa besenziswa yawo. **37** iZenani, iHadasha, iMigidali-Gadi, **38** iDiliyen, iMizipha, iJokhitheyeli, **39** iLakhishi, iBhozhkhathi, i-Egiloni, **40** iKhabhoni, iLahimasi, iKhithilishi **41** iGederothi, iBhethi-Dagoni, i Nahama leMakheda, amadolobho alitshumi leshitupha lemizi yawo. **42** iLihbina, i-Etheri, i-Ashani, **43** iIfitha, i-Ashina, iNezibhi, **44** iKheyila, i-Akhizibhi leMaresha, amadolobho ayisificamunwemunye lemizi yawo. **45** i-Ekroni, lemizana eyigqagqeleyo; **46** entshonalanga ye-Ekroni, wonke ayeseduzane le-Ashidodi, ndawonye lemizana yawo; **47** i-Ashidodi lemizana eyigqagqeleyo leGaza, imizana eyigqagqeleyo kusiyafika esiHotsheni saseGibhithe lekhunjini loLwandle oLukhulu. **48** Elizweni lamaqaqa kwakule: iShamiri, iJathiri, iSokho, **49** iDana, iKhriyathi-Sana (okutsho iDebhiri), **50** i-Anabhi, i-Eshithemo, i-Animi, **51** iGosheni, iHoloni leGilo, amadolobho alitshumi lanye lemizana yawo. **52** i-Arabhu, iDuma, i-Eshani, **53** ijanimu, iBhethi-Thaphuwa, i-Afeka, **54** iHumtha, iKhriyathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) leZiwori, amadolobho ayisificamunwemunye lemizana yawo. **55** iMawoni, iKhameli, iZifi, iJutha, **56** iJezerili, iJokideyamu, iZanowa, **57** iKhayini, iGibhiya leThimina, amadolobho alitshumi lemizana yawo. **58** iHalihuli, iBhethi Zuri, iGedor, **59** iMaharathi, iBhethi-Anothi le-Elithekhoni, amadolobho ayisithupha lemizana yawo. **60** iKhriyathi-Bhal (okutsho ukuthi iKhriyathi-Jeyarimi) leRabha, amadolobho amabili lemizana yawo. **61** Enkangala: iBhethi-Arabha, iMidini, iSekhakha, **62** iNbihishani, iDolobho letswayi le-Eni-Gedi, amadolobho ayisithupha lemizana yawo. **63** iJuda wehluleka ukususa amajebusi ayeahlala ejerusalem; lanamuhla amajebusi lokhu ehlala lapho labantu bakoJuda.

**16** Isabelo sikajosefa saqala ejodani, empumalanga yamanzi ejerikho, sakhwela sisuka lapho sisiya enkangala singena elizweni lamaqaqa eBhetheli. **2** Sadabula sisuka eBhetheli (okutsho iLuzi) sachaphela esabelweni sama-Arikhithi e-Atharothi, **3** sehlela entshonalanga esabelweni samajafilethi sisiyabamba ekhunjini iweBhethi-Horoni, sibuye siqonde eGezeri, sisiyaphelela olwandle. **4** Ngakho uManase lo-Efrayimi, izizukulwane zikajosefa, bemukela ilifa labo. **5** Leli kwakulilizwe lika-Efrayimi ngokosendo lwakhe: Umgcele welifa labo wawusuka e-Atharothi-Ada amadolobho la ngoba amaKhenani ayezimisele ukuhlala empumalanga usiya eBhethi-Horoni Ephezulu **6** kuleyondawo. **13** Lanxa kunjalo, kwathi abako-

Israyeli sebelamandla amakhulu, benza amaKhenani uthutshela enkangala yeBhethi-Aveni. **13** Usuka izigqili zabo kodwa kababaxotshanga kokuphela. lapho wawuchaphela emthezukweni weningizimu **14** Abantu bakoJosefa bathi kuJoshua, "Kungani weLuzi (okutsho iBhetheli) usehlela e-Atharothi-lisinike isabelo esisodwa kuphela lengxenyenye eyodwa Ada eqaqeni eliseningizimu ngaphansi kweBhethi-yelifa na? Singabantu abanengi kakhulu njalo uThixo Horoni. **14** Usuka eqaqeni elikhangelane leBhethi-usibusise kakhulu." **15** UJoshua wabaphendula Horoni eningizimu ulandela icele elisentshonalanga wathi; "Nxa libanengi kakhulu, njalo nxa ilizwe wasuthutshela eKhiriyathi-Bhal (okutsho iKhiriyathi-lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi lilincinyane kini, ngenani Jeyarimi) idolobho labantu bakoJuda. Leli kwakulicele eguswini liyecenta umhlabu ube ngowenu elizweni elisentshonalanga. **15** Icele leningizimu laliquilisele lamaPherizi lelamaRefayi." **16** Abantu bakoJosefa emaphethelweni asentshonalanga kweKhiriyathi-baphendula bathi, "ilizwe lamaqaqa kaliseneli njalo Jeyarimi, njalo umngcele waba semthonjeni wamanzi amaKhenani wonke ahlala emagekeni alezingola zensimbi, bonke abaseBhethi-Shani lemizana yakhona lalabo ababehlala esigodini sejezerili." **17** Kodwa uJoshua wakhulumu labendlu kajosefa, ku-Efrayimi loManase wathi, "Libanengi njalo lilamandla amakhulu kakhulu. Kalisoze libe lesabelo esisodwa kuphela, **18** kodwa lelizwe lamaqaqa aligusu. Licenteni lize liyefika lapho eliphelela khona kube ngeleni; lanxa amaKhenani elezingola zensimbi njalo lanxa elamandla, lingawaxotsha."

**18** Ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli labuthana eShilo laselimisa ithente lokuhlangana khonapho. Ilizwe lalethwa ngaphansi kombuso wabo, **2** kodwa kwakulokhu kulezizwana zako-Israyeli eziyisikhombisa ezazingakemukeli ilifa lazo. **3** Ngakho uJoshua wathi kwabako-Israyeli, "Lizakuma okwesikhathii esingakanani lingakathathi ilizwe uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhoko benu alinike lona na? **4** Khethani amadoda amathathu esizweni sinye ngasinye. Ngizawathuma ukuthi ayehlola ilizwe abeseloba ngesimo salo, kusiya nglifa lesizwana ngasinye. Azaphenduka kimi. **5** Lizakwaba umhlabu ube yizigaba eziyisikhombisa. UJuda uzaqhubeka eselizweni lakhe eningizimu njalo indlu kajosefa iselizweni layo enyakatho. **6** Ngemva kokuba selibhale izimo zezigaba eziyisikhombisa zelizwe, lizilethe kimi lapha njalo ngizalenzela inkatho phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **7** Kodwa abaLevi kabayikuzuza lutu phakathi kwenu, ngoba umsebenzi wobuphristi kuThixo yilifa labo. Njalo uGadi, uRubheni lengxenyenye yesizwe sikaManase sebathola ilifa labo eceleni elingesempumalanga yeJodani. UMosi inceku kaThixo wabanika lona." **8** Kwathi amadoda engena indlela esiyahlola umhlabu, uJoshua wawalaya wathi, "Hambani liyehlola umhlabu beseliphbala isimo sawo. Emva kwalokho beseliphenduka kimi, khona ngizalenzela inkatho lapha eShilo phambi kukaThixo." **9** Ngakho amadoda asuka adabula phakathi kwelizwe. Abhala isimo salo emqulwini, idolobho ngedolobho, ezigabeni eziyisikhombisa, asephindela kuJoshua esihonqwensi seShilo. **10** UJoshua wawenzela inkatho eShilo phambi kukaThixo, njalo lapho wabela ilizwe kwabako-Israyeli kusiya ngokwehlukaniswa kwezizwana zabo. **11** Inkatho yakuqala yawela esizwaneni sakaBhenjamini ngensendo zaso. Ilizwe labo elabiwayo laliphakathi kwezizwana zakoJuda lojosefa: **12** Eceleni elisenyakatho umngcele wabo wawuqalisela kujodani, usedlula emthezukweni wangenyakatho yeJerikho usiya entshonalanga elizweni elilamaqaqa,

uthutshela enkangala yeBhethi-Aveni. Ada eqaqeni eliseningizimu ngaphansi kweBhethi-Horoni. **14** Usuka eqaqeni elikhangelane leBhethi-Horoni eningizimu ulandela icele elisentshonalanga Horoni, njalo umngcele waba semthonjeni wamanzi eNefuthowa. **16** Umngcele wehla waya ewatheni lentaba ekhangane leSigodi seBheni-Hinomu, enyakatho yeSigodi seRefayi. Waqhubeka usehla eSigodini seHinomu ulandela umthezuko wedolobho lamaJebusi usiya e-Eni Rogeli. **17** Wasubhoda usiya enyakatho, waya e-Eni Shemeshi, waqhubeka usiya eGelilothi ekhangane uMkhandlu we-Adumimu, wehla phansi usiya elitsheni likaBhohani indodana kaRubheni. **18** Waqhubeka ukhangele enyakatho, emthezukweni weBhethi Arabha usehla ungena e-Arabha. **19** Wasusiya emthezukweni ongasenyakatho eBhethi-Hogla wasuphumela ewatheni elingenyakatho kolwandle lweTswayi lapho okuthela khona ijodani eningizimu. Lo kwakungumngcele oseningizimu. **20** IJodani yenza umngcele eceleni langempumalanga. Le kwakuyimingece eyayiphawula ilifa lensendo zikaBhenjamini emaceleni wonke. **21** Isizwana sikaBhenjamini, usando ngosendo sasilamadolobho alandelayo: Ijerikho, iBhethi-Hogla, i-Emeki Khezizi, **22** iBhethi-Arabha, iZemarayimu, iBhetheli, **23** i-Avimu, iPhara, i-Ofira, **24** iKhefa-Amoni, i-Ofini leGebha, amadolobho alitshumi lambili kanye lemizana yawo. **25** IGibhiyoni, iRama, iBherothi, **26** iMizipha, iKhefira, iMoza, **27** iRekhemu, i-Iphiyeli, iTharala, **28** iZela, iHayelefi, idolobho lamaJebusi (okuyikuthi iJerusalem), iGibhiya leKhiriyathi, amadolobho alitshumi lane kanye lemizana yawo. Leli kwakuyilifa likaBhenjamini lensendo zakhe.

**19** Inkatho yesibili yawela esizwaneni sikaSimiyoni ngensendo zaso. Ilifa labo laliphakathi kwelizwe likajuda. **2** Laligoqela: iBherisheba (noma Shebha), iMolada, **3** iHazari-Shuwali, iBhala, i-Ezema, **4** i-Elitholadi, iBhethuli, iHoma, **5** iZikhilagi, iBhethi-Makhabothi, iHazari-Susa, **6** iBhethi-Lebhawothi leSharuheni, amadolobho alitshumi lantathu lemizana yawo; **7** i-Ayini, iRimoni, i-Etheri le-Ashani, amadolobho amane lemizana yawo, **8** layo yonke imizana eyakhelene laalayo madolobho kusiyafika eBhalathibheri (iRama eseNegebi). Leli kwakuyilifa lesizwana sikaSimiyoni ngensendo zaso. **9** Ilifa labakoSimiyoni lathathwa kungxenyenye kajuda ngenxa yokuthi isigaba sakojuda sasisikhulu kakhulu. Ngakho abakoSimiyoni bathola ilifa labo phakathi kwelizwe lakoJuda. **10** Inkatho yesithathu yawela uZebulunli lensendo zakhe: Umngcele welifa labo wawufika eSaridi. **11** Waqonda entshonalanga wadabula usiya eMarala, wathinta iDabheshethi, waqhela usiya odongeni eduze leJokhiniyamu. **12** Wajikela empumalanga usuka eSaridi

ukhangele empumalanga elizweni likaKhisilothi- bayithumba. Bahlala eLeshemu bayibiza ngokuthi Thabbori njalo waqhela usiya eDabherathi ukhwela yiDani, ibizo likakhokho wabo.) **48** Amadolobho la usiya ejafiya. **13** Waqhubeka ukhangele empumalanga lemizana yawo ayeyilifa lesizwe sikaDani ngensendo usiya eGathi-Heferi le-Ethi Khazini; wathutshela zakhe. **49** Bathi sebeqede ukwabelana umhlaba eRimoni wasujikela eNeya. **14** Lapho umngcele wabhoda ngendlela eyayiphawulwe yinkatho, abako-Israyeli enyakatho usiya eHanathoni wakhawula eSigodini se-ifitha Eli. **15** Kwakukhona njalo iKhathathi, iNahalali, kwabo, **50** njengokulaya kukaThixo. Bamnika idolobho iShimroni, i-Idala leBhethilehema. Kwakulamadolobho ayelicelile, iThimnathi-Sera elizweni lamaqaqa ko-alitshumi lambili lemizana yawo. **16** Amadolobho Efrayimi. Wakha idolobho wahlala khona. **51** La yiwo la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa likaZebulunil lensendo. **17** Inkatho yesine yawela u-Isakhari ngensendo amazwe u-Eliyazar umphristi, uJoshua indodana kaNuni labakhokheli bonke lensendo zezizwana zakozakhe. **18** Ilizwe labo laligoqela: iJezerili, iKhesulothi, iShunemi, **19** iHafarayimi, iShiyoni, i-Anaharathi, **20** iRabhithe, iKhishiyoni, i-Ebhezi **21** iRemethi, i-Eni-Ganiku, i-Eni-Hada leBhethi-Phazezi. **22** Umngcele wawugudla iThabbori, iShahazuma leBhethi-Shemeshi wasukhawula ejodani. Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lesithupha lemizana yawo. **23** Amadolobho la lemizi yawo kwakuyilifa lesizwana sika-Isakhari lensendo zakhe. **24** Inkatho yesihlanu yawela esizwaneni sika-Asherl ngensendo zakhe. **25** Ilizwe labo laligoqela: iHelikhathi, iHali, iBhetheni, i-Akhishafi, **26** i-Alameleki, i-Amadi leMishali. Entshonalanga umngcele wagudla iKhameli leShihori-Libhinathi. **27** Wajikela empumalanga ukhangele eBhethi-Dagoni, ugudla iZebulunil leSigodi se-Ifitha Eli, waqonda enyakatho usiya eBhethi-Emekhi leNeyiyeli, usedlula eKhabhuli kwenexne. **28** Waya e-Abhidoni, eRehobhi, eHamoni leKhana usiyafika eSidoni enkulu. **29** Umngcele waphinda wajika ukhangele eRama wasusiya edolobheni eliyinqaba eleThire, wajika ukhangele iHosa wathutshela olwandle olusesabelweni se-Akhizibhi, **30** i-Uma, i-Afekhi leRehobhi. Kwakulamadolobho angamatshumi amabili lambili lemizana yawo. **31** Amadolobho la lemizana yawo ayeyilifa lesizwana sika-Asherl lensendo zakhe. **32** Inkatho yesithupha yawela uNafithali ngensendo zakhe: **33** Umgcele wasuka eHelefi kanye lesihlahla som'Okhi eZananimi usedlula e-Adami Nekhebi lejabhiniyeli usiya eLakhumi njalo upheleta ejodani. **34** Umngcele wadabula entshonalanga phakathi kwe-Azinotti-Thabbori wayaphuma ususeHukhokhi. Wagudla iZebulunil eningizimu, i-Asherl entshonalanga kweJuda usiya empumalanga yeJodani. **35** Amadolobho ayelezinqaba yizidumu, iZeri, iHamathi, iRakhathi, iKhinethi, **36** i-Adama, iRama, iHazori, **37** iKhedeshi, i-Edreyi, i-Eni-Hazo, **38** iYironi, iMigidali-Eli, iHoremu, iBhethi-Anathi leBhethi-Shemeshi. Kwakulamadolobho alitshumi lesificamunwemunye lemizana yawo. **39** Amadolobho la lemizana yawo kwakuyilifa lesizwana sikaNafithali ngensendo zakhe. **40** Inkatho yesikhombisa yawela isizwana sikaDani ngensendo zakhe. **41** Ilizwe lelifa labo laligoqela: iZora, i-Eshithawoli, i-Iri Shemeshi, **42** iShayalabini, i-Ayijalon, i-Ithila, **43** i-Eloni, iThimina, i-Ekroni, **44** i-Elithekhe, iGibhethoni, iBhalathi, **45** ijehudi, iBhene-Bherakhi, iGathi-Rimon, **46** iMe-Jarikhoni leRakhoni lendawo ekhangele ijopho. **47** (Kwathi abakoDani sebenqotshiwe bathathelwa ilizwe labo, basuka bayahlasela iLeshemu ngenkemba, **20** UThixo wasesithi kujoshuwa: **2** “Tshela abako-Israyeli ukuthi baphawule amadolobho okuphephela njengokulilaya engakwenza ngoMosi, **3** ukuze wonke umuntu obulala omunye ngengozi hatshi ngabomo abalekele kulo ukuze aphephe esandleni somphindiseli wegazi. **4** Lapho ebalekela kwelinje lala amadolobho, kumele eme esangweni ledolobho abesetishto ukuthi ukhala ngani ebadaleni balelodolobho. Abadala sebezamamukelake edolobheni labo besebemnika indawo yokuhlala phakathi kwabo. **5** Nxa umphindiseli wegazi emlandela, akumelanga bamnikele lowo owetheswa umlandu ngoba kambulalanga ngabomo kumbe ngenhlizyo embi. **6** Usezahlala kulelodolobho kuze kufike isikhathi sokuthonisiswa phambi kwebandla njalo kuze kufe umphristi omkhulu oyabe ephethe umsebenzi ngalesosikhathi. Lapho usengabuyela ngakibo, edolobheni abaleka kulo.” **7** Ngakho behlukanisa iKhedeshi eseGalile elizweni lamaqaqa koNafithali, iShekhemu elizweni lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi leKhiriyathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) elizweni lamaqaqa koJuda. **8** Empumalanga yeJodani lejerikho baphawula iBhezeri enkangala esemagcekeni esizwaneni sikaRubheni, iRamothi eseGiliyadi esizwaneni sikaGadi, leGolani eseBhashani esizwaneni sikaManase. **9** Iloba ngubani owako-Israyeli kumbe omunye ovezizweni ohlala phakathi kwabo owabulala omunye umuntu ngengozi wayengabalekela emadolobheni aqanjiweyo, aphephe ekubulaweni ngumphindiseli wegazi engakamiswa phambi kwebandla ukuba athonisiswe.

**21** Abakhokheli bezimuli zabaLevi balanda u-Eliyazar umphristi, uJoshua indodana kaNuni, labakhokheli bezinye izimuli eizizwaneni zako-Israyeli **2** eShilo eseKhenani bathi kubo, “UThixo walaya ngoMosi wathi lisinike amadolobho okuhlala, alamadlelo ezifuyo zethu.” **3** Ngakho njengoba uThixo wayelayile, abako-Israyeli banika abaNevi amadolobho alandelayo lamadlelo kuvela elifeni labo: **4** Inkatho yakuqala yawela amaKhothathi ngensendo zavo. AbaNevi ababeyizizukulwane zika-Aroni umphristi babelwa amadolobho alitshumi lantathu eizizwaneni zakoJuda, ezakoSimiyoni lezakoBhenjamini. **5** Izizukulwane zonke zikaKhothathi zabelwa amadolobho alitshumi kuzinsendo zezizwana zako-Efrayimi, ezakoDani

lengxenyen yakoManase. **6** Iizukulwane zikaGeshoni zabelwa amadolobho alitshumi lantathu kuzinsendo zezizwana zako-Isakhari, ezako-Asher, ezakoNafithali lengxenyen yesizwana sakoManase eBhashani. **7** Iizukulwane zikaMerari ngensendo zazo zathola amadolobho alitshumi lambili eezizwanen iakoRubheni, ezakoGadi lezakoZebhuluni. **8** Ngakho abako-Israyeli babela abaLevi amadolobho la lamadlelo awo, njengokulaya kukaThixo ngoMosi. **9** Eeizizwanen iakoJuda lezakoSimiyoni amadolobho abiwayo nanka ngamabizo awo **10** Amadolobho la anikwa iizukulwane zika-Aroni ezazivela kuzinsendo zamaKhohathi phakathi kwabaLevi ngoba inkatho yakuqala yawela kuzo: **11** Bazinika iKhiriyathi Aribha (okutsho iHebhroni) emadlelwani akulowomango elizweni lamaqaqa kojuda (u-Abha wayengukhokho ka-Anakhi). **12** Kodwa amasimu lemizana okwakuseduzane ledolobho babekunike uKhalebi indodana kajefune ukuba cube ngokwakhe. **13** Ngakho iizukulwane zika-Aroni umphristi bazinika iHebhroni (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iLihbina, **14** iJathiri, i-Eshithemowa **15** iHoloni, iDebhiri, **16** i-Ayini, ijutha leBhethi-Shemesi, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho ayisificamunwemunye esuka eezizwanen lezi zombili. **17** Esizweni sakoBhenjamini bazinika iGibhiyon, iGebha, **18** i-Anathothi le-Alimon, ndawonye lamadlelo awo kwaba ngamadolobho amane. **19** Wonke amadolobho abaphristi, iizukulwane zika-Aroni, ayelitshumi lantathu ndawonye lamadlelo awo. **20** Ezinye zonek insendo zikaKhohathi phakathi kwabaLevi zabelwa amadolobho esizwanen sako-Efrayimi. **21** Elizweni elilamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi zanikwa iShekhemu (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala) leGezeri, **22** iKhishizayimi leBhethi-Horoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwaba ngamadolobho amane. **23** Esizwanen sakoDani zathola, i-Elithkhe, iGibhethoni, **24** i-Ayijaloni leGathi-Rimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwaba ngamadolobho amane. **25** Kungxenyen yesizwe sakoManase zathola iThanakhi leGathi-Rimoni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, kwakungamadolobho amabili. **26** Wonke la amadolobho alitshumi lamadlelo awo anikwa kuzozonke insendo zamaKhohathi. **27** Insendo zamaLevi ezeGeshoni zanikwa: kungxenyen yesizwana sakoManase, iGolani eseBhashani (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala) leBheshithera, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amabili; **28** esizwanen sika-Isakhari, iKhishiyoni, iDabherathi, **29** ijamuthi le-Eni-Ganimu, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane; **30** esizwanen sika-Asher, iMishali, i-Abhidoni, **31** iHelikhathhi leRehobhni, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane; **32** kusukela esizwanen sakoNafithali, iKhedeshi eseGalile (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iHamothi-Dori leKhathanhi, ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amathathu. **33** Wonke amadolobho ensendo zamaGeshoni ayelitshumi lantathu, ndawonye lamadlelo awo. **34** Insendo zamaMerari (okutsho bonke abaLevi) zanikwa kanje

esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni, ijokhiniyamu, iKhatha, 35 iDimina leNahalali ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane. 36 Esizwaneni sakoRubheni, iBhezeri, ijahazi, 37 iKhedemothi leMefahathi ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane. 38 Esizwaneni sakoGadi, iRamothi eseGilyadi (idolobho lokuphephela kwalabo abalamacala okubulala), iMahanayimi, 39 iHeshibhoni leJazeri ndawonye lamadlelo awo, amadolobho amane esewonke. 40 Wone amadolobho abewla insendo zamaMerari, eyingxenye yonke eseleyo yabaLevi, ayelitshumi lambili. 41 Amadolobho abaLevi elizweni eliphansi kwabako-Israyeli ayengamatshumi amane lasificaminwembili mibili esewonke ndawonye lamadlelo awo. 42 Linye ngalinye lamadolobho la lalilamadlelo aligombolozeyeo. Konke kwakunjalo ngawo wonke la amadolobho. 43 Ngakho uThixo wanika abako-Israyeli wonke umhlaba ayefunge ukuwunika okhokho babo, bawuthatha bakha khonapho. 44 UThixo wabapha ukuphumula enhlangothini zonke, njengokufunga ayekwenze kubokhokho babo. Akulasitha lesisodwa esenelisa ukumelana labo; uThixo wanikela zonke izitha zabo kubo. 45 Asikho lesisodwa sazo zonke izithembiso ezinhle zikaThixo endlini ka-Israyeli esingagcwalsekanga; zonke zaggcwaleseka.

**22** UJoshua wamema abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sikaManase 2 wathi kubo, “Selenze konke uMosi inceku kaThixo eyakulayayo, njalo lingilale kukho konke engililaye ngakho. 3 Okwesikhathi eside khathesi, kuze kube lamuhila, kalizange lihlamukele abafowenu kodwa lenze umsebenzi lowo uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika wona. 4 Njengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wanika abafowenu ukuphumula njengokuthembisa kwakhe, buyelani emakhaya enu elizweni uMosi inceku kaThixo alinika lona ngaphetsheya kweJobani. 5 Kodwa linanzelele kakhulu ukuthi lilondoloza umlayo lomthetho uMosi inceku kaThixo alinika wona: Ukuthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ezindleleni zakhe zonke, ukulalela imilayo yakhe, ukubambelela kuye lokumsebenzela ngenhlizyo yenu yonke lomphefumulo wenu wonke.” 6 UJoshua wasebabusisa wathi kabahambe; yikho basebesiya emizini yabo. 7 Ingxenye yesizwana sakoManase uMosi wayeyinike ilizwe eBhashani, kwathi eyinye ingxenye yesizwana uJoshua wayeyinike indawo lapho okwakwakhele abafowabo ejodani. Kwathi uJoshua esethe kabahambe emakhaya, wababusisa 8 wathi, “Buyelani emakhaya enu lenotho yenu energi, lilemihlambi emikhulu yezfifuyo, lilesiliva, igolide ithusi lensimbi, lamalembu amanengi, beselisabelana labafowenu lokho elakuthumba ezitheni zenu.” 9 Ngakho abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana sakoManase batshiya abako-Israyeli eShilo eseKhenani babuyela eGilyadi, ilizwe labo, ababelizuze kulandela umlayo kaThixo awethula ngoMosi. 10 Bathi sebefike eGelithothi eduzane leJobani elizweni leKhenani, abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxenye yesizwana

sakoManase bakha i-alithari elikhulu eduzane leJodani. **11** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebezwe ukuthi sebakhe i-alithari emngceleni weKhenani eGelithothi duzane leJodani eceleni lako-Israyeli, **12** umphakathi wonke wako-Israyeli wabuthana eShilo ukulungiselela ukulwa labo empini. **13** Ngakho abako-Israyeli bathuma uFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi elizweni leGiliyadi kuRubheni, uGadi lengxenyen yesizwana sakoManase. **14** Waphelekezelwa zinduna ezilitshumi, inye ngayinye ivela phakathi kwezizwe zonke zako-Israyeli njalo iyinhloko yesigaba semuli yensendo zako-Israyeli. **15** Ekuyeni kwabo eGiliyadi, kuRubheni loGadi lengxenyen yesizwana sakoManase bathi kubo: **16** "Umphakathi wonke kaThixo uthi: 'Kungani lisuke langathembeki kuNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli ngale indlela? Kungani lilahle uNkulunkulu lizakhela i-alithari njengokumhlamukela khathesi. **17** Kambe ukona kukaPheyori kakwanelanga kithi na? Kuze kube lamhla kasikazihlambululi esonweni leso, lanxa umkhuhlane wake wahlasela isizwe sikaThixo! **18** Selibalekela uThixo na? Nxa lingahlamukela uThixo lamhla, kusasa uzazondela isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli: **19** Nxa umhlabo elilawo ungcolisiwe wozani emhlabeni kaThixo lapho ithabanekeli likaThixo elimi khona beselisabelana umhlabo lathi. Kodwa lingahlamukeli uThixo kumbe thina ngokuzakhela i-alithari lenu, ngaphandle kwe-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **20** Lapho u-Akhari indodana kaZera aze angathembeki ezintweni ezingcwelisiweyo, isijeziso kasehlelanga isizwe sonke sako-Israyeli yini? Kayisuye yedwa owafela isono sakhe." **21** Ngakho uRubheni, uGadi lengxenyen yesizwe sakoManase baphendula abakhokheli bezinsendo zako-Israyeli bathi: **22** "USomandla, uNkulunkulu uThixo! USomandla uNkulunkulu uThixo! Uyazi! Njalo u-Israyeli kabe lolwazi! Nxa lokhu bekuyikuhamukela kumbe ukupholozela uThixo, lingasisindisi lamhlanje. **23** Nxa sazakhela i-alithari lethu ukwenzela ukubalekelo uThixo lokunekela ngeminkelo yokutshisa leminikeloyamabele, kumbe ukunekela ngeminkelo yokuthula kulo, uThixo ngokwakhe kasijezise. **24** Hatshi! Sakwenza sisabasa ukuthi kwelinje ilanga izizukulwane zenu zingathi kwezethu, 'Lilani loThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli? **25** UThixo sewenza ijodani ibe ngumngcele phakathi kwethu lani lina maRubheni lamaGadi! Kalilasabelo kuThixo.' Ngakho izizukulwane zenu zingenza ukuthi ezethu ziyekele ukwesaba uThixo. **26** Yikho sathi, 'Kasilungiseni sakhe i-alithari, kodwa hatshi eleminkelo yokutshisa kumbe imihlatshelo.' **27** Ngeyinye indlela, kuzakuba yibufakazi phakathi kwethu lani lezizukulwane ezizalandela, ukuthi sizekhonza uThixo endlini yakhe engcwele ngeminkelo yokutshisa, iminikeloy ethu kanye leyokuthula. Ngakho kwelakusasa izizukulwane zenu kazisoze zithi kwezethu, 'Kalilasabelo kuThixo.' **28** Njalo sathi, 'Bangavele batsho lokhu kithi kumbe kuzizukulwane zethu, sizaphendula sithi: Khangelani emfanekisweni we-alithari likaThixo, elakhiwa ngobaba, hatshi eleminkelo yokutshisa lemihlatshelo, kodwa njengobufakazi phakathi kwethulani.' **29** Kukhatshana kithi ukuthi sihlamukele uThixo simfulathele lamhla ngokwakha i-alithari leminikeloyokutshisa, iminikeloyamabele lemihlatshelo, ngaphandle kwe-alithari likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu elimi phambi kwethabanekeli lakhe." **30** Kwathi uFinehasi umphristi labakhokheli besizwe, abakhokheli bezinsendo zako-Israyeli, sebezwe okwakutshiso nguRubheni, uGadi loManase bathokoza. **31** UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, wathi kuRubheni, uGadi loManase, 'Lamhla siyazi ukuthi uThixo ulathi, ngenxa yokuthi kalizange liyekelo ukwethembeka phambi kukaThixo kuloludaba. Khathesi selihlenge abako-Israyeli esandleni sikaThixo.' **32** UFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, umphristi, labakhokheli babuyela eKhenani bevela emhlanganweni wabo labakoRubheni labakoGadi eGiliyadi basebebika kwabako-Israyeli. **33** Bathokoza ukuzwa umbiko basebedumisa uNkulunkulu. Kabasakhulumanga njalo ngokuya empini yokubalwisa ukwenzela ukutshabalala ilizwe lapho abakoRubheni labakoGadi ababehlala khona. **34** Njalo abakoRubheni labakoGadi banika i-alithari lelibizo: UBufakazi Phakathi Kwethu ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu.

**23** Ngemva kxesikhathi eside njalo uThixo esephumuze abako-Israyeli kuzozonke izitha zabo ezazibagomboloze, ujoshuwa ngalesosikhathi esekhulile eseleminyaka eminengi, **2** wabiza bonke abako-Israyeli, abadala babo, abakhokheli babo, abahluleli babo leziphathamandla zabo wathi kubo: "Sengimda njalo sengiluphele kakhulu. **3** Lina ngokwenu selikubonile konke lokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu akwenzileyo kuzozonke lezi izizwe esenzela lina; ngtuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ovalilwelayo. **4** Khumbulanji ukuthi ngalabelwa njanikuka kuge yilifa lenu lezizwana zenu wonke umhlabeweziwe ezasalayo, izizwe engazinqobayo, phakathi kwejodani loLwandle Olukhulu entshonalanga. **5** UThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngokwakhe uzabaxotscha endleleni yenu. Uzabasusa lina lingakafiki, njalo lina lizathatha umhlabo wabo, njengokuthembisa kukaThixo uNkulunkulu. **6** Qinani kakhulu; linanjelele ukuthi lilalela konke okulotshwe eGwalweni lwemiThetho kaMosi, lingaphambukelanga kwasokudla kumbe esenxele. **7** Lingaze lazisondeza ezipiweni lezi ezipakathi kwenu; lingaze labiza amagama abonkulunkulu bazo kumbe lifunge ngabo. Akumelanga ukuthi libasebenzele lokubakhothamela. **8** Kodwa kumele libambelele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu eselikenze kwaze kwaba khathesi. **9** UThixo usezikotshile phambi kwenu izizwe ezelmandla; kuze kuge lamhla kakho owenelisa ukumelana lani. **10** Oyedwa wenu uyenelisa ukwehlula abantu abayinkulungwane eyodwa ngenxa yokuthi uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uyalilwela njengokuthembisa kwakhe. **11** Ngakho-ke nanzelelani ukuthi liyamthanda uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **12** Kodwa lingabaleka beselisiba lobungane labalo

abasindileyo phakathi kwezizwe lezi ezizasala phakathi ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. **12** Ngathumela olonyovu kwenu njalo lingavumelana lokuthathana lokudlelana phambi kwenu, olwabaxotsha phambi kwenu kanye lazo, **13** lapho lingaba leqiniso lokuthi uThixo lamakhosi amabilo ama-Amori. Kalizange likwenze uNkulunkulu wenu kasoze azixotshe izizwe phambi ngenkemba yenu langedandili lenu. **13** Ngakho kwenu. Kodwa-ke zizakuba yimijibila lezithyo ngalinika ilizwe elingazanga liliginqele lamadolobho kini, zizakuba yiziswebhu emihlane yenu lameva elingazange liwakhe; njalo lihlala phakathi kwavo njalo emehlwени enu, lize libhujiswe elizwени leli elihle lisilda ezivinini zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga.’ **14** uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. **14** Ngakho mesabenı uThixo limkhonze ngokuthembeka Khathesi sengizahamba ngenddlela yomhlaba wonke. konke. Lahlani onkulunkulu ababekhonza ngokhokho Liyazi ngezinhlizyo zenu lempiphefumulo ukuthi benu ngaphetsheya koMfula laseGibhithe, likhonne kasikho isithembiso lasinye esihle phakathi kwalezo uThixo. **15** Kodwa nxa ukukhonza uThixo kuhanya elazinikha nguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu esehlulekayo. Zonke izithembiso sezagcwaliswa; kasikho lesiodwa namhlane lowo elizamkonha, kumbe ngonkulunkulu esehlulekayo. **15** Kodwa njengoba zonke izithembiso okhokho benu ababekhonza ngaphetsheya koMfula ezinhle zikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu seziphumelele, kumbe onkulunkulu bama-Amori, lawo elihlala elizwени kunjalo uThixo uzalilethela bonke ububi alethusela ngabo, aze alibhubhise elizwени leli elihle alinike lona. **16** Lingephula isivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owallayayo ngaso liyokhonza abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele, ulaka lukaThixo luzavutha kini, njalo lizabhubha ngokuphangisa elizwени elihle alinike lona.”

**24** Ngakho uJoshua wabuthanisa zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli eShekhemu. Wamema bonke abadala, abakhokhelı, abahluleli leziphathamandla zako-Israyeli, njalo bazethula phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **2** UJoshua wathi ebantwini bonke, “UThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Kudala okhokho benu, okugqela uThera uyise ka-Abrahama loNahori, babehlala ngaphetsheya koMfula njalo bekhonza abanye onkulunkulu. **3** Kodwa ngathatha uyhilo u-Abrahama elizweni elingaphetsheya koMfula ngamkhokhelela eKhenani ngamnika izizukulwane ezinengi. Ngamnika u-Isaka, **4** njalo u-Isaka ngamnika ujakhobe lo-Esawu. Nganika ilizwe lonke elilamaqaqa eleSeyiri ku-Esawu, kodwa ujakhobe lamadodana akhe bayu eGibhithe. **5** Ngasengithuma uMosi lo-Aroni, njalo ngajezisa amaGibhithe ngalokho engakwenza khonale ngasengilikhupha khona. **6** Ekukhupheni kwami okhokho benu eGibhithe, beza olwandle njalo amaGibhithe axotshana labo ngezingola lamabhiza baze bayafika eLwandle Olubomvu. **7** Kodwa bakhala kuThixo befuna uncedo yena waseletha umnyama phakathi kwenu lamaGibhithe; walettha ulwandle phezu kwabo wabembesa ngalo. Lazibonela ngamehlo enu lokho engakwenza kumaGibhithe. Laselihlala enkangala okwesikhathi eside. **8** Ngaliletha elizweni lama-Amori ayejhala empumalanga yeJodani. Balwisanan lani, kodwa mina ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. Ngababhubhisa phambi kwenu njalo laselihlathila ilizwe labo. **9** Lapho uBhalaki indodana kaZiphori inkosi yaseMowabi, alungiselela ukulwiana lo-Israyeli, wathumela uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori ukuthi aliqalekise. **10** Kodwa ngala ukulalela uBhalamu, ngakho walibusisa njalonjalo mina ngasengilihenga esandleni sakhe. **11** Laselichapha uJodani leza ejerikho. Izakhamizi zeJerikho zalwisanan lani njengalokho okwensiwa ngama-Amori, amaPherizi, amaKhenani, amaHithi, amaGigashi, amaHivi lamajebusi, kodwa

ngabanikela ezandleni zenu. **12** Ngathumela olonyovu phambi kwenu, olwabaxotsha phambi kwenu kanye lamakhosi amabilo ama-Amori. Kalizange likwenze uNkulunkulu wenu kasoze azixotshe izizwe phambi ngenkemba yenu lagedandili lenu. **13** Ngakho kwenu. Kodwa-ke zizakuba yimijibila lezithyo ngalinika ilizwe elingazanga liliginqele lamadolobho elingazange liwakhe; njalo lihlala phakathi kwavo njalo emehlwени enu, lize libhujiswe elizwени leli elihle lisilda ezivinini zama-oliva elingazihlanyelanga.’ **14** uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu alinika lona. **14** Ngakho mesabenı uThixo limkhonze ngokuthembeka Khathesi sengizahamba ngenddlela yomhlaba wonke. konke. Lahlani onkulunkulu ababekhonza ngokhokho Liyazi ngezinhlizyo zenu lempiphefumulo ukuthi benu ngaphetsheya koMfula laseGibhithe, likhonne kasikho isithembiso lasinye esihle phakathi kwalezo uThixo. **15** Kodwa nxa ukukhonza uThixo kuhanya kungathandeki kini, khethani phakathi kwenu namhlane lowo elizamkonha, kumbe ngonkulunkulu okhokho benu ababekhonza ngaphetsheya koMfula kumbe onkulunkulu bama-Amori, lawo elihlala elizwени lawo. Kodwa mina lendlu yami sizakhonza uThixo.” **16** Abantu basebephendula besithi, “Akube khatshana lathi ukuthi silahle uThixo ukuze sikhonze abanye onkulunkulu! **17** KwakunguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ngokwakhe owasikhuphayo thina kanye labobaba eGibhithe sisuka elizweni lobugqili, wasesenza izimanga ezinkulu emehlwени ethu. Wasivikela kulolonke uhampo lwethu lakuko zonke izizwe. **18** Njalo uThixo wazixotsha phambi kwethu zonke izizwe, okugqela ama-Amori ayejhala elizweni. Lathi sizamkonha uThixo ngoba unguNkulunkulu wethu.” **19** UJoshua wathi ebantwini, “Kalenelisi ukumkonha uThixo. UnguNkulunkulu ongcwele; unguNkulunkulu olobukhwele. Kasoze alixolele ekuhlamukeni kwenu lezonweni zenu. **20** Nxa lingatshiya uThixo beselikhonza abanye onkulunkulu bezizweni uzaliphendukela alehlisele umonakalo aliqede du, yena ubelungle.” **21** Kodwa abantu bathi kuJoshua, “Hatshi! Sizamkonha uThixo.” **22** UJoshua wathi, “Yini elizifakazelayo ukuthi selikhetha ukukhonza uThixo.” Baphendula bathi, “Yebo singofakazi.” **23** UJoshua wathi kubo, “Ngakho-ke lahlani bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni abaphakathi kwenu beselinikela inhlizyo zenu kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wako-Israyeli.” **24** Abantu bathi kuJoshua, “Sizamkonha uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu simlalele.” **25** Ngalelolanga uJoshua wenzela abantu isivumelwano, njalo wabenzela imithetho lemiliyao khonapho eShekhemu. **26** UJoshua waloba konke lokhu oGwalweni lwemi'lhethe kaNkulunkulu. Wasethatha ilitshe elikhulu walimisa phansi kwestihlahla som'Okhi eduzane lendawo engcwele kaThixo. **27** Wathi ebantwini bonke, “Khangelani! Ilitshe leli lizakuba yibufakazi kithi sonke. Selizwile wonke amazwi akhulunywe nguThixo kithi. Lizakuba ngofakazi wokulalahla nxa lingakhulum iquiniso kuNkulunkulu.” **28** UJoshua wasethela abantu ukuba bahambe, yilovo esiya elifeni lakhe. **29** Ngemva kwezinto lezi, uJoshua indodana kaNuni, inceku kaThixo wafa eseleminyaka elikhulu letsuumi. **30** Njalo bamngcwaba elizweni alizuza njengelifa, eThimmnathi-Sera elizweni elilamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi enyakatho yentaba yeGashi. **31** Abako-Israyeli bamkhonza uThixo ngezinsuku zokuphila kukaJoshua labadala kulaye

ababesele bephila njalo bebone zonke izinto uThixo ayezenzele abako-Israyeli. **32** Njalo amathambo kajosefa, abako-Israyeli ababesuke lawo eGibhithe, angcwatshelwa eShekhemu esiqintini somhlaba leso uJakhobe asithenga ngenhlamvu ezilikhulu zesiliva emadodaneni kaHamori, uyise kaShekhemu. Leli laba yilifa lezizukulwane zikajosefa. **33** U-Eliyazari indodana ka-Aroni wafa wasengcwatshelwa eGibhiya, eyayabelwe indodana yakhe uFinehasi elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi.

# Abahluleli

**1** Emva kokufa kukaJoshiwa, abako-Israyeli babuza uThixo bathi, “Pho ngubani ozahamba kuqala ukuba ayesilwela lamaKhenani na?” **2** UThixo waphendula wathi, “NguJuda ozahamba; ilizwe sengilinikele ezandleni zabo.” **3** Lapho-ke abantu bakoJuda bathi kwabakoSimiyoni abafowabo, “Hambani lathi elizweni esalabelwayo, ukuyakulwa lamaKhenani. Lathi sizakwenanisa ngokuhamba lani kwelenu.” Ngakho abakoSimiyoni ahamba labo. **4** Kwathi ejuda esehlasele, uThixo wanikela amaKhenani lamaPherizi ezandleni zabo, wabulala abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi eBhezekhi. **5** Kukhonapho abafica khona u-Adoni-Bhezekhi balwa laye, baqothula amaKhenani kanye lamaPherizi. **6** U-Adoni-Bhezekhi wabaleka, kodwa baxotshana laye baze bambamba, bamquma izithupha zakhe lamazwane amakhulu. **7** U-Adoni-Bhezekhi wasesithi, “Amakhosi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa ayequnywe izithupha zavo lamazwane amakhulu ayedobha imvuthuluka ngaphansi kwetafula yami. Khathesi uNkulunkulu usephindisele kimi ngalokho engakwenza kuwo.” Bamusa ejerusalem lepho afela khona. **8** Abantu bakoJuda bahlasela lejerusalem bayithumba. Bahlasela idolobho ngezinkemba balithungela ngomililo. **9** Emva kwalokho, abantu bakoJuda bahamba bayakulwa lamaKhenani ayehlala elizweni lezintaba, iNegebi kanye lamawatha ezintaba angasentshonalanga. **10** Baqhubeka bayahlasela amaKhenani ayehlala eHebhroni (kuqala eyayithiya yiKhiriyathi Aribha) banqoba uSheshayi, u-Ahimani kanye loThalimayi. **11** Besuka lapho baqhubeka bayahlasela abantu ababehlala eDebhiri (kuqala eyayithiya yiKhiriyathi-Sefa). **12** UKhalebi wathi, “Ngizakwendisela indodakazi yami u-Akhisa endodeneni ezaqlasela ithumbe iKhiriyathi-Sefa.” **13** U-Othiniyeli, indodana kaKhenazi, umnawakhe kaKhalebi, wayithumba; ngakho uKhalebi wendisela indodakazi yakhe u-Akhisa kuye. **14** Ngelinje ilang u-Akhisa wafika ku-Othiniyeli wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele insimu kuyise. Lapho esehlile kubabhemti wakhe uKhalebi wambuza wathi, “Kuyini engingakwenzela khona?” **15** Waphendula wathi, “Ngicela ungenzele umusa obalulekileyo. Njengoba unginike umhlaba eNegebi, ngicela unginike lemithombo yamanzi.” Ngakho uKhalebi wamnika imithombo eyayingaphezulu leyayingaphansi. **16** Abayinzalo kayisezala kaMosi, amaKheni, bahamba labantu bakoJuda besuka edolobheni laMalala besiyahlala phakathi kwabantu basenkangala yakoJuda eNegebi eduze le-Aradi. **17** Emva kwalokho abantu bakoJuda bahamba labakoSimiyoni abafowabo bahlasela amaKhenani ayehlala eZefathi, idolobho basebelichitha ngokupheleleyo. Ngakho lathiwa yiHoma. **18** Abantu bakoJuda bathumba njalo iGaza, i-Ashikheloni kanye le-Ekroni, idolobho linye ngalinye kanye lelizwe lalo. **19** UThixo wayelabantu bakoJuda. Bathumba ilizwe lezintaba,

kodwa behluleka ukuxotsha abantu ababesemagcekeni ngoba babelezinqola zempi ezenzwe ngensimbi. **20** Njengokuthembisa kukaMosi, iHebhroni yaphiwa uKhalebi, oxawotsha kuyo amadodana amathathu ka-Anakhi. **21** Kodwa abakoBhenjamini behluleka ukususa amajebusi ayehlala ejerusalema; lalamhlanje amajebusi ahlah khona labakoBhenjamini. **22** Ngalesosikhathi abendlu kajosefa bahlasela iBhetheli, njalo uThixo wayelabo. **23** Ekuthumeni kwabo abantu ukuba bayehlola iBhetheli (kuqala idolobho lelo lalithiya yiLuzi), **24** inhloli zabona umuntu euphuma edolobheni zasezisithi kuye, “Sitschengise ukuthi singangena njani edolobheni, thina-ke sizabona ukuthi uphatheka kuhle.” **25** Ngakho wazitshengisa, zasezihlasela idolobho ngenkemba kodwa umuntu lowo zamyekela kanye labendlu yakhe bonke. **26** Ngakho-ke waya elizweni lamaHithi, lapho akha khona idolobho alibiza ngokuthi yiLuzi, okulokhe kuyilo ibizo lalo lalamhlanje. **27** Kodwa uManase kabaxotshanga abantu baseBhethi-Shani loba eThanakhi kumbe eDori loba e-Ibhiliyami kumbe eMegido kanye lasemizaneni yabo eseduzane, ngoba amaKhenani ayezimisele ukuhlala kulelolizwe. **28** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebelamandla bawabamba ngamandla amaKhenani ukuba abasebenzele kodwa kabazange bawaxotshe wonke. **29** Labako-Efrayimi kabawaxotshanga amaKhenani ayehlala eGezeri, kodwa amaKhenani aqhubeka ehlala khona labo. **30** LabakoZebhuluni kabawaxotshanga amakhenani ayehlala eKhithironi kanye laseNahololi, asala ephakathi kwabo; kodwa bawabamba ngamandla ukuba abasebenzele. **31** Labako-Asherি kababaxotshanga labo ababehlala e-Akho, kumbe eSidoni, kumbe e-Ahilabi loba e-Akhizibhi kumbe eHelibha loba e-Afekhi kumbe eRehobhi, **32** njalo ngenxa yalokhu abantu bako-Asherি bahlala lamaKhenani ayejakhe elizweni. **33** LabakoNaftithi kababaxotshanga labo ababehlala eBhethi-Shemeshi kumbe eBhethi-Anathi; kodwa abakoNaftithi labo bahlala lamaKhenani ayejakhe elizweni, kwathi lawo ayehlala eBhethi-Shemeshi kanye leBhethi-Anathi abanjwa ngamandla ukuba abe yizisebenzi zabo. **34** Ama-Amori ancindezelabakoDani ukuba bahlala elizweni lezintaba, angabavumeli ukuba behlele phansi emagcekeni. **35** Njalo ama-Amori ayezimisele ukuhlala kokuphela eNtabeni iHeresi, le-Ayijalon kanye leShalibhimi, kodwa kwathi amandla abendlu kajosefa esemakhulu, lawo abanwa ngamandla ukuba abe yizisebenzi. **36** Umngcele wanna-Amori wawusekela uMkhandlu weNkume usiya eSelakanye langaphetsheya.

**2** IngilosikaThixo yahamba isuka eGiligali isiya eBhokhimi yathi, “Ngalikhupha eGibhithe ngaliholela elizweni engafunga ukulinika okhokho benu. Ngathi, ‘Angiyikusephula isivumelwano sami lani, **2** njalo kalyikwenza isivumelwano labantu balelilizwe, kodwa lizabhidliza ama-alithare abo.’ Kodwa lina kalingilalelanga. Likwenzeleni lokhu na? **3** Ngakho khathesi-ke ngiyalitshela ukuthi angiyikubaxotsha phambi kwenu, bazakuba yizifu kini njalo onkulunkulu babo bazakuba yimijibila kini.” **4** Kwathi ingilos

kaThixo isizikhulumile zonke lezizinto kubo bonke izizukulwane zako-Israyeli ukulwiwa kwezimpi lezo abako-Israyeli, abantu bakhala kakhulu, **5** indawo leyo ezazingazange zikubone ukulwa ngaphambilini): **3** bayibiza ngokuthi yiBhokhimi. Banikela imihlatshelo ababusi abahlalu bamaFilistiya, amaKhenani wonke, kuThixo khonapho. **6** Emva kokuba uJoshua amaSidoni, lamaHivi ahlala ezintabeni zaseLebhanoni esebadele abako-Israyeli, bahamba bayalithatha kusukela eNtabeni iBhali-Hemoni kusiya eLebho ilizwe, lowo lalowo endaweni eyilifa lakhe. **7** Abantu Hamathi. **4** Babetshiyelwe ukuhlola abako-Israyeli bamkhonza uThixo ngezinsuku zokuphila kukajoshuwa ukuba kubonakale ukuthi bayayilalela na imilayo labadala kulaye ababesele bephila njalo beyibonile kaThixo, ayezinike okhokho babo ngoMosi. **5** imisebenzi emikhulu uThixo ayezenzele abako-Israyeli. Abako-Israyeli babeblala phakathi kwamaKhenani, **8** UJoshua indodana kaNuni, inceku kaThixo, wafa lamaHithi, lama-Amori, lamaPherizi, lamaHivi kanye eseleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. **9** Bamngcwani lamaJebusi. **6** Bathatha amadodakazi awa aba ngomkabo emhlabeni oyilifa lakhe, eThimnathi-Heresi, elizweni njalo bendisela amadodakazi abo emadodaneni lezintaba lako-Efrayim, enyakatho kwentaba iGashi. awo, bakhonza labonkulunkulu bawo. **7** Abako-**10** Kwathi emva kokuba sonke isizukulwane leso Israyeli benza okubi emehlweni kaThixo; bamkhohlwa sesiphelile, kwavela esinje isizukulwane esasingamazi uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo bakhonza oBhali labo- uThixo kanye lalokho ayekwenzele abako-Israyeli. Ashera. **8** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavuthela abako-**11** Lapho-ke abako-Israyeli benza okubi emehlweni Israyeli waze wabanikela ezandleni zikaKhushani-kaThixo, bakhonza uBhali. **12** Bam dela uThixo, Rishathayimi inkosi yase-Aramu Naharayimu, lapho uNkulunkulu waboyise, owayebakhuphe eGibhithe. abantu bako-Israyeli ababangaphansi kombuso Balandela njalo bakhonza onkulunkulu abehlukeneyo wayo iminyaka eysisicaminwembili. **9** Kodwa babantu ababehlala phakathi kwabo. Bamthukuthelisa ekukhaleni kwabo kuThixo, wabaletela umhlengi, u- uThixo **13** ngoba bam dela bakhonza uBhali labo- Othiniyeli indodana kaKhenazi, umnawakhe kaKhalebi, Ashithorethi. **14** Ekubathukutheleleni kwakhe owabakhululayo. **10** Umoya kaThixo wehlela kuye, uThixo wabanikela ezandleni zababahlaselayo wasesiba ngumahlueli wako-Israyeli waya empini. lababaphangayo. Wabanikela ezitheni zabo uThixo wanikela uKhushani-Rishathayimi inkosi ye-ezazibahanqile, ababengaseneli ukumelana lazo. Aramu ezandleni zika-Othiniyeli, wamnqoba. **11** **15** Zonke izikhathi lapho abako-Israyeli bephuma Ngakho ilizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi ukuyakulwa, isandla sikaThixo samelana labo amane, u-Othiniyeli indodana kaKhenazi waze wafa. ukuba behlulwe, njengokufunga kwakhe kubo. **12** Abako-Israyeli baphinda benza okubi emehlweni Basebephakathi kohlupo olukhulu. **16** Kulapho- kaThixo, kwathi ngenxa yokuthi babenze lobububi ke uThixo abeka khona abahluleli ababahlangayo uThixo wanika u-Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi amandla ezandleni zabaphangi laba. **17** Belo kababalalelanga phezu kuka-Israyeli. **13** Esenze ama-Amoni lama-abahluleli babo kodwa baqhube kabekhona abanye Amaleki amanya laye, u-Egiloni wayahlasela u-onkulunkulu. Kabenzanga njengabokhoko babo, Israyeli, basebethumba idolobho laMalala. **14** Abako-kodwa bona baphanga baphuma endleleni oyise Israyeli babangaphansi kombuso ka-Egiloni inkosi ababehambe ngayo, indlela yokulalela imilayo kaThixo. yaseMowabi iminyaka elitshumi layisicaminwembili. **18** Ngasosonke isikhathi lapho uThixo ebabekela khona **15** Abako-Israyeli bakhala futhi kuThixo, wasebapha umahluleli, wayemthungamela umahluleli abahlenge umhlengi u-Ehudi, indoda eyayilinxle indodana ezandleni zezitha zabo lapho esaphila; ngoba uThixo kaGera owakoBhenjaminsi. Abako-Israyeli bamthuma waba lesihawu kubo lapho bebubula ngaphansi kwalabo lesipho ku-Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi. **16** U-Ehudi ababebancidezele lababehahlukuluza. **19** Kodwa wayenye inkemba esika inxa zombili eyayingaba lapho umahluleli esefile, abantu babuyela ezindleleni yingalo lengxenyi ubude bayo, ayibophela ethangazini zokuxhwa okwedulula ezaboyise, belandela abanye lakhe lwersokudla ngaphansi kwezigqoko zakhe. **17** onkulunkulu, bebasebenzele njalo bebakhonza, besala Wasethula isipho ku-Egiloni inkosi yaseMowabi, ukudela izenzo zabo ezimbi lezindlela zobuqholo. **20** owayengumuntu oqatha kakhulu. **18** Emva kokuba u-Ngakho uThixo wamthukuthelela kakhulu u-Israyeli Ehudi esesethule isipho, walaya abantu ababesithwele wathi, “Njengoba isizwe lesi sesephule isivumelano ukuba bazihamble. **19** Ezithombeni eduze leGiligali engasimisela okhokho baso njalo kasingilalelanga, yena uqobo wabuyela emuva, wathi, “Oh nkosi, **21** kangisayikuxotsha phambi kwaso iloba yisiphi ngilelizwi lakho eliyimfihlo.” Inkosi yathi, “Thula!” isizwe phakathi kwezatshiywa nguJoshua ekufeni Zonke izikhonzi zayo zasuka kuyo. **20** U-Ehudi kwakhe. **22** Ngizasebenzia zona ukuhlola abako- wayilanda isihlezi yodwa ekamelweni langaphezulu Israyeli ngibone ukuthi bazayigcina yini indlela elipholeyendo yayo yobukhos wathi, “Ngilelizwi kaThixo, bahambe kuyo njengokwensiwa ngokhokho lakho elivelu kaNkulunkulu.” Kwathi inkosi isukuma babo.” **23** UThixo wayevumele ukuthi lezozizwe zisale; kazixotshanga masinyane ngokuzinikela ezandleni esihlalweni sayo, **21** u-Ehudi wafinyelela ngesandla zikajoshuwa. **22** Inkemba sakhe senxele, wahwatsha inkemba ethangazini lakhe kwesokudla wayithela esiswini senkosi. **23** Inkemba yatshona yasala ngesilanda, amathumbu akhe agcwala phansi. U-Ehudi kayingcothulanga inkemba, idanga layemboza. **24** U-Ehudi waphuma phandle, wawala

**3** Nanzi isizwe ezatshiywa nguThixo ukube abahlole bonke abako-Israyeli ababengazibonanga izimpi eKhenani **2** (wenza lokhu ukuba azifundise

iminyango yekamelo langaphezulu wayihluthulela. **24** Esehambile kweza izincketu zathola iminyango yekamelo langaphezulu ihluthulewe. Zathi, "Kutsho ukuthi iye ngaphandle ekamelweni elingaphakathi kwendul." **25** Zalinda zaze zakhathezaka, kodwa ngoba ingasavulanga iminyango yekamelo lelo, izinqola zakhe zempi ezensimbi ezingamakhulu zathatha ikhiye zayivula. Lapho-ke zabona inkosi yazo wahamba. Wedlula eduzane lezithombe wabalekela eSeyira. **27** Esefike lapho wakhalisa icilongo elizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, abako-Israyeli basebeshela laye ezintabeni, yena ebakhokhele. **28** Wabalaya wathi, "Hamba! Lolu yilo usuku uThixo anikele ngalo uSisera ezandleni zakh. Kanti uThixo kahambanga phambi laye ezintabeni, yena ebakhokhele. **29** Ngilandelani, ngoba uThixo userikele uMowabi, "Ngakho uBharakhi wehlela iThabbori, elandewla ngabantu abazinkulungwane isitha senu, ezandleni zenu." Ngakho behlela laye ezilitsumi. **15** UBharakhi wathi esesondela uThixo phansi bemlandela, kwathi sebethumbe amazibuko wamhlasela uSisera lezingola zakhe zonke zempi ejodani ayeweleta eMowabi, kabaze bavumela muntu ukuba achaphele ngaphetsheya. **29** Ngalesosikhathi babulala amaMowabi ayengaba zinkulungwane ezilitsumi, wonke ayeqinile elamanda; akukho muntu owaphunyukayo. **30** Ngalolosuku iMowabi yanqotshwa yi-Israyeli, ilizwe laselisiba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi aysificaminwembili. **31** Emva kuka-Ehudi kwaba loShamigari indodana ka-Anathi owabulala amafilistiya angamakhulu aysithupha ngesijujo senkabi. Laye wamkhulula u-Israyeli.

**4** Abako-Israyeli baphinda benza okubi phambi kukaThixo, emva kokuba u-Ehudi esefile. **2** Ngakho uThixo wabanikela ezandleni zikaJabhini, inkosi yaseKhenani, owayebusa eHazor. Umlawuli webutho lakhe wayenguSisera, owayehlala eHaroshethi-Hagoyimi. **3** Ngoba wayelezingola zempi ezensimbi ezingamakhulu aysificamunwemunye munye njalo encidezele abako-Israyeli kabuhlungu okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili, bacela usizo kuThixo. **4** Ngalesosikhathi u-Israyeli wayekhokhelwa nguDibhora umphrefethikazi, umkaLaphidothi. **5** Wayethonisela amacala ngaphansi kwesihlahla seLala likaDibhora phakathi kweRama leBhetheli elizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, njalo abantu bako-Israyeli baya kuye ukuba kwenzive izinqumo ngemibono yabo. **6** Wabiza uBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami waseKhedeshi koNafithali wathi kuye, "UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uyakulaya uthi: 'Suka, uhambe labantu bakoNafithali labakoZebhuluni abazinkulungwane ezilitsumi ubakhokhelele eNtabeni iThabbori. **7** Ngizahugela uSisera, umlawuli webutho likajabhini, lezingola zakhe zempi kanye lamabutho emfuleni uKhishoni ngimnikile ezandleni zakh." **8** UBharakhi wathi kuye, "Nxa uhamba lami, ngizahamba; kodwa nxa unghambili lami, kangiyikuhamba." **9** UDibhora wathi, "Kulungile, ngizahamba lawe. Kodwa ngenxa yendlela oqhuba ngayo lokhu udumo kahuyikuba ngolwakho, ngoba uThixo uzanikel uSisera kowesifazane." Ngakho uDibhora wahamba loBharakhi eKhedeshi **10** lapho abizela khona uZebhuluni loNafithali. Abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitsumi bamlandela. UDibhora laye wahamba labo. **11** Ngalesosikhathi uHebheri umKheni wayetshiye amanyi amaKheni,

izizukulwane zikaHobhabhi, uyisezala kaMosi, wamisa **12** Kwathi uSisera sebemtshelile ukuthi uBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami wayeseye kwendul." **13** uSisera waqoqela ndawonye ayisificamunwemunye munye lawo wonke amadoda iwele phansi, isifile. **26** Zisalindile, u-Ehudi wasuka wahamba. Wedlula eduzane lezithombe wabalekela eSeyira. **27** Esefike lapho wakhalisa icilongo elizweni lezintaba lako-Efrayimi, abako-Israyeli basebeshela laye ezintabeni, yena ebakhokhele. **28** Wabalaya wathi, "Hamba! Lolu yilo usuku uThixo anikele ngalo uSisera ezandleni zakh. Kanti uThixo kahambanga phambi laye ezintabeni, yena ebakhokhele. **29** Ngakho uBharakhi wehlela iThabbori, elandewla ngabantu abazinkulungwane isitha senu, ezandleni zenu." Ngakho behlela laye ezilitsumi. **15** UBharakhi wathi esesondela uThixo phansi bemlandela, kwathi sebethumbe amazibuko wamhlasela uSisera lezingola zakhe zonke zempi kanye lebutho ngenkemba, njalo uSisera watshya izinqola zakhe zempi wabaleka ngezinyawo. **16** Kodwa uBharakhi waxotshana lezingola zempi lebutho waze wafika eHaroshethi-Hagoyimi. Wonke amabutho kaSisera abulawa ngenkemba, akukho muntu owasilayo. **17** Kodwa uSisera wabaleka ngezinyawo waze wayafika ethenteni likajayeli, umkaHebheri umKheni, ngoba kwakulobudlelwanu obuhle phakathi kukaJabhini inkosi yaseHazor lomndeni kaHebheri umKheni. **18** UJayeli waphuma wahlangabeza uSisera wasesithi kuye, "Woza nkosi yami, ngena phakathi sibili. Ungesabi." Ngakho uSisera wangena ethenteni likajayeli, wasemembesa ngengubo. **19** Wasesithi, "Ngomile. Ake unginathise." Wavula umxhaka wesikhumba sochago, wammathisa, wasemembesa. **20** USisera wasesithi, "Mana emnyango wethente. Kungaba lomuntu ofika akubuze athi, 'Kulomuntu lapha na?' wena kumele uthi 'Hatshi.'" **21** Kodwa uJayeli, umkaHebheri, wathatha isikhonkwane sethente lesando, wammyenyela ephakathi kobuthongo obukhulu, ngoba wayediniwe. Wabethela isikhonkwane enhlafunweni sangena saze sayafika emhlabathini, wafa. **22** UBharakhi wafika exotshana loSisera, uJayeli waphuma wayamhlangabeza. Wathi, "Woza, ngizakutshengisa umuntu omdingayo." Ngakho wangena laye khonapho, uSisera wayelele isikhonkwane sethente singene satshona enhlafunweni yakhe esefile. **23** Ngalolosuku uNkulunkulu wamnqoba ujabhini, inkosi yamaKhenani, phambi kwabako-Israyeli. **24** Amandalabako-Israyeli okumelana lojabhini inkosi yamaKhenani akhula, aze amchitha.

**5** Ngalolosuku uDibhora loBharakhi indodana ka-Abhinowami bahlabela ingoma le: **2** "Lapho amakhosana ko-Israyeli esekhokhela, lapho abantu bezinikela ngokuzithandela, dumisani uThixo! **3** Zwanini lokhu lina makhos! Lalelani lina babusi! Ngizahlabelela kuThixo, ngizahlabelela; ngizahubela ihubo, kuThixouNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **4** Awu Thixo, ekuqhamukeni kwakho eSeyiri, lapho usuka elizweni lase-Edomi, umhlaba wanyikinyeka, amazulu athululeka, amayezu athululela amanzi phansi. **5** Izintaba zazamazama phambi kukaThixo, yena owaseSinayi, phambi kukaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-

Israyeli. **6** Ensukwini zikaShamigari indodana ka-wawela khonapho esefile. **28** UnakaSisera walunguza Anathi, ensukwini zikajayeli, imigwaqo yayideliwe; ngefasitela; ngemva kwewindi wanqolonga wathi, izihambi zithatha izindledlana ezimazombe. **7** ‘Kungani inqola yakhe yempi iphuze kangaka ukufika? Izakhamizi zako-Israyeli kazizange zilwe, zahlehlela Kungani ukugodlozela kwezinqola zakhe zempi emuva kwaze kwavela mina Dibhora, kwavela umama kuphuzile?’ **29** Ohlakaniphe kakhulu kumakhosazana ko-Israyeli. **8** UNkulunkulu wakhetha abakhokheli akhe wamphendula; impela yena uhlezi ezitshela abatsha lapho impi isifike emasangweni edolobho, esithi, **30** ‘Kanti kabafumanu mpango bayabelane kodwa akulahawu kumbe umkhonto owabonakalayo phakathi kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane ko-Israyeli. **9** Inhlizyo iamyikanne lamakhosana ako-Israyeli, kanye labazinikela ngokuzithandela phakathi kwabantu. Dumisani uThixo! **10** Lina eligada obabhemi abamhlophe, lihlezi ezhilalweni zenu zengubo, lani elihamba emgawqweni cabangani **11** ilizwi labahlabeleli ezindaweni zamanzi okunathisa. Bahuba ngokulunga kukaThixo, ukunqoba kwezakhamizi zako-Israyeli.

Lapho-ke abantu bakaThixo behlela emasangweni edolobho. **12** ‘Vuka, vuka, Dibhoral! Vuka, vuka, uhlabele ingoma! Vuka weBharakhi! Uthumbe abathunjiweyo bakho, wena ndodana ka-Abhinowami.’ **13** Ngakho abantu ababesele bafika ezikhulwini; abantu bakaThixo beza kimi labalamandla. **14** Abanye bavela ko-Efrayimi, abamabuko wabo use-Amaleki; uBhenjamini wayelabantu abakulandelayo. Izinduna zamabutho zavela eMakhiri, koZebhuluni labo abaphatha intonga yomlawuli webutho. **15** Amakhosana ako-Isakhari ayeloDibhora; yebo, u-Isakhari wayeloBharakhi emxhuma ngesiqubu ezigidini. Eziqintini zakoRubheni kwaba lokuhlolwa okukhulu kwezinhlizyo. **16** Lahlalelani ezibayeni ukuzwua amakhwelo enqanda izimvu na? Eziqintini zakoRubheni, kwaba lokuhlolwa okukhulu kwezinhlizyo. **17** UGiliyadi wahlala ngaphetsheya kwejodani. LoDani wasalelani ngasemikhunjini na? U-Asher wasala ngasokhunjini wahlala emathekwini akhe olwandle. **18** Abantu bakoZebhuluni bafaka impilo yabo uqobo engozini; wenza njalo loNafithali emiqolweni yeganga. **19** Amakhosu afika, alwa; amakhosu aseKhenani alwa, eThanakhi ngasemachibini aseMegido, kodwa kawazathwala isiliva, lempango. **20** Izinkanyeyei zalwa zisemazulwini, zalwa loSisera zisezindleleni zazo. **21** Umfula uKhishoni wabakhukhula, umfula wendulo, umfula uKhishoni. Phambili, mphefumulo wami; Qina! **22** Kwaduma amasondo amabhiza ematha, ematha ehamba amabhiza akhe alamandla. **23** ‘Iqalekiseni iMerozi,’ kwatsho ingilosu kaThixo, ‘Baqalekiseni kabuhlungu abantu bayo, ngoba kabezanga ukuzencedisa uThixo, ukuzasiza uThixo emelane labalamandla.’ **24** Kabe ngobusiswe kakhulu kwabesifazane uJayeli, umkaHebheri umKheni, obusiswe kakhulu kwabesifazane abahlala emathenteni. **25** Wacela amanzi, yena wamnika uchago, wamlethela amasi ngomganu ofanele izikhulu. **26** Wathatha isikhonkwane sethente ngesandla sakhe, isandla sakhe sokudla sathatha isando somkhandi. Watshaya uSisera, wachoboza ikhanda lakhe, waphahaza wabhobozwa inhlafuno yakhe. **27** Wawohlokela ezinyaweni zakhe, wawa; wabhzalala khonapho. Wawohlokela ezinyaweni zakhe wawa; lapho awohlokela khona,

wawela khonapho esefile. **28** UnakaSisera walunguza na; intombazana loba amabili indoda nganye, izigqoko ezimbabalabala eziyimpango kaSisera, izigqoko ezimbabalabala ezicecisiweyo, izigqoko eziceciswe kakhulu zentamo yami, konke lokhu kuyimpango?’ **31** Ngakho sengathi zingabhubha zonke izitha zakho, Oh Thixo! Kodwa sengathi labo abakuthandayo bangaba njengelanga lapho liphuma ngamandla alo.” Kwasekusiba lokuthula elizweni iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

**6** Abako-Israyeli benza okubi futhi emehlwani kaThixo, wabanikela ezandleni zamaMidiyani iminyaka eyisikhombisa. **2** Ngenxa yokuthi umbuso wamaMidiyani wawuncindezela kakhulu, abako-Israyeli bazakhela amadumba ezingoxweni zezintaba, lasezimbawini kanye lasezinqbabi. **3** Kwakusithi abako-Israyeli bangalima izilimo zabo, amaMidiyani lama-Amaleki kanye labanye abantu basempumalanga bahlasale ilizwe labo. **4** Bahlala elizweni bachitha izilimo umango wonke kusiya eGaza kabaze bamtshiyela lutho oluphilayo u-Israyeli, loba izimvu kumbe inkomo loba obabhemi. **5** Beza lezifuyo zabo lamathente abo benjengemitshishi yezintethe ngobunengi. Ubunengi babantu lamakamela abo kwakungabaleki; bahlasela ilizwe balichithiza. **6** AmaMidiyani abaphundula abako-Israyeli baze bakhala kuThixo ukuba abasize. **7** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebekhalile kuThixo ngenxa yamaMidiyani, **8** wabathumela umphrofethi, wathi, “Nanku okutshivo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Ngalikhupha eGibhithe, ngalikhupha elizweni lobugqili. **9** Ngalikhuthuna emandleni eGibhithe lasezandleni zabancindezeli benu bonke. Ngabaxotsha phambi kwenu ngalipha ilizwe labo. **10** Ngathi kini, ‘Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, lingabakhonzi onkulunkulu bama-Amori, elihlala elizweni lawo.’ Kodwa kalingilalelanga.” **11** Ingilosu kaThixo yafika yahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla som’Okhi e-Ofira esasingeskajowashi um’Abhiyezeri lapho indodana yakhe uGidiyonu eyayibhula khona amabele esikhamelweni sewayini ukuze iwafihlele amaMidiyani. **12** Ingilosu kaThixo isibonakele kuGidiyonu yathi kuye, “UTHixo ulawe, butho elilamandla.” **13** UGidiyonu waphendula wathi, “Kodwa nkosi, nxu uThixo elathi, pho kungani konke lokhu kwenzakele kithi? Zingaphi izimanga zakhe zonke obaba abasitshela ngazo besithi, ‘UTHixo kasikhuphangha eGibhithe na?’ Kodwa khatthesi uThixo usesidelile wasinikela ezandleni zamaMidiyani.” **14** UTHixo waphendukela kuye wathi, “Hamba ngamandla olawo uhlunge u-Israyeli ezandleni zamaMidiyani. Kanti kangikuthumi na?” **15** UGidiyonu wabuza wathi, “Kodwa nkosi yami, u-Israyeli ngingamhlenga kanjani na? Usendo lwakwethu koManase kalulamandla, njalo mina ngingomncinyane

emulini yakwethu.” **16** UThixo waphendula wathi, bamisa eSigodini saseJezerili. **34** Umoya kaThixo “Ngizakuba lawe, njalo uzawacakazela phansi wonke wafika kuGidionyi, wasetshaya icilongo emema amaamaMidiyani, ungatshiyi lamunye wabo.” **17** UGidionyi waphendula wathi, “Nxa khathesi sengithole umusa emehlweni akho, nginika isibonakaliso sokuthi impela nguwe sibili okhuluma lami. **18** Ngiyakucela ukuba ungahambi ngize ngiphenduke ngilethe umnikelo wami ngiwubeki phambi kwakho.” UThixo wathi, “Ngizahlala uze uphenduke.” **19** UGidionyi wangena phakathi wahlaba izinyane lembuza, wasesenza isinkwa esingelamvubelo nghefea yefulawa. Esebeke inyama esitsheni lomhluzi wayo embizeni, waphuma lakho wayakunikela kuye ngaphansi kom’Okhi. **20** Ingilos kaNkulunkulu yathi kuye, “Thatha inyama lesinkwa esingelamvubelo ukubeke phezu kwedwala leli, uthele umhluzi.” UGidionyi wenza njalo. **21** Ngesihloko somqwayi eyayiwuphethe ingilos kaThixo yathinta inyama lesinkwa esingelamvubelo. Umlilo walavuka edwaleni watshisa inyama lesinkwa. Ingilos kaThixo yasinyamalala. **22** Kwathi uGidionyi esenanzele ukuthi kwakuyingilos kaThixo, wamemeza wathi, “Awu, Thixo Wobukhos! Ngibone ingilos kaThixo ubuso ngobusol” **23** Kodwa uThixo wathi kuye, “Ukuthula! Ungesabi. Kawuyikufa.” **24** Ngakho uGidionyi wakhela uThixo i-alithari khonapho walibiza ngokuthi uThixo uyiKuthula. Kuze kuge lamhla likhona e-Ofira lama-Abhiyezeri. **25** Ngalobobusuku uThixo wathi kuye, “Thatha inkunzi yesibili emhlambini kayihlo, eleminyaka eyisikhombisa ubudala. Udlilize i-alithari likayihlo alakhela uBhali, ugamule lezinsika zika-Ashera eziphansi kwalo. **26** Emva kwalokho wakhele uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho umhlobo we-alithari oluyilo enggongeni yalingqaba. Unikele inkunzi yesibili njengomnikelo wokutshiswa usebenzisa inkuni zensika zika-Ashera ozigamuleyo.” **27** Ngakho uGidionyi wathatha izinceku zakhe ezilitshumi wenza njengokutshelwa kwakhe nguThixo. Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wayesesaba abemuli yakwabo labantu basedolobheni, wakwenza ebusuku kulokuba kuge semini. **28** Ekuseni kwathi abantu bedolobho lelo bevuka babona i-alithari likaBhali lidiliziwe, lezinsika zika-Ashera emaceleni alo ziganyulwe lenkunzi yesibili inikelwe phezu kwe-alithari elalisanda kwakhiwa! **29** Babuzana besithi, “Ngubani owenze lokhu?” Kwathi sebebuvisise kakuhle babatshela ukuthi, “Kwenziwe nguGidionyi indodana kajowashi.” **30** Abantu bakulelodolobho bathonisa ujowashi bathi, “Ikuphe indodana yakho. Kumele ife, ngoba idilize i-alithari likaBhali yagamula lezinsika zika-Ashera emaceleni alo.” **31** Kodwa ujowashi waphendula ixuku lelo elalifuthelene limhanqile wathi, “Lizakhulumela uBhali na? Lizama ukumhlenga na? Loba ngubani omlwelayo uzabulawa ekuseni! Nxa uBhali engunkulunkulu sibili, angazivikela nxa umuntu ediliza i-alithari lakhe.” **32** Ngakho ngalelolanga uGidionyi bambiza ngokuthi “Jerubhi-Bhali,” besithi, “UBhali kalwe laye,” ngoba wadiliza i-alithari likaBhali. **33** Ngalesosikhathi wonke amaMidiyani, lama-Amaleki kanye labanye abantu basempumalanga bamanya bachapha ijodani,

wafika kuGidionyi, wasetshaya icilongo emema amamaMidiyani, ungatshiyi lamunye wabo.” **34** Wathuma izithunwyu kulolonke elakoManase, ebatshela ukuba bahlome, lakoAsheri, koZebhuluni kanye lakoNafithali, ukuze labo bayebahlangabeza. **35** UGidionyi wathi kuNkulunkulu, “Nxa uzasindisa u-Israyeli ngesandla sami njengoba uthembisile, **37** khangela ngizabeka uboya bewulu esizeni. Kungaba lamazolo ebogeni bewulu kuphela iphansi lomile, ngizakwazi ukuthi uzamsindisa u-Israyeli ngesandla sami njengoba utshilo.” **38** Lokho yikho okwenzakalayo. Kusisa uGidionyi wavuka ekuseni wakhama uboya wahlaza amazolo, umganu wagcwala amanzi. **39** UGidionyi wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, “Ungangithukutheleli. Ngivumela ngenze esirye isicelo esisodwa. Ngivumela ukuhlola kanye futhi ngoboya. Khathesi yomisa uboya kuthi iphansi ligcwale amazolo.” **40** Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu wenza njalo. Uboya kuphela yibo obabomile; iphansi lonke ligcwele amazolo.

**7** Ekuseni kakhulu uJerubhi-Bhali (lowo nguGidionyi) labantu bakhe bonke bamisa emthonjeni waseHarodi. Izihonqo zamaMidiyani zazingasenya katho kwabo esigodini eduzane lentaba yaseMore. **2** UThixo wathi kuGidionyi, “Abantu olabo banengi kakhulu ukuba nginikele amaMidiyani ezandleni zabo. Ukuze u-Israyeli angazincomi kimi esithi amandla akhe amsindisile, **3** memezel ebantwini khathesi nje uthi, ‘Lowo outhuthumelayo ngenxa yokwesaba angabuyela emuva asuke eNtabeni iGiliyadi.’” Ngakho abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili babuyela, kwathi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi basala. **4** Kodwa uThixo wathi kuGidionyi, “Abantu balokhu bebanengi kakhulu. Behlisele emanzini, ngizakuhloela bona khonale. Ngingathi, ‘Lo uzahamba lawe,’ uzahamba; kodwa ngingathi, ‘Lo zakukuhamba lawe,’ akayikuhamba.” **5** Ngakho uGidionyi wabathatha abantu wabasa ngasemanzini. Khonapho uThixo wathi kuGidionyi, “Yehlukanisa labo abaxapha amanzi ngolimi lwabo njengenja kulabo abaguqa phansi ukuba banathe.” **6** Abantu abangamakhulu amathathu bakhaphazela amanzi emilonyeni yabo ngezandla zabo. Abanye bonke baguqa phansi ngamadolabo ukuba banathe. **7** UThixo wasesithi kuGidionyi, “Ngamadoda angamakhulu amathathu anathe equthile ngizakusindisa nginikele amaMidiyani ezandleni zakho. Amanye wonke adedele aye emizini yabo.” **8** Ngakho uGidionyi wabuyisela inengi labako-Israyeli emathenteni abo wasala labangamakhulu amathathu, abayibo abathatha ukudla lamacilongo abanye. Izihonqo zamaMidiyani zazingaphansi kwakhe esigodini. **9** Ngalobobusuku uThixo wathi kuGidionyi, “Vuka, yehla ueyehlasela izihonqo ngoba ngizazinikela ezandleni zakho. **10** Nxa usesaba ukuhlasela, yehlae ezihonqweni lenceku yakho uPhura ulalele abakutshoyo. Emva kwalokho uzakuba lesibindi sokuhlasela izihonqo.” Ngakho yena loPhura ineku yakhe behlela emaphethelweni ezihonqo. **12**

AmaMidiyani lama-Amaleki kanye labanye bonke ako-Efrayimi aseleyo ekuvuneni kawangcono abasempumalanga babemise esigodini, bebanengi kulamagrebisi esivuno esipheleleyo sako-Abhiyezeri njengentethe. Amakamel aabo ayengeke abalwe na? **3** UNkulunkulu unikele u-Orebhi loZebhi, njengetshetshebe okhunjini lowandle. **13** UGidiony abakhokheli bamaMidiyani, ezandleni zenu. Kuyini wafika omunye umuntu esatshela umngane wakhe lokho engikwenzileyo lapho ngiqathaniswa lani?" ipupho lakhe. Wathi, "Ngiphuphe ipupho. Isinkwa Ngalokhu ukuthukuthela kwabo kwadeda. **4** UGidiony sebhalo esiyindilinga size sigiqikela ezhonqweni labantu bakhe abangamakhulu amathathu sebediniwe zamaMidiyani. Sitshaye ithente ngamandla amakhulu kodwa belokhu bexotshana lawo, bafika ejodani ithente lagenquka lawohlokela phansi." **14** Umngane bayichapha. **5** Wasesithi ebantwini baseSukhothi, wakhe waphendula wathi, "Lokhu akungeke kube Phanini amabutho ami izinkwa; akhathele, njalo ngoluny ulutho ngaphandle wkenkemba kaGidiony ngisaxotshana loZebha kanye loZalimuna, amakhosii indodana kajowashi, um'Israyeli. UNkulunkulu aseMidiyani." **6** Kodwa izikhulu zaseSukhothi usenikele amaMidiyani lezihonqo zonke ezandleni zathi, "Usulazo mathupha yini izandla zikaZebha zakhe." **15** Kwathi uGidiony eseze ipupho lelo loZalimuna? Kungani amabutho akho kumele lengcabelo yalo, wakhonza. Wabuyela ezhonqweni siwanike izinkwa?" **7** UGidiony waphendula wathi, zako-Israyeli wamemeza esithi, "Vukanil UThixo "Ngenxa yalokho, lapho uThixo esenikele uZebha usenikele izihonqo zamaMidiyani ezandleni zenu!" **16** loZalimuna esandleni sami, ngizaklaya imizimba Esehlukanise abantu abangamakhulu amathathu baba yenu ngameva asenkangala." **8** Esuka lapho waya ngamaviyo amathathu, bonke wabanika amacilongo ePheniweli, wenza isicelo esifanayo kubo, kodwa lezimbizanyana ezingelalutho, zilezibane phakathi. baphendula njengabantu beSukhothi. **9** Ngakho **17** Wathi kubo, "Ngikhangelani. Lingilande. Lapho wathi ebantwini basePheniweli, "Ekuphendukeni sengifike emaphethelweni ezhonqo, lenze engizabe kwami senginqobile, ngizawudiliza umphotshongo ngikwenza. **18** Nxa mina labo bonke abalami sesitshaya lo." **10** Ngalesosikhathi uZebha loZalimuna amacilongo ethu, lina ezindaweni zonke zezhonqo babeseKhakhor lebutho labantu ababephosa babe likhalise awenu limemeza lisithi, "NgekaThixo zinkulungwane ezilitshumi lanhlanu, ababesele lekaGidiony." **19** UGidiony lamadoda alikhulu ayelaye emabuthweni asempumalanga; izinkulungwane bafika emaphethelweni ezhonqo ekuqaliseni komlindo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabilo zababesilwa ngenkemba waphakathi, besanda kuntshintsha abalindi. Bakhalisa zasezifile. **11** UGidiony wahamba ngendlela yamasili amacilongo abo babulala lenkonxa ababezipheth. empumalanga kweNobha lejogibheha wahlasela **20** Amaviyo amathathu akhalisa amacilongo ibutho elalilibele. **12** UZebha loZalimuna, amakhosii abulala inkonxa. Bephethe izibane ngezandla zabo womabili aseMidiyani, babaleka, kodwa waxotshana zenxele, ezandleni zokudla bephethe amacilongo labo wababamba, wawachitha wonke amabutho abo, ababezawakhalisa, bamemeza bathi, "Inkemba kaThixo lekaGidiony!" **21** Umuntu munye ngamunye wayemi endaweni yakhe behanqe izihonqo, amaMidiyani wonke agijima, ehlaba umkhosi ebaleka. **22** Kwathi amacilongo angamakhulu amathathu esekhala, ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa, abadala bomuzi. **15** uThixo wenza ukuthi abantu ababeszindaweni zonke ezhonqweni bahlaselane ngezinkemba zabo. "Nangu uZebha loZalimuna elalingichothoza ngabo Ibutho labalekela eBhethi-Shitha ngokuya eZererla lisithi, "Usulazo yini izandla zikaZebha loZalimuna? kusiyafika emngceleni we-Abheli-Mehola eduzane leThabathi. **23** Abako-Israyeli labakoNafithali, labako-Asher labo bonke abakoManase babizwa, baxotshana lamaMidiyani. **24** UGidiony wathuma izithunywa kulolonke ilizwe lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi, esithi, "Yehlani lihlasele amaMidiyani lithumbe iziziba zaseJodani phambi kwavo kusiyafika eBhethi-Bhara." Ngakho bonke abantu bako-Efrayimi babizwa bazithumba iziziba zaseJodani kusiyafika eBhethi-Bhara. **25** Bathumba labakhokheli bamaMidiyani ababili, u-Orebhi loZebhi. U-Orebhi bambulalea edwaleni lika-Orebhi, uZebhi esikhamelweni sewayini sikaZebhi. Baxotshana lamaMidiyani, amakhanda ka-Orebhi loZebhi bawasa kuGidiony owayeseJodani.

**8** Abako-Efrayimi babuza uGidiony bathi, "Kungani usiphathe kanje na? Kungani ungasibizanga lapho ususiyakulwa lamaMidiyani?" Bamsola kakhu. **2** Kodwa yena wabaphendula wathi, "Kuyini mina engikufezileyo okulingana lokwenu na? Amagrebisi

**13** Emva kwalokho uGidiony indodana kajowashi wabuyela evela empini ngoKhalo lwaseHeresi. **14** UGidiony wafika wathi ebantwini baseSukhothi, "Nangu uZebha loZalimuna elalingichothoza ngabo Baphendula bathi, "Ngabantu abanjengawe, lowo lalowo efana lenkosana." **19** Wadiliza bomuzi wasefundisa amadoda aseSukhothi isifundo ngokubajezisa ngameva asenkangala. **17** Wadiliza lomphotshongo wasePheniweli wabulala amadoda wathi, "Labobantu babengabafowethu, amadodana kamama. Ngeqiniso njengoba uThixo ephila, aluba labayekela bephila, kade bengingeyikulibilala." **20** Wasephendukela kujetha, indodana yakhe endala, wathi, "Babulale!" Kodwa ujetha kayihwatshanga inkemba yakhe, ngoba wayengumfanyana esesaba. **21** UZebha loZalimuna bathi, "Woza, usibulale wena ngokwakho. 'Njengoba indoda injalo, anjalo lamandla ayo.'" Ngakho uGidiony wasondela phambili wababulala, wasethatha imiceciso entanyeni

zamakamela abo. **22** Abako-Israyeli bathi kuGidionyi, ngaphansi kwesihlahla som'Okhi ensiken eShekhemu "Sibuse wena, lendodana yakho kanye lendodana ukuba u-Abhimelekhi bamfake abe yinkosi. **7** yendodana yakho ngoba usisindisile ezandleni Kwathi uJothamu esetshelwe lokhu wakhwela waya zamaMidiyani." **23** Kodwa uGidionyi wathi kubo, esiqongweni seNtaba iGerizimu wanqolonga esithi "Mina kangiyikulibus, lendodana yami kaiyikulibus. kubo, "Ngilalelani, bantu baseShekhemu, ukuze UThixo uzalibus." **24** Wabuya wathi, "Ngilesicelo uNkulunkulu alilalele. **8** Ngelinye ilanga izihlahla esisodwa, ukuthi omunye lomunye wenu angipie icici esabelweni sempango yenu." (Ukfaka amacici egolide kwakungumkhuba wama-Ishumayeli.) **25** Baphendula bathi, "Sizathaba ukukunika wona." Ngakho bendlala ingubo, kwathi umuntu ngamunye waphosela kuyo icici lempango yakhe. **26** Isisindo samacici egolide ayewacelile saba ngamashekeli angamatkhulu, alitshumi lesikhombisa, kungabalwa iziqqizo lemigaxo lezembatho ezyibubende ezigqokwa ngamakhosi aseMidiyani loba amaketane ayesezintanjeni zamakamela awo. **27** UGidionyi wenza isithombe ngegolide lelo, wasibeka e-Ofira, umuzi wakibo. Bonke abako-Israyeli bazingcolisa ngokusikhonza khonapho, njalo saba ngumjibila kuGidionyi labendlu yakhe. **28** IMidiyani yanqotshwa kanjalo ngabako-Israyeli njalo kayizange ivuse ikhanda futhi. Ngezinsuku zokuphila kukaGidionyi ilizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **29** Ujerubhi-Bhali indodana kajowashi wabuyela ekhaya ukuyahlala khona. **30** Umlilo esihlahleni sameva Wayelamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa angawakhe ngoba wayelabafazi abanengi. **31** Umkakhe weceleni, owayehlala eShekhemu, laye wamzalela ayithi ngu-Abhimelekhi. **32** UGidionyi indodana kajowashi wafa eseluphele kakhulu wangcwatshwa ethuneni likayise ujowashi e-Ofira yama-Abhiyezeri. **33** Masinyane nje uGidionyi esanda kufa abako-Israyeli bazingcolisa njalo ngokukhonza oBhali. Bamisa uBhali-Bherithi njengonkulunkulu wabo **34** kabaze bamkhumbula uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo owayebahlenge ezandleni zezitha zabo ezinhlangothini zonke. **35** Njalo kababanga lomusa kwabendlu kajerubhi-Bhali (uGidionyi) ngezinto zonke ezinhle ayebenzele zona.

**9** U-Abhimelekhi indodana kajerubhi-Bhali waya kubomalumakhe eShekhemu lakubo bonke abosendo lukanina wathi kubo, **2** "Buzani bonke abantu baseShekhemu ukuthi, 'Yikuphi okungcono kini: ukubuswa yiwo wonke amadodana kajerubhi-Bhali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa kumbe indoda eyodwa?" Likhumbule ukuthi mina ngingumzimba legazi lenu." **3** Kwathi abanewabo bakanina sebekutshilo konke lokhu ebantwini baseShekhemu, bafuna ukumlandela u-Abhimelekhi, ngoba bathi, "Ungumfowethu." **4** Bamnika amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, athathwa ethempelinli likaBhali-Bherithi, u-Abhimelekhi aqhatsha ngawo izigebenga ezingakhathaliyo, ezaba ngabalaneli bakhe. **5** Waya emzini kayise e-Ofira kwathi abafowabo abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, amadodana kajerubhi-Bhali, wababulela phezu kwedwala linye. Kodwa uJothamu, indodana encane kajerubhi-Bhali waphepha ngokucatsha. **6** Emva kwalokho bonke abantu baseShekhemu labeBhethi Milo babuthana ngaphansi kwesihlahla som'Okhi ensiken eShekhemu "Sibuse wena, lendodana yakho kanye lendodana ukuba u-Abhimelekhi bamfake abe yinkosi. **7** yendodana yakho ngoba usisindisile ezandleni Kwathi uJothamu esetshelwe lokhu wakhwela waya zamaMidiyani." **23** Kodwa uGidionyi wathi kubo, esiqongweni seNtaba iGerizimu wanqolonga esithi "Mina kangiyikulibus, lendodana yami kaiyikulibus. kubo, "Ngilalelani, bantu baseShekhemu, ukuze UThixo uzalibus." **24** Wabuya wathi, "Ngilesicelo uNkulunkulu alilalele. **8** Ngelinye ilanga izihlahla esisodwa, ukuthi omunye lomunye wenu angipie icici esabelweni sempango yenu." (Ukfaka amacici egolide kwakungumkhuba wama-Ishumayeli.) **25** Baphendula bathi, "Sizathaba ukukunika wona." Ngakho bendlala ingubo, kwathi umuntu ngamunye waphosela kuyo icici lempango yakhe. **26** Isisindo samacici egolide ayewacelile saba ngamashekeli angamatkhulu, alitshumi lesikhombisa, kungabalwa iziqqizo lemigaxo 'Kambe ngingadelia izithelo zami ezinhle kangaka njalo zimnandi, ukuba ngibuse izihlahla na?' **12** Lapho-ke izihlahla zathi esihlahleni sevini, 'Woza ube yinkosi yethu.' **13** Kodwa isihlahla sevini saphendula sathi, 'Kambe ngingadelia iwayini lami elithokozisa onkulunkulu labantu, ukuba ngibuse izihlahla na?' **14** Ekucineni zonke izihlahla zathi esihlahleni sameva, 'Woza ube yinkosi yethu.' **15** Isihlahla sameva sathi ezihlahleni, 'Nxa lifuna ngempela ukuthi lingigcobe ukuba ngibe yinkosi yenu, wozani lizecatsha emthunzini wami, kodwa nxa kungenjalo, akuphume emfaneleyo, **16** Nxa lenze okubongekayo njalo yaseLebanoni!' **17** Nxa lenze okubongekayo njalo ngobuqotho ekubekeni kwenu u-Abhimelekhi ukuba abe yinkosi, njalo nxa lenze okulungileyo kujerubhi-indodana ayithi ngu-Abhimelekhi. **18** UGidionyi Bhali labendlu yakhe, njalo nxa limphathe ngendlela emfaneleyo, **19** njalo nxa lenzenjalo ngobuqotho zamaMidiyani **18** kodwa lamuhla selivukele abendlu kababa, kwathi amadodana akhe angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lawabulalela phezu kwedwala linye, kwathi u-Abhimelekhi, indodana yesigqilikazi sakhe, lamenza waba yinkosi yabantu baseShekhemu ngoba engumfowenu, **19** ngakho nxa lenzenjalo ngobuqotho kujerubhi-Bhali labendlu yakhe lamuhla, thokozani ngo-Abhimelekhi, kuge njalo laye ngani futhi! **20** Kodwa nxa lingenzanga njalo, akuphume umlilo ku-Abhimelekhi uliqothule, bantu baseShekhemu labaseBhethi Milo, njalo kuphumo umlilo kini bantu baseShekhemu labaseBhethi Milo, uqothule u-Abhimelekhi!" **21** Emva kwalokhu uJothamu wabaleka, waya eBheri, wahlala khona ngoba wayesesaba umfowabo u-Abhimelekhi. **22** Kwathi u-Abhimelekhi esebuse abako-Israyeli iminyaka emithathu **23** uNkulunkulu wathumela umoya omubi phakathi kuka-Abhimelekhi labantu baseShekhemu bamhlamukela u-Abhimelekhi. **24** UNkulunkulu wenza lokhu ukuze ububi obenziwa emadodaneni kajerubhi-Bhali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ukuchithwa kwegazi lawo, buphindiswel kumfowabo u-Abhimelekhi lasebantwini baseShekhemu, ababemsizile ekubulaleni kwakhe abafowabo. **25** Ekumelaneni kwabo laye abantu baseShekhemu laba babeka abantu ezingqongeni zezintaba ukuba bacatharnele bonke abadlula lapho babaphange, njalo lokhu kwabikwa ku-Abhimelekhi. **26** UGali indodana ka-Ebhedi wathuthela eShekhemu

labafowabo, njalo abantu bakhona bamethemba. bayangena enqabeni yethempeli lase-Eli-Bherithi. **47**  
**27** Kwathi sebeye emasimini babutha amagrebisi Kwathi u-Abhimelekhi esizwa ukuthi basebebuthene bawagxoba, baba ledili ethempelini likankulunkulu lapho, **48** yena labantu bakhe bakhwela intaba wabo. Kwathi besidla njalo benatha, bamthuka iZalimoni. Wathatha ihloka wagamula amahlahla, u-Abhimelekhi. **28** Lapho-ke uGali indodana ka-wawetshata emahlombe akhe. Walaya abantu Ebhedi, wathi, "Ungubani u-Abhimelekhi, loShekhemu ababelaye wathi, "Phangisan! Yenzani lokhu elibone ungubani, ukuba asibuse na? Akasindodana kajerubhi- ngikwenza!" **49** Ngakho abantu bagamula amahlahla Bhali yini, njalo uZebhuli kasimsekeli wakhe na? bamlandela u-Abhimelekhi. Babawuthelela enqabeni Khonzani abantu baseHamori, yise kaShekhemu! leyo bayithungela ngomlilo abantu bephakathi. Kungani kumele sikhonze u-Abhimelekhi na? **29** Ngakho bonke abantu ababephakathi komphotshongo Sengathi ngabe abantu laba balawuluya yimi! Kade waseshekhemu, amadoda labesifazane ababengaba ngizamsusa. Kade ngizakuthi ku-Abhimelekhi, yinkulungwane bafa. **50** Emva kwalokho u-Abhimelekhi 'Libize lonke ibutho lakho.'" **30** Kwathi uZebhuli waya eThebbezi wayivimbezela wayithumba. **51** Kodwa umbusi wedolobho esizwa okwatshiwo nguGali phakathi kwedolobho lelo kwakulomphotshongo indodana ka-Ebhedi, wathukuthela kakhulu. **31** oqinileyo lapho wonke amadoda labesifazane, abantu Wathuma izithunywa ngasese ku-Abhimelekhi, bakulelodolobho ababebalekele khona. Bazikhiyla esithi, "UGali indodana ka-Ebhedi kanye labafowabo phakathi bakhwela phezu kophahla lomphotshongo. sebeze eShekhemu njalo badunga idolobho ukuba **52** U-Abhimelekhi waya emphotshongweni lowo likuvukele. **32** Ngakho wena labantu bakho kumele lize phakathi kobusuku limcathamele egangeni. **33** Ekuseni kwekhanda lakhe yadabula ukhakhayi lwakhe. **53** oweisifazane othile wawisela imbokodo phezu ukukwenza." **34** Ngakho-ke u-Abhimelekhi lamabutho "Hwatscha inkemba yakho ungibulale, ukuze bangathi, akhe wonke basuka ebusuku bacathama ezindaweni ezifihlakeleyo eduze leShekhemu bengamaviyo amane. **35** UGali indodana ka-Ebhedi wayephumile emi yamgwaza, wafa. **54** Kwathi abako-Israyeli bebona ekungeneni kwasango ledolobho kwathi u-Abhimelekhi **55** Kwathi abako-Israyeli wayesefile, babuyela ekhaya. **36** Kwathi uGali ebabona wathi kuZebhuli, "Khangela abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **56** UNkulunkulu wabuphindisela kanje ububi u-lamabutho akhe baphuma lapho ababecatshe khona. Abhimelekhi ayebenze kuyise ngokubulala abafowabo **37** Kwathi uGali ebabona wathi kuZebhuli, "Khangela nampayana abantu bayehla besuka ezingqongeni wenza ukuthi labantu baseShekhemu babuhlawulele zezintab!" UZebhuli waphendula wathi, "Ubuna ububi babo. Isiqalekiso sikaJothamu indodana amathunzi ezintaba kube angathi ngabantu." **38** Ngakho-ke u-Abhimelekhi kajerubhi-Bhali sehlela phezu kwabo.

Kodwa uGali wakhulumha futhi wathi, "Khangela, nampayana abantu bayehla besuka phakathi kwelizwe, njalo levivo lamabutho liyeza livelela ngokuya esihlahleni sezangoma." **39** UZebhuli wasesithi kuye, "Kungaphi ukukloloda kwakho manje, wena owathi, 'Ungubani u-Abhimelekhi ukuba asibuse na?' Laba kabasibo yini abantu owawubahleka? Phuma uyekulwa labo!" **40** Ngakho uGali waphuma labantu baseShekhemu walwa lo-Abhimelekhi. **41** U-Abhimelekhi wamxotsha, kwathi abanengi bafabeleme ekubalekeni, ibanga lonke kusiya ekungeneni kwasango. **42** U-Abhimelekhi wahlala e-Aruma, kwathi uZebhuli wamddudula uGali labafowabo eShekhemu. **43** Ngakho wathatha abantu bakhe, wabehlukanisa baba ngamaviyo amathathu wathi kabacathanyelwe egangeni. Kwathi ebona abantu bephuma edolobheni wavuka ukuba abahlasele. **44** U-Abhimelekhi lamaviyo ayelaye bagijimela phambili endaweni esekungeneni kwasango ledolobho. Amaviyo amabili agijimela kulabo ababesegangeni ababulala. **45** Ngalo lonke lolosku u-Abhimelekhi waqirinisa ukulihlasela kwakhe idolobho lelo waze walithumba wabulala labantu balo. Idolobho walidiliza wasehaza itswayi phezu kwalo. **46** Besizwa lokhu, abantu abasemphotshongweni weShekhemu

**10** Ngemva kwensuku zika-Abhimelekhi kwavela umuntu wako-Isakhari, uThola indodana kaPhuwa, indodana kaDodo ukuba ahlenge u-Israyeli. Wayehlala eShamiri, elizwenu lezintaba elako-Efrayimi. **2** Wakhokhela u-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu; wasesifa, wangcwatshwa eShamiri. **3** Walandelwa nguJayiri owaseGiliyadi, owakhkhela u-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili. **4** Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amathathu, ayegada obabhemti abangamatshumi amathathu. Ayephethe amadolobho angamatshumi amathathu eGiliyadi, lalamhlanje abizwa ngokuthi Havothi Jayiri. **5** Ekufeni kwakhe uJayiri wangcwatshwa eKhamoni. **6** Abako-Israyeli benzai okubi futhi emehlwensi kaThixo. Bakhonza oBhalii labo-Ashitnorethi, labonkulunkulu baseAramu, labonkulunkulu baseSidoni, labonkulunkulu baseMowabi, labonkulunkulu bama-Amoni, kanye labonkulunkulu bamaFilistiya. Ngenxa yokuthi abako-Israyeli bamdela uThixo kabaze babe besamkhonza, **7** wabathukuthela kakhulu. Wabanikela ezandleni zamaFilistiya lama-Amoni, **8** okwathi ngalowomnyaka abachitha abanqoba. Ancindizela abako-Israyeli bonke okweminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili ngasempumalanga kweJodani eGiliyadi, ilizwe lama-Amori. **9** Ama-Amoni futhi achapha ijodani ukuba

alwe lojuda, loBherjamini kanye lendlu ka-Efrayimi; u-Israyeli wayephakathi kohlupho olukhulu. **10** Lapho-ke abako-Israyeli bakhala kuThixo bathi, “Senze isono kuwe, sadela uNkulunkulu wethu sakhonza oBhali.” **11** UThixo waphendula wathi, “Lapho phakathi kwelizwe lakho,” kodwa inkosi yase-Edomi amaGibhithe, lama-Amori, lama-Amoni, lamaFilistiya, kayilalelanga. Bathumela lasenkosini yaseMowabi, **12** lamaSidoni, lama-Amaleki kanye lamaMawoni alincindezela lakhulekela usizo kimi, kangilihlenganga ezandleni zavo na? **13** Kodwa selingidelie lakkhonza abanye onkulunkulu, ngakho angisayikulisindisa. **14** Hambani liyekhala kubonkulunkulu elibathembileyo. IaseMowabi, bamisa ngakwelinye icele le-Arinoni. Kabalisindise nxa seliphakathi kokuhluphekha!” **15** Emva kwalokho bahamba bedabula phakathi Kodwa abako-Israyeli bathi kuThixo, “Senze isono, yayingumngcele walo. **16** U-Israyeli wasethuma Yenza kithi lokho okubona kulungile kuwe, kodwa izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa ake usihlenge khathesi nje.” **17** Ngakho basusa eHeshibhoni, wathi kuye, ‘Akusivumele sidlule onkulunkulu bezizweni phakathi kwabo bakhonza uThixo. Wayengeke alumele futhi usizi luka-Israyeli. **18** Kwathi ama-Amoni esebizelwe empini njalo emise eGiliyadi, abako-Israyeli abuthana amisa eMizipha. **19** Abakhokheli babantu baseGiliyadi bathi omunye komunye, “Lowo ozaqalisa ukuhlasela ama-Amoni uzakuba yinduna yabo bonke abahlala eGiliyadi.”

**11** UJeftha umGiliyadi wayelibutho elilamanda. **12** Uyise wayenguGiliyadi; unina wayeyisifebe. **13** UmkaGiliyadi wamzalela amadodana, okwathi esekhulile asexotsha uJeftha. Athi kuye, “Wena akulalifa ozalithola emulini yakwethu ngoba uyindodana yomunye umfazi.” **14** Ngakho uJeftha wabaleka kubafowabo wayahlala elizweni laseThobhi, lapho abuthanelwa khona lixuku lezigebenga zamlandela. **15** Emva kwalokho, kwathi ama-Amoni esesilwa labako-Israyeli, **16** abadala baseGiliyadi bahamba bayathatha uJeftha elizweni laseThobhi. **17** Bathi kuye, “Woza ube ngumlawuli wamabutho ethu ukuze silwe lama-Amoni.” **18** UJeftha wathi kubo, “Kalingizondanga yini langixotsha endlini kababa na? Kungani lisiza kimi khathesi seliphakathi kohlupho?” **19** Abadala baseGiliyadi bathi kuye, “Lanxa kunjalo, khathesi sesiphendukela kuwe; hamba lathi ekulweni lama-Amoni, njalo uzakuba yinduna yabo bonke abahlala eGiliyadi.” **20** UJeftha waphendula wathi, “Nxa lingabuyela lami ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni uThixo awanikele kimi, ngizakuba yinduna yenu sibili na?” **21** Abadala baseGiliyadi baphendula bathi, “UThixo ungfakazi wethu; sizakwenza njengoba usitsho impela.” **22** Ngakho uJeftha wahamba labadala baseGiliyadi, abantu bamenza waba yinduna lomlawuli wabo. Wawaphinda wonke amazwi akhe phambi kukaThixo eMizipha. **23** Emva kwalokho uJeftha wathuma izithunywa enkosini yama-Amoni lombuzo othi: “Kuyini osibangisa khona uze uhlasele ilizwe lethu na?” **24** Inkosi yama-Amoni yaphendula izithunywa zikaJeftha yathi, “Abako-Israyeli sebesukile eGibhithe bathatha ilizwe lami kusukela e-Arinoni kusiya ejabhoki, umango wonke kusiya ejodani. Khathesi libuyiseleni ngokuthula.” **25** UJeftha wazibuyisela izithunywa enkosini yama-Amoni esithi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguJeftha: U-Israyeli kazange athathe ilizwe laseMowabi loba ilizwe lama-Amoni.

**16** Kodwa ekusukeni kwakhe eGibhithe, u-Israyeli wadabula enkangala esiya oLwandle oluBomvu eqonda eKhadeshi. **17** U-Israyeli wathuma izithunywa enkosini yase-Edomi esithi, ‘Ake usinike imvumo yokudabula phakathi kwelizwe lakho,’ kodwa inkosi yase-Edomi amagiBibhithe, lama-Amori, lama-Amoni, lamaFilistiya, kayilalelanga. Bathumela lasenkosini yaseMowabi, layo yala. Ngakho u-Israyeli wahlala ekhadeshi. **18** Emva kwalokho bahamba bedabula phakathi kwenkangala, beceza ilizwe lase-Edomi lelaseMowabi, badlula beseceleni elingasempumalanga kwelizwe Hambani liyekhala kubonkulunkulu elibathembileyo. IaseMowabi, bamisa ngakwelinye icele le-Arinoni. Kabalisindise nxa seliphakathi kokuhluphekha!” **19** Kabangenanga elizweni laseMowabi, ngoba i-Arinoni Kodwa abako-Israyeli bathi kuThixo, “Senze isono, yayingumngcele walo. **20** U-Israyeli wasethuma izithunywa kuSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, owayebusa ake usihlenge khathesi nje.” **21** Ngakho uJeftha, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wanikela uSihoni labantu bakhe bonke ezandleni zika-Israyeli, wabehlula. U-Israyeli walithatha lonke ilizwe lama-Amori ayejhala kulelolizwe, **22** walithumba lonke elama-Amori kusukela e-Arinoni kusiya ejabhoki lokusuka enkangala kusiya ejodani. **23** Njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ewaxotshile ama-Amori phambi kwabantu bakhe u-Israyeli, wena ulelungelo bani lokulithatha na? **24** Kawuyikuthatha lokho okuphiwa ngunkulunkulu wakho uKhemoshi na? Ngokunjalo, yiloba yikuphi uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asiphe khona, sizakuthatha. **25** Wena ungcono yini kuloBhalaki indodana kaZiphor, inkosi yaseMowabi? Wake waxabana lo-Israyeli loba walwa laye na? **26** U-Israyeli wahlala eHeshibhoni iminyaka engamakhulu amatathu, e-Aroweri, lasemizaneni eseduzane kanye lakuyo yonke imizi elinganisane le-Arinoni. Kungani ungaZihlangulanga lezondawo ngalesosikhathi? **27** Kangikonelanga, kodwa wena wenza okubi kimi ngokungihlasela ngempi. Akuthi uThixo, uMahluleli, ahlulele umbango ngalolosuko phakathi kwabako-Israyeli lama-Amoni.” **28** Kodwa inkosi yama-Amoni kayilinakanga ilizwi eyayilithunyelwe nguJeftha. **29** Lapho-ke uMoya kaThixo wehlela kuJeftha. Wedabula eGiliyadi kanye lakoManase, wedlula eMizipha yaseGiliyadi, kuthe esuka lapho waqhubekela kuma-Amoni. **30** Njalo uJeftha wafunga isifungo kuThixo wathi, “Unganikela ama-Amoni ezandleni zami, **31** loba kuyini okuphuma emnyango wendlu yami ukuba kungihlangabeze lapho ngibuya nginqobile ngivela kuma-Amoni kuzakuba ngokukaThixo, njalo ngizakunikela njengomnikelo wokutshiswa.” **32** UJeftha waya ngaphetsheya ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni, njalo uThixo wawanikela ezandleni zakhe. **33** Watshabalalisa imizi engamatshumi amabili kusukela e-Aroweri kusiya eduze leMinithi, kusiyafika e-Abbeli-Kheramimi. U-Israyeli wayinqoba kanjalo i-Amoni. **34** UJeftha esebuyele emzini wakhe eMizipha, ngubani owhapuma wamhlangabeza ngaphandle kwendodakazi yakhe, igida kukhala amagedla! Yayiyiyo yodwa

umntanakhe. Ngaphandle kwakhe wayengelandodana elitshumi. **12** U-Eloni wafa, wangcwatshwa e-Ayijaloni loba indodakazi. **13** Kwathi eyibona wadabula elizweni lakoZebhuluni. **14** Ngemva kwakhe, u-Abhidoni izigqoko zakhe wakhala esithi, “Oh! Ndodakazi indodana kaHileli, owasePhirathoni, wakhkhela yami! Usungidabule wangenza ngaba lusizi, ngoba abako-Israyeli. **15** Wayelamadodana angamatshumi ngifunge isifungo kuThixo engingeke ngisephule.” amane labazukulu besilisa abangamatshumi **16** Yona yaphendula yathi, “Baba, wethule ilizwi amathathu, ayegada obabhemti abangamatshumi lakho kuThixo. Kimi yeniza njengoba uthembisile, ayisikhombisa. Wakhkhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka njengoba uThixo esephindisele ezitheni zakho, ama- Amoni.” **17** Wasesithi, “Kodwa ngicela ungvumele kulokhu okukodwa nje. Nginika izinyanga ezimbili ukuba ngizulazule ezintabeni ngilile labangane bami, ngoba angiyikwenda.” **18** Yena wathi, “Ungahamba.” Wayivumela ukuba ihambé okwezinyanga ezimbili. Yona lamantombazana lawo baya ezintabeni balila ngoba yayingasoze yende. **19** Emva kwezinyanga ezimbili yabuyela kuyise wasesenza lokho ayeckufungile ngayo. Yayiyintombi egcweleyo. Kulokhu yikho okuvela khona umkhuba wama-Israyeli **20** wokuthi minyaka yonke izintombi zako-Israyeli ziyaphuma okwensku ezine ukuba zikhumbule indodakazi kajeftha umGilyadi.

**12** Abantu bako-Efrayimi babiza amabutho abo, baphaphela eZafoni basebesithi kujeftha, “Kungani wena wayakulwa lama-Amoni ungasisibanga ukuba sihambe lawe na? Sizakutshisela endlini yakho.” **13** Ujeftha waphendula wathi, “Mina labantu bami sasilengxabano enku lama-Amoni njalo, lanxa nje ngalibiza, kalinghlenganga ezandleni zavo. **14** Kwathi sengibona ukuthi lalingke lingisize, ngabeka impilo yami engozini ngachaphela ngaphetsheya ukuyakulwa lama-Amoni, uThixo wawanikela esandleni sami. Pho kungani lina lamhla selizekulwa lami?” **15** Ujeftha ke unganathi iwayini loba okunye okunathwayo wabuthanisa amadoda aseGilyadi balwa lo-Efrayimi. **16** AbaseGilyadi babacakazela phansi ngoba abako-Efrayimi babethe, “Lina maGilyadi labhazuka ko-Efrayim lakoManase.” **17** AbaseGilyadi bathumba kwakhe.” **18** UManowa wasekhuleka kuThixo esithi, amazibuko aseJodani awokuya ko-Efrayimi, njalo “Awu Nkosi, ngiyakucela, umuntu kaNkulunkulu kwakusithi owako-Efrayimi osindileyo angathi, omthumileyo kabuye futhi azesifundisa ukuthi “Ngivumelani ngichaphele ngaphetsheya,” abantu umfana ozazalwa wondliwa njani.” **19** UNkulunkulu baseGilyadi babembuza bathi, “Ungowako-Efrayimi wamuzwa uManowa, ingilosu kaNkulunkulu yafika na?” Angaphendula athi, “Hayi,” **20** bathi, “Kulungile, wothi, ‘Shibholethi.’” Nxa angathi, “Sibholethi,” ngoba engeke alitsho kuhle, babemphuthuma bambulalele emazibukweni aseJodani. Abako-Efrayimi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili, babulawa ngalesosikhathi. **21** Ujeftha wakhkhela u-Israyeli iminyaka eyisithupha. Ujeftha wafa, wathi, “Nginguye.” **22** Ngakho uManowa wambuza wangcwatshwa emzini waseGilyadi. **23** Ngemva wathi, “Lapho amazwi akho esegcwalisikile, umfana kwakhe, u-Ibhizani waseBhethilehema wakhkhela kuzamele aphile njani njalo lomsebenzi wakhe abako-Israyeli. **24** Wayelamadodana angamatshumi uzakuba ngowan?” **25** Ingilosu kaThixo yaphendula amathathu lamadodakazi angamatshumi amathathu. yathi, “Umkakho kumele enze konke engimtshele Amadodakazi akhe wawendisela kwabangaphandle khona. **26** Kangadli lutho oluvela evinini, loba anathe komhlobo wakibo kwathu amadodan akhe wawaletheha iwayini loba okunye okunathwayo okulemvubelo izintombi ezingamatshumi amathathu ezingasizo loba adle ukudla okungcolileyo. Kumele enze konke zomhlobo wakibo ukuba zibe ngomkawo. U- engimlaye khona.” **27** UManowa wathi engilosini Ibhisani wakhkhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka kaThixo, “Sifuna ukuba uhlae size sikuhlabele izinyane eyisikhombisa. **28** U-Ibhizani wafa, wangcwatshwa lembuzi.” **29** Ingilosu kaThixo yaphendula yathi, eBhethilehema. **30** Ngemva kwakhe, u-Eloni “Loba lingangibamba ngamandla ukuba nighlale, umZebhuluni wakhkhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka angiyikukudla ukudla kwenu. Kodwa nxa lilungisa

umnikelo wokutshiswa, unikeleni kuThixo.” (UManowa kananelelanga ukuthi kwakuyingilos kaThixo.) amathathu lezigqoko ezingamatshumi amathathu. **17** UManowa waseyibusa ingilos kaThixo esithi, “Ungubani ibizo lakho, ukuze sikubonge lapho ilizwi lakho seligwalisekile?” **18** Yaphendula yathi, “Kungani ungibusa ibizo lam? Kaliqedisiseki.” **19** Lapho-ke uManowa wathatha izinyane lembuzi, ndawonye lomnikelo wamabele wakunikela kuThixo phezu kwedwala. Njalo uThixo wenza into emangalisayo uManowa lomkakhe behkangele: **20** Kwathi ilangabi libhebha lisuca e-alithareni lisuca ezulwini, ingilos kaThixo yenyukela phezulu iphakathi kwelangabi. Bebona lokhu uManowa lomkakhe bathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **21** Kwathi ingilos kaThixo phezu kwakhe, ebubula esithi, “Uyangizonda. ingasazibonakalisinga futhi kuManowa lomkakhe, uManowa wananelela ukuthi kwakuyingilos kaThixo. **22** Wasesithi kumkakhe, “Silahliwe, sizakufa. Sibone uNkulunkulu!” **23** Kodwa umkakhe waphendula wathi, “Aluba uThixo ubeqonde ukusibulala, ubengasoze amukele umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wamabele ezandleni zethu, loba asitschengise zonke lezizinto kumbe asitshele lokhu asitshele khona.” **24** Owesifazane wazala umfana wamuthi nguSamsoni. Wakhula loThixo wambusisa, **25** loMoya kaThixo waqala ukuqubuka phakathi kwakhe eseseMahane Dani, phakathi kweZora le-Eshithawoli.

**14** USamsoni waya eThimina wabona intombi engumFilistiya. **2** Esebuyele, wathi kuyise lonina, “Ngibone intombi engumFilistiya eThimina; ake liyengithathela yona ukuba ibe ngumkami.” **3** Uyise lonina baphendula bathi, “Kanti akulantombi eyamukelekyo yini phakathi kwezihlobo zakho loba phakathi kwabantu bonke bakithi? Usungaze uye kumaFilistiya angasokanga ukuba uthathe umfazi na?” Kodwa uSamsoni wathi kuyise, “Ngithathela yena. Nguye ongifaneleyo.” **4** (Uyise lonina babengazi ukuthi lokhu kwakuvela kuThixo, owayefuna ithuba lokumelana lamaFilistiya; ngoba ngalesosikhathi ayebusa abako-Israyeli.) **5** USamsoni waya eThimina eloyise lonina. Bathe sebebanga ezivinini zeThimina kwathutsha ibhuklwana lesilwane libhonga liqonde yena. **6** Umoya kaThixo wafika kuye ngamandla wasidabula ngezandla zakhe njengayengakwenza edabula izinyane lembuzi. Kodwa uyise lonina kabatshelanga ayekwenzile. **7** Emva kwalokho wahamba wayakhuluma lowesifazane lowo, wezwa emthanda. **8** Emva kwasikhathi esithile, esebuyele ukuba ayemthatha, waphambuka ukuba abone isidumbu sesilwane. Phakathi kwaso kwasekulomtshitshi wezinyosi zilololu, **9** waluthapha ngezandla zakhe, wahamba eludla. Esefike ebazalini bakhe, wabapha olunye kodwa kabatshelanga ukuthi wayeluthapha esidunjini sesilwane. **10** Uyise wahamba ukuyabona owesifazane lowo. USamsoni wenza idili khona, njengokwakungunkhuba wezinsizwa ezithathayo. **11** Ekufikeni kwakhe waphiwa abakhaphi abangamatshumi amathathu. **12** USamsoni wasesithi kubo, “Lalelani ngilitshele ilibho. Lingangitshela ukuthi litshoni phakathi kwensuku eziyiskhombisa

zedili, ngizalinika izembatho zelineni ezingamatshumi amathathu lezigqoko ezingamatshumi amathathu. **13** Nxa lingehluleka ukungitshela ukuthi litshoni, kumele linginike izembatho zelineni ezingamatshumi amathathu lezigqoko ezingamatshumi amathathu.” **14** Waphendula wathi, “Kokudlayo, kwaphuma Bona bathi, “Sitshele ilibho lakho. Litso silizwe.” **15** Ngosuku lwsine bathi kumkaSamsoni, “Ncenga umkakho asichazela ilibho, hlezisikutshise wena labendlabendu yakwenu life. Kanti usinxusele ukuzasiphanga labendu yakwenu life. Kanti usinxusele ukuzasiphanga Behluleka ukuyitsho impendulo okwensuku ezintzatu. **16** Lapho-ke umkaSamsoni waziphosela Kawungithandi ngeqiniso. Unike abantu bakithi ilibho; kodwa mina kawungitshelanga ukuthi litshoni.” Yena waphendula wathi, “Angilichazanga lakubaba lomama, pho ngingalichazelani kuwe na?” **17** Owesifazane lowo wakhala zonke lezinsuku eziyiskhombisa zedili. Ngakho ngosuku lwsikhombisa wamtshela, ngoba wayelokhu emphikelela. Laye-ke walichaza ilibho ebantwini bakibo. **18** Kwathi ilanga lingakatshoni ngosuku lwsikhombisa abantu bakulowomuzi bathi kuye, “Kuyini okumandi kulolujana na? Kuyini okumandla kulesilwane na?” USamsoni wathi kubo, “Aluba kalilimanga ngethokazi lam, belingeke lilichaze ilibho lam.” **19** UMoya kaThixo wasusehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla. Waya e-Ashikheloni, wabulala abantu bakhona abangamatshumi amathathu, wabemuka konke ababelakho kwathi iziqoko zabo wazinika labo ababechaze ilibho lakhe. Waya endlini kayise evutha ulaka. **20** UmkaSamsoni wasesendiselwa komunye wabakhaphi bakhe owayekhona edilini.

**15** Emva kwalokho, ngesikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi, uSamsoni wathatha izinyane lembuzi wethekelela umkakhe. Wathi, “Ngiya endlini yomkami.” Kodwa uyisezala wamalela ukuba angene. **2** Wathi, “Ngangileqiniso lokuthi wawusumzonda kakhulu, ngasengimendisela kumkhaphi wakho. Umnawakhe kamuhle kulaye na? Thatha yena.” **3** USamsoni wathi kubo, “Khathesi sengilelungelo lokuphindisela okubi kumaFilistiya. Ngizawalimaza impela.” **4** Ngakho wasuka wabamba amakhanka angamakhulu amathathu wawabophanisa imisila ngambilimbili. Wasebophela uluthi lomlilo emisileni yonke ayeyibophanisile, **5** walumathisa izinti zomlilo wawayekela amakhanka angena emabeleni amiyo amaFilistiya. Watshisa ayesezizeni lamabele amiyo, lezivini kanye lezivande zama-oliva. **6** Kwathi amaFilistiya ebuza ukuthi, “Ngubani owenze lokhu na?” atshewla ukuthi, “NguSamsoni, umkhwenyana womThimina ngoba umkakhe wendisela kumkhaphi wakhe.” Ngakho amaFilistiya ahamba ayatshisa umkaSamsoni kanye loyise, bafa. **7** USamsoni wathi kubo, “Njengoba selenze lokhu, angiyikukhawula engikwenzayo ngize ngiphindisele kini.” **8** Wabahlasela kakubi wabulala abanengi babo. Emva kwalokho wahamba wayahlala ebhalwini edwahleni lase-Ethamu. **9** AmaFilistiya ahamba ayamisa kojuda, asabalala eduze leLehi. **10**

Abantu bakoJuda babuza bathi, "Lizesihlaselelani ngemichilo eyisikhombisa engonyiswanga, ngizakuba na?" Bona baphendula bathi, "Silande ukuzabopha buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke." **8** Ababusi uSamsoni, senze kuye lokhu akwenzayo kithi." **11** bamaFilistiya basebemlethela imichilo eyisikhombisa Abantu bakoJuda abazinkulungwane ezintathu bayo emitsha eyayingonyiswanga, wambopha ngayo. **9** ebhalwini edwaleni lase-Ethamu bathi kuSamsoni, Kwakulabantu ababecatshile endlini, wasembiza wathi "Kawazi yini ukuthi amaFilistiya ayasibusa? Kuyini kuye, "Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!" osusenzele khona ngempela?" Waphendula wathi, Kodwa yena waqamula imichilo kalula njengesiqa "Ngimane ngenza kuwo lokho akwenza kimi." **12** sentambo lapho sisondele eduzane lelangabi. Ngakho Bathi kuye, "Thina silande ukuzakubopha sikunikele imfihlo yamandla akhe ayazakalanga. **10** UDelila kuwo." USamsoni wathi, "Fungani kimi ukuthi wasesithi kuSamsoni, "Udlale ngami; ungiqambele kalyikungibulala lina ngokwenu." **13** Baphendula amaga. Khathesi-ke ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa bathi, "Siyavuma. Thina sizakubopha nje kuphela njani." **11** Yena wathi, "Umuntu angangibopha besesukunikela kuwo. Kasiyikubulala." Ngakho aqinise ngamagoda amatsha angakaze assetshenziswe, ngizakuba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke." **12** laye edwaleni. **14** Esebanga eLehi, amaFilistiya Ngakho uDelila wathatha amagoda amatsha wambopha amhlangabeza eklabalala. UMoya kaThixo wehlela ngawo. Eselabantu ababecatshe endlini, wambiza wathi phezu kwakhe ngamandla. Imichilo ezingalweni kuye, "Samsoni, amaFilistiya asephezu kwakho!" Kodwa zakhe yaba njengesikusha esitshileyo, izibopho yena waqamula amagoda ezingalweni zakhe kungathi zawa ezandleni zakhe. **15** Esethole ithambo ayeluhali nje. **13** UDelila wasesithi kuSamsoni, "Kuze lomhlathi kababhemi elitsha, walithatha wabulala kube khathesi ulokhu udlala ngami njalo ungiqambela ngalo abantu abayinkulungwane. **16** USamsoni amanga. Ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa njani." Yena wasesithi, "Ngethambo lomhlathi kababhemi, ngibenze waphendula wathi, "Ungelukela izixha zenwele zami baba ngobabhemi. Ngethambo lomhlathi kababhemi eziyisikhombisa elenjini ngosungulo zibe yisibhebhedu, ngibulele amadoda ayinkulungwane." **17** Eseqedile ngizakuba buthakathaka njengomuntu wonke." Ngakho ukukhuluma walilahla ithambo lomhlathi; indawo kwathi esebole, uDelila wathatha izixha eziyisikhombisa leyo yasithiya yiRamathi-Lehi. **18** Ngenxa yokuthi ekhanda lakhe, **14** wazelukela elenjini ngosungulo. wayesome kakhulu, wakhala kuThixo wathi, "Uyiphile Wambiza njalo wathi kuye, "Samsoni, amaFilistiya inceku yakho ukunqoba okukhulu. Pho sekumele asephezu kwakho!" Wavuka ebuthongweni wadonsa ngibulawe yikoma yini njalo ngiwele ezandleni isibhebhedu losungulo kanye lelembu. **15** UDelila zabangasokanga na?" **19** UNKulunkulu wasevula wasesithi, kuye, "Ungatsho njani uthi, 'Ngiyakuthanda,' umthonjana eLehi, kwaphuma amanzi kuwo. USamsoni wena ungangithembu na? Lokhu ngokwesithathu udlala esenathile, amandla akhe aphenduka, wavuseleleka. ngami njalo kawungitshelanga imfihlo yamandla akho Ngakho umthombo lowo wathiwa yi-Eni Hakhore, njalo ulokhu ukhona eLehi. **20** USamsoni wakhokhela abako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili ngesikhathi samaFilistiya.

**16** Ngelinye ilanga uSamsoni waya eGaza, lapho abona khona isifebe. Walala lalo ngalobobusuku.

**2** Abantu beGaza batshelwa ukuthi, "USamsoni ulapha!" Ngakho indawo leyo bayihonqolozela bamcatthamela ubusuku bonke esangweni ledolobho. Kabenzanga lutho ebusuku, besithi, "Sizambulala emadabukakusa."

**3** Kodwa uSamsoni walala lapho kwaze kwaba phakathi kwamibili kuphela. Lapho-ke wavuka wabamba izivalo zesango ledolobho, ndawonye lezinsika ezimbili, wakusiphula, umgoqo lakho konke. Wakwetshata emahlombe akhe, wakuthwalela phezu kwentaba ekhangale iHebchroni. **4** Ngemva kwestikhathi, wathandana lowesifazane esiGodini saseSoreki owayethiwa nguDelila. **5** Ababusi bamaFilistiya bayo kuye bathi, "Mncenge ukuthi akutshengise imfihlo yamandla akhe amakhulu kanye lokuthi singamehlula njani ukuze simbophe simnqobe. Omunye lomunye wethu uzakupha amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu alitshumi lanye." **6** Ngakho uDelila wathi kuSamsoni, "Ngitshela imfihlo yamandla akho amakhulu kanye lokuthi ungabotshwa unqotshwe njani." **7** USamsoni waphendula wathi, "Nxa umuntu angangibopha

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abantu bembona, badumisa unkulunkulu wabo besithi, “Unkulunkulu wethu unikele isitha sethu ezandleni zethu, sona esachitha ilizwe lethu sabulala abanengi bethu.” **25** Bephakathi kokuthokoza, baklabalala bathi, “Lethani uSamsoni azesilibazisa.” Ngakho uSamsoni bayambiza entolongweni, wazabadlalela. Kwathi sebermise phakathi kwezinsika, **26** uSamsoni wathi encekwini eyayimbambe isandla, “Ngibeka lapho engizathinta khona izinsika ezisekele ithempeli, ukuze ngeyame kuzo.” **27** Ithempeli laligcwele abesilisa labesifazane; bonke ababusi bamaFilistiya babekhonapho, njalo phezu kophahla kwakulabesilisa labesifazane ababephose babe zinkulungwane ezintathu bebukele uSamsoni egida. **28** USamsoni wasekhuleka kuThixo esithi, “Oh Thixo Wobukhosi, ake ungikhumbule. Oh Nkulunkulu, ake ungiqinise kanye nje futhi, kuthi ngokugalela okukodwa ngiphindisele kumaFilistiya amehlo ami amabili.” **29** USamsoni wasebamba izinsika ezimbili eziphakathi, ithempeli elaligxile kuzo. Waziqinisa ngokwewayama kuzo, isandla sakhe sokudla sikwenye lesenxele sikwenye, **30** uSamsoni wathi, “Kangife lamaFilistiya!” Wafuqa ngamandla akhe wonke, ithempeli lawela phezu kwababusi labantu bonke ababephakathi kwalo. Ngaloko wabulala abantu abanengi ekufeni kwakhe kulałapho esaphila. **31** Emva kwalokho abafowabo labo bonke abendlu kayise lamlanda. Babuya laye bamngcwaba phakathi kweZora le-Eshithawoli ethuneni likaManowa uyise. Wayekhokhele abako-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

**17** Indoda eyayithiwa nguMikha eyayivela elizweni lamaqaqa aka-Efrayimi **2** yathi kunina, “Amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu alitshumi lanye athathwa kuwe njalo engakuzwa uwaqalekisa, sikimi lesosiliva; yimi engasithathayo.” Unina wathi, “UThixo kakubuse, ndodana yamil!” **3** Esewabyusele kunina amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu alitshumi lanye, unina wathi, “Isiliva sami ngisahlukanisela uThixo ngokuqinisekileyo ukuba indodana yami yenze isithombe esibaziweyo, sahuqwa ngesiliva. Ngizasibisela kuwe.” **4** Ngakho esesibisele kunina isiliva, unina wasethatha amashekeli angamakhulu amabili esiliva wawanika umkhandi wesiliva, wenza isithombe ngaso. Sabekwa endlini kaMikha. **5** UMikha lo wayelendawo yokukhonzela, njalo wenza isembatho semahlombe kanye lezithombe, wasebekwa enye yamadodana akhe ukuba ngumphristi wakhe. **6** Ngalezonsuku u-Israyeli wayengelankosi; umuntu wonke ezenzela ayekubona kulungile kuye. **7** Ijaha laseBhethilehemu koJuda elingumLevi, elalihlala phakathi kwabosendo lukaJuda, **8** lasuka kulowomuzi lidinga enye indawo yokuhlala. Ekuhambeni kwalo lafika endlini kaMikha elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi. **9** UMikha walibuza wathi, “Uvela ngaphi na?” Lona lathi, “NgingumLevi ovela eBhethilehemu koJuda, ngidunga indawo yokuhlala.” **10** UMikha wasesithi kulo, “Hlala lami ube ngububa lomphristi wami, njalo ngizakupha amashekeli esiliva alitshumi

ngomnyaka, izigqoko zakho kanye lokudla kwakho.” **11** Ngakho umLevi wavuma ukuhlala laye, njalo ijaha lelo lalinjengenye yamadodana akhe. **12** UMikha wabeka umLevi ukuba ngumphristi wakhe, njalo ijaha lelo lahlala endlini yakhe. **13** UMikha wasesithi, “Khathesi singisazi ukuthi uThixo uzakwenza okulungileyo kimi, njengoba umLevi lo esebe ngumphristi wami.”

**18** Ngalezonsuku u-Israyeli wayengelankosi. Njalo ngalezonsuku abosendo lukaDani babedina indawo engeyabo, lapho ababengahlala khona, ngoba babengakabi sendaweni eyilifa labo phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli. **2** Ngakho abakoDani bathuma amabutho amahlanu avela eZora lase-Eshithawoli ukuyahlola ilizwe lokulibona. Amadoda la ayemele zonke insendo zakibo. Zathi kubo, “Hambani liyehlola ilizwe.” Amadoda lawo angena elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi ayafika endlini kaMikha, lapho alala khona. **3** Kwathi eseseduze lendlu kaMikha alazi ilizwi lejaha elingumLevi; ngakho aphendukela khona alibuza athi, “Ngubani owakuletha lapha? Wenzani kule indawo? Ufunani lapha?” **4** Lawatshela elalikwensiwe nguMikha, laselisithi, “Ungiqatshile njalo ngingumphristi wakhe.” **5** Asesithi kulo, “Ake usibuzele kuNkulunkulu ukuthi umhambo lwethu luzaphumelela na.” **6** Umphristi wawaphendula wathi, “Hambani ngokuthula, Uhambo lwenu luvunyelwe nguThixo.” **7** Ngakho amadoda amahlanu lawo asuka aya eLayishi, lapho abona ukuthi abantu bakhona babezihlalele bevikelekile njengamaSidoni, belokuthula njalo bevikelekile. Njalo babelezhi khatshana lamaSidoni njalo bengelabuhlobo lomunye umuntu. **8** Esebuyele eZora lase-Eshithawoli, abafowabo bawabuza bathi, “Libone kunjani?” **9** Aphendula athi, “Phangisani, kasibahlaseleni! Sibonile ukuthi ilizwe lelo lihle kakhulu. Kaliyikwenza lutho na? Lingazilazili ukuya khonale litlithathe. **10** Ekufigkeni khonale lizatholu abantu abanganqinekelu lutho lelizwe elibanzi uNkulunkulu aseiface ezandleni zenu, ilizwe elingasweli lutho.” **11** Lapho-ke amadoda osendo lwakoDani angamakhulu ayisithupha ahломela ukulwa, asesuka eZora kanye le-Eshithawoli. **12** Ekuhambeni kwano amisa izihonqo eduze leKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi koJuda. Yikho-nje indawo esentshanolanga Jeyarimi koJuda. Yikho-nje indawo esentshanolanga **13** kweKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi ithiwa yiMahane Dani kuze kubo lamhla. **14** Esuka lapho aya elizweni lezintaba elako-Efrayimi afika endlini kaMikha. **15** Ngakho-ke aphambukela khona aya endlini leyajah elingumLevi koMikha, alibingelela. **16** AbakoDani abangamakhulu ayisithupha, ababehlomele ukulwa, bema entubeni yesango. **17** Abahlanu ababeyhlola ilizwe bangena phakathi bathatha isithombe esibaziweyo, lesembatho semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu basendlini, umphristi lamadoda

ahlomileyo angamakhulu ayisithupha bemi entubeni walungiselela ukusuka, kodwa uyise wentombi wathi yesango. **18** Kwathi amadoda la esengene endlini kumkhwenyana wakhe, "Qinisa umzimba wakho kaMikha athatha isithombe esibaziwego, lesembatho ngongakudla; ubusuhamba." **6** Ngakho bobabili bahlala semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu basendlini kanye phansi badla banatha. Emva kwalokho uyise wentombi lesithombe esibunjiwego, umphristi wathi kubo, wathi, "Ake ulale ubusuku balamuhla uzithokozise." **7** "Lenzani na?" **19** Amphendula athi, "Thula! Ungatsho Kwathi umuntu lowo evuka ukuba ahambe, uyisezala lutho. Woza uhambé lathi, ube ngubaba lomphristi wamncenga, ngakho walala khona ngalobobusuku. wethu. Akungcono yini ukuthi usebenzele isizwana losendo Iwako-Israyeli njengomphristi kulabendlu ahame, uyise wentombi wathi, "Phumula. Hlala yomuntu oyedwa?" **20** Umphristi wathokoza. Wathatha isembatho semahlombe, labanye onkulunkulu basendlini kanye lesithombe esibaziwego wahamba kuze kuge ngemva kwemini." Ngakho bobabili labantu. **21** Sebefake abantwabobo abancane, lezifuyo lomkakhe weceleni kanye lenceku yakhe belungiselela zabo kanye lempahla zabo phambi kwabo, baphenduka sekuzakuhlwa. Lala lapha; ilanga selizatshona. Hlala bahamba. **22** Sebehambé isibanga esithize besuka uzithokozise. Kusasa ekuseni kakhulu uzavuka uthathe endlini kaMikha, abantu ababelhala eduzane lendlu indlela yakho yokuya ekhaya." **10** Kodwa umuntu lowo kaMikha babizelwa ndawonye baxhuma abakoDani. engasafuni ukulala obunye ubusuku lapho, wasuka **23** Kwathi bebamemeza, abakoDani baphendula bathi waqonda ejebusi (leyo yijerusalem), labobabhem ikuMikha, "Kungani ubize abantu bakho ukuba balwe?" bakhe ababili ababebotshelwe izihlalo kanye lomkakhe **24** Yena waphendula wathi, "Lithethe onkulunkulu weceleni. **11** Kwathi sebebanga ejebusi ilanga engabenayo lomphristi wami, lahamba. Kuyini laselitshona, inceku yathi enkosini yayo, "Uyabona, okunye engilakho? Lingangibuba kanjani lisithi, kasime kulelidolobho lamajebusi silale." **12** Inkosi yayo "Uhlutshwa yini na?" **25** AbakoDani baphendula bathi, yathi, "Hayi. Kasiyikunga edolobheni elilabantu "Ungaphikisanu lathi, hlezzi abanye abantuabalolaka abangasibako-Israyeli. Sizaqhubeke siye eGibhiya." bahukselase, kuthi wena labendlu yakho lilahlekelwe **13** Wengeza wathi, "Kasambeni, sizame ukuyafika yikuphila kwenu." **26** Ngakho abakoDani bazihambla, eGibhiya lobea eRama, silale kwenye yalezizindawo." kwathi uMikha ebona ukuthi babelamandla kakhulu **14** Ngakho baqhubeke, ilanga latshona sebebanga kulaye, waphenduka wabuyela emzini wakhe. **27** eGibhiya koBhenjamini. **15** Bema lapho ukuba balale Bathatha okwakwenzi nguMikha, lomphristi wakhe, khona. Bahamba bayahlala egcekeni ledolobho, baya eLayishi, ebantwini ababelokuthula njalo kodwa kakho owabangenisa endlini yakhe ukuba bengethukutho lutho. Babahlasela ngenkemba batshisa **16** Ngalokhokuhlu ixhegu laselizweni ledolobho labo. **28** Kakho owayengabahlenga ngoba lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi, elalihlala eGibhiya (abantu babeleli khatshana kakhulu leSidoni bengelabuhlo bakuleyondawo babengabakoBhenjamini), lafika lamuntu. Idolobho lalisesigodini eduze leBhethi-livela emsebenzini walo emasimini. **17** Selikhangele Rehobhi. AbakoDani balakha kutsha idolobho labona isihambi egcekeni ledolobho, ixhegu labuza lelo bahlala kulo. **29** Balibiza ngokuthi yiDani lathi, "Liya ngaphi? Livela ngaphi?" **18** Yena ibizo likakhokho wabo uDani, owayezalwa ngu- waphendula wathi, "Siphakathi kohambo lwethu sivela Israyeli, lanxa idolobho lalikade lithiwa yiLayishi. eBhethilehema koJuda siya esiqintini esikhatschana **30** AbakoDani bazimisela izithombe khona, njalo elizweni lamaqaqa ko-Efrayimi lapho engihlala khona. ujonathan indodana kaGeshomu, indodana kaMosi, Kade ngiseBhethilehema koJuda kodwa khathesi lamadodana akhe babengabaphristi besizwana sikaDani **31** Baqhubeke basebenzisa izithombe ezazensiwe sengisinya endlini kaThixo. Akulamuntu ongingenise kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sokuthunjwa kwlizwe. endlini yakhe. **19** Silotshani lokudla kwabobabhem ikuMikha, ngasosonke isikhathi indlu kaNkulunkulu **20** Ixhegu lathi, "Lamukelekile iseShilo. Kasisweli lutho." **20** Ixhegu lathi, "Lamukelekile endlini yami. Ngizalini konke elikuswelayo. Kodwa lingalali egcekeni." **21** Ngakho lamgenisa endlini yalo, lanika labobabhem ikuudla. Sebegeze inyawo zabo, badla banatha. **22** Besazitika, abanye babantu abaxhwaliyelo bakulelodolobho bahanqa indlu leyo. Batshaya isivalo, bamemeza ixhegu elalingumnikazi wendlu besithi, "Mkhuphele phandle umuntu ongene endlini ukuze siye emacansini laye." **23** Umnikazi wendlu waya phandle wathi kubo, "Hayi, bangane bami, lingenzi okubi kangaka. Njengoba umuntu eyisetekeli sami, lingenzi into elihlazo kanje. **24** Khangelani, nansi indodakazi yami eyintombi egcweleyo, kanye lomfazi weceleni walindoda. Ngizabaletha phandle kini, lingabasebenzisa lenze

kubo konke elikufisayo. Kodwa lingenzi ihlazo elinjalo kule indoda.” **25** Kodwa abantu labo kabamlalelanga Ngakho indoda leyo yathatha umkayo weceleni yamus phandle kubo, bamdlova njalo bamphatha kubi ubusuku bonke, kwathi emadabukusa bamyekela wahamba. **26** Ekuseni owesifazane lowo waya endlini lapho umkakhe ayehlezi khona, wawela emnyango, walala khonapho kwaze kwakhanya. **27** Esevukile umkakhe ekuseni, wawula umnyango wendlu waphuma ukuba aqhubeka ngohambo lwakhe, wabona umkakhe weceleni ewele emnyango wendlu, izandla zakhe zisentubeni yomnyango. **28** Wathi kuye, “Vuka; kasihame.” Kodwa kamphendulanga. Ngakho umuntu lowo wambeka phezu kukabahemi wakhe wasuka waya emzini wakhe. **29** Esefikile ekhaya wathatha ingqamu waquma umkakhe weceleni iziqayqa ezilitshumi lambili wazithumela kuzozonke izigaba zako-Israyeli. **30** Umuntu wonke owakubonayo lokho wathi, “Into enje kayikaze ibonakale loba yenziwe, selokhu u-Israyeli waphuma eGibhithe. Cabangani ngakho! Likuhlole! Litsho okungensiwa!”

**20** Ngalesikhathi bonke abako-Israyeli baphuma njengomuntu munye kusukela eDani kusuya eBherishebha kanye laselizweni leGiliyadi, babuthana phambi kukaThixo eMizipha. **2** Abakhokheli babantu bonke beziwana zako-Israyeli bathatha izindawo zabo ebandleni labantu bakaNkulunkulu, amabutho azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane ehlome ngezinke. **3** (AbakoBhenjamini bezwa ukuthi abako-Israyeli babeye eMizipha.) Abako-Israyeli basebesithi, “Sitsheleli ukuthi into le embi yenzakale njani.” **4** Ngakho umLevi, indoda yowesifazane lowo owayebulewe, wathi, “Mina lomkami weceleni safika eGibhiya koBhenjamini ukuba silale khona. **5** Ebusuku abantu beGibhiya bangivukela bahanqa indlu, behlose ukungibulala. Badlova umkami weceleni waze wafa. **6** Ngathatha umkami weceleni, ngamquma waba yiziqayqa, ngathumela isiqsa esisodwa esigabeni ngasinye selifa lako-Israyeli, ngoba amanyala lalesisenzo sokuxhwala basenzela ko-Israyeli. **7** Khathesi lonke lina abako-Israyeli, khulumani litsho isinqumo senu.” **8** Abantu bonke basukuma njengomuntu munye, besithi, “Akakho kithi ozakuya ekhaya. Hathi, akakho kithi ozabuyela endlini yakhe. **9** Kodwa khathesi esizakwenza eGibhiya yilokhu: Sizakuyaihlasa ngokwenza inkatho. **10** Sizathatha abantu abalitshumi phakathi kwabalikhulu kuzozonke iziwana zako-Israyeli, labalikhulu kwabayinkulungwane, labayinkulungwane kwaba zinkulungwane ezilutshumi ukuba badingele ibutho ukudla. Ekuifikeni kwalo ibutho eGibhiya koBhenjamini, lizabanika okubafaneleyo ngamanyala lokuxhwala abakwense ko-Israyeli.” **11** Ngakho bonke abantu bako-Israyeli bahlangana, bamanyana njengomuntu munye bamelana ledolobho. **12** Iziwana zako-Israyeli zathumela abantu kusosonke isizwana sakoBhenjamini, zisithi, “Yibudlova bani lobu obenziwayo phakathi kwenu na? **13** Khathesi, banikeleni lababantu baseGibhiya abagangileyo

ukuze sibabulale siqede ububi ko-Israyeli.” Kodwa abakoBhenjamini kababalalelanga abafowabo bako-Israyeli. **14** Baqoqana eGibhiya bevela emadolobheni akibo ukuba balwe labako-Israyeli. **15** Ngasikhathi sinye abakoBhenjamini babutha izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha zabahlome abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abakhethwa kulabo abahlala eGibhiya. **16** Phakathi kwamabutho la kwakulabantu abakhethiweyo abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa ababengamanxele, bonke bengakhuthi abakunxwaneleyo ngesavutha. **17** Abako-Israyeli, ngaphandle kwabakoBhenjamini, babutha abantu abalwa ngezinkeba abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane, bonke bengabantu bempi. **18** Abako-Israyeli baya eBhetheli babuza uNkulunkulu. Bathi, “Ngubani wethu ozahamba kuqala ukuyakulwa labakoBhenjamini?” UThixo wathi, “NgUJuda ozahamba kuqala.” **19** Kusisa ekuseni, abako-Israyeli bavuka bamisa izihonqo eduzane leGibhiya. **20** Abantu bako-Israyeli baphuma ukuyakulwa labakoBhenjamini bema ezindaweni ezelungele ukubahlasela eGibhiya. **21** AbakoBhenjamini baphuma eGibhiya babulala abako-Israyeli abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili endaweni yokulwela mhlalokho. **22** Kodwa abantu bako-Israyeli banikana isibindi babuyela njalo ezindaweni zabo lapho ababekhona ngelanga lakuqala. **23** Abako-Israyeli bahamba bayakhala phambi kukaThixo kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, njalo babuza uThixo bathi, “Singahamba njalo yini siyekulwa labakoBhenjamini, abafowethu na?” UThixo waphendula yathi, “Hambani liyebahlasela.” **24** Abako-Israyeli basondela koBhenjamini ngosuku lwsibili. **25** Ngalesikhathi, kwathi abakoBhenjamini sebephumble eGibhiya ukuba bamelane labo, babulala abanye njalo abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili, bonke behlome ngezinke. **26** Lapho-ke, abako-Israyeli bonke lebutho lonke baya eBhetheli, bahlala khona behkala phambi kukaThixo. Ngalelolanga bazila kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, banikela leminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leminikelo yobudlelwano kuThixo. **27** Abako-Israyeli basebebuza uThixo. (Ngalezonku umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wawukhonapho, **28** uloFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari, indodana ka-Aroni, ekhonza phambi kwavo) Babuza bathi, “Singahamba njalo yini siyekulwa loBhenjamini umfowethu loba hatshi na?” UThixo waphendula wathi, “Hambani, ngoba kusasa ngizabanikela ezandleni zenu.” **29** Ngakho abako-Israyeli bacathama bezungeze iGibhiya. **30** Bahamba bayahlasela abakoBhenjamini ngosuku lwsithathu, balungela ukuhlasela iGibhiya njengebabekwenze kuqala. **31** AbakoBhenjamini baphuma babahlangabeza baholelw kude ledolobho. Baqalisa ukubabulala abako-Israyeli njengakuqala, kwathi ababephosa babengamatshumi amathathu bafela egcekeni emgwaqweni oya eBhetheli lomunye oya eGibhiya. **32** Kwathi abakoBhenjamini besithi, “Siyabehlula njengakuqala,” abako-Israyeli bona besithi, “Kasihlehleleni emuva sibaholele

kude ledolobho emigwaqweni." **33** Bonke abantu bako-Israyeli basuka ezindaweni zabo bayo eBhalithamari, kwathi abako-Israyeli ababecatheme bahlasela bephuma endaweni yabo ngasentshonalanga kweGibhiya. **34** Izinkulungwane ezilitshumi zabantu bako-Israyeli abakhethiwayo bahlasela iGibhiya mathupha. Ukulwa kwakunzima kakhulu ngakho kwenza abakoBhenjamini banganazeleli ukuthi ingozi yayisisondele. **35** UThixo wamnqoba uBhenjamini phambi kuka-Israyeli, njalo ngalelolanga abako-Israyeli babulala abakoBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlulu lekhulu, bonke behlome ngezinkemba. **36** Lapho-ke abakoBhenjamini babona ukuthi babenqotshiwe. Khonapho abako-Israyeli basebevulele abakoBhenjamini isikhala, ngoba babethembe ababecatheme eduze leGibhiya. **37** Abantu lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli babezaphendukela seziqalise ukuphakama edolobheni, abakoBhenjamini baphenduka babona intuthu yedolobho lonke iqonga isiya phezulu emkhathini. **41** Lapho-ke abako-Israyeli babaphendukela, abantu bakoBhenjamini batshaywa luvalo, ngoba babona ukuthi ingozi yayisibelele. **42** Ngakho babaleka phambi kwabako-Israyeli beqonda enkangala kodwa behluleka ukuyibaleka impi. Abako-Israyeli abaphuma emizini bababulalela khonapho. **43** Babahanqa abakoBhenjamini, baxotshana labo, bababhuqela eduze leGibhiya kalula ngasempumalanga. **44** Kwafa abakoBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili, bonke bengamaqhawe. **45** Sebephenduke babaleka beqonda enkangala edwaleni laseRimoni, abako-Israyeli babulala abantu abazinkulungwane ezhinhlulu kulandela imigwaqo. Baqhubeqa bextotshana labakoBhenjamini baze bayafika eGidomu babulala abanye njalo abazinkulungwane ezimbili. **46** Ngalelolanga kwafa abakoBhenjamini abalwa ngenkemba abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlulu, bonke bengamaqhawe. **47** Kodwa abantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha baphenduka babalekela enkangala edwaleni laseRimoni, lapho abahlala khona izinyanga ezine. **48** Abantu bako-Israyeli babuyela koBhenjamini bahlasela imizi yonke ngenkemba, kubalwa izifuyo lakho konke okunye abakutholayo. Yonke imizi abafika kuyo bayithungela ngomilo.

abo bekhala kabuhlungu besithi, **3** "Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kungani lokhu kwenzakale ku-Israyeli na? Kungani esinye isizwana singekho ko-Israyeli lamhla na?" **4** Ngakusasa ekuseni abantu bakha i-alithari banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano. **5** Basebebuza abako-Israyeli besithi, "Yisiphi kuzozonke izizwana zakosrayeli esingabuthananga phambi kukaThixo na?" Ngoba babefunge isifungo esiqinileyo bathi lowo owayengayikuba khona ekubuthaneni phambi kukaThixo eMizipha kwakuzamele abulawe. **6** Abako-Israyeli bezwa ubuhlungu ngabafowabo abakoBhenjamini. Bathi, "Lamuhla esinye isizwana kasisekho ko-Israyeli. **7** Labo abaseleyo singabanika njani abafazi, njengoba thina sifunge isifungo zako-Israyeli esingabuthananga phambi kukaThixo na?" Bafumana ukuthi akulamuntu waseJaheshi Giliyadi owayefikile ezhionqweni elande umbuthano lowo. **9** Ngoba bathi bebala abantu, bathola ukuthi kwakungelamuntu waseJaheshi Giliyadi owayekhona. **10** Ngakho ibandla lathuma abantu bempu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili belaya ukuthi baye ejabheshi Giliyadi babahlaesele ngenkemba labo abahlala khona, kubalwa abesifazane labantwana. **11** Bathi, "Kumele libulale wonke owesilisa lowesifazane ongasintombi egcweleyo." **12** Phakathi kwabantu ababehlala ejabheshi Giliyadi bathola izintombi ezcigweleyo ezingamakhulu amane, bazisa ezhionqweni eShilo kweleKhenani. **13** Ibandla lonke lathumela ilizwi lokuthula kwabakoBhenjamini edwaleni laseRimoni. **14** Ngakho abakoBhenjamini babuyela ngalesosikhathi sebephiwe abesifazane baseJaheshi Giliyadi ababephaphisiwe. Kodwa kabawanelanga amadoda wonke. **15** Abantu bezwa ubuhlungu ngabakoBhenjamini, ngoba uThixo wayesenye isikhexe phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli. **16** Abadala bebandla bathi, "Njengoba abesifazane bakoBhenjamini beqothuliwe, amadoda aseleyo siwazuzela njani abafazi na? **17** AbakoBhenjamini abasindayo kumele babe lezindlalifa, ukuze isizwana sako-Israyeli singatshabalali. **18** Asingeke sibendisele amadodakazi ethu ngoba thina abako-Israyeli safunga isifungo lesi sathi: "Kaqalekiswe lowo owendisela umBhenjamini umfazi." **19** Kodwa khangelani, kolumkholi weomyaka yonke kaThixo eShilo, enyakatho kweBhetheli, ngasempumalanga komgwaqo osuka eBhetheli usiya eShekhemu, ngeningizimu kweLebhona." **20** Ngakho balaya abakoBhenjamini bathi, "Hambani liyecatsha eziwinini **21** lilinde. Lapho izintombi zaseShilo ziphuma ukuba zingene

**21** Abantu bako-Israyeli babefunge isifungo eMizipha bathi, "Akukho lamunye wethu ozakwendisela indodakazi yakhe emuntwini wakoBhenjamini." **2** Abantu bayo eBhetheli, lapho abahlala khona phambi kukaNkulunkulu kwaze kwaba kusihlwa, bephakamise amazwi

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enu kaliwendiselanga kubo.”” **23** Ngakho lokho yikho okwenziwa ngabakoBhenjamini. Kwathi izintombi zigida, indoda yabamba intombi yahamba layo ukuba ibe ngumkayo. Babuyela-ke elifeni labo bayakha kutsha imizi, bahlala kuyo. **24** Ngalesisikhathi abako-Israyeli basuka kuleyondawo babuyela emakhaya eziwanen i lasezinsendweni zabo, ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe. **25** Ngalezonsuku abako-Israyeli babengelankosi; umuntu wonke ezenza ayelelona kulungile kuye.

# URuthe

**1** Ngezinsuku kubusa abahluleli, kwaba lendlala elizweni. Ngakho indoda ethile yaseBhethilehema koJuda kanye lomkayo lamadodana abo amabili, basuka bayahlala elizweni lamaMowabi okwesikhatshana. **2** Ibizo lalindoda lalingu-Elimeleki, elomkakhe linguNawomi, amadodana akhe amabili ayengoMaheloni loKhiliyon. Babengama-Efrathi aseBhethilehema koJuda. Baya eMowabi bayahlala khona. **3** U-Elimeleki, umkaNawomi wafa, wasesala lamadodana akhe womabili. **4** Athatha abafazi baseMowabi, omunye wayethiya ngu-Opha omunye ethiya nguRuthe. Sebehiale lapho okweminyaka elitshumi, **5** bobabili uMaheloni loKhiliyon labo bafa, uNawomi wasesala engaselamadodana kanye lomkakhe. **6** Wathi esizwa eseMowabi ukuthi uThixo wayesesize abantu bakhe ngokubapha ukudla, uNawomi kanye labomkulazana bakhe balungisela ukubuyela kibo. **7** Wasuka endaweni ayekade ehlala kuyo, labomkulazana bakhe bobabili, wangena indlela eyayizabasa emuva elizweni lamajuda. **8** UNawomi wasesithi kubomkulazana bakhe bobabili, "Buyelani emuva, ngulowo laelow aye emzini kanina. Engani uThixo angalenzela umusa onjengalovo elingitshengise wona kanye labomkenu asebedlule. **9** Sengathi uThixo angenza ukuba ngulowo laelow athole inhlalo enhle nxa esendele kwenye indoda." Wasebanga, basebekhala kakhulu **10** bathi kuye, "Sizahamba lawe ebantwini bakini." **11** Kodwa uNawomi wathi, "Buyelani ngekhaya madodakazi ami. Kambe lingabe lihambelani lami? Ngingazala amanyi amadodana na angaba ngomkenu? **12** Buyelani ngekhaya madodakazi ami. Sengigugile, aingeke ngibe ngisazuza enye indoda. Loba bekungabe kulethembu lokuthi ngende loba bengingaba lendoda ngabona lobubusuku ngizale amadodana, **13** lingawamelela aze akhule na? Lingahlala lingendanga lilindele wona na? Hatshi, madodakazi ami. Kubuhlungu kakhulu lokho kimi okwedduka kini ngoba ingalo kaThixo isingihlanekel!" **14** Bekuzwa lokho bakhala njalo. U-Opha wasesanga uninazala wamvaleisa, kodwa uRuthe wabambelela kuye. **15** UNawomi wathi, "Khangel, unyanewenu usebuyela kwabakibo kanye labonkulunkulu bakhe. Buyela laye." **16** URuthe waphendula wathi, "Ungangincengi ukuba ngikutshiye loba ukuba ngikufulatheli. Lapho oya khona ngizakuya khona, lalapho ozahlala khona ngizahlala khona. Abantu bakini bazakuba ngabakithi lonKulunkulu wakho uzakuba nguKulunkulu warni. **17** Lapho ozafela khona lami ngizafela khona njalo ngizangcwatshelwa khona. Sengathi uThixo angangihlanekela nxa ngingehlukana lawe ngenixa yolurye ultutho olungesikufa." **18** Kwathi uNawomi esebonile ukuthi uRuthe uzmisele ukuhamba laye, waseyekela ukumcindezela. **19** Basebehamba bobabili baze bayafika eBhethilehema. Bathi befika eBhethilehema, umuzi wonke waba lokuxokozela ngabo, kwathi abesifazane bababaza

besithi, "Angabe enguNawomi lo na?" **20** Yena wathi kubo, "Lingangibizi ngokuthi nginguNawomi. Wothani nginguMara, ngoba uSomandla wenze impilo yami yaba munyu. **21** Ngasuka lapha ngicgcwele, kodwa uThixo usengibuyise ngingelalutho. Lingangibzelani ngokuthi nginguNawomi? UThixo unghelisele uhlupho; uSomandla unghelisele okubi." **22** Ngakho uNawomi wabuyela ngokunjalo eBhethilehema evela eMowabi. Wafika epehelezewa nguRuthe umalukazana wakhe waseMowabi. Bafika ngesikhathi sokuqlisa ukuvuna ibhalii.

**2** UNawomi wayelesihlobo sakwabozala, indoda eyayinothile osendweni luka-Elimeleki, ibizo layo lingubhowazi. **2** URuthe um'Mowabi wathi kuNawomi, "Yekela ngiye emasimini ngyedobha inhlamu zamabele asala emuva kulowo ozakuba lomusa kimi." UNawomi wathi, "Kulungile, hamba ndodakazi yami." **3** Wasehamba, wafika wadobha amabele asala ngemuva kwabavunayo. Kwenzakala ukuthi wafika wasebenza ensimini kaBhowazi, owayengowosendo luka-Elimeleki. **4** Kwasekuftika uBhowazi evela eBhethilehema, wabingelela abavuni wathi, "UThixo kabe lan!" Baphendula bathi, "UThixo akubuse!" **5** UBhowazi wabuza inceku yakhe eyayikhangele abavunayo wathi, "Intombi le ngekabani?" **6** Yena wathi, "NgeyaseMowabi eyabuya loNawomi. **7** Utthe, 'Ngicela ukudobha okusalayo phakathi kwezithungo ngemva kwabavunayo.' Ulokhu efike emasimini ekuseni lokhu esebezena kuze kube khathesi, ngaphandle kokuphumula kancinyane nje enthunzini." **8** UBhowazi wasesithi kuRuthe, "Lalela lapha-ke ndodakazi yami. Ungaze wayadobha kwenye insim, ungasuki lapha. Hlala lapha lamantombazana azincekukazi zami. **9** Nanzelela leyonsimu lapho amadoda avuna khona, wena ulandele amantombazana. Ngivalayile amadoda ukuba angakuhluphi. Ungezwa usuwomile, uhambé uyenatha ezimbizeni ezikhelelwé zacgwaliwa ngamadoda." **10** Ekuzwa lokhu uRuthe wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wambuza wathi, "Kungani ngifumane umusa ongaka kuwe uze ungizwele mina ngingowezizweni?" **11** UBhowazi wathi, "Sengitsheliwe ngakho konke owakwenzela unyokozala kusukela ekufeni komkakho lokuthi watshiya uyihih lonyoko lelizwe lakini weza ukuzahlala labantu owawungabazi ngaphambilini. **12** Sengathi uThixo angakupha umvuzo ngalokhu okwenzileyo. Sengathi uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, oze ukuphephela ngaphansi kwamaphiko akhe angakupha umvuzo omkhulu." **13** URuthe wathi, "Sengathi ngingaqhubeka ngithola umusa kuwe, nkosi yami. Usungiphe ukududuzeka njalo ukhulume ngomusa encekazini yakho loba ngingafanele ukuba ngomunye wamantombazana azincekukazi zakhoo." **14** Ngesikhathi sokudla, uBhowazi wathi kuye, "Woza lapha. Nansi isinkwa, dlana utshebe ngewayini elileviniga." Wahlala phansi labavunayo, uBhowazi wasemupha amabele akhanzingiweyo. Wadla wasutha waze watshiya. **15** Esesukuma ukuthi ayebutha, uBhowazi walaya amadoda wathi, "Loba angaze adobhe phakathi kwezithungo, lingaze lamhlupha. **16**

Kodwa, hwatshani amanye amahlanga ezithungweni ukukuhlenga; uzakwenza njalo. Kodwa nxa engakavumi limtshiyele ukuze adobhe kuwo, lingaze lamkuha.” **17** lokho, mina ngizakwenza lokho njengoba uThixo Ngakho uRuthe wadobha ensimini kwaze kwahwalala. ephila. Lala lapha kuze kuse.” **14** Ngakho walala Wasebhula ibhali ayeyidobhile, yagcwala phamu kwaze kwasa, wasevuka engakananzelwa muntu; amagokoko amabili. **18** Wayithwala waya layo uBhowazi wathi kuye, “Ungaze watshela mutu ngekhaya, uninazala wabona lokho ayekuvunile. ukuthi ukhona owesifazane oke weza esizeni.” URuthe wakhupha ayekutshiyile esedle wasutha, weza lakho wamupha. **19** Uninazala wabuza wathi, “Udobhe ngaphi lamhlanje? Usebenze ngaphi? Ubusisiwe lowomuntu okunanzeleleyo!” URuthe wasemtshela uninazala ngalowo lapho ayekade esebezena khona wathi, “Ibizo lendoda engisebenze kuyo lamhla nguBhowazi.” **20** UNawomi wathi kumalukazana wakhe, “UTHixo kambusise! Kayekelanga ukutshengisa umusa wakhe kwabaphilayo lakwasebafayo.” Wengeza njalo wathi, “Indoda leyo iyisihlobo sethu esiseduze; ingomunye wezihlobo zethu ezingabahlengi.” **21** URuthe um’Mowabi wasesithi, “Uze wathi kimi, ‘Ubohlala ulandela izisebenzi zami zize ziqedo ukuvuna amabele ami.” **22** UNawomi wathi kuRuthe umalukazana wakhe, “Kuzakuba kuhle, ndodakazi yami, ukuthi uhambé lamantombazana akhe, ngoba unghalutshwa ensimini yomunye.” **23** Ngakho uRuthe waba seduze lamantombazana azincekukazi zikaBhowazi ekudobheni kwaze kwaphela ukuvuna ibhali lengqoloyi. Njalo wahlala loninazala.

**3** Ngeline ilanga uNawomi, uninazala wathi kuye, “Ndodakazi yami, akungcono ngikudingele umuzi lapho ozagcineka khona kuhle na?” **2** UBhowazi lo obusebenza lamantombazana akhe, yisihlobo sethu. Ngobusuku balmhlanje uzabe esela ibhali esizeni. **3** Geza, uziqhole ngamakha, ugqoke iziqgoko zakho zokuceca. Ubususiya esizeni, kodwa ungaze waziveza kuye aze aqede ukudala lokunatha. **4** Nxa eselala, uqaphelise indawo alala kuyo, ubusufika wambule ezinyaweni zakhe ulale lapho. Uzakutshela ukuthi wenzeni.” **5** URuthe wathi, “Ngizakwenza lokho ongitshela khona.” **6** Wasesuka waya esizeni, wenza konke ayekutshelwe nguninazala. **7** Kwathi uBhowazi esethabe kakhulu ngemva kokudla lokunatha, wasuka wayalala ekucineni kwenqumbi yamabele. URuthe wasondela ngokuthula, wembula inyawo zakhe, waselala lapho. **8** Kwathi phakathi kobusuku indoda yethuswa ngokuthile, yasiphenduka yathola owesifazane elele ezinyaweni zayo. **9** Yabuza yathi, “Ungubani wena?” Yena waphendula wathi, “NginguRuthe, incekukazi yakho. Ngembathisa ngesembatho sakho, njengoba uyisihlobo sethu esingumhleni.” **10** Yena wathi, “UTHixo akubusise, ndodakazi yami. Umusa wakho lo mkhulu ukwedlula lokho okwenze kuqala. Awuzange ukhethe ukulandelana lamajaha, ingabe nganotihileyo loba angabayanga. **11** Ngakho, ungesabi ndodakazi yami. Ngizakwenzela konke okucelayo. Bonke abantu bakulo umuzu bayakwazi ukuthi wena ungowesifazane oqotho. **12** Lanxa kuliqiniso ukuthi mina ngiyisihlobo esihlengayo, kodwa ukhona oyisihlobo esiseduze okwedlula mina. **13** Hlala lapha lobusuku, kuthi ekuseni nxa efuna

ukukuhlenga; uzakwenza njalo. Kwathi esenzenjalo, wathela kuso ibhali eyizilinganiso eziyisithupha wamethesa. Wasesuka wabuyla nekhaya. **16** URuthe wathi efika kuninazala, uNawomi wabuza wathi, “Kuhame njani ndodakazi yami?” Yena wamtshela konke ayekwenzelwe nguBhowazi, **17** wengeza esithi, “Ungiphe izilinganiso eziyisithupha zebhali wathi, ‘Ungaze wabuyela kunyokozala ungelalutho.’” **18** UNawomi wasesithi, “Mana ndodakazi yami, uze ubone okuzakwenzakala. Umuntu lo kasoke aphumule indaba le ize ilungswe lamhlanje.”

**4** Kusenjalo uBhowazi waya esangweni ledolobho wahlala lapho. Kwathi isihlobo esihlengayo ayekhulume ngaso sisedlula lapho, uBhowazi wathi, “Woza lapha mnigane wami, uhlale phansi.” Waya kuye wahlala phansi. **2** UBhowazi wabiza abadala bakulelodolobho abalitshumi wathi, “Hlalan lapha,” benza njalo. **3** Wasesithi esihlotoshi esihlengayo, “UNawomi osebuyile evela eMowabi uthengisa isiqinti esasingesomnewethu u-Elimeleki. **4** Ngibone kufanele ukuthi ngilethe loludaba kuwe njalo ngicebise ukuthi usithenge phambi kwabo laba abahlezi lapha laphambi kwabadalabakithi. Nxa usihlenga, yenza njalo. Kodwa nxa ungasihlenga ungaZise. Phela kakho olelungelo lokwenza lokho ngaphandle kwakho, besekulandela mina.” Yena wathi, “Ngizasihlenga.” **5** UBhowazi wasesithi, “Mhla uthenga umhlabathi kuNawomi loRuthe um Mowabi, uzzaza lomfelokazi womufi, ukuze umise ibizo lomufi kanye lempahla yakhe.” **6** Sikuzwa lokho, isihlobo esingumhleni sathi, “Angingeke-ke ngisihlenga ngoba sekungonakala okwelifa lami. Sihlenga wena ngokwakho. Mina anganelisi.” **7** (Ngalezonzu zakuqala ko-Israyeli, ukuze umkhuba wokuhlempa impahla zisuka komunye zisiya komunye uphelele, oyedwa wayekhupha inyathela lakhe aliphe omunye. Le yayiyindlela yokuquinisa isivumelwano ko-Israyeli.) **8** Ngakho isihlobo esihlengayo sakupha inyathela laso sathi kuBhowazi, “Sithenge wena.” **9** UBhowazi wasebika ebadalenilakubo bonke abantu wathi, “Lamhlanje lingofakazi bokuthi sengithengile kuNawomi yonke impahla ka-Elimeleki, lokhiliyon iLoMaheloni. **10** LoRuthe um’Mowabi, umfelokazi kaMaheloni sengimzuzile ukuba abe ngumkami, ukuze kugcinakale ibizo lomufi kanye lempahla yakhe, lokuze ibizo lakhe linganyamalali emulini loba embalini yomuzi. Lingofakazi lamhlanje!” **11** Abadala kanye labo bonke ababesangweni bathi, “Singofakazi. Sengathi uThixo angenza owesifazane ozayo emzini wakho abe njengoRasheli loLeya, abayakhayo indlu ka-Israyeli bendawonye. Sengathi unghalonitshwa e-Efrathi ube

lodumo eBhethilehema. **12** Ngenzalo uThixo azakunika yona ngalo owesifazane, sengathi imuli yakho ingaba njengekaPherezi, uThamari ayizalela uJuda.” **13** UBhowazi wamthatha uRuthe waba ngumkakhe. Wembatha laye, uThixo wenza wakhulelwa, wasezala indodana. **14** Abesifazane bathi kuNawomi, “Kadunyiswe uThixo, yena ongakutshiyanga wasala ungelasihlobo esihlengayo. Sengathi angaba lodumo kulolonke elako-Israyeli! **15** Uzakwenza impilo yakho ibentsha, akulondoloze ebudaleni bakho. Ngoba umalukazana wakho, yena okuthandayo njalo ongcono kulamadodana ayisikhombisa, usemuphe inzalo.” **16** UNawomi wasethatha umntwana, wamanga, wamondla. **17** Abesifazane ababehlala lapho bathi, “UNawomi uselendodana.” Bamutha ibizo bathi ngu-Obhedi. Nguye owaba nguyise kajese, uyise kaDavida. **18** Lesi yiso isizukulwane sikaPherezi: uPherezi wayenguyise kaHezironi, **19** uHezironi enguyise kaRamu, uRamu enguyise ka-Aminadabi, **20** u-Aminadabi enguyise kaNahashoni, uNahashoni enguyise kaSalimoni, **21** uSalimoni enguyise kaBhowazi, uBhowazi enguyise ka-Obhedi, **22** u-Obhedi enguyise kajese, uJese enguyise kaDavida.

# 1 USamuyeli

**1** Kwakulendoda ethile yaseRamathayimi, umZufi owayevela elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi, ibizo layo lalingu-Elikhana indodana kaJerohamu, indodana ka-Elihu, indodana kaThohu, indodana kaZufi, um'Efrayimi. **2** Wayelabafazi ababili; omunye wayethiwa nguHana omunye enguPhenina. UPHENINA wayelabantwana kodwa uHana engelabo. **3** Ngeminyaka yonke indoda le yayisuka emzini wakibo isiyakhonza, inikela lomhlatselo kuThixo uSomandla eShilo, lapho uHofini loFinehasi, amadodana amabili ka-Eli, ababengabaphristi bakaThixo khona. **4** Kwakusithi kungafika isikhathi sokuthi u-Elikhana anikele umhlatselo, wayenika umkakhe uPhenina lawo wonke amadodana lamadodakazi akhe izabelo zenyama. **5** Kodwa uHana wayemnka isabelo esiphindwe kibili ngoba wayemthanda, kodwa uThixo wayesivalile isibeletho sakhe. **6** Njalo ngenxa yokuthi uThixo wayesivalile isibeletho sakhe, unyanewabo wayehlala engolomba ukuze amcaphule. **7** Lokhu kwaqhubeka iminyaka yonke. Ngezikathhi zonke lapho uHana eye endlini kaThixo, unyanewabo wayemgolomba aze akhale njalo ehluleke lokudua. **8** U-Elikhana umkakhe, wayesithi kuye, “Hana, ukhalelani na? Kungani ungdali na? Kungani udanile? Kuwe angiqakathekanga ukweddlula amadodana alitshumi na?” **9** Kwake kwathi sebeqede ukudla lokunatha eShilo, uHana wasukuma. Ngalesosikhathi u-Eli umphristi wayehlezi esihilalweni phansi kwensika yomnyango wethempeli likaThixo. **10** Ngobuhlungu bomoya uHana wakhala kakhulu njalo wakhuleka kuThixo. **11** Wafunga esithi, “Awu, Thixo Somandla, nxa ungakhangela nje usizi lwenceukazi yakho ungikhumbule, njalo ungayikhohlwa inceukazi yakho kodwa uiyiphe indodana, lapho-ke ngizayinika uThixo okwensku zonke zokuphilu kwayo, njalo akulampuco ezasetshenziswe ekhanda layo.” **12** Ekuqhubekei kwakhe uHana ekhuleka kuThixo, u-Eli wananelela umlomo wakhe. **13** UHana wayekhuleka enhliziyeni yakhe, izindebe zakhe zinyikinyeka kodwa ilizwi lakhe lingezwakali. U-Eli wacabanga ukuthi wayedakiwe, **14** ngakho wathi kuye, “Koze kube nini ulokhu udakwa na? Yekela iwayini lakho.” **15** “Akunjalo nkosi yami,” uHana waphendula. “Ngingowesifazane ohlupheke kakhulu. Kangizange nginathe iwayini kumbe utshwala. Kade ngisethula umphefumulo wami kuThixo. **16** Ungathathi inceukazi yakho njengowesifazane ogangileyo; kade ngikhuleka lapha ngenxa yosizi lwami olukhulu kanye lobuhlungu.” **17** U-Eli waphendula wathi, “Hamba ngokuthula, sengathi uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli angakupha lokho okucele kuye.” **18** UHana wathi, “Sengathi inceukazi yakho ingathola umusa emehlwени akho.” Lapho-ke wasuwa wahamba, wadla, njalo ubuso bakhe babungasadananga. **19** Ekuseni yakhe aphakamise lophondo logcotshiweyo wakhe.” okwalandelayo bavuka bayakhonza phambi kukaThixo **20** Ngakho kwalokho u-Elikhana wabuyela ekhaya basebuyela emzini wabo eRama. U-Elikhana walala eRama, kodwa umfana wakhonza phambi kukaThixo loHana umkakhe, uThixo wamkhumbula.

ngokuhamba kwasikhathi uHana wathatha isisu wazala indodana. Wayetha ibizo wathi nguSamuyeli, esithi, “Ngoba ngamcela kuThixo.” **21** Kwathi lapho u-Elikhana ehamba labendlu yakhe bonke ukuyanikela umhlatselo weminyaka yonke kuThixo lokugcwaliswa isifungo sakhe, **22** uHana kahambanga. Wathi kumkakhe, “Emva kokuba umfana eselunyulwe, ngizamthatha ngiyemethula phambi kukaThixo, njalo uzahlala khona kopukhela.” **23** U-Elikhana umkakhe wathi kuye, “Yenza lokho okukhanya kukuhle kuwe. Hlala khonapho uze umkhuphe ebeleni; kuphela nje sengathi uThixo angagcwaliswa ilizwu lakhe.” Ngakho owestifazane wahlala ekhaya wondla indodana yakhe waze wayilumula. **24** Emva kokuba esekhutshiwe ebeleni, wahamba lomfana, emncane enjalo kanye lenkunzi eyayileminyaka emithathu ubudala, lehefa lempuphu yenggoloyi kanye lembodlela yewayini, wamuska endlini kaThixo eShilo. **25** Kwathi inkunzi sebeyihlabile, bamhambisa umfana ku-Eli, **26** uHana wasesithi kuye, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ukhona, nkosi yami, mina ngingulowana umfazi owema phansi kwakho ekhuleka kuThixo. **27** Ngakhulekela umntwana lo, njalo uThixo usengiphile engakucelayo. **28** Ngakho khathesi sengimmika uThixo. Uzanikwa uThixo impilo yakhe yonke.” Wakhonza uThixo khonapho.

**2** UHana wasekhuleka esithi: “Inhliziyu yami iyathokoza kuThixo; kuThixo uphondo lwami luphakeme. Umlomo wami uayaziklolodela izitha zami, ngoba ngiyathokoza ekusindiseni kwakho. **2** Kakho ongcwele njengoThixo; kakho omunye ngaphandle kwakho; akulaDwala elinjengo-Nkulunkulu wethu. **3** Lingabe lisakhulumu ngokuzigqaja kanje loba uyekele umlomo wakho ukhulumu ukuzikhukhumeza okunje, ngoba uThixo unguNkulunkulu owaziyo, njalo izenzo zilinganiswa nguye. **4** Amadandili amabutho ephukile, kodwa labo abakhubekayo bahloniyiswe ngamandla. **5** Labo ababesuthi baziqhatshisa ngokudla, kodwa labo ababelambile kabalambi futhi. Lowo owayeyinyumbakazi usezele abantwana abayisikhombisa, kodwa lowo owayelamadodana amanengi uyacikizeka. **6** UThixo uletha ukufa njalo enze ukuphila, wehlisela phansi engcwabenji njalo avuse. (**Sheol h7585**) **7** UThixo uthumela ubuyanga kanye lenotho; uyathobekisa njalo uyaphakamisa. **8** Uvusa abayanga ethulini aphakamise abaswelayo esilotheni; abahlalise lamakhosana. Enze bathole isihlalo sodumo sibe yilifa labo. Ngoba izisekelo zomhlaba ngezikThixo; umise umhlaba phezu kwazo. **9** Uzalondoloza inyawo zabathembekileyo bakhe, kodwa ababi bazathulisewa emnyameni. Akusikho ngamandla ukuthi umuntu ehlule; **10** labo abaphikisa uThixo bazaphahlazwa. OPhezukonke uzaduma amelane labo esezulwini; uThixo uzakwahlulela imikhawulo yomhlabo. Uzayinika amandla inkosi yakhe aphakamise lophondo logcotshiweyo wakhe.” **11** Emva kwalokho u-Elikhana wabuyela ekhaya basebuyela emzini wabo eRama. U-Elikhana walala eRama, kodwa umfana wakhonza phambi kukaThixo ngaphansi kuka-Eli umphristi. **12** Amadodana ka-Eli

ayengabantu abaxhwalileyo, ayengamnanzi uThixo. 13 Kwakungumkhuba wabaphristi labantu ukuthi kokuphela nxa loba ngubani enikele umhlatshele, njalo lapho inyama isaphekwa, inceku yomphristi yayisiza iphethe ifologwe elencjo ezintathu. 14 Yayihlabu ngayo epaneni loba egedleleni loba ebhodweni kumbe labo abangeysiso bazakweyiswa. 15 Kodwa lalapho amahwahwa engakatshi, inceku yomphristi yayisiza emuntwini onikelayo ithi, “Ni ka umphristi inyama yokosa; kasoze ayamukele kuwe inyama ephekwedo, kodwa eluhlaza kuphela.” 16 Lapho umuntu ethe kuyo, “Yekela amahwahwa qaale atshe, ubo usuthathake lokho okufunayo,” inceku yayiphendula ithi, “Hatshi, ngiqhubela yona khathesi; nxa ungenzi njalo, ngizayiyluthuna ngamandla.” 17 Lesisono 18 Kodwa uSamuyeli wayekhonza phambi kukaThixo engumfana eqqoka isembatho samahlombe selineni. 19 Minyaka yonke unina wayemenzela ingubo encane ayise kuye lapho esiya khonale lomkakhe ukuyanikela umhlatshele wemiriyaka yonke. 20 U-Eli wayebusa u-Elikhana lomkakhe, esithi, “Sengathi uThixo angalipha abantwana ngalo owesifazane ukuba bathathe isikhundla salowo amkhulekelayo wasemnika uThixo.” Emva kwakloko babebuya ekhya. 21 Uthixo waba lomusa kuHana; wakhulelwu wazala amadodana amathathu lamadodakazi amabili. Kusenjalo, umfana uSamuyeli wakhula phambi kukaThixo. 22 Ngalesosikhathi u-Eli, owayesemdalaka kakhulu, wezwa ngakho konke okwakusenziwa ngamadodana akhe ku-Israyeli wonke kanye lokuthi ayelala njani labesifazane ababesebenza esangweni lethente lokuhlangana. 23 Ngakho wathi kuwo, “Kungani lisenza izinto ezinje na? Ngizizwa ngabantu bonke lezizenzo zenu ezimbi. 24 Hatshi, madodana ami; akusimbiko omuhle engiwuzwa usanda phakathi kwabantu bakaThixo. 25 Nxa umuntu esona komunye umuntu, uNkulunkulu angaba ngumeli wakhe kodwa nxa umuntu esona kuThixo, ngubani ongamkhulumela na?” Kodwa amadodana akhe kawakulalelanga ukukhuza kukayise, ngoba kwakuyisifiso sikaThixo ukuba awabulale. 26 Umfana uSamuyeli waqhubeke ekhula ngomzimba langokuthandeka kuThixo lasebantwini. 27 Ngalesosikhathi umuntu kaNkulunkulu wafika ku-Eli wathi kuye, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo ukuthi: ‘Kangizibonakalisanga ngokubalulekileyo endlini kayihlo lapho babeseGibhithe ngaphansi kukaFaro na?’ 28 Ngakhetha uyihi phakathi kwezizwana zonke zakoor-Israyeli ukuba abe ngumphristi wami, ukuba aye e-alithareni lami, ukuba atshise imphepa, lokuba aggoke isembatho samahlombe phambi kwami. Njalo nganika indlu kayihlo yonke iminikelo eyenziwa ngomilo ngabako-Israyeli. 29 Pho kungani useyisa imihlatshele yami kanye leminkelo engayiphawulele indlu yami yokuhlala na? Kungani uhloniipa amadodana akho okudlula mina ngokuzikhuluphalisa lina ngokwenu ngezingxene zekhethelo zeminikelo yonke eyenziwa ngabantu bako-Israyeli na?” 30 Ngakho-ke uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi, ‘Ngathembisa ukuthi indlu yakho lendlu kayihlo zizakhonza phambi kwami nini lanini.’ Kodwa khathesi uThixo uthi, ‘Akusenjalo kimi! Labo abangilhoniphayo ngizabahlonipha, kodwa labo abangeysiso bazakweyiswa. 31 Isikhathi siyeza lapho engizaphungula khona amandla akho lamandla endlu kayihlo, ukuze kungabi lomuntu omdala kusendo lwakwenu 32 njalo uzabona usizi lapho engihlala khona. Lanxa okuhle kuzakwenziwa ku-Israyeli, kwabosendo lwakho akuyikuba lomuntu omdala. 33 Lowo laralo wakinengingayikumsusa e-alithareni lami uzayekelwa nije ukuba amehlo akhe afiphale lokuba azwise inhlizyo yakho ubuhlungu, njalo yonke inzalo yakho izakufa kuyikhona isephakathi kwempilo. 34 ‘Njalo okwenzakala emadodaneni akho amabili, uHofini loFinehasi, kuzakuba yisiboniso kuwe, bobabili basakufa langa linye. 35 Ngizakuzimisela umphristi othembekileyo ozakwenza mayelana lokusenhliziyeni yami lengqondweni yami. Ngizamisa indlu yakhe iqine, njalo uzakhonza phambi kogcotshiweyo wami lisesilwa loqweqe lwsinkwa njalo bakhala besithi, “Ake ungibeke kwesinye isikhundla sobuphristi ukuze ngithole ukudla ngidle.””

**3** Umfana uSamuyeli wakhonza phambi kukaThixo engaphansi kuka-Eli. Ngalezonsuku ilizwi likaThixo lalingandanga; kwakungelamibono eminengi. 2 Ngobunye ubusuku u-Eli, amehlo akhe ayesefiphala esebona kalufifi, wayelele endaweni yakhe yansuku zonke. 3 Isibane sikaNkulunkulu sasingakacitshi, njalo uSamuyeli wayelele phansi ethempelini likaThixo, lapho okwakulebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu khona. 4 Uthixo wasembiza uSamuyeli. USamuyeli wasabela wathi, “Ngilapha.” 5 Wagijimela ku-Eli wathi, “Ngilapha; ungibizile.” Kodwa u-Eli wathi, “Angikubizanga; buyela uyelala.” Ngakho wabuyela wayalala. 6 Uthixo wambiza futhi wathi, “Samuyeli!” USamuyeli wavuka waya ku-Eli wathi, “Ngilapha; ungibizile.” U-Eli wathi, “Ndodana yami, Angikubizanga; buyela uyelala.” 7 Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wayengakamazi uThixo: Ilizwi likaThixo lalingakavezwa kuye. 8 Uthixo wambiza uSamuyeli okwesithathu, njalo uSamuyeli wavuka waya ku-Eli wathi, “Ngilapha; ungibizile.” Lapho-ke u-Eli wabona ukuthi nguThixo owayebiza umfana. 9 Ngakho u-Eli watshela uSamuyeli wathi, “Hamba uyelala, njalo nxa ekubiza wena uthi, ‘Khuluma Thixo, ngoba inceku yakho ilalele.’” Ngakho uSamuyeli wahamba wayalala endaweni yakhe. 10 Uthixo weza wema khonapho, ebiza njengakuqala esithi, “Samuelil! Samuelil!” USamuyeli wathi, “Khuluma, ngoba inceku yakho ilalele.” 11 Uthixo wasesithi kuSamuyeli, “Khangela, sekuseduze ukuba ko-Israyeli ngenze into ezakwenza indlebezomuntu wonke okuzwayo lokho zincencethe. 12 Ngalesosikhathi ngizamelana lo-Eli, ngenze konke engakukhuluma mayelana lendlu yakhe kusukela

ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni. **13** Ngoba ngamtshela ukuthi ngizakwahlu lela indlu yakhe okulaphakade ngenxa yesono ayesazi; amadodana akhe ayehlambaza uNkulunkulu, yena wehluleka ukuwahuza. **14** Ngakho, ngayifungela indlu ka-Eli ngathi, ‘Icalu lendlu ka-Eli kalyikuhlawulwa ngomhlatshe loba wakoBhenjamini wagijima esuka empini waya eShilo, ngomnikelo.’’ **15** USamuyeli walala phansi kwaze izigoko zakhe zazidabukile elo thuli ekhanda. **16** kwaba sekuseni wasevula iminyango yendlu kaThixo. Ekufikeni kwakhe, kwakulo-Eli ehelezi esihlalweni Wayesesaba ukutshela u-Eli umbono, **17** kodwa eceleni komgwao, elindile, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe u-Eli wambiza wathi, “Samuyeli, ndodana yami.” **18** usamuyeli wasabela wathi, “Ngilapha.” **19** U-Eli wabuza Kwathu umuntu lowo esengenile emzini wabika wathi, “Kuyini akutshiloyi kuwe na? Ungangifihleli. Sengathi uNkulunkulu angakujezisa, kube buhlungu kakhulu, nxa uzangifihlelo loba kuyini akutshile “Ukukozela lokhu kutshoni na?” Umuntu lowo khona.” **20** Ngakho usamuyeli wantshela konke, watshitsheku-Eli, **21** owayeleminyaka engamatshumi engamfihlelanga lutho. U-Eli wasesithi, “UnguThixo; kenze lokho akubona kukuhle emehlwani akhe.” **22** mibili ubudala, njalo amehlo akhe ayesefiphele, Uthixo wayeloSamuyeli ekukhulen kwakhe, njalo engasaboni. **23** Watshela u-Eli wathi, “Ngisanda kayekelanga lalinye lamazwi akhe liwela phansi. **24** Njalo u-Israyeli wonke kusukela eDani kusiya eBherishebba wakwazi ukuthi usamuyeli wayebekwe ukuba ngumphrofethi kaThixo. **25** Uthixo waqhube kaebonakala eShilo, njalo khonapho waziveza kuSamuyeli ngelizivi lakhe.

**4** Ilizwi likaSamuyeli lafika ku-Israyeli wonke. Ngalesokhathi abako-Israyeli baphuma ukuyakulwa lamaFilistiya. Abako-Israyeli bamisa e-Ebhenezeri, amaFilistiya e-Afekhi. **2** AmaFilistiya ahlela amabutho awo ukuba ayohlangana labako-Israyeli, kwathi ekumemethekeni kwempi, u-Israyeli wehlulwa ngamaFilistiya, abulala abaphosa babe zinkulungwane ezine enkundleni yokulwela. **3** Kwathi esebuye ezhionqweni, abadala bako-Israyeli bathi, “Kungani uThixo esilethele ukwehlu lwa lamhla phambi kwamaFilistiya na? Kasiyenithatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sika Thixo eShilo, ukuze lihambe lathi lisisindise esandleni sezitha zethu.” **4** Ngakho abantu bathuma amadoda eShilo, abuya lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo uSomandla, ehelezi ebukhosini phakathi kwamakerubhi. Lamadodana ka-Eli amabili, uHofini loFinehasi, ayekhona lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **5** Kwathi lapho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lifika ezhionqweni, wonke u-Israyeli wenza umsindo omkhulu iphansi laze lanyikinyeka. **6** Esizwa ukuxokozela amaFilistiya abuza athi, “Utshoni umsindo wonke lo ezhionqweni zamaHebheru na?” Kwathi eseziwile ukuthi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo laselikhona ezhionqweni, **7** amaFilistiya esaba. Athi, “Unkulunkulu usefikile ezhionqweni. Siphakathi kohlupho. Akulanto enje eseyake yenzakala ngaphambili. **8** Maye kithi! Ngubani ozasikhululu esandleni sabonkulunkulu laba abalamandla abatshaya amaGibhithe ngenhlobo zonke zezifo enkangala? **9** Qinani, maFilistiya! Wobani ngamadoda hlez libe yizichaka zamaHebheru, njengalokhu abayeyiko kini. Wobani ngamadoda, lilwei!” **10** Ngakho amaFilistiya alwa, abako-Israyeli behlulwa njalo amadoda wonke abalekela emathenteni

awo. Ababulawayo babebanengi kakhulu; u-Israyeli walahlekelwa ngamabutho ezinyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **11** Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lathunjwa, lamadodana amabili ka-Eli, Hofini loFinehasi, afa. **12** Ngalelolanga umuntu wakoBhenjamini wagijima esuka empini waya eShilo, ngomnikelo.”’ **13** Kwaba sekuseni wasevula iminyango yendlu kaThixo. Ekufikeni kwakhe, kwakulo-Eli ehelezi esihlalweni Wayesesaba ukutshela u-Eli umbono, **14** kodwa eceleni komgwao, elindile, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe u-Eli wambiza wathi, “Samuyeli, ndodana yami.” **15** usamuyeli wasabela wathi, “Ngilapha.” **16** U-Eli wezwa umsindo wokukhala wabuza wathi, Kwathu umuntu lowo esengenile emzini wabika wathi, “Kutheni ndodana yami?” **17** Umuntu owaletha umbiko waphendula wathi, “U-Israyeli ubalekile phambi kwamaFilistiya njalo ibutho lilahlekelwe kakhulu. Njalo lamadodana akho amabili, uHofini loFinehasi, afile njalo lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lithunjive.” **18** Kwathi esethinte ngebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, u-Eli wawa ngesiphundu esihlalweni sakhe eceleni kwsango. Intamo yakhe yephuka, wafa, ngoba wayesengumuntu omdala njalo emkhulu. Wayekhokhele u-Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **19** Umalukazana wakhe, umkaFinehasi, wayekhulelwne njalo eseza beletha. Kwathi esizwa izindaba zokuthi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lalithunjive lokuthi uyisezala lomkakhe basebefile, wahelelwa wabeletha, kodwa wakhulelwne yibuhlungu bomhelo wakhe. **20** Esesifa, abesifazane ababemelethisa bathi kuye, “Ungalahli ithembu; uzele indodana.” Kodwa yena kaphendulanga loba anake. **21** Wametha ibizo umfana wathi ngukhabodi, esithi, “Udumo lusukile ko-Israyeli” ngenxa yokuthunjuwa kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lokufa kukayisezala kanye lomkakhe. **22** Wathi, “Udumo lusukile ko-Israyeli, ngoba ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lithunjive.”

**5** Emva kokuba amaFilistiya esethumbe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, alithatha e-Ebhenezeri alisa e-Ashidodi. **2** Aphinda alithwala alisa ethempelini likaDagoni. **3** Kwathi abantu baseAshidodi bevuka ekuseni kakhulu okwalandayo, nango uDagoni, ewele phansi ngobuso phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo! Bamthatha uDagoni bambeka endaweni yakhe. **4** Kodwa ngakusasa ekuseni bathi bevuka, nango uDagoni, ewele phansi ngobuso phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo! Ikhandla lakhe lezandla kwakugumukile kuthe qekele eduze lomnyango; kwakusele umzimba wakhe kuphela. **5** Ngalokho-ke kuze kuge lamhla abaphristi bakaDagoni labanye nje abangena ethempelini likaDagoni kabanyatheli ekuqualiseni komnyango. **6**

Isandla sikaThixo sasinzima phezu kwabantu base- enqoleni, kuthi emxhakeni oseceleni kwalo lifake Ashidodi laseduze kwayo; wehlisela incithakalo izinto zegolide elizithumela kuye njengomnikelo phezu kwabo yabahlupha langamathumba. **7** Kwathi wecala. Ikhupheni izihambele ngendlela yayo, **9** kodwa abantu base-Ashidodi bebona okwakusenzakala, liyiqaphelisise. Ingaya elizweni lakibo, iqonde eBhethi-bathi, “Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli akumelanga lihlale lathi lapha, ngoba isandla le enkulu phezu kwethu. Kodwa nxa ingenzi sakhe sinzima phezu kwethu laphezu kukaDagoni njalo, sizakwazi ukuthi kade kungasisosandla sakhe unkulunkulu wethu.” **8** Ngakho babiza bonke esisitshayileyo kanye lokuthi kuzenzakalele kodwa ababusi bamaFilistiya bababuza bathi, “Sizakwenzani ngebhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli na?” Baphendula bathi, “Ibhokisi lesivumelwano kwathi amankonyane awo bawavalela esibayeni. **11** sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli liseni eGathi.” Ngakho Babeka ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo enqoleni ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu balisa ndawonye lomxhaka owawulamagundwane egolide eGathi. **9** Kodwa kwathi sebelihambisile, isandla lezifanekiso zamathumba. **12** Emva kwalokho sikaThixo samelana lalelodolobho, okwenza kwaba amankomokazi ahamba eqonde eBhethi-Shemeshi, lokuthuthumela okukhulu kulo. Wahlupha abantu elokhu esemwaqweni njalo ebhonsa indlela bedolobho lelo, abatsha labadala, ngokuphihlika yonke; kawazange aphambukele kwasokudla kumbe kwamathumba. **10** Ngakho ibhokisi lesivumelwano kwesenxe. Ababusi bamaFilistiya bawalandela sikaNkulunkulu lasiwa e-Ekroni. Kwathi ibhokisi baze bayafika emngceleni weBhethi Shemeshi. lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lifika e-Ekroni, abantu **13** Ngalesosikhathi abantu beBhethi-Shemeshi base-Ekroni bakhala besithi, “Sebelethe ibhokisi babevuna ingqoloyi yabo esigodini, njalo bathi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli kithi lapha lapho bekhangela babona ibhokisi lesivumelwano, ukuzasibulala kanye labantu bakithi.” **11** Ngakho bathokoza ukulibona. **14** Ingola yafika ensimini babiza bonke ababusi bamaFilistiya, bathi, “Susani kajoshuwa waseBhethi-Shemeshi, yasisima khonapho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli; phansi kwedwala elikhulu. Abantu babanda inqola kalibuyele emuva endaweni yalo, hlezis libisulale thina yaba zinkuni basebehlabu amankomokazi ukuba kanye labantu bakithi.” Ngoba ukufa kwakwenze kwaba lokuthuthumela edolobheni; isandla sikaNkulunkulu sasinzima kakhulu phezu kwalo. **12** Labo abangafanga baphunywa ngamathumba, njalo umkhosi wedolobho waya phezulu ezulwini.

**6** Kwathi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo selihlale elizweni lamaFilistiya izinyanga ezyisikhombisa, **2** amaFilistiya abiza abaphristi labahlahluli athi, “Sizakwenzani ngebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo na? Sitsheleli ukuthi singalibuyisela njani emuva endaweni yalo.” **3** Baphendula bathi, “Nxa libuyisela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikankulunkulu ka-Israyeli, lingalibuyiseli lingelalutho, kodwa impela thumelani umnikelo wecala kuye. Ngakloko lizasila, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi kungani isandla sakhe singasuswanga kini.” **4** AmaFilistiya abuza athi, “Ngumnikelo bani wecala okumele siwuthumele kuye na?” Baphendula bathi, “Amathumba egolide amahlanu lamagundwane egolide amahlanu, kusya ngenani lababusi bamaFilistiya, ngoba isifo sinye sihlasele lina kanye lababusi benu.” **5** Yenzani izifanekiso zamathumba lamagundwane achitha ilizwe, lidumise unkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Mhlawumbe uzasusa isandla sakhe kini lakubonkulunkulu benu kanye laselizweni lenu. **6** Kungani lisenza inhlizyo zenu zibe lukhuni njengalokhu okwensiwa ngamaGibhithe loFaro na? Lapho unkulunkulu wama-Israyeli eseopathethe kalukhuni kabawavumelanga ama-Israyeli ukuba ahameba na? **7** Ngakho-ke khathesi, lungansi inqola entsha lamankomokazi amabili azeleyo njalo angakaze afakwe ijogwe. Bophelani amankomokazi enqoleni, kodwa lisuse amankonyane awo liwavalela esibayeni. **8** u-Eliyazari indodana yakhe ukuba agcine ibhokisi Thathani ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lilibike

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**7** Ngakho abantu baseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi beza balithatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo. Balisa endlini ka-Abhinadabi eqaqeni bangcwelisa lesivumelwano sikaThixo. **2** Kwakuyisikhathi eside,

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Bathi kuye, "Usuluphele, njalo amadodana akho lesivumelwano liseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi. Njalo bonke kawahambi ezindleleni zakho, ngakho sibekile abantu bako-Israyeli bakhala befuna uThixo. **3** inkosi ezasikhkhela, njengezinye izizwe zonke USamuyeli wasesithi kuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli, ezilayo." **6** Kodwa kwathi besithi, "Sinike inkosi "Nxa libuyla kuThixo ngezinhlizyo zenu zonke ezasikhkhela," lokhu kwamcumula uSamuyeli; ngakho zehlukaniseni labonkulunkulu bezizweni labo-wakhuleka kuThixo. **7** Njalo uThixo wathi kuye: Ashithorethi lizinikele kuThixo njalo likhonere yena kuphela, uzalikhulula esandleni samaFilistiya." **4** akusue abamalayo, kodwa bale mina njengeNkosi Ngakho abako-Israyeli babalahla oBhali babo labo-Ashithorethi, bakhonza uThixo kuphela. **5** USamuyeli wasesithi, "Buthanisani u-Israyeli wonke eMizipha mina ngizalikhulekela kuThixo." **6** Kwathi sebebuthene eMizipha, bakha amanzi bawathela phambi kukaThixo. Ngalolosuku bazila njalo bavuma izono zabo khonapho kubo yinkosi ezababusa." **10** USamuyeli wabatshela besithi, "Sonile." Njalo uSamuyeli wahlulela abantu bako-Israyeli eMizipha. **7** Kwathi amaFilistiya esizwa ukuthi u-Israyeli wayebuthene eMizipha, ababusi bamaFilistiya bayo khona ukuyahlasela. Kwathi abako-Israyeli bekuzwa, besaba ngenxa yamaFilistiya. **8** Bathi kuSamuyeli, "Ungayekeli ukusikhalela kuThixo u-Nkulunkulu wethu ukuba asihlenge esandleni samaFilistiya." **9** USamuyeli wathatha iwundlu elimunyayo walinkela kuThixo njengomnikelo opheleyeo wokutshiswa. Wamkhulekela kuThixo u-Israyeli, uThixo wampwendula. **10** Kwathi uSamuyeli enikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, amaFilistiya asondela eduze ukuba alwe lo-Israyeli. Kodwa mhlakohko uThixo waduma ngomdumo omkhulu emelane lamaFilistiya wawenza athuthumela kangangoba aze achithwachithwa phambi kwabako-Israyeli. **11** Abantu bako-Israyeli bagijima bephuma eMizipha baxotshana lamaFilistiya bewabulala endleleni baze bayafika endaweni engaphansi kweBhethi-Khari. **12** USamuyeli wasethatha ilitshe walimisa phakathi kweMizipha leSheni. Walibiza ngokuthi yi-Ebhenezeri, esithi, "Kuze kube khathesi uThixo usisizile." **13** Kodwa abantu bala ukumlalela uSamuyeli. Bathi, Ngakho amaFilistiya anqotshwa njalo kawazange ahlasele ilizwe lako-Israyeli futhi. Kuyo yonke impilo kaSamuyeli, isandla sikaThixo sasimelane lamaFilistiya. **14** Amadolobho kusukela e-Ekroni kusiya eGathi ayethunjurwe ngamaFilistiya ku-Israyeli abuyiselwa kuye, njalo u-Israyeli wakhulula ilizwe eliseduze emandaleni amaFilistiya. Njalo kwaba lokuthula phakathi kuka-Israyeli lama-Amori. **15** USamuyeli waqhubeak engumahluleli ka-Israyeli kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe. **16** Iminyaka ngeminyaka wayenquma esuka eBhetheli aye eGiligali leMizipha, esahlulela u-Israyeli kuzozonke lezindawo. **17** Kodwa wayehlezzi ebuyela eRama lapho okwakulomuzi wakhe khona, lakhona wahlulela u-Israyeli. Njalo wakhela uThixo i-alithari.

**9** Kwakulomuntu wakoBhenjamini, indoda elesithunzi, ibizo layo lalingukhishi indodana ka-Abhiyeli, indodana kaZerori, indodana kaBhekhorathi, indodana ka-Afiya owakoBhenjamini. **2** Wayelendodana ethiwa nguSawuli, ijaha eliesithunzi kungekho ongalinganiswa lalo phakathi kwama-Israyeli, edlula abantu bonke ngobude kusukela emahlolome kusuya ekhanda. **3** Ngalesiskhathi obabhemi bakaKhishi uyise kaSawuli balahleka, uKhishi wasesithi kuSawuli indodana yakhe, "Thatha enye yezincke uhamble layo ukuyadinga obabhemi." **4** Ngakho wadabula elizweni lamaqaqa elako-Efrayimi lasemangwени ozungeze iShalisha, kodwa kababatholanga. Baqhubeka baya esifundeni saseShalimi, kodwa obabhemi babengekho. **5** Wadabula phakathi kwelizwe lakoBhenjamini, kodwa

kabawatholanga. **5** Kwathi sebefikile esifundeni wabahlala phambi kwalabo ababenxusiwe babengaba saseZufi, uSawuli wathi encekwini eyayilaye, ngamatshumi amathathu ubunengi babo. **23** USamuyeli “Woza, kasibuyele, hlezi ubaba ekele ukucabanga wasesithi kumpheki wakhe, “Letha iqatha lenyama ngabobabhemu aqalise ukukhathazeka ngathi.” **6** engikuphe lona, leliyana engithe uligcine.” **24** Ngakho Kodwa inceu yaphendula yathi, “Khangelia, kulumuzi umpheki wathatha umlenze lalokho okwakuphezu kulomuntu kaNkulunkulu; uyahlonitshwa kakhu, kwavo, wakubeka phambi kukaSawuli. USamuyeli njalo konke akutshoyo kuyenzakala. Kasiye khona wasesithi, “Nanku okube kugcinewe wena. Dlana, khathesi nje. Mhlawumbe angasitshela ukuthi ngoba kade kubekelwe wena kulelithuba, kusukela siqonde ngaphi.” **7** USawuli wasesithi encekwini, ngesikhathi ngisithi, ‘Ngilabemzini abanxusiweyo.’” “Singaya kuye, sizamnikani umuntu lowo na? Ukudla USawuli wadla loSamuyeli ngalolosuku. **25** Sebehlike kakusekho emigodleni yethu. Kasilaspho esingahamba endaweni ephakemeyo ukuya emzini, usamuyeli laso emuntwini kaNkulunkulu. Kuyini esilakho wakhuluma loSawuli bephezu kophahla lwendluna?” **8** Inceu yaphendula njalo yathi, “Khangelia, yakhe. **26** Bavuka ngezikkhathi zemadabukakusa, usamuyeli wabiza uSawuli phezu kophahla wathi, kaNkulunkulu ukuze asitishele ukuthi siqonde ngaphi.” “Lunga ngikuqhube ohanjweni lwakho.” USawuli **9** (Ngaphambilini ko-Israyeli, lapho umuntu esiyabuza uNkulunkulu, wayesithi, “Woza, kasiye kumboni,” ngoba umphrofethi wakhathesi wayethiwa ngumboni.) **10** USawuli wasesithi encekwini yakhe, “Kuhle. Woza kasihambe.” Ngakho basuka baya emzini okwakuhlla khona umuntu kaNkulunkulu. **11** Besaqansa uqaqa besiya kulowomuzi bahlangana lamantombazana ayephume ukuyakukha amanzi basebewabuza besithi, “Kulomboni lapha na?” **12** Aphendula athi, “Ukhona. Uphambidlana kwenu. Phangisan khathesi; usanda kufika emzini wethu lamhla, ngoba abantu balomhlatsheho endaweni ephakemeyo. **13** Khonokho nje lingena umu, lizamfica engakqanseli phezelu endaweni ephakemeyo ukuyakudla. Abantu kabayikuqlisa ukudla aze afike, ngoba kumele abusise umhlatsheho; emva kwalokho bazakudla-ke labo abanxusiweyo. Hambani-ke, lizamthola khathesi nje.” **14** Baya kulowomuzi, kwathi lapho bengena kuwo, babona uSamuyeli esiza kubo eqansela endaweni ephakemeyo. **15** Ngosuku uSawuli engakafiki, uThixo wayeveze lokhu kuSamuyeli wathi, **16** “Ngesikhathi esingaba yisonalesi kusasa ngizaletha kuwe umuntu ovela elizweni lakoBhenjamini. Mgcoce ukuba ngumkohkheli wabantu bami u-Israyeli; uzakhulula abantu bami esandleni samaFilistiya. Ngibakhangele abantu bami, ngoba ukukhala kwabo sekufikile kimi.” **17** Kwathi uSamuyeli ebona uSawuli, uThixo wathi kuye, “Lo nguye umuntu engikhulume kuwe ngaye; uzabusa abantu bami.” **18** USawuli wasondela kuSamuyeli wabuza wathi, “Ake ungitshele ukuthi indlu yomboni ingaphi.” **19** USamuyeli waphendula wathi, “Umboni yimi. Hamba phambi kwami uye endaweni ephakemeyo, ngoba lamhla uzakudla lami, ekuseni ngizakuyekela uhambé njalo ngizakutshela konke okusenhliziyweni yakho. **20** Obabhemu abalahlekileyo ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo, ungakhathazeki ngabo; sebebokanele. Njalo kungubani izifiso zonke zika-Israyeli ezikhangele kuye nxa kungasuwe lendlu yonke kayihlo na?” **21** USawuli waphendula wathi, “Kodwa mina kangisuye yini wakoBhenjamini, isizwana esincinyane kulazo zonke ko-Israyeli, njalo lendlu yakwethu kayincinyane kulazo zonke izindlu zesizwe sakobhenjamini na?” **22** USamuyeli wasengenisa uSawuli lenceku yakhe endlini enku

**10** USamuyeli wasethatha umfuma wamafutha wawathela ekhanda likaSawuli wasemanga, esithi, “Uthixo kakugcobanga ukuba ngumbusi welifa lakhe na? **2** Ekusukeni kwakho kimi lamhla, uzahlangana lamadoda amabili eduze kwengcwaba likaRasheli, eliseZeliza esemngceleni wakoBhenjamini. Azakuthi kuwe, ‘Obabhemu obuyebadinga sebetholakele. Khathesi uiyilo kasacabangi ngabo kodwa usekhathazeka ngawe. Uyabuza esithi, ‘Ngizakwenzanjani ngendodana yami na?’” **3** Uzahamba-ke usuka lapho uze ufiike esihlahleni esikhulu saseThabbori. Amadoda amathathu aya kuNkulunkulu eBhetheli azahlangana lawe khonapho. Enye izathwala amazinyane embuzi amathathu, enye izinkwa ezintathu lenye umgodla wewayini. **4** Azakubingeleta akuphe izinkwa ezimbili, ozazamukela kuwo. **5** Emva kwalokho, uzakuya eGibhiya kaNkulunkulu lapho okulesilindo sebutho lamaFilistiya khona. Lapho usubanga emzini, uzahlangana lodwendwe lwabaphrofethi besebla bevela endaweni ephakemeyo, phambi kwabo kutshaywa imiqangala lamagedla lemifece kanye lemihibhe, njalo bazakuba beprofetha. **6** UMoya kaThixo uzakwehlela phezu kwakho ngamandla, lawe uzaphrofetha labo, njalo uzaguqulwa ube ngomunye umuntu. **7** Izibonakaliso lezi zingagcwaliiseka, yenza loba yini okubona kufanele ukuba ukwenze, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe. **8** Hamba ungandulele eGiligali. Ngizaku kuwe impela ngizenikela umhlatsheho weminikelo yokutshwa leminikelo yobuzalwane. Kodwa kuzamele ulinde insuku eziyisikhombisa ngize ngifike kuwe ngikutshela okumele ukwenze.” **9** Kwathi uSawuli ephenduka esesuka kuSamuyeli, uNkulunkulu waguqula inhlizivo kaSawuli, njalo zonke izibonakaliso lezi zacgcwaliiseka mhlalokho. **10** Bathi befika eGibhiya, udwendwe lwabaphrofethi lwabahlangabeza; uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kwakhe ngamandla, laye wahlanganya ekuphrofitheni kwabo. **11** Kwathi labo

ababevele bemazi bembona esephrofitha labaphrofethi, eziyisikhombisa ukuze sithume izithunywa kulolonke babuzana besithi, "Kuyini kanti lokhu osekwenzakale elako-Israyeli; nxa engekho ozasihlenga sizazinikela endodaneni kaKhishi? USawuli laye ungomunye kuwe." **4** Kwathi izithunywa sezifike eGibhiya wabaphrofethi na?" **12** Umuntu owayehlala lapho kaSawuli njalo zabika izimiso lezi ebantwini waphendula wathi, "Uyise wabo ngubani na?" Ngakho bonke bakhala kakhulu. **5** Ngalesosikhathi uSawuli kwaba yisitsho ukuthi: "USawuli laye ungomunye wayevela emasimini, engemuva kwenkabi zakhe, wabaphrofethi na?" **13** Kwathi uSawuli eseyekele wasebuza esithi, "Kuyini okonakeleyo ebantwini? ukuphrofetha, wasesiya endaweni ephakemeyo. **14** Kungani behkala?" Bamlandisela okwakutshio Ngalesosikhathi uyise omncane kaSawuli wambuza ngabantu baseJabheshi. **6** Kwathi uSawuli eseze kanye lenceku yakhe wathi, "Kanti kade lingaphi?" amazwi abo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu USawuli waphendula wathi, "Kade sidinga obabhemi, kwakhe ngamandala, wathukuthela kakhulu. **7** Kodwa kuthe sibona ukuthi kabatholakali, sasesisiya Wathatha inkabi ezimbili, waziquma zaba yiziqayiqa, kuSamuyeli." **15** Uyise omncane kaSawuli wasesithi, "Ngitshela ukuthi uSamuyeli utheni kuwe." **16** zimemezela zisithi, "Lokhu yikho okuzakwenzwiwa usawuli waphendula wathi, "Uqinise kithi ukuthi enkabini zikabani lobani ongalandeli uSawuli obabhemi sebebonakele." Kodwa kamtshelanga uyise loSamuyeli." Ukwesabeka kukaThixo kwehlela omncane okwakutshio nguSamuyeli ngobukhos. ebantwini, baphuma sebenjengomuntu munye. **8** **17** USamuyeli wabizela abantu bako-Israyeli kuThixo Kwathi uSawuli esebaqoqile eBhezekhi, abantu bako-eMizipha **18** wathi kubo, "Nanku okutshio yiThixo, Israyeli babezinkulungwane ezintathu, abakoJuda uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: 'Ngakhupha u-Israyeli bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **9** eGibhithe, njalo ngalikhulula esandleni seGibhithe Batshela izithunywa ezazifikile bathi, 'Tshelani lakuyo yonke imibuso eyayilincidezel.' **19** Kodwa abantu baseJabheshi Giliyadi ukuthi, 'Kuzakuthi ilanga khathesi selimalile uNkulunkulu wenu, olighthayo selitshisa kusasa, lina lizakuba selihlengiwe.'" Kwathi ezingozini zenu sonke lasezinisini. Njalo selithe, izithunywa sezihambe zayabika lokhu ebantwini 'Hatshi, sibekile inkosi ezasibusa.' Ngakho-ke khathesi baseJabheshi, bathokoza. **10** Basebesithi kumazibonakaliseni phambi kukaThixo ngezizwana Amoni, "Kusasa sizazinikela kini, njalo lingenza zenu langezinsendo zenu." **20** Kwathi uSamuyeli kithi loba kuyini okukhanya kukuhle kini." **11** esezilethe eduze sonke izizwana zako-Israyeli, isizwana Ngelanga elalandayo uSawuli wehlulanisa abantu sikaBhenjamini sakhetwa. **21** Emva kwalokho bakhe baba ngamaviyo amathathu; kwathi ngomlindo waletha isizwana sikaBhenjamini phambili, usendo wokucina ebusuku bafohlela ezhonqwensi zama-Amoni ngosendo, kwakhethwa usendo lukaMathiri. Ekucineni bawabulala ilanga laze latshisa. Lawo aphephayo kwakhethwa uSawuli, indodana kaKhishi. Kodwa ahlakazeka, akwaze kwaba lamabili awo asala kwathi seberndinga akaze abonakala. **22** Ngakho babuza njalo kuThixo bathi, "Umuntu lo uke wafika lapha na?" UThixo wathi, "Ye, usezifihle phakathi kwezimpahla." **23** Bagijima bayankhipha, njalo kwathi esemi phakathi kwabantu, wayemude kulabo bonke. uThixo umhlengile u-Israyeli." **14** USamuyeli wasesithi **24** USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini bonke, "Liyanbona ebantwini, "Wozani, kasiyeni eGiligali siyeqinisa yini umuntu osekhethewe nguThixo? Kakho lamunye ubukhos khona." **15** Ngakho abantu bonke baya onjengaye phakathi kwabantu bonke bako-Israyeli." eGiligali bambeka uSawuli ukuba yinkosi phambi Abantu baklabalala besithi, "Impilo ende enkosini!" **25** USamuyeli wachaza ebantwini imithetho yobukhos. kukaThixo. Bahlabha khona imihlatshelo yeminikeloyokuthula, njalo uSawuli labantu bonke bako-Israyeli baba lomkhosi omkhulu wokuthokoza.

**11** UNahashi um'Amoni wasuka wayivimbezela ijabheshi Giliyadi. Bonke abantu baseJabheshi bathi kuye, "Yenza isivumelwano lathi, thina sizakuba ngaphansi kwakho." **2** Kodwa uNahashi um'Amoni waphendula wathi, "Ngizakwenza isivumelwano lani kuphela nxa kuyikuthi ngizakhupha ilihlo lesandla sokinene emuntwini wonke wakini ukuze u-Israyeli wonke ngimlethele ihlazo." **3** ngizakubuyisela." **4** Baphendula bathi, "Kawuzange Abadala baseJabheshi bathi kuye, "Sinike insuku

**12** USamuyeli wathi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, "Ngikuzwile konke elikukhulumileyo kimi njalo sengilibekile inkosi. **2** Khathesi selilenkosi engumkhokheli wenu. Mina sengiluphele lenwele sezimpunga, lamadodana ami lilawo khonapha. Kade ngingumkhokheli wenu kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube lamhla. **3** Ngikhonapha. Fakazani okubi ngami phambi kukaThixo logcotshiwego wakhe. Ngubani engake ngathatha inkabi yakhe na? Ngubani engake ngathatha ubabhemi wakhe na? Ngubani engake ngamqilibeza? Ngubani engake ngamcindezelna na? Kukwezikabani izandla engake ngamukela isivalamlomo ukuba ngivale amehlo ami na? Nxa ngake ngenza okunye kwalokhu, ngizakubuyisela." **4** Baphendula bathi, "Kawuzange usiqilibenzele loba usincindezele. Kawuthathanga lutho

esandleni somuntu.” 5 USamuyeli wasesithi kubo, alenzela zona. 25 Kodwa lingaphikelela ukwenza okubi, “Uthixo ungfakazi umelane lani, logcotshiweyo wakhe lina lenkosi yenu lizakhukhulwa.”

ungufakazi ngalelilanga, ukuthi kalitholanga lutho esandleni sami.” Bona bathi, “Yena ungfakazi.” 6 USamuyeli wasesithi ebantwini, “NguThixo owalkhetha uMosi lo-Aroni wakhupha oyihlomkhulu eGibhithe.

7 Khathesi-ke, manini khonapha, ngoba ngizamelana lani ngobufakazi phambi kukaThixo ngazozonke izenzo ezilungileyo uThixo owazenzela lina laboyihlo.

8 Emva kokuba ujakhobe esefikile eGibhithe, bakhalela usizo kuThixo, uThixo wasethuma uMosi lo-Aroni, abakhupha okhokho benu eGibhithe bazabahlalisa kule indawo.

9 Kodwa bamkholiwa uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo; ngakho wabanikela esandleni sikaSisera, umlawuli webutho laseHazori, lasezandleni zamaFilistiya kanye lasenkosini yamaMowabi, balwa labo.

10 Bakhala kuThixo bathi, ‘Sonile, simdelile uThixo sakhorza oBhali labo-Ashithorethi. Kodwa khathesi ake usikhulule ezandleni zezitha zethu, sizakukhonza.’ 11

Lapho-ke uThixo wathuma ujerubhi-Bhali, loBhedani, loJefftha kanye loSamuyeli, walikhulula ezandleni zezitha zenu inxa zonke, yikho lahlala livikelekile.

12 Kodwa kwathi lapho libona ukuthi uNahashi inkosi yama-Amoni wayesizalihlasela, lathi kimi, ‘Hatshi, sifuna inkosi yokusibusu,’ lanxa uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu wayeyinkosi yenu.

13 Khathesi nansi inkosi eliyikhethileyo, yona elayicelayo; khangelani, uThixo uselibekele inkosi phezu kwenu.

14 Nxalimesaba uThixo limkhonze njalo limlalele lingahlamukeli imilayo yakhe, njalo nxa lina kanye lenkosi elibusayo lilandela uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, kuhle!

15 Kodwa nxa uThixo lingamlaleli, njalo nxa lihlamukela imilayo yakhe, isandla sakhe sizamelana lani, njengoba sasimelane laboyihlo.

16 Khathesi-ke manini lithule libone into enkulu uThixo asezayenza phambi kwamehlo enu!

17 Kanti khathesi akusisikhathi sokuvuna ingqoloyi na? Ngizakhuleka kuThixo ukuba athumele umdumo lezulu. Njalo lizabona ukuthi yinto embi njani elayenzayo emehlwensi kaThixo lapho licela inkosi.”

18 Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli wakhuleka kuThixo, njalo khona mhlalokho uThixo wathumela umdumo lezulu. Ngakho abantu bonke bamesaba uThixo loSamuyeli.

19 Bonke abantu bathi kuSamuyeli, ‘Khulekela izinceku zakho kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ukuze singafi, ngoba sesengeze kwezinye zonke izono zethu ngobubi bokucela inkosi.’

20 USamuyeli waphendula wathi, ‘Lingesabi. Selibenizile bonke lobububi; kodwa lingamfulatheli uThixo; kodwa khonzani uThixo ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke.

21 Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni ezingasizi lutho. Zingeke zilenzele lutho, kumbe zilihlenge, ngoba kazilasizo.

22 Ngenxa yebizo lakhe elikhulu uThixo kayikubalahla abantu bakhe, ngoba uThixo wathokoziwa yikulenza libe ngabakhe.

23 Mina-ke kangiyikukwenza ukuthi ngenze isono kuThixo ngokungalikhulekeli. Njalo ngizalifundisa indlela enhle lelungileyo.

24 Kodwa mesabeni ngeqiniso uThixo, limkhonze ngobuqotho ngezinhliziyo zenu zonke. Khumbulanzi izinto ezinkulu

13 USawuli waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu ubudala bakhe, njalo wabusu u-

Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane lambili.

2 USawuli wakhetha abantu abazinkulungwane ezintathu ko-Israyeli; abazinkulungwane ezimbili babelaye eMikhimashi laselizweni lezintaba eleBhetheli,

njalo abayinkulungwane babeloJonathani eGibhiya koBhenjamini. Bonke abasalayo wababuyisela emakhaya abo.

3 Ujonathani wahlasela inkamba yamabutho amaFilistiya eGebha, njalo amaFilistiya akuzwa lokho. Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi kakukhaliswe icilongo kulolonke ilizwe wathi, “AmaHebheru kawezwel!”

4 Ngakho u-Israyeli wonke wayizwa indaba yokuthi: “USawuli usehlasele inkamba yamabutho amaFilistiya, njalo u-Israyeli khathesi useyisinengiso kumaFilistiya.” Njalo abantu babizwa ukuba bayehlanganyela loSawuli eGiligali.

5 AmaFilistiya abuthana ukuthi alwe lo-Israyeli ngezinqola zempi eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu, labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha kanye lamabutho ayemanengi njengetshebetshebe ekhunjini lolwandle. Ahamba ayamisa eMikhimashi, empumalanga kweBhethi-Aveni.

6 Kwathi abantu bakoh Israyeli bebona ukuthi umumo wabo wawusumubi lokuthi ibutho labo lalincindezelwe kanzima, bacatsha ezimbawini lasemajukujukwini, laphakathi kwamadwala, emilindini lasemigodini.

7 Amanye amaHebheru aze achaphela elizweni lakoGadi kanye leGiliyadi. USawuli wasala eGiligali, njalo wonke amabutho ayelaye ayeqhuqa ngenxa yokwesaba.

8 Walinda insuku eziyisikhombisa, isikhathi esasimiswe nguSamuyeli; kodwa uSamuyeli kezanga eGiligali; yikho abantu bakaSawuli baqaliswa ukuchitheka.

9 Ngakho wathi, ‘Ngiletheleni umnikelo wokutshisa leminikelo yobuzalwane.’ USawuli wanikela umnikelo wokutshisa.

10 Kwathi khonokho nje eqeda ukunikela umnikelo wokutshisa, uSamuyeli wafika, uSawuli waphuma wayambingelela.

11 USamuyeli wabuza wathi, ‘Kuyini osukwenzile na?’ USawuli waphendula wathi, ‘Kuthe ngibona abantu sebechitheka, lokuthi kawufikanga ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, kanye lokuthi

amaFilistiya abebuthana eMikhimashi,

12 ngacabanga ngathi, ‘Khathesi amaFilistiya azakuzangihlasela eGiligali, njalo kangicelanga umusa kuThixo.’ Ngakho ngizwe ngincindezeleka ukuba nginikele umnikelo wokutshisa.

13 USamuyeli wathi, ‘Wenze ubuthutha. Kawuwugcinanga umlayo uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akupha wona; aluba ubukwenzile lokho, ubezamisa umbuso wakho phezu kuka-Israyeli kokuphela.

14 Kodwa umbuso wakho kawuyikuqhubeqa; uThixo usedinge indoda emthandayo ngenhliziyo yakhe wambeka ukuba ngumbusi wabantu bakhe, ngoba wena kawuwugcinanga umlayo kaThixo.’

15 Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli wasuka eGiligali waya eGibhiya koBhenjamini, uSawuli wasebala abantu ababelaye. Babengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha.

16 USawuli

lendodana yakhe uJonathani kanye labantu ayelabo kumthwali wezikhali zakhe, "Khwela ungilande; babehlala eGibhiya koBhenjamini, amaFilistiya uThixo usebanikele esandleni sika-Israyeli." **13** emise izihonqo eMikhimashi. **17** Amaqembu abahlaseli aphuma ezhonqweni zamaFilistiya ngezigaba ezintathu. Elinye laqonda e-Ofira eduze leShuwal, **18** elinye laqonda eBhethi-Horoni, kwathi elesithathu laqonda endaweni esemngcelei ngaphezu kweSigodi saseZebhoyimi malungana lenkangala. **19** Akulamkhandi wensimbi owayengatholakala kulolon elako-Israyeli, ngoba amaFilistiya ayethe, "Mhlawumbe amaHebheru azakwenza izinkemba kumbe imikhonto." **20** Ngakho u-Israyeli wonke waya kumaFilistiya ukuyalola amakhuba akhe, lamamatoki, lamahloka kanye amasikela. **21** Imbadalo yokulolisa amakhuba lamamatoki yayingokubili kokuthathu kweshekeli, njalo ingokukodwa kokuthathu kweshekeli ukulola amafologwe lamahloka kanye lokucijisa izijujo. **22** Ngakho ngosuku lwempi akulabutho elaliloSawuli loJonathani elalilenkemba kumbe umkhonto esandleni salo; uSawuli loJonathani kuphela yibo ababelako. **23** Ngalesiskhathi amaFilistiya ayesephume aya emkhandlwini waseMikhimashi.

**14** Ngeliney ilanga uJonathani indodana kaSawuli wathi ejaheni elalithwala izikhali zakhe, "Woza, kasiye enkambeni yebutho lamaFilistiya ngakwelinye icele." Kodwa kamtshelanga uyise. **2** USawuli wayehlala emaphethelweni eGibhiya ngaphansi kwesihlahla sephomegranathi eMigironi. Amadoda ayelaye ayengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupha, **3** phakathi kwavo kulo-Ahija, owayeqqoke isiqgoko samahlombe. Wayeyindodana yomfowabko ka-Ikhabbodi u-Ahithubi indodana kaFinehasi, indodana ka-Eli umphristi kaThixo eShilo. Kakho owayesazi ukuthi uJonathani wayehamble. **4** Eceleni ngalinye lomkhandlu ayehlose ukuwuchapha ukuze ayefika enkambeni yebutho lamaFilistiya kwakuleliwa; elinye lalithiwa yiBhozezi elinye liyiSene. **5** Elinye ilawa lalingasenyakatho ngokuya eMikhimashi, elinye lingasezansi ngokuya eGebha. **6** Ujonathani wathi ejaheni elalithwala izikhali zakhe, "Woza, siwelele enkambeni yalabayana abantu abangasokanga. Engxenyen uThixo uzasimela, ngoba akulalutho olungavimbela uThixo ekukhululen, loba kungabanengi kumbe abalutshwana." **7** Umthwali wezikhali zakhe wathi, "Yenza konke olakho engqondweni yakho. Qhubeka, mina ngilawe ngenhiliyi langomphefumulo." **8** Ujonathani wasethi, "Ngakho-ke, woza sikhuphuke siqonde kulabaya abantu senze ukuba basibone. **9** Bangathi kithi, 'Manini khonapho size sifike kini,' sizahlala lapho esikhona singayi kubo. **10** Kodwa bangathi, 'Wozani kithi,' sizakhwela siye phezulu ngoba lokho kuzakuba yisibonakaliso sethu sokuthi uThixo usebanikele ezandleni zethu." **11** Ngakho bobabili bazibonakalisa enkambeni yamabutho amaFilistiya. AmaFilistiya athi, "Khangelani, amaHebheru asehohoba ephuma emilindini abecatshe kuyo." **12** Amadoda ayesenkambeni yamabutho amemeza uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe athi, "Wozani kithi sizalifundisa isifundo." Ngakho uJonathani wathi

kokuba ama-Israyeli esebulele amaFilistiya kusukela ayenguJonathani, lo-Ishivi kanye loMalikhi-Shuwa. eMikhimashi kusiyafika e-Ayijalonii, ayesediniwe. **32** Ibizo lendodakazi yakhe endala lalinguMerabi, Baphuthuma impango, kwathi sebethethe izimvu lenkomo kanye lamathole, bazibulala khonapho baziidla kanye legazi. **33** Omunye wasesithi kuSawuli, "Khangelia abantu benza isono kuThixo ngokudla inyama elegazi." Yena wathi, "Selephule ukuthenjwa. Gikelani ilitshe elikhulu ngapha khathesi rje." **34** Wasesithi, "Yanini phakathi kwabantu libatsheli lithi, 'Lowo lalowo wenu kangilethele inkomo lezimvu zakhe azibulalele lapha azidle. Lingensi isono kuThixo ngokudla inyama eseselegazi.'" Ngakho ngalobusuku umuntu wonke waletsha inkabi yakhe wayihlabela khonapho. **35** USawuli wasesakhela uThixo i-alithari; wayeqala ukwenza lokhu. **36** USawuli wathi, "Kasehleni silandele amaFilistiya ebusuku siwahlasele kuze kuse, singatshiyi lalinje lawo liphila." Bathi, "Yenza lokho okubona kulungile kuwe." Kodwa umphristi wathi, "Kasibuzeni uNkulunkulu lapha." **37** USawuli wabuza uNkulunkulu wathi, "Ngehle ngilandele amaFilistiya na? Uzawanikela esandleni sika-Israyeli na?" Kodwa uNkulunkulu kamphendulanga ngalolosuku. **38** Ngakho uSawuli wathi, "Wozani lapha, lonke lina bakhokheli bebutho, sidinge ukuthi yisono bani esenzwi lamhla. **39** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ohlenga u-Israyeli ephila, lanxa sisendodaneni yami ujonathani, kumele ife." Kodwa akukho lamunye wabantu owtasho ilizwi. **40** USawuli wasesithi kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, "Manini laphayana; mina lendodana yami ujonathani sizakuma ngapha." Abantu baphendula bathi, "Yenza lokho okukhanya kulungile kuwe." **41** Emva kwalokho uSawuli wakhuleka kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wathi, "Kungani ungayiphendulanga inceku lamuhla? Nxa isono sikimi kumbe kuJonathani indodana yami, inkatho kayibe yi-Urimi; kodwa nxa isono sisebantwini bako-Israyeli, inkatho kayibe yiThumimi." Ujonathani loSawuli badliwa yinkatho, abantu bagezek. **42** USawuli wasesithi, "Phosani inkatho phakathi kwami lojonathani indodana yami." Ujonathani wabanjwa. **43** USawuli wasesithi kuJonathani, "Ngitsheka lokho okwenzileyo." Ngakho ujonathani wantshela wathi, "Nginambitie uluji nje kuphela ngesihloko somqwayi wami. Khathesi-ke sokumele ngife!" **44** USawuli wathi, "UNkulunkulu kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa ungafo, Jonathani." **45** Kodwa abantu bathi kuSawuli, "Ujonathani kumele afe yini, yena olethe lokhukuhlengwa okukhulu ko-Israyeli na? Hatshi bo! Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, akularwele lwekhanda lakhe oluzawela phansi, ngoba lokhu ukwenze lamhla ngosizo lukaNkulunkulu." Ngakho abantu bamhlenga ujonathani, kasabulawanga. **46** USawuli wayekela ukuxotshana lamaFilistiya, njalo amaFilistiya abuyela elizweni lakibo. **47** Kwathi uSawuli esebusa ko-Israyeli, walwa lezitha zabo inxa zonke: iMowabi, ama-Amoni, i-Edomi, amakhosi aseZobha kanye lamaFilistiya. Loba kungaphi lapho aya khona, wababhuqa. **48** Walwa ngesibindi wehlula ama-Amaleki, wakhulula u-Israyeli ezandleni zalabo ababebaphangile. **49** Amadodana kaSawuli ayenguJonathani, lo-Ishivi kanye loMalikhi-Shuwa. elomcinyane linguMikhali. **50** Ibizo lomkakhe lalingu-Ahinowama indodakazi ka-Ahimazi. Umlawuli webutho likaSawuli wayengumfowabo kayise kaSawuli. **51** UKhishi uyise kaSawuli, loNeri uyise ka-Abhineri babengamadodana ka-Abhiyeli. **52** Kuzozonke insuku zikaSawuli kwakulempu enzima lamaFilistiya, njalo loba kungaphi uSawuli abona khona indoda elamandla kumbe elesibindi, wayingenisa ebuthweni lakhe.

**15** USamuyeli wathi kuSawuli, "Mina yimi engathunywa nguThixo ukuthi ngikugcobe ukuba yinkosi yabantu bakhe u-Israyeli; ngakho ke khathesi lalela ilizwi elivelu kuThixo. **2** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: 'Ama-Amaleki ngizawajezisa ngenxa yalokhu akwenzayo ku-Israyeli lapho abacathamelia ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe. **3** Khathesi hamba uehlasela ama-Amaleki uqede du konke okungokwawo. Ungawayekeli; bulala amadoda labafazi, abantwana lensane, inkomo lezimvu, amakamela kanye labobabhemi.'" **4** Ngakho uSawuli wabiza abantu wababuthanisa eThelayimi, izinkulungwane ezimbili zebutho lezinyawo kanye lamadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi avela koJuda. **5** USawuli waya edolobheni lase-Amaleki bacathama edongeni. **6** Wasesithi kumaKheni, "Sukani, tshiyani ama-Amaleki ukuze ngingaliqothuli kanye lawo; ngoba lina latshengisa umusa kuwo wonke ama-Israyeli ekuphumeni kwawo eGibhithe." Ngakho amaKheni asuka kuma-Amaleki. **7** Lapho-ke uSawuli wahlasela ama-Amaleki umango wonke kusukela eHavila kusiya eShuri, empumalanga kweGibhithe. **8** Wathumba u-Agagi inkosi yama-Amaleki ephila, kodwa bonke abantu bakhe wabaqothula ngokupheleleyo, ngenkemba. **9** Kodwa uSawuli lebutho kabumbalanga u-Agagi lezimvu ezinhle lenkomo, amathole anonileyo lamawundlu lakho konke okwakukuhle. Lokhu babengafisi ukukuqedu ngokupheleleyo, konke okwakuseyiseka lokungelasizo bakuqedu du. **10** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuSamuyeli lisithi, **11** "Ngilusizi ngokuthi ngibeke uSawuli waba yinkosi, ngoba usengifulatthele njalo kalandelanga imilayo yami." USamuyeli wakhathazeka, wakhuleka kuThixo bonke lobobusuku. **12** USamuyeli wavuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuba ayebonana loSawuli, kodwa watshewa ukuthi, "USawuli uye eKhameli. Uzibekeli ilitshe lesikhumbuze sahke khonale wasephenduka esehlela eGiligali." **13** Kwathi uSamuyeli esemficle, uSawuli wathi, "Uthixo kakubuse! Sengikwenzile engikulaywe nguThixo." **14** Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, "Pho ukukhala kwezimvu ezindlebeni zami lokhu kuyini na? Kuyini ukubhonsa kwezinkomo lokhu engikuzwayo na?" **15** USawuli waphendula wathi, "Amabutho azilethe zivela kuma-Amaleki; agcine izimvu ezinhle lenkomo ukuba azenze umhlatshelo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, kodwa ezinye sizikhucule." **16** USamuyeli wathi kuSawuli, "Manal! Wothi ngikutshele okutshiwo nguThixo kimi ebusuku obeduleyo." USawuli waphendula wathi,

"Ngitshela." 17 USamuyeli wasesithi, "Lanxa wazibona umncane, kawuzange ubeyinhloko yezizwana zako-Israyeli na? Uthixo wakugcoba ukuba ubeyinkosi ko-Israyeli. 18 Njalo wakuthuma emsebenzini, esithi, 'Hamba ueyqothula abantu labayana ababi, am-Amaleki, uvuse impi labo uze ubaqede du.' 19 Pho kungani ungalalelanga uThixo? Kungani uzithathiele impango wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo na?" 20 USawuli wathi, "Kodwa mina ngimlalele uThixo. Ngihambile emsebenzini uThixo anginike wona. Ama- Amaleki ngiwaqede du, ngabuya lo-Agagi inkosi yawo. 21 Amabutho athatha izimvu lenkomu empangweni, ezinhle zalezo ezazahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu, ukuze zensiwe umhlatsheho kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho eGiligali." 22 Kodwa uSamuyeli waphendula wathi: "Kambe uThixo uthokozela iminikelo yokutshisa lemlahlatsheho ngokunjengokulalela ilizwi likaThixo na? Ukulalela kungcono kulomhlatsheho, lokukhathalela kungcono kulamahwaha enqama. 23 Ngoba sakhe loba ubude bakhe, ngoba ngimalile. Uthixo ukuhlamuka kufana lesono sokuhlahlula, lobuqholo bufana lobubi bokukhonza izithombe. Ngoba ilizwi likaThixo ulalile, usekwalile njengenkos." 24 USawuli wasesithi kuSamuyeli, "Ngenzile isono. Ngephule phambi kukaSamuyeli. Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, "Lalo umlayo kaThixo leziqondiso zakho. Ngesabe abantu ngavumela okwabo. 25 Khathesi-ke ngyakucela, eduzane, kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, "Layenalo uThixo thethelela isono sami ubuyele emuva lami, ukuze ngikhonze uThixo." 26 Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi kuye, "Angiyikubuyela emuva lawe. Ilizwi likaThixo ulalile, njalo uThixo usekwalile njengombusi wako- Israyeli!" 27 Kwathi uSamuyeli ephenhuka ukuba asuke, uSawuli wabamba umphetho wesembatho sakhe, sasesidabuka. 28 USamuyeli wathi kuye, "Uthixo usewudabule kuwe lambla umbuso wako-Israyeli, njalo usewunike omunye wabomakhelwane bakho, lowo ongcono kulawe. 29 Yena oyinKazimulo ka- Israyeli kaqambi manga kumbe aguqule ingqondo yakhe, ngoba kasumuntu ukuba aguqule ingqondo yakhe." 30 USawuli waphendula wathi, "Ngenzile isono. Kodwa ake unghiloniphe phambi kwabada babantu bami laphambhi kuka-Israyeli; buyela lami, ukuze ngyekhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho." 31 Ngakho uSamuyeli wabuyela loSawuli wasekhonza uThixo. 32 USamuyeli wasesithi, "Ngilethelani u-Agagi inkosi yama-Amaleki." U-Agagi waya kuye ngokwethemba ecabanga esithi, "Impela intukuthelo yokufa isiphelile." 33 Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, "Njengoba inkemba yakho yenze abesifazane baswela abantwana, ngokunjalo unyoko kazukuba lomntwana phakathi kwabesifazane." USamuyeli wambulala u-Agagi phambi kukaThixo eGiligali. 34 Emva kwalokho uSamuyeli wasuka waya eRama, kodwa uSawuli waya emzini wakhe eGibhiya yakoSawuli. 35 USamuyeli kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe engazange ayembona uSawuli futhi, lanxa uSamuyeli wamlilela uSawuli. Uthixo wakhathazeka ngokuthi wayenze uSawuli waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli.

**16** Uthixo wathi kuSamuyeli, "Koze kube nini ulilela uSawuli, lokhu mina ngimalile ekubeni yinkosi yako-Israyeli? Gcwalisa uphondo lwakho ngamafutha uhambe; ngyakuthuma kujese eBhethilehema.

Sengikhetha enye yamadodana akhe ukuba yinkosi." 2 Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, "Ngingahamba kanjani na? USawuli uzakuzwa ngakho angibulale." Uthixo wathi, "Thatha ithokazi uhambe lalo uthi, 'Ngilande ukuzahlabela uThixo.' 3 Biza ujese eze emhlatshehweni, mina ngizakutshengisa ozakwenza. Uzangigcobela lowo engizamphawula." 4 USamuyeli wenza lokho okwakutshiwo nguThixo. Kwathi efika eBhethilehema abadala bomuzi bamhlangabeza beqhaqhazel. Bambuza bathi, "Uza ngokuthula na?" 5 USamuyeli waphendula wathi, "Ye, ngokuthula; ngilande ukuzanikela umhlatsheho kuThixo. Zingcweleni lihambe lami emhlatshehweni." Emva kwalokho wangcwelisa ujese lamadodana akhe wasebabizela emhlatshehweni. 6 Ekufikeni kwabo uSamuyeli wabona u-Eliyabi wacabanga wathi, "Impela ogcotshiwego kaThixo umi lapha phambi kukaThixo." 7 Kodwa uThixo wathi kuSamuyeli, "Ungakhangeli isimo uThixo wabiwa u-Abhinadabi wamdlulisa phambi kukaSamuyeli. Kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, "Lalo uThixo kamkhethanga." 9 Ujese weddlulisa uShama uThixo kamkhethanga." 9 Ujese weddlulisa uShama ngavumela okwabo. 10 Khathesi-ke ngyakucela, eduzane, kodwa uSamuyeli wathi, "Layenalo uThixo thethelela isono sami ubuyele emuva lami, ukuze kamkhethanga." 10 Ujese wadlulisa amadodana akhe ngikhonze uThixo." 11 Ngakho wabuza ujese wathi, "Laba uThixo kabakhethanga." 11 Ngakho wabuza ujese wathi, "La yiwo wonke amadodana olawo na?" Ujese waphendula wathi, "Kusekhona encinyane, kodwa yelusa izimvu." USamuyeli wathi, "Thuma omunye ayembiza; kasiyikuhlala phansi aze afike." 12 Ngakho wathuma omunye wayalethwa. Wayebomvana, ebukeka njalo elesimo esihle. Uthixo wasesithi, "Sukuma umgcobe; nguye." 13 Ngakho uSamuyeli wathatha uphondo lwamafutha wamgcoba labanewabo bekhoa; njalo kusukela ngalelolanga kusiya phambil, zikasawuli zathi kuye, "Khangel, umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu uyakuhlukuluza. 15 Izinceku ilaye izinceku zayo ezelapha ukuba ziyingidele umuntu okwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho. Uzalitshaya lapho umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu ufika kuwe; uzakuzwa ngcono." 17 Ngakho uSawuli wathi ezincekwini zakhe, "Dingani umuntu otshaya kuhle limlethe kimi." 18 Enye yezinceku zakhe yaphendula yathi, "Ngibone indodana kajese waseBhethilehema ekwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho. Iyindoda elesibindi elibutho futhi. Ikhulumu kuhle njalo ilijaha elibukekayo. LoThixo uyivikele." 19 USawuli wathuma izithunywa kuJese wathi, "Thumela kimi indodana yakho uDavid, owelusa izimvu." 20 Ngakho ujese wathatha ubabhemti ethweli izinkwa, umgodla wewayini lezinyane lembuzi wakuthumela lendodana yakhe uDavid kuSawuli. 21 UDavida wafika kuSawuli wangena emsebenzini wakhe uSawuli wamthanda kakhulu, njalo uDavid waba ngomunye wabathwali

bezikhali zakhe. **22** USawuli wathumela ilizwi kujese, ibutho liphuma ukuba liye ezindaweni zalo zempi, elithi, "Vumela uDavida ukuba ahlale emsebenzini limemeza isaga semi. **21** U-Israyeli lamaFilistiya wami, ngoba ngyiyathokoza ngaye." **23** Kwakusithi umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu ungfika kuSawuli, uDavida athathe ichacho lakhe alitshaye. Lapho-ke uSawuli wayephumula; ezwe ngcono, lomoya omubi usuke kuye.

**17** Ngalesokhathi amaFilistiya aqoqa amabutho awo ukuba alwe impi, asebuthana eSokho koJuda. Enza izihonqo e-Efesi Damimi, phakathi kweSokho le-Azekha. **2** USawuli labako-Israyeli bamisa izihonqo eSigodini sase-Ela, bahlela ukuba balwe impi lamaFilistiya. **3** AmaFilistiya ayemi kolunye uqaqa abako-Israyeli labo bekolunye, kulesigodi phakathi kwabo. **4** Iqhawe elalithiwa nguGoliyathi, owayevela eGathi, waphuma ezhonqweni zamaFilistiya. Ubude bakhe babuzingalo ezyisithupha lesandla. **5** Wayelengowane yethusi ekhanda lakhe, egqoke ibhatshi lokuvikela elethusi elaliyizinkulungwane ezinhanlu zamashekeli ubunzima balo, **6** emibaleni yakhe wayegqoke imigwamazi yethusi, emhlane egaxe umkhonto wethusi. **7** Uluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalunjengogodo lomaluki, ubunzima besihloko sawo sensimbi bungamashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha. Umthwali wehawu lakhe wayehamba phambidlana kwakhe. **8** UGoliyathi wema wamemezela emavyiwensi ako-Israyeli esithi, "Kungani liphumele ukuzakulwa impi na? KangisumFilistiya yini, njalo lina kalisizo zincuku zikaSawuli na? Khethani umuntu azeqondana lami. **9** Nxazakulwa angibulale, sizakuba yizigqili zenu; kodwa ngingamehlula ngimbulale, lizakuba yizigqili zethu lisikhonze." **10** UmFilistiya wabuya wathi, "Lamhlanje ngyiwayeisa amaviyo ako-Israyeli! Ngiphani umuntu siqondane silwe." **11** Ekuzweni amazwi omFilistiya, uSawuli labo bonke abako-Israyeli besaba bathuthumela. **12** UDavida wayeyindoda yom'Efrathi owayethiwa nguJese, owayengowase Bhethilehema koJuda. UJese wayelamadodana ayisificaminwembili, njalo ngezinsuku zikaSawuli wayesemdaleseluphele kakhulu. **13** Amadodana amathathu amadala kaJese ayelandele uSawuli empini: Izibulo kwakungu-Eliyabi; owesibili kungu-Abhinadabi; owesithathu kunguShama. **14** UDavida wayengomncane wabo. Abathathu abadala balandela uSawuli, **15** kodwa uDavida wasuka kuSawuli wabuyela ukuba ayekwelusa izimvu zikayise eBhethilehema. **16** Okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane umFilistiya wayesiya phambili nsuku zonke ekuseni lakusihlwa ajame. **17** UJese wasesithi kuDavida indodana yakhe, "Thatheba abanewenu ihefa lomumbu okhanzingiweyo kanye lezinkwa lezi ezilitshumi uzise masinyane ezihonqweni zabo. **18** Hamba lalezizinkwa zetshizi ezilitshumi kumlawuli weviyo labo. Bona ukuthi abanewenu banjani, ubuye lesiqiniselos esivela kubo. **19** BaloSawuli kanye labantu bonke bako-Israyeli eSigodini sase-Ela, besilwa lamaFilistiya." **20** Ekuseni kakhulu uDavida watshiya umhlambi wezimvu ulomelusi, wathwala umthwalo wasuka wahamba, njengokulaya kukajese. Wafika ezhonqweni

ibutho liphuma ukuba liye ezindaweni zalo zempi, babedweba imikhandlu yabo bekhangelene. **22** UDavida watshiya izinto zakhe kumgcini wezimpahla, wagijimela emavyiwensi empi wayabingelela abanewabo. **23** Esabakhulumisa, uGoliyathi, iqhawe lamaFilistiya elaseGathi, waphuma kuvio lakhe, wamemezela ukweyisa kwakhe kwenjayelo, loDavida wakuzwa. **24** Kwathi abako-Israyeli bebona umuntu lowo, bonke bambalekela ngokwesaba okukhulu. **25** Abako-Israyeli babekade besithi, "Liymbona yini umuntu lo ukuthi uqhubeka njani elokhu ephuma? Uyaphuma ukuba eyise u-Israyeli. Inkosi izamnika inotho enengi umuntu ozambulala. Izamnika lendodakazi yayo ukuba ayithathe, ikhulule labendlu kayise emithelweni ko-Israyeli." **26** UDavida wabuza indoda eyayimi phansi kwakhe wathi, "Kuyini okuzakwenzelwa umuntu obulala umFilistiya lo asuse lehlazo leli ku-Israyeli na? Ungubani umFilistiya lo ongasokanga oweysa amabutho kaNkulunkulu ophilayo na?" **27** Bakutsho futhi kuye ababekade bemtshela khona bathi, "Nanku okuzakwenzelwa umuntu ombulalayo." **28** Kwathi lapho u-Eliyabi, umnewabo omdala kaDavida, emuzwa ekuhuluma lalawomadoda, warnthukutheleka kakhulu wambuza wathi, "Uzefunani lapha na? Njalo izimvu leziyana ezilutshwane uztishye lobani enkangala na? Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uzikhukhumeza njani kanye lokuthi inhlizyo yakho imbi kanjani, ulande ukuzabona impi nje kuphela." **29** UDavida wathi, "Manje sengenzeni kanti? Angivunyelwa yini ukukhulumna?" **30** Emva kwalokho waphendukela komunye, watsho lutho lunye, umuntu lowo wampwendula njengakuqala. **31** Okwakutshivo nguDavida kwazwakala njalo kwabikwa kuSawuli, uSawuli wathi kabizwe. **32** UDavida wathi kuSawuli, "Akungabi lomuntu ophelelwa lithemba ngenxa yomFilistiya lo; inceku yakho izakuyakulwa laye." **33** USawuli waphendula wathi, "Kawanelisi ukuyamelana lomFilistiya lo ulwe laye; wena ungumfana nje, yena kade waba ngumuntu wokulwa kusukela ebutsheni bakhe." **34** Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli, "Inceku yakho yayiselusa izimvu zikayise. Kwathi ukufike isilwane kumbe ibhele lajwamula imvu emhlambini, **35** ngalilandela, ngalitshaya ngahlenga imvu emlonenyi walo. Lathi liyangihlasela ngalidumela ngoboya balo, ngalitshaya ngalibulala. **36** Inceku yakho seyabulala kokubili isilwane lebhele; umFilistiya lo ongasokanga uzakuba njengokunye kwakho, ngoba weyise amabutho kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **37** Uthixo owangikhululayo enzitsheni zesilwane lasenzitsheni zebhele uzangikhulula esandleni somFilistiya lo." USawuli wathi kuDavida, "Hamba, uThixo kabe lawe." **38** Emva kwalokho uSawuli wagqokisa uDavida ibhatshi lakhe. Wamgqokisa lesivikelo sensimbi kanye lengowane yethusi ekhanda lakhe. **39** UDavida wabophela inkemba yakhe phezu kxesembatho setshunika wazama ukuhambahamba, ngoba wayengazejwayelanga. Wathi kuSawuli, "Aningeke ngihambe ngigqoke lokhu, ngoba angikwejwayelanga." Ngakho wakukhupha.

**40** Emva kwalokho wathatha umqwayi wakhe, wakhetha amatshe abutshlezi amahlau esifuleni. Wawabeka esikhwameni somxhaka wakhe wokwelusa, njalo ephethe isavutha wamlanda umFilistiya. **41** Ngasikhathi sinye, umFilistiya, umthwali wehawu lakhe ephambi kwakhe, wayelokhu esondela eduze kukaDavid. **42** Wamkhangela uDavida wabona ukuthi wayengumfana nje, ebomvana emuhle, warneyisa. **43** Wasesithi kuDavid, "Kanti ngiyinja yini, usiza kimi uphethetizinti?" UmFilistiya waqalekisa uDavida ngabonkulunkulu bakibo. **44** Wathi, "Woza lapha, ngizanika izinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga inyama yakho!" **45** UDavida wathi kumFilistiya, "Wena uzemelana lami ngenkemba lomkhonto kanye lomdkadika, kodwa mina ngizemelana lawe ngebibizo likaThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu wamabutho ka-Israyeli wena omeiyiso. **46** Lamhlane izinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zasemhlabeni ngizazinika izidumbu zebutho lamaFilistiya, njalo umhlaba wonke uzakwazi ukuthi kulonNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli. **47** Bonke labo ababuthene lapha bazakwazi ukuthi uThixo kahlengi ngenkemba loba ngomkhonto, ngoba impi ngekaThixo, njalo lonke uzalinikela ezandleni zethu." **48** Kwathi umFilistiya esondela eduze ukuba amhlaese, uDavida ngokuphangisa wagijimela phambili endaweni yokulwela ukuba amhlangabeze. **49** UDavida wangenisa isandla sakhe emxhakeni wakhe wathatha ilitshe, waliphosa ngesavutha latshaya umFilistiya ebunzini. Ilitshe latshona ebunzini lakhe, wawela phansi ngobuso. **50** UDavida wammqoba kanjalo umFilistiya ngesavutha langelitshe; engelankemba esandleni sakhe wamlahla phansi umFilistiya wambulala. **51** UDavida wagijima wema phezu kwakhe. Wabamba inkemba yomFilistiya wayihwatsha esikhwameni sayo. Esembolele, waquma ikhanda lakhe ngenkemba. Kwathi amaFilistiya ebona ukuthi iqhawe lawo laselife, aphenduka abaleka. **52** Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli labakojudu balangathela besiya phambili bememeza, baxotshana lamaFilistiya base bayafika entubeni lasemasangweni ase-Ekroni. Abafileyo bakibo babegcweli emgwaqweni waseShaharayimu kusiya eGathi lase-Ekroni. **53** Kwathi abako-Israyeli sebephendukile ekuxotsheni amaFilistiya, baphanga izihonqo zawo. **54** UDavida wathatha ikhanda lomFilistiya, walisa ejeruselema, wabeka izikhali zomFilistiya ethenteni lakhe. **55** Kwathi uSawuli ekhangele uDavida esiyahlangana lomFilistiya, wathi ku-Abhineri, umlawuli webutho, "Abhineri, ijaha leliyanu liyindodana kabani na?" U-Abhineri waphendula wathi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uphila, nkosi, angazi." **56** Inkosi yasisithi, "Buza ukuthi ijaha leli liyindodana kabani." **57** Kwathi khonokho nje uDavida esevela ekubulaleni umFilistiya, u-Abhineri wamthhatha wamusu kuSawuli, uDavida elokhu ephethe ikhanda lomFilistiya. **58** USawuli wambuza wathi, "Uyindodana kabani, jaha?" UDavida wathi, "Ngiyindodana yenceku yakho uJese waseBhethilehema."

**18** Emva kokuba uDavidu eseqedile ukukhuluma loSawuli, uJonathani waba moyo munye loDavidu, wamthanda njengoba ezithanda yena ngokwakhe. **2** Kusukela ngalolosuku uSawuli wahlala loDavidu akaze amvumela ukubuyela endlini kayise. **3** Njalo uJonathani wenza isivumelwano loDavidu ngoba wayemthanda njengoba ezithanda yena ngokwakhe. **4** UJonathani wakhupha isembatho ayesigqokile wasinika uDavidu, lebhatshi lakhe, lenkemba yakhe, idandili lakhe kanye lebhanti lakhe. **5** Loba kuyini uSawuli amthuma ukuba akwenze, uDavidu wakwenza ngokuphumelela uSawuli waze wammika isikhundla esikhulu ebuthweni. Lokhu kwathokozisa abantu bonke, kanye lezikhulu zikaSawuli. **6** Kwathi abantu sebebuyela ekhaya emva kokuba uDavidu esebulele umFilistiya, abesifazane baphuma kuyo yonke imizi yak-Israyeli bahlangabeza inkosi uSawuli ngokuhlabela lokugida, ngezingoma zokuthokoza lamagedla kanye lemitshingo. **7** Ekugideni kwabo bahlabelu besithi: “USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavidu ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane zakhe.” **8** USawuli wazonda kakhusi, amazwi la amthukuthelisa. Wacabanga wathi, “Badumisa uDavidu ngamatshumi ezinkulungwane, kodwa mina ngezinkulungwane kuphela nje. Kuyini okunye angakuza ngaphandle kombuso na?” **9** Kusukela ngalelolanga kusuya phambili uSawuli wakhangela uDavidu ngelihlo eliomhawu. **10** Ngelanga elalandelayo umoya omubi wavela kuNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kukaSawuli ngamandla. Wayephrofetha endlini yakhe, lapho uDavidu wayetshaya ichacho njengerijwayelo yakhe. USawuli wayephetha umkhonto ngesandla sakhe, **11** wawuphosa esithi, “UDavidu ngizambambanisa lomduli.” Kodwa uDavidu wavika kwaze kwaba kabilis. **12** USawuli wayemesaba uDavidu ngoba uThixo wayeloDavidu kodwa eserndelle uSawuli. **13** Ngakho wamsusa uDavidu kuye wamenza umlwalu wabantu abayinkulungwane; njalo uDavidu wakhokhela amabutho ekuhlaseleni kwavo. **14** Kukho konke akwenzayo waphumelela kakhusi, ngoba uThixo wayelaye. **15** Kwathi uSawuli ebona ukuphumelela kwakhe, wamesaba. **16** Kodwa wonke u-Israyeli lojuda wamthanda uDavidu, ngoba wabakhokhela ekuhlaseleni kwabo. **17** USawuli wasesithi kuDavidu, “Nansi indodakazi yami endala uMerabi; ngizakwendisela yona ukuba ibe ngumkakho; wena ungisebenzele ngesibindi kuphela njalo ulwe izimpi zikaThixo.” Ngoba uSawuli wakhuluma yedwa wathi, “Kangiyikumphakamisela isandla. AmaFilistiya kawenze lokho!” **18** Kodwa uDavidu wathi kuSawuli, “Ngingubani mina labendlu yakwethu bayini, loba isizwana sikababa ko-Israyeli, ukuba ngibe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi na?” **19** Kodwa kwathi isikhathi sesifikile esokuba uMerabi, indodakazi kaSawuli, aphiwe uDavidu, waphiwa u-Adiriyeli waseMehola ukuba abe ngumkakhe. **20** Ngalesokhathi uMikhali, indodakazi kaSawuli, wayemthanda uDavidu, njalo kwathi uSawuli bemtshela ngakho, wathaba. **21** Wacabanga wathi, “Ngizamnika yena ukuba abe ngumjibila kuye lokuze isandla samaFilistiya simelane

layer.” Ngakho uSawuli wathi kuDavida, “Khathesi usulethuba lesibili lokuba ngumkhwenyana wami.” 22 USawuli walaya inceku zakhe wathi, “Khulumani loDavida ngasese lithi, ‘Khangelia, inkosi iyathokoza ngawe, lenceku zayo zonke ziyakuthanda; ngakho woba ngumkhwenyana wayo.’” 23 Zawatsho amazwi la kuDavida kodwa uDavida wathi, “Licabanga ukuthi kuyinto encane ukuba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi na? Mina ngingumtukazana njalo ongeladumo.” 24 Kwathi izincek zikaSawuli sezimtshelile okwakutshiwo nguDavida, 25 uSawuli waphendula wathi, “Alibokuthi, kuDavida, ‘Inkosi kayifuni enye inhlawulo yamalobolo ngaphandle kwamajwabu ezitho zangaphambili zamaFilistiya alikulu, ukuba iphindisele ezitheni zayo.’” Icebo likaSawuli lalingelokuthi uDavida afe ebulawa ngamaFilistiya. 26 Kwathi inceku sezimtshelile uDavida izinto lezi, wathokoza ukuba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. Ngakho kwathi isikhathi esasibekiwe singakedluli, 27 uDavida labantu bakhe basuka bayabulala amaFilistiya angamakhulu amabili. Weza lamajwabu emiphambili yaho waqhubela inkosi inani elipheleleyo ukuze abe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. USawuli wamendisela-ke indodakazi yakhe uMikhali ukuba ngumkakhe. 28 Kwathi uSawuli ebona ukuthi uThixo wayeloDavida kanye lokuthi indodakazi yakhe, uMikhali, yayimthanda uDavida, 29 uSawuli wabuye wamesaba kakhulu, njalo waba yisitha sakhe impilo, yakhe yonke. 30 Abalawuli bamaFilistiya baqhubeka besiyakulwa izimpi, njalo izikhathhi zonke bephuma, uDavida waba lokuphumelela okwedlula ezinye izikhulu zikaSawuli, lebizo lakhe laba lodumo.

**19** USawuli wathela indodana yakhe ujonathani kanye lezinceku zonke ukuba babulale uDavida. Kodwa ujonathan wayemthanda uDavida 2 ngakho wamxwayisa wathi, “Ubaba uSawuli udinga ithuba lokukubulala. Qaphela kusasa ekuseni; hamba uyeatsha uhlale khona. 3 Mina ngizaphuma ngiyekuma lobaba egangen lapho okhona. Ngizakhulum laye ngawe njalo ngizakutshela lokho engizakuthola.” 4 Ujonathan wakhulumu kuhle ngoDavida kuSawuli uyise wathi kuye, “Inkosi kayingenzi okubi encekwini yayo uDavida, konanga lutho kuwe, njalo akwenzileyo kukusize kakhulu. 5 Wadelia impilo yakhe ekubulalen ikwakhe umFilistiya. Uthixo wazuzela u-Israyeli ukunqoba okukhulu, lawe wakubona njalo wathaba. Pho kungani ungenza okubi emuntwini omsulwa njengoDavida ngokumbulala kungelasizatho na?” 6 USawuli wamlalela ujonathani wasefunga isifungo lesi esithi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, uDavida kayikubulawa.” 7 Ngakho ujonathani wabiza uDavida wamtshela inkulumlo yonke. Wamuska kuSawuli, uDavida wahlala loSawuli njengakuqala. 8 Kwabuya kwaba lempi futhi, uDavida waphuma ukuyakulwa lamaFilistiya. Wawatshaya ngamandla amakhulu aze abaleka. 9 Kodwa umoya omubi owavela kuThixo wafika kuSawuli ehlezi endlini yakhe ephetho umkhonto wakhe ngesandla. Kwathi uDavida etshaya ichacho, 10 uSawuli wazama ukumnamatihisela emdulini ngomkhonto wakhe, kodwa uDavida wavika uSawuli wagwaza umduli

ngomkhonto. Ngalobobusuku uDavida waphunyuka wabaleka. 11 USawuli wathuma izithunywa endlini kaDavida ukuba bayilinde njalo bambulale ekuseni. Kodwa uMikhali, umkaDavida, wamxwayisa wathi, “Nxa ungabaleki ngalobobusuku ukuba uvikele impilo yakho kusasa uzabulawa.” 12 Ngakho uMikhali wehlisela uDavida phansi emkhuphe ngefasitel, wabaleka-ke waphepha. 13 Emva kwalokho uMikhali wathatha isithombe wasilisa embhedeni, wasembesa ngengubo Kwathi abantu ukuba bayethumba uDavida, uMikhali wathi, “Uyagula.” 15 USawuli wababuyisela abantu labo ukuba bayebona uDavida esithi kubo, “Mletheni kimi ngombheda wakhe ukube ngimbulale.” 16 Kwadwa kwathi amadoda lawo engena, embhedeni ebulawa ngamaFilistiya. 17 Kwakulesithombe, ekhanda kuloboya bembizi. 18 USawuli wathi kuMikhali, “Kungani ungikhohlise konke okwakwenziwe nguSawuli kuye. Ngakho yena loSamuyeli haya eNayothi bahlala khona. 19 Ilizwi lafika kuSawuli lisithi: “UDavida useNayothi eRama.” 20 Ngakho wathuma abantu ukuba bayenthumba. Kwadwa bathi bebona ixuku labaphrofethi liphrofitha, loSamuyeli emi khonapho njengomkhokheli wabo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela ebantwini bakaSawuli labo baphrofetha. 21 USawuli wakutshelwa lokho wathuma abanye abantu, labo baphrofetha. USawuli wathuma abantu okwesithathu, labo futhi baphrofetha. 22 Ekucineni, yena ngokwakhe wasuka waya eRama, wasesiya emgodini omkhulu eSekhu. Wabuza wathi, “USamuyeli loDavida bangaphi?” Bathi, “Le eNayothi eRama.” 23 Ngakho uSawuli waya eNayothi eRama. Kwadwa uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela lakuye, wahamba ephrofitha waze wayafika eNayothi. 24 Wakhulula iziqqoko zakhe laye waphrofitha uSamuyeli ekhona. Walala enjalo ilanga lonke lobusuku bonke. Yikhorne abantu besithi, “Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi kwabaphrofetha na?”

**20** UDavida wabaleka eNayothi eRama waya kujonathani wabuza wathi, “Kanti ngenzeni na? Icalalami ngelani na? Uyihlo ngimone kanjani, okwenza afune ukungibulala?” 2 Ujonathani waphendula wathi, “Hatshi bo! Kawuyikufa! Khangelia, ubaba kenzi lutho, olukhulu loba oluncane, engangitshelanga. Kungani engangifihlela lokhu na? Akunjalo!” 3 Kodwa uDavida wenza isifungo wathi, “Uyihlo ukwazi kakuhle ukuthi mina sengithole umusa kuwe njalo usezitsheli wathi, ‘Ujonathani akumelanga akwazi lokhu hlez e Zwe ubuhlungu.’ Ikanti ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona lanjengoba lawe ukhona, kulenyathelo elilodwa nje phakathi kwami lokufa.” 4 Ujonathani wathi kuDavida, “Loba kuyini ofuna ukuthi ngikwenze, ngizakwenzela khona.” 5 Ngakho uDavida wathi, “Khangelia, kusasa kuledili lokuThwasa kweNyanga, njalo kumele ngidle lenkosi; kodwa yekela ngiyecatsha

engangeni kuze kube kusihlwa phambi kwakusasa. **6** Nxa uyihlo ezangiswela, mtshele uthi, 'UDavida ucele imvumo kimi ngokutshiseka ukuba ake agijimile eBhethilehemha, idolobho lakibo, ngoba umhlathshelo wesizwana sonke sakibo uyenzwi khona.' **7** Angathi, 'Kulungile,' inceku yakho kayiyikuba sengozi. Kodwa angavuka ulaka woba leqiniso ukuthi uzimisele ukwenza okubi kimi. **8** Kodwa wena, bonakalisa isisa encekwini yakho ngoba uyenzise isivumelwano lawe phambi kukaThixo. Nxa ngilecalala, ngibulala wena ngokwakho! Kungani unqihubela kuyihlo na?" **9** UJonathani wathi, "Hatshi bo! Kambe aluba bengiolwazi oluncane ukuthi ubaba uzimisele ukwenza okubi kuwe, kade ngingasoze ngikutshele na?" **10** UDavida wabuza wathi, "Ngubani ozangitshela nxa uyhilo ekuphendula kubi na?" **11** UJonathani wathi, "Woza, kasiye egangeni." Ngakho bayakhonale bobabili. **12** UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida, "Ngifunga ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngempela ubaba ngizakuba sengimzwile ngalesisikhathi ngomhlomunye! Nxa elomusa kuwe, kambe kangiyikuthumela ilizwi ngikwazise na?" **13** Kodwa nxa ubaba ehlose ukwenza okubi kuwe, uThixo kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa ngingakwazisi njalo ngikususe kungekho ngozi. Sengathi uThixo angaba lawe njengoba kade elobaba. **14** Kodwa ngibonise umusa ongapheliyo onjengokaThixo isikhathi sonke ngisaphila, ukuze ngingabulawa, **15** njalo ungasusi umusa wakho kwabendlu yawkethu lanxa uThixo eseziqede du zonke izitha zikaDavida ebusweni bomhlaba." **16** Ngakho uJonathani wenza isivumelwano labendlu kaDavida, esithi, "Sengathi uThixo angazethesa amacala izitha zikaDavida." **17** UJonathani wabuya wamfungisa futhi uDavida isifungo sakhe ngenxa yothando Iwakhe kuye, ngoba wayemthanda njengokuzithanda kwakhe. **18** UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida, "Kusasa kuledili lokuThwasa kweNyanga. Uzawelakala ngoba isihlalo sakho sizabe singelamantu. **19** Phambi kwakusasa, sekuzakuhlwa, yana lapho owacatsha khona ekuqaliseni kwaloluhluwo, ulinde elitsheni e-Ezeli. **20** Mina ngizatshokela imitshoko emithathu eceleni kwalo angathi ngitshokela kwengihlose kukho. **21** Emva kwalokho ngizathuma umfana ngithi, 'Hamba uyedinga imitshoko.' Ngingathi kuye, 'Khangelia, imitshoko ingakuleli icele lakho, ilethe lapha,' lapho ke woza, ngoba ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, uphephile, akulangozi. **22** Kodwa ngingathi emfaneni, 'Khangelia, imitshoko ingale kwakho,' lapho-ke kumele uhambe, ngoba uThixo uthe suka uhambé. **23** Njalo mayelana lalindaba esiyikhulumiley mina lawe, khumbula ukuthi uThixo ungufakazi phakathi kwakho lami nini lanini." **24** Ngakho uDavida wacatsha egangeni, njalo kwathi idili lokuThwasa kweNyanga selifikile, inkosi yahlala phansi yadla. **25** Yayihlezi endaweni yayo yezikathati zonke phansi komduli, maqondana loJonathani, u-Abhineri ehlézi eduze loSawuli, kodwa indawo kaDavida yayingelamuntu. **26** USawuli katshongo lutho mhlalokho, ngoba wacabanga wathi, "Mhlawumbe kulentu ethile eyhlele kuDavida yamenza waba ngongahlambulukanga ngokomkhuba, ngeqiniso kahlambulukanga." **27** Kodwa ngelanga elilandelayo, ilanga lesibili lenyanga, indawo kaDavida yayingelamuntu futhi. Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi endodaneni yakhe uJonathani, "Kungani indodana kajese ingezanga ekudleni, izolo kumbe lamuhla na?" **28** UJonathani waphendula wathi, "UDavida ucele imvumo kimi ngokutshiseka ukuba aye eBhethilehemha. **29** Uthe, 'Ngivumela ngihambe ngoba abendlu yakwethu balomkhosi womhlathshelo edolobheni njalo umnewethu ungilaye ukuba ngibe khona. Nxa ngithole umusa kuwe, ngivumela ngihambe ngiyebona abafowethu.' Yikho-nje engezanga ukuzakudla lenkosi." **30** Ulaka lukaSawuli lwavutha kujonathani wathi kuye, "Wena ndodana yomfazi olihlongandlebe lolenkani! Uthi kangazi yini ukuthi wena ususekelane lendodana kajese okulihlazo kuwe njalo okulihlazo lakunyoko owakuzalayo na? **31** Nxa indodana kajese isekhona kulo umhlabu, wena kawuyikuma kumbe umbuso wakho. Ngakho thumela ilizwi umlethe kimi, ngoba umele afel!" **32** UJonathani wabuza uyise wathi, "Kungani kumele abulawé? Wenzeni na?" **33** Kodwa uSawuli waphosa umkhonto wakhe kuye ukuba ambulale. Ngakho uJonathani wakwazi ukuthi uyise wayehloso ukubulala uDavida. **34** UJonathani wasuka etafulenli ethukuthele kakhulu; ngosuku lwestibili lwedili kazange adle, ngoba wayebuhlungu ngehlazo uyise ayephatha ngalo uDavida. **35** Ekuseni uJonathani waphuma waya egangeni ukuyahlangana loDavida. Wayelomfana omncinyane, **36** njalo wathi emfaneni, "Gijima uyedobha imitshoko engiyitshokayo." Umfana esajigima, watshokela umtshoko ngale kwakhe. **37** Kwathi umfana esefike lapho umtshoko kaJonathani owawuwele khona, ujonathani wamezema wathi, "Umtshoko kawukho ngale kwakho na?" **38** Wabuye wamezema wathi, "Phangisa! Ukhawuleze! Ungemil!" Umfana wadobha umtshoko wabuyelo enkosini yakhe. **39** (Umfana wayengazi lutho ngakho konke lokhu; kusasi uJonathani loDavida kuphela.) **40** Emva kwalokho ujonathani wanika umfana izikhali zakhe wathi, "Hamba, zithwale ubuyele lazo edolobheni." **41** Umfana esehambile uDavida wasukuma eceleni langaseningizimu kwelitshe, wakhothama kathathu phambi kukaJonathani, ubuso bakhe bukhangele phansi. Emva kwalokho bangana, bakhala bendawonye kodwa uDavida wakhala kakhulu. **42** UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida, "Hamba ngokuthula, ngoba sifungelane ubungane omunye komunye ebizweni likaThixo sisithi, 'Uthixo ungufakazi phakathi kwami lawe, laphakathi kwenzalo yakho leyami nini lanini.'" UDavida wasesuka, loJonathani wasebuyela edolobheni.

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ethize. **3** Manje-ke, kuyini olakho? Ngipha Njalo uSawuli, ephethe umkhonto ngesandla, izinkwa ezinhlanu, loba kuyini ongakuthola.” **4** wayehlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla somthamarisiki Kodwa umphristi waphendula uDavida wathi, phezu koqaqa eGibhiya, lazozonke izikhulu zakhe “Kangilasinkwa esejwayelekileyo; kodwa-ke kulesinkwa zimi zimhanqile. **7** USawuli wathi kuzo, “Lalelani esingwelisiweyo lapha kodwa kuya ngokuthi amadoda bantu bakoBhenjamini! Kambe indodana kajese abezigcinile esifazaneni na.” **5** UDavida waphendula izalipa lonke amasimu lezivini na? Kambe lonke wathi, “Impela abesifazane babevinjelwe kithi, izalenza libe ngabalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli njengenjwayelo lapho ngiphuma. Imizimba yamadoda bamakhulu na? **8** Kungenxa yalokho lonke selicebe ingcwele lasemikhankasweni engengcwele. Pho okubi ngami na? Kakho ongitshelayo nxa indodana ingaba njalo okungakanani lamhla!” **6** Ngakho yami isena isivumelwano lendodana kajese. Kakho umphristi wamnika isinkwa esingwelisiweyo ngoba owenu okhathazekayo ngami loba angitsheli ukuthi kwakungelasinkwa lapho ngaphandle kwesinkwa indodana yami itsotshozela izinceku zami ukuba esiNgewe sikaThixo esasisuswe phambi kukaThixo zingicathamele, njengalokhu ekwenzayo lamhla.” kwasekubekwa esitshisayo endaweni yaso ngosuku **9** Kodwa uDoyegi, um’Edomi, owayemi lezikhulu esasuswa ngalo. **7** Ngalolosuku omunye wezinceku zikaSawuli wathi, “Mina ngibone indodana kajese zikaSawuli wayekhonapho, ekhonza phambi kukaThixo; isiya ku-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Ahithubi eNobhi. **10** wayenguDoyegi um’Edomi, induna yabelusi bakaSawuli. U-Ahimeleki umbuzele kuThixo; waphinda wamnika **8** UDavida wabuza u-Ahimeleki wathi, “Kawulamkhonto ukudla lenkemba kaGoliyathi umFilistiya.” **11** Laphokumbe inkemba lapha na? Kangizanga lenkemba yami ke inkosi yathomela ilizwi lokubiza umphristi u-loba nje esinye isikhali, ngoba umsebenzi wenkosi Ahimeleki indodana ka-Ahithubi labo bonke abendlu ubungophuthumayo.” **9** Umphristi waphendula kayise, ababengabaphristi eNobhi, yikho bonke baya wathi, “Inkemba kaGoliyathi umFilistiya owambulalayo enkosini. **12** USawuli wasesithi, “Khathesi-ke lalela, eSigodini sase-Ela, ilapha; igoqelwe ngelembu ngemva ndodana ka-Ahithubi.” Waphendula wathi, “Yebo, kwasembatho semahlombe. Nxa uyifuna, ithathe; nkosi yami.” **13** USawuli wasesithi kuye, “Kungani kakukho enye inkemba lapha ngaphandle kwaley.” licebe okubi ngami, wena lendodana kajese, wayinika UDavida wasesithi, “Kayikho enjengayo; ngipha yona.” **10** Ngalolosuku uDavida wabalekela uSawuli waya ku-Akhishi inkosi yaseGathi. **11** Kodwa izinceku zikaAkhishi zathi kuye, “Lo kasuDavid inkosi yelizwe waphendula wathi, “Ngubani kuzozonke izinceku zakho na? Kasuye yini abahlabela ngaye emigidweni yabo othembeko njengoDavida, umkhwenyana wenkosi, besithi: ‘USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe, induna yabakulindayo njalo lohlonitshwa kakhulu kodwa uDavida ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane endlini yakho na? **15** Ngalelolanga ngangiqala zakhe?” **12** UDavida wawagcina amazwi la enhliziyeweni ukumbuzela kuNkulunkulu na? Hatshi impela! Inkosi yakhe wamesaba kakhulu u-Akhishi inkosi yaseGathi. **13** Ngakho wazenza ophambeneyo kubo; njalo kayise, ngoba inceku yakho kayazi lutho lakancane kwathi lapho ekubo wenza njengomuntu ohlanyayo, ngodaba lonke lolu.” **16** Kodwa inkosi yathi, “Ngeqiniso edwebadweba ezivalweni zesango njalo wayekela lendenda zehlela endevini zakhe. **14** U-Akhishi wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe, “Khangelani umuntu lo! Uphambene! Kungani limletha kimi na? **15** Lithi ngiziswele yini inhlanya lize lilethe umuntu lo lapha ukuba aqhubeke kanje phambi kwami na? Umuntu lo kumele angene endlini yami na?”

**22** UDavida wasuka eGathi wabalekela ebhalwini Iwase-Adulami. Kwathi abafowabko labendlu kayise sebekuzwile, baya kuye khonale. **2** Bonke labo ababelosizi loba ababelemilandu kumbe ababelensolo babuthana kuye, wasesiba ngumkhokheli wabo. Abantu ababelaye babengabko zinkulungwane ezine. **3** Esuka lapho uDavida waya eMizipha kwelaseMowabi wathi enkosini ye-Mowabi, “Ungabavumle yini ubaba lomama ukuba bazehlala lawe ngize ngazi uNkulunkulu azangenzela khona na?” **4** Ngakho wabatshiya enkosini yaseMowabi njalo bahlala layo sonke isikhathi uDavida esenqabeni. **5** Kodwa umphrefethi uGadi wathi kuDavida, “Ungahlalhi enqabeni. Yana elizweni lakoJuda.” Ngakho uDavida wasuka waya ehlathini laseHerethi. **6** Ngalesosikhathi uSawuli wezwa ukuthi uDavida labantu bakhe babebonakele.

**17** Inkosi yasilaya abalindi abaphransi kwayo yathi, “Phendukanli bulale abaphristi bakaThixo ngoba labo basekele uDavida. Babekwazi ukuthi uyabaleka, kodwa kabangitshela.” Kodwa izikhulu zenkosizi zazingafuni ukuphakamisa izandla ukuba zigalele abaphristi bakaThixo. **18** Ngakho inkosi yalaya uDoyegi yathi, “Phenduka ugalele abaphristi!” UDoyegi um’Edomi waphenduka wabagongoda. Mhlalokho wabulala abantu abangamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu ababegqoka izembatho zemahloombi ezelineni. **19** Wabye wahlasela iNobhi ngenkemba, umuzi wabaphristi, lamadoda ayo kanye labesifazane, abantwana bayo lensane, lenkomo zayo, obabhemi kanye lezimvu. **20** Kodwa u-Abhiyathari, indodana ka-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Ahithubi, waphunyuka wabaleka wayamanya loDavida. **21** Watshela uDavida ukuthi uSawuli wayebulele abaphristi bakaThixo. **22** UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhiyathari, “Ngaloluyana usuku, lapho uDoyegi um’Edomi wayekhona, ngakwazi ukuthi uzamtshela ngempela uSawuli. Ngilecalo lokufa kwabendlu kayihlo bonke. **23** Hlala lami;

ungesabi; umuntu ofuna ukukubulala lami futhi ufunu ukungibulala. Uvikelekile nxa ulami.”

**23** Kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ukuthi, “Khangelia, amaFilistiya ahlasela iKheyila njalo aphanga lezisa,” **2** wabuza uThixo, esithi, “Ngingahamba ukuyahlasela amaFilistiya la na?” Uthixo wamphendula wathi, “Hamba uehlasela amaFilistiya uhlense iKheyila.” **3** Kodwa abantu bakaDavida bathi kuye, “Lapha koJuda thina siyesaba. Pho kuzakuba kukhulu kangakanani nxa sizakuyamelana lamabutho amaFilistiya eKheyila!” **4** UDavida waphinda wambuza futhi uThixo, njalo uThixo wamphendula wathi, “Hamba eKheyila, ngoba amaFilistiya ngizawani kela ezandleni zakho.” **5** Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe baya eKheyila, walwa lamaFilistiya wathumba izifuyo zavo. Wabulala amaFilistiya amanengi kakhulu wahlenga abantu baseKheyila. **6** (U-Abhiyathari indodana ka-Ahimeleki wayeze lesembatho semahlolbe ekubalekeleni kwakhe kuDavida eKheyila.) **7** USawuli watshelwa ukuthi uDavida wayeseye eKheyila, ngakho wathi, “UNKulunkulu usemnikele kimi, ngoba uDavida usezifake entolongweni ngokunenga edolobheni elilamasango lemigoqo.” **8** USawuli wamemeza amabutho akhe wonke empi ni ukuba aye eKheyila ukuyavimbezela uDavida labantu bakhe. **9** Kwathi uDavida esizwa ukuthi uSawuli wayeceba okubi ngaye, wathi ku-Abhiyathari umphristi, “Letha isembatho samahlombe.” **10** UDavida wasesithi, “Awu Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, inceku yakho isizwile impela ukuthi uSawuli uceba ukuza eKheyila achithe idolobho ngenxa yami. **11** Abantu baseKheyila banganginikela kuye na? USawuli uzakuza na njengalokhu inceku yakho ekuzwileyo? Awu Thixo Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, itshele inceku yakho.” UThixo wathi, “Uzakuza.” **12** UDavida wabuza njalo wathi, “Abantu baseKheyila bazanginikela labantu bami kuSawuli na?” UThixo wathi, “Bazakunikela.” **13** Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe, ababengaba ngamakhulu ayisithupa ubunengi babo, basuka eKheyila baqhube ka bathemba besuka kwenye indawo baye kwenye. USawuli eseziwile ukuthi uDavida wayesebalekile eKheyila kasayanga khona. **14** UDavida wahlala ezingabeni zasenkangala lasezintabeni zeNkangala yaseZifi. Nsuku zonke uSawuli wamdinga, kodwa uNkulunkulu kammikelanga uDavida ezandleni zakhe. **15** Kwathi uDavida eseHoreshi eNkangala yaseZifi, wezwa ukuthi uSawuli wayephumele ukuyambulala. **16** Njalo indodana kaSawuli ujonathani waya kuDavida eHoreshi wamsiza ukuba athole amandla kuNkulunkulu. **17** Wathi kuye, “Ungesabi. Ubaba uSawuli kasoze abeke isandla phezu kwakho. Wena uzakuba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, njalo mina ngizakuba ngumsekeli wakho. Lobaba uSawuli uyakwazi lokhu.” **18** Bobabili benza isivumelwano phambi kukaThixo. Emva kwalokho ujonathani waya ekhaya, kodwa uDavida wasala eHoreshi. **19** Abantu baseZifi bayu kuSawuli egibhiya bathi kuye, “Kanti uDavida kacatshanga phakathi

kwethu ezingabeni eHoreshi, entaben i yaseHakhila, eningizimu kweJeshimoni na? **20** Ngakho-ke woza Nkosi nxa kukuthokozisa ukwenzanjalo, thina sizakuba yithi esizammikela enkosini.” **21** USawuli waphendula wathi, “Uthixo alibusise ngokungikhathalela kwenu. **22** Hambani liyekwenza amanye amalungiselelo. Dingani ukwazi lapho uDavida ajayele ukuya khona lokuthi ngubani owambonayo khonapho. Bangitshela ukuthi uliqili kakhulu. **23** Funani ukwazi ngazozonke izindawo zokucatsha azisebenzisayo beselibuya kimi lilolwazi oluqinisekileyo. Emva kwalokho ngizahamba lanu; nxa ekhona esigabeni, ngizamdinga phakathi kwezizwana zonke zakoJuda.” **24** Ngakho-ke basuka baya eZifi besandulela uSawuli. Ngalesosikhathi uDavida labantu bakhe babeseNkangala yaseMawoni, e-Arabha eningizimu kweJeshimoni. **25** USawuli labantu bakhe baqalisu ukudinga, njalo kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ngakho wehlela edwaleni wahlala eNkangala yaseMawoni. Kwathi uSawuli esekuzwile lokhu, waya eNkangala yaseMawoni elandela uDavida. **26** USawuli wayehamba ngakwelinye icele lentaba, uDavida labantu bakhe bengakwelinye icele bephangisa ukuba babalekele uSawuli. Kwathi uSawuli lamabutho akhe sebezamfica uDavida labantu bakhe ukuba babathumbe, **27** kwafisa isithunyu kuSawuli, sisithi, “Woza ngokuphangisa! AmaFilistiya ahlasela ilizwe.” **28** Lapho-ke uSawuli wayekela ukulandela uDavida wasesiyakulwa lamaFilistiya. Yikho-nje indawo le beyibiza ngokuthi Sela Hamalekhotti. **29** UDavida wahamba esuka lapho wayahlala ezingabeni zase-Eni-Gedi.

**24** Kwathi uSawuli esebuyile ekuxotsheni amaFilistiya watshelwa ukuthi, “UDavida useNkangala yase-Eni-Gedi.” **2** Ngakho uSawuli wathatha abantu abazinkulungwane ezintantu abakhethwa ko-Israyeli waphuma ukuyadinga uDavida labantu bakhe eduze kwamadwala amaGogo. **3** Wafika ezibayeni zezimvu endleleni; kwakulobhalu khonapho, yikho uSawuli wasengena phakathi ukuba aye ngaphandle. UDavida labantu bakhe babekhatshana emuva phakathi kobhalu. **4** Abantu bathi, “Leli yilo ilanga uThixo akhuluma ngalo lapho wathi kuwe, ‘Ngizanikela izitha zakho ezandleni zakho ukuba uziphathe njengokufisa kwakho.’” UDavida wanyenya egaqa waquma umphetho wesembatho sikaSawuli. **5** Muva uDavida wakhathazeka ngokuquma umphetho wesembatho sikaSawuli. **6** Wathi ebantwini bakhe, “Uthixo kakwenqabele ukwenza into enje enkosini yami, ogcotshiweyo kaThixo.” **7** Ngala amazwi uDavida wabakhaza abantu bakhe akaze wabavumela ukuthi bahlasele uSawuli. USawuli waphuma ebhalwini wamemeza uSawuli esithi, “nkosi, nkosi yami!” Kwathi lapho uSawuli ekhangela emuva kwakhe, uDavida wakhothama waselala phansi ethe mbo phansi ngobuso. **9** Wathi kuSawuli, “Kungani ualela nxa abantu besithi, ‘UDavida ujunge ukwenza okubi kuwe?’ **10** Lamhla uzibonele ngamehlo akho ukuthi uThixo ukunikele ezandleni zami ebhalwini.

Abanye bangikhuthaze ukuthi ngikubulale, kodwa lendodana yakho uDavida loba kuyini ongabatholela ngikuphephisile, ngithe, ‘Angiyikuphakamisa isandla khona.’” **9** Kwathi abantu bakaDavida sebefikile, sami ngimelana lenkosi yami, ngoba ingogcotshiweyo bamnika uNabhali umbiko lo ngebizo likaDavid. kaThixo.’ **11** Khangela, baba, khangela isiqsa sesembatho sakho lesi esisesandleni sami! Ngisique emphethweni Ingubani indodana kajese leyo na? Ngalezizinsuku zwisia ubone ukuthi kangilacala lokwenza okubi loba izinceku ezinengi ziyawabalekela amakhosi azo. **11** ukuhlamuka. Kangonanga lutho kuwe, kodwa wena Kungani kumele ngithathe isinkwa sami lamanzi, uyangizingela ufuna ukungibulala. **12** Sengathi uThixo lenyama engiyihlabele abagundi bami, ngingike angahlulela phakathi kwami lawe. Njalo sengathi abantu abavela lapho engingazi khona na?” **12** uThixo angaphindise ububi obenze kimi, kodwa esami isandla kasiyukuthinta. **13** Njengoba isitsho Abantu bakaDavida baphenduka babuyela emuva. sendulo sisitsio ukuthi, ‘Kwabenza okubi kuvela Sebefikile babika amazwi wonke. **13** UDavida izenzo ezimbi,’ ngakho esami isandla kasiyukuthinta. zenu!” Ngakho bahloma ngezinkemba zabo, loDavida **14** Inkosi yako-Israyeli iphume ukuyamelana lobani wahloma ngeyakhe. Abantu ababengaba ngamakhulu na? Ngubani oxotshana laye? Yinja efileyo na? amane bahamba loDavida, kwathi abangamakhulu Yindwebundwebu na? **15** Sengathi uThixo angaba amabili basala lempahla. **14** Omunye wezinceku ngumahluleli wethu ahlulele phakathi kwethu. watshela umkaNabhali u-Abhigeli wathi, “UDavida Sengathi angahlola injongo yami ayisekele; sengathi wathuma izithunywa esenkangala ukuzabingeleta angangikhulula ngokungsindisa esandleni sakho.” inkosi yethu, kodwa yona yazithethisa. **15** Ikanti abantu **16** Kwathi uDavida eseqedile ukutsho lokhu, uSawuli laba thina basiphatha kuhle. Kabazange basiphathe wabuza wathi, “Lelo yilizwi lakho, Davida ndodana kubi, njalo isikhathi sonke sisegangeni phansi yami na?” Wasekhala kakhulu. **17** Wasesithi, “Wena kwabo akulalutho olwacatshayo. **16** Emini lebusuku ulungile kakhulu kulami. Ungiphathe kuhle, kodwa mina ngikuphathe kubi. **18** Usungitshelile khathesi rje okuhle okwenze kimi; uThixo unginikele ezandleni zakho, kodwa kawungibulala. **19** Kanje nxa umuntu efica isitha sakhe, uyasiekela sihambe singenziwanga lutho olubi na? Sengathi uThixo angakunika umvuzo **18** U-Abhigeli kasachithanga sikhathi. Wathatha omuhle ngenxa yendlela ongiphathe ngayo lamhla. izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, izikhumba ezimbili **20** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi impela kanye lokuthi umbuso wako-Israyeli uzamiswa ezandleni zakho. **21** Khathesi-ke funga kimi ngo Thixo ukuthi kawuyikubulala inzalo yami loba wesule ibizo lami kwabendlu kababa.” **22** UDavida wafunga kuSawuli. Emva kwalokho uSawuli wabuyela ekhaya, kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe bayo enqabeni.

**25** Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wafa, kwathi u-Israyeli wonke wabuthana wamlilela; njalo bamngcwaba emzini wakhe eRama. Lapho-ke uDavida wehlela eNkangala yasePharani. **2** Umuntu othile waseMawoni, owayelempahla khonale eKhameli, wayenothe kakhulu. Wayelenkulungwane yembuzi lezinkulungwane ezintathu zezimvu ayezigunda eKhameli. **3** Ibizo lakhe lalinguNabhali lebizo lomkakhe lingu-Abhigeli. Wayengumfazi okhaliphileyo njalo emuhle, kodwa umkakhe, um’Khalebi, wayelenhliziyo embi kwabanye abantu. **4** UDavida esenkangala wezwa ukuthi uNabhali wayegunda izimvu. **5** Ngakho wathuma amajaha alitshumi wathi kuwo, “Hambani kuNabhali eKhameli limbingelele ngebizo lami. **6** Lithi kuye, ‘Impilo ende kuwe! Impilo enhle kanye labendlu yakho! Impilo enhle kukho konke okungokwakho! **7** Khathesi ngizwa kuthiya yisikhathi sokugunda izimvu. Lapho abelusi bakho babelathi, kasibaphathanga kubi, njalo isikhathi sonke beseKhameli akukho lutho olwacatshayo. **8** Buza izinceku zakho zizakutshela. Ngakho ake ube lomusa ezinsizweni zami, njengoba size ngesikhathi somkhosi. Ake unike izinceku zakho

lendodana yakho uDavida loba kuyini ongabatholela barnika uNabhali umbiko lo ngebizo likaDavid. Emva kwalokho balinda. **10** UNabhali waphendula izinceku zikaDavida wathi, “Ungubani uDavida lowo? Ingubani indodana kajese leyo na? Ngalezizinsuku izinceku ezinengi ziyawabalekela amakhosi azo. **11** ukuhlamuka. Kungani kumele ngithathe isinkwa sami lamanzi, lenyama engiyihlabele abagundi bami, ngingike angahlulela phakathi kwethu. watshela umkaNabhali u-Abhigeli wathi, “Hlomani ngezinkemba zabo, loDavida **12** Abantu bakaDavida baphenduka babuyela emuva. Sebefikile babika amazwi wonke. **13** UDavida izenzo ezimbi,’ ngakho esami isandla kasiyukuthinta. zenu!” Ngakho bahloma ngezinkemba zabo, loDavida **14** inkosi yethu, kodwa yona yazithethisa. **15** Ikanti abantu **16** Kwathi uDavida eseqedile ukutsho lokhu, uSawuli laba thina basiphatha kuhle. Kabazange basiphathe wabuza wathi, “Lelo yilizwi lakho, Davida ndodana kubi, njalo isikhathi sonke sisegangeni phansi yami na?” Wasekhala kakhulu. **17** Wasesithi, “Wena kwabo akulalutho olwacatshayo. **16** Emini lebusuku ulungile kakhulu kulami. Ungiphathe kuhle, kodwa mina ngikuphathe kubi. **18** Usungitshelile khathesi rje okuhle okwenze kimi; uThixo unginikele ezandleni zakho, kodwa kawungibulala. **19** Kanje nxa umuntu efica isitha sakhe, uyasiekela sihambe singenziwanga lutho olubi na? Sengathi uThixo angakunika umvuzo **18** U-Abhigeli kasachithanga sikhathi. Wathatha omuhle ngenxa yendlela ongiphathe ngayo lamhla. izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, izikhumba ezimbili **20** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi impela kanye lokuthi umbuso wako-Israyeli uzamiswa ezandleni zakho. **21** Khathesi-ke funga kimi ngo Thixo ukuthi kawuyikubulala inzalo yami loba wesule ibizo lami kwabendlu kababa.” **22** UDavida wafunga kuSawuli. Emva kwalokho uSawuli wabuyela ekhaya, kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe bayo enqabeni.

izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, izikhumba ezimbili **20** Wathi esiza egade ubabhemni wakhe phakathi kodonga Iwentaba, wabona uDavida labantu bakhe besehla beqonde kuye, wasebahlangabeza. **21** UDavida wayesanda kuthi, “Kakusizanga lutho konke ukugcina kwami impahla yomuntu le enkangala ukuze kungabi lalutho lwakhe olulahlekayo. Ungibhadale okuhle ngokubi. **22** Sengathi uNkulunkulu angaphatha uDavida kabuhlungu nxa ekuseni ngitshya indoda eyodwa iphilu kubo bonke abangabakhe!” **23** U-Abhigeli esebone uDavida, wehla ngokuphangisa kubabhemni wakhe wakhothamela phansi phambi kukaDavida ubuso bakhe buthe mbo emhlabathini. **24** Wawela ezinyaweni zakhe wathi, “Nkosi yami, insolo kayibe phezu kwami ngedwa. Ake uyivumele inceukazi yakho ikuhulume lawe; zwana lokho inceukazi yakho efuna ukukutsho. **25** Sengathi inkosi yami ingayekela ukumnaka umuntu omubi lowana uNabhali. Ufuze ibizo lakhe, ibizo lakhe lithi Sithutha, njalo ubuwula buhamba laye. Kodwa-ke mina, inceukazi yakho, angizibonanga insizwa inkosi yami ezithumileyo. **26** Khathesi njengoba uThixo ekugcinile, nkosi yami, ekuchithhekeni kwegazi lasekuphindiseleni ngezandla zakho, ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu

wakho ekhona lanjengoba lawe uphila, sengathi izitha zakho labo bonke abafuna ukwenza okubi kuwe nkosi yami bangaba njengoNabhal. **27** Njalo isipho lesi, inceukazi yakho esilethe enkosini yami, kasiphewe insizwa ezikulandelayo. **28** Ake uthethethele ukona kwenceukazi yakho, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu impela uzakwenzelha inkosi yami inzalo yamakhosi engapheliyo, ngoba ilwela izimpi zikaThixo. Akungabi lokona okutholwa kuwe kukho konke ukuphila kwakho. **29** Lanxa omunye exotshana lawe ukuba akubulale, ukuphila kwenkosi yami, uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho uzakubophela kuqine elixheni labaphilayo. Kodwa ukuphila kwezitha zakho uzakphosela khatshana kungathia kuphuma esikhwameni sesavutha. **30** Lapho uThixo eseyenzele inkosi yami zonke izinto ezhinle azithembisayo mayelana layo, njalo eseyibekile ukuba ngumkhokheli wako-Israyeli, **31** inkosi yami kayiyikuba lesazela somthwalo ohloniphisayo sokuchithwa kwegazi esingaswelekiyo loba esokuphindsela. Njalo lapho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu eseletelele inkosi yami ukuphumelela, uyikhumbule inceukazi yakho.” **32** UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhigeli, “Kadunyiswe uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okuthumileyo lamhla ukuzabonana lami. **33** Sengathi ungabusiswa ngenxa yokwahulela kwakho okuhle lokuvimbela kwakho ekuchitheni igazi lamhla kanye lasekuphindseleni kwami ngezandala zami. **34** Ngoba, ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ekhona, yena ongivimbele ekwenzensi okubi kuwe, aluba kawufikanga masinyane ukuzabonana lami, akukho lamunye owestisila ongokaNabhal obezasala ephila ekudabukeni kokusa.” **35** Emva kwalokho uDavida wamukela esandleni sika-Abhigeli lokho ayemlethele khona wasesithi, “Buyela ekhaya ngokuthula. Ngiwazwile amazwi akho ngasivuma isicelo sakho.” **36** U-Abhigeli esebuyele kuNabhal, wayesendlini eledili elinjengelenkosi. Wayejabula njalo edakwe kakhulu. Ngakho u-Abhigeli kamtshelanga lutho kwaze kwasa. **37** Kwathi ekuseni, uNabhal engasadakwanga, umkakhe wamtshela zonke lezizinto, watshaywa luvalo woma qha. **38** Emva kwensuku ezazingaba litshumi, uThixo wamtshaya uNabhal wafa. **39** Kwathi uDavida esizwa ukuthi uNabhal wayefile, wathi, “Kabongwe uThixo, yena osekele injongo yami yokumelana loNabhal ngenxa yokungeyisa. Uvimbale inceku yakhe ekwenzensi okubi njalo wehlisela uNabhal izenzo zakhe ezimbi phezu kwelakhe ikhanda.” Emva kwalokho uDavida wathumela ilizwi ku-Abhigeli emcela ukuba abe ngumkakhe. **40** Izinceku zakhe zaya eKhameli zathi ku-Abhigeli, “UDavida usithume kuwe ukuba sizekuthatha ukuze ubi ngumkakhe.” **41** U-Abhigeli wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wathi, “Nansi inceukazi yakho, ilungele ukukusebenzela lokugezisa inyawo zezincke zenkosi yami.” **42** U-Abhigeli waphanga wagada ubabhem, ephelekezelwa yizisebenzikazi zakhe ezhinlanu, wahamba lezithunyuwa zikaDavida wasesiba ngumkakhe. **43** UDavida wayethethe njalo u-Ahinowama waseJezerili, bobabili-ke baba ngomkakhe. **44** Kodwa uSawuli, indodakazi yakhe uMikhali, umkaDavida, wayeseyinike uPhalithiyeli indodana kaLayishi, owayengowaseGalimi.

**26** AmaZifi aya kuSawuli eGibhiya athi kuye, “UDavida kacatshanga entaben i yaseHakhila, ekhangele ejeshimon na?” **2** Ngakho uSawuli waya eNkangala yaseZifi, elezinkulungwane ezintathu zabantu bakhe abakhethiweyo bako-Israyeli, ukuyadinga uDavida khona. **3** USawuli wenza isihonqo phansi komgwaqo entaben i yaseHakhila ekhangele ejeshimon, kodwa uDavida wahlala enkangala. Kwathi ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesemlandele khonale, **4** wathuma inhloli wasekwazi ukuthi uSawuli wayefikile impela. **5** Ngakho uDavida wasuka waya lapho uSawuli ayemise khona wabona lapho okwakulele khona uSawuli lo-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, umlawuli webutho. USawuli wayelele phakathi kwasihonqo, ibutho lisezihonweni limhanqile. **6** UDavida wasebuza u-Ahimeleki umHithi lo-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya, umfowabo kajowabi, wathi, “Ngubani ozahamba lami phakathi kwasihonqo kuSawuli na?” U-Abhishayi wathi, “Ngizahamba lawe.” **7** Ngakho uDavida lo-Abhishayi baye ebuthweni ebusuku babona uSawuli elele ubuthongo phakathi kwasihonqo umkhonto wakhe uwaze phansi eduzane lekhanda lakhe. U-Abhineri lamabutho babelele bemhanqile. **8** U-Abhishayi wasesithi kuDavida, “Lamhla uNkulunkulu unikele isitha sakho ezandleni zakho. Khathesi-ke kahle ngimgwazele phansi kanye nje ngomkhonto wami; kangiyi kugalela kabilo.” **9** Kodwa uDavida wathi ku-Abhishayi, “Ungambulai. Ngubani ongabeka isandla kogcotshiweyo kaThixo angabi lecalna?” **10** Wasesithi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, uThixo yena ngokwakhe uzamtshaya; mhlawumbe isikhathi sakhe sizafika afe, loba aye empini abhubhe. **11** Kodwa uThixo kanqabele ukuba ngibeke isandla kogcotshiweyo kaThixo. Thatha umkhonto lesigxingi samanzi okuphansi kwekhanda lakhe, sihambe.” **12** Ngakho uDavida wathuma umkhonto lesigxingi samanzi okwakuphansi kwekhanda likaSawuli, basebehamba. Bonke babelele ngoba uThixo wayebhlisele ubuthongo obukhulu. **13** UDavida wachaphela ngakwelinye icele wema phezu kwentatshana khatshana; kwakulebang elibanzi phakathi kwabo. **14** Wamemeza ibutho lo-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, wathi, “Kanti kawungiphenduli, Abhineri na?” U-Abhineri waphendula wathi, “Ungubani wena omemeza inkosi na?” **15** UDavida wathi, “Uyindoda, kawusyo na? Njalo ngubani onjengawe ko-Israyeli na? Kungani ungayilindanga inkosi yakho na? Umuntu othile ufikile ukuba abulale inkosi yakho. **16** Okwenzileyo kakukuhle. Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ephila, wena labantu bakho lifanele ukufa, ngoba kalyilindanga inkosi yenu, ogcotshiweyo kaThixo. Khangelani emaceleni enu. Ungaphi umkhonto wenkosi lesigxingi samanzi okube kuphansi kwekhanda layo na?” **17** USawuli walazi ilizwi likaDavida, wasesithi, “Yilizwi lakho lelo yini, Davida ndodana yami?” UDavida waphendula

wathi, "Yebo yilo, nkosi, nkosi yami." **18** Wengeza wathi, "Kanti kungani inkosi yami ixotshana lenceku yayo na? Kuyini engikwenzileyo, njalo licala bani engilalo na?" **19** Khathesi-ke nkosi, nkosi yami, lalela amazwi enceku yakho. Nxa uThixo ekuqubule ukuba umelane lami, kamkele umhlatsheko. Kodwa nxa kwenziwe ngabantu, kabathukwe phambi kukaThixo! Khathesi sebengixotshile esabelweni sami elifeni likaThixo njalo bathi, "Hamba uyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu." **20** Ungenzi igazi lami lichitheke phansi khatshana lobukhona bukaThixo. Inkosi yako-Israyeli iphumile ukuzadinga insikizi njengomuntu ozingela isikhwehle ezintabeni." **21** Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi, "Ngenze isono. Buya Davida, ndodana yami. Ngenxa yokuthi ukhangele impilo yami njengegugu lamhla, kangiyizuma futhi ukwenza okubi kuwe. Ngempela ngenze ubuwula njalo ngiphambanise kakhulu." **22** UDavida waphendula wathi, "Nanku umkhonto wenkosi. Wothi omunye wezinsizwa zakho keze ngapha azewuthatha. **23** UThixo uyamnika umvuso umuntu wonke ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe lokuthembeka kwakhe. UThixo ukunikele ezandleni zami lamhla, kodwa kade ngingeke ngibeke isanda kogcotsihiweyo kaThixo. **24** Ngeqiniso njengoba ngiqakathekise ukuphila kwakho lamhla, sengathi kanjalo-ke uThixo angaqakathekisa ukuphila kwami angisindise kukho konke ukuhlupheka." **25** Lapho-ke uSawuli wathi kuDavida, "Sengathi ungabuseka, ndodana yami Davida; uzakwenza izinto ezinkulu njalo unqobe." UDavida wasuka wazihambela, uSawuli wasebuyela ekhaya.

**27** Kodwa uDavida wacabanga wathi, "Ngolunye Iwalezi insuku uSawuli uzangibulala. Into engcono engingayenza yikubalekela elizweni lamaFilistiya. Lapho-ke uSawuli uzadela ukungidina loba kungaphi ko-Israyeli, njalo ngizaphunyuka esandleni sakhe." **2** Ngakho uDavida labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha basuka laye bayu ku-Akhishi indodana kaMawokhi inkosi yaseGathi. **3** UDavida labantu bakhe bahlala eGathi lo-Akhishi. Umuntu ngamunye wayelabendlu yakhe, uDavida elabomkakhe ababili: u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-Abhigeli waseKhameli, umfelokazi kaNabhal. **4** Kwathi uSawuli esetsheliwe ukuthi uDavida wayebalekele eGathi kasamdinganga futhi. **5** UDavida wasesithi ku-Akhishi, "Nxa ngithole umusa emehlwensi akho ngabela indawo komunye wemizi yasemaphandleni, ukuze ngiyehlala khona. Inceku yakho ingahlalelani lawe edolobheni lobukhosini na?" **6** Ngakho ngalelolanga u-Akhishi wamnika iZikhilagi, njalo seyaba ngeyamakhosi akoJuda kusukela lapho. **7** UDavida wahlala elizweni lamaFilistiya umnyaka lezinyanga ezine. **8** UDavida labantu bakhe basuka bayahlasela amaGeshuri, amaGirizi kanye lama-Amaleki. (Kusukela ezikhathini zasendulo abantu laba babehlale elizweni elalifika eShuri kanye laseGibhithe.) **9** Lapho uDavida ehlasele indawo, wayengatshiyi ndoda kumbe umfazi ephila, kodwa wayethatha izimvu lenkomo, obabhemi lamakamela, kanye leziggoko.

Wabuyela ku-Akhishi. **10** Lapho u-Akhishi embuza esithi, "Lamhla ubuyehlasela ngaphi na?" UDavida wayesithi, "Besimelane leNegebi yakoJuda," loba athi, "Besimelane leNegebi yaseJerameli," loba athi, "Besimelane leNegebi yama-Kheni." **11** Katshiyanga ndoda kumbe umfazi ephila ukuba asiwé eGathi ngoba wacabanga wathi, "Bangasiceba bathi, 'Lokhu yikho okwensiwe nguDavid.'" Lokhu yikho ayekwenza sonke isikhathi sokuhlala kwakhe elizweni lamaFilistiya. **12** U-Akhishi wayemthembu uDavida njalo wazitshela wathi, "Usezondakala kangaka ebantwini bakibo, ama-Israyeli, usezakuba yinceku yami kuze kuge nininini."

**28** Ngalezonsuku amaFilistiya aqoqa amabutho awo ukuba alwe lo-Israyeli. U-Akhishi wathi kuDavida, "Kumele uzwisise ukuthi wena labantu bakho lizahamba lami empini." **2** UDavida wathi, "Lapho-ke uzazibonela okungenziwa yinceku yakho." U-Akhishi wathi, "Kulungile, ngizakwenza ubo ngumlindi wami impilo yakho yonke." **3** Ngalesosikhathi uSamuyeli wayesewafa, njalo u-Israyeli wonke wayemlilele wamgcwaba emzini wakibo eRama. USawuli wayesewaxotsha zonke izanuse labemimoya elizweni. **4** AmaFilistiya abuthana eza amisa izihonqo zawa eShunemi, lapho uSawuli wabutha ama-Israyeli wonke wamisa izihonqo eGilibhowa. **5** USawuli ebona ibutho lamaFilistiya wesaba, inhlizyo yakhe yaba lokuthuthumela. **6** Wabuza uThixo, kodwa uThixo kampwendulanga ngamaphupho loba nge-Urimi kumbe ngabaphrofethi. **7** USawuli wasesithi encekwini zakhe, "Ngidingelani owesifazane oyisanuse ukuze ngiyebuza kuye." Bona bathi, "Kulomunye e-Endo." **8** Ngakho uSawuli waziguqula, wafaka ezinye izigqoko, kwathi ebusuku yena labantu ababili bayo kulowomfazi. Wathi kuye, "Ngibuzela umoya, njalo ungilethele lowo engizamutsho." **9** Kodwa owesifazane wathi kuye, "Impela uyakwazi ukuthi uSawuli wenzeni. Useziqedile izanuse labemimoya elizweni. Kungani uthiya impilo yami ngomjiba ukuba ngibulawe na?" **10** USawuli wafunga kuye ngoThixo wathi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, kawuyikujeziselva lokhu." **11** Owesifazane lowo wasesithi, "Ngikuvusele bani na?" Yena wathi, "Ngilethela uSamuyeli." **12** Kwathi owesifazane lowo ebona uSamuyeli, wakhala ngelizwi eliphezelu wasesithi kuSawuli, "Kungani ungikhohlisile na? Wena unguSawuli." **13** Inkosi yasisithi, "Ungesabi. Kuyini okubonayo?" Owesifazane wathi, "Ngibona umoya ophuma phansi." **14** USawuli wathi, "Ukhangaleka njani?" Owesifazane wathi, "Kuphuma ixhegu eligqoke ingubo." Lapho-ke uSawuli wakwazi ukuthi kwakunguSamuyeli, wakhothama wasesithi mbo phansi ngobuso. **15** USamuyeli wasesithi kuSawuli, "Ungikhathazelani ngokungivusa na?" USawuli wathi, "Mina ngiphakathi kohlupo olukhulu. AmaFilistiya alwa lami, njalo uNkulunkulu usengifulathelle. Kasangiphendul, ngabaphrofethi loba ngamaphupho. Ngakho ngibize wena ukuba ungitshela ukuthi ngenzeni." **16** USamuyeli wathi, "Ungibizelani, njengoba uThixo esekufulathelle njalo esebe yisitha

sakho na? **17** Uthixo usekwenzile lokhu akutsho ngaphambili ngami. Uthixo usewuhluthunile umbuso ezandleni zakho wawunika omunye wabomakhelwane bakho, uDavida. **18** Ngenxa yokuthi uThixo kawumlalelanga kumbe wafeza ulaka Iwakhe olwesabekayo kuma-Amaleki, uThixo wenze lokhu kuwe lamhla. **19** Uthixo uzanikela u-Israyeli kanye lawe kumaFilistiya, njalo kusasa wena lamadodana akho lizakuba lami. Uthixo uzanikela lebutho lako-Israyeli kumaFilistiya.” **20** Khonokho nje uSawuli wawela phansi wathi daca emhlabathini, esegcwele ukwesaba ngenxa yamazwi kaSamuyeli. Wayengasalamandla, ngoba wayengadlanga lutho ilanga lonke mhlalokho lobusuku bonke. **21** Kwathi owestifazane esesondele kuSawuli wabona ukuthi wayethuthumele kakhulu, wathi kuye, “Khangelia, inceukazi yakho ikulalele. Ngibeki ukuphila kwami engozini ngenza lokho othe ngikwenze. **22** Khathesi-ke ake ulalele inceukazi yakho uvume ukuba ngikuphe ukudla ukuze udle ube lamandla uzihambele.” **23** Yena wala wathi, “Kangiyikudla.” Kodwa abantu bakhe baphathisana lowesifazane ukumncenga, waze wabalalela. Wavuka phansi wahlala esihlalweni. **24** Owestifazane wayelethole elinonisiewo endlini, alihlabia khonokho nje. Wathatha impuphu yengqoloyi, wayivuba wenza isinkwa esingelamuvelo. **25** Wasibeka phambi kukaSawuli labantu bakhe, badla. Ngalobobusuku bavuka bahamba.

**29** AmaFilistiya aqoqela wonke amabutho awo e-Afekhi, kwathi u-Israyeli wamisa emthonjeni wejezerili. **2** Kwathi ababusi bamaFilistiya befola lamabutho abo angamakhulu lazinkulungwane, uDavida labantu bakhe babefola emuva lo-Akhishi. **3** Umlawuli wamaFilistiya wabuza wathi, “AmaHebherula-ke?” U-Akhishi waphendula wathi, “Kanti lo kasuDavidi yini owayeyisikhulu sikaSawuli inkosi yako-Israyeli na? Usebe lami okudlula umnyaka, njalo kusukela mhla etshiya uSawuli kuze kuge khathesi, angikaboni sici kuye.” **4** Kodwa abalawuli bamaFilistiya bamthukuthelela bathi kuye, “Buyisela umuntu lo emuva, ukuze abuyelete endaweni owamabela yona. Akumelanga aye empini lathi, hlezis asiphendukele lapho sekulwiwa. Angawuthola ngcono kanjani futhi umusa wenkosi yakhe kulokuthatha amakhanda abantu bakithi na? **5** Kasuyenalo yini uDavida abahlabela ngaye emigidweni yabo besithi: ‘USawuli ubulele izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida ubulele amatshumi ezinkulungwane zakhe?’” **6** Ngakho u-Akhishi wabiza uDavida wathi kuye, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, ubuthembekile, njalo kade ngingathokoza ukuba lawe usebenze lami empini. Kusukela ngelanga owarfika ngalo kimi kuze kuge khathesi, angibonanga sici kuwe, kodwa ababusi kabakufuni. **7** Ngakho phenduka uhambe ngokuthula; ungenzi lutho oluzacunula ababusi bamaFilistiya.” **8** uDavida wabuza wathi, “Kanti ngenzeni na? Kuyini okubi okubone encekwini yakho kusukela ngelanga engafika ngalo kuwe kuze kuge khathesi na? Kungani ngingeze ngayakulwa lezitha zenkosi yami na?” **9** U-Akhishi waphendula wathi, “Ngiyakwazi

ukuthi ube uthokozisa emehlwani ami njengengilosii kaNkulunkulu; kodwa-ke abalawuli bamaFilistiya sebethi, ‘Kafanelanga ukuhamba lathi empini.’ **10** Ngakho vuka ekuseni, kanye lezincke zenkosi yakho ezeza lawe, lisuke ekuseni lapho kuqaliswa ukukhanya.” **11** Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe bavuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuba babuyelete elizweni lamaFilistiya, kwathi amaFilistiya aya ejezerili.

**30** uDavida labantu bakhe bafika eZikhilagi ngelanga lestitathu. Ama-Amaleki ayehlasele iNegebi leZikhilagi. Ayehlasele iZikhilagi ayitshisa, **2** njalo ayethumbe abesifazane labo bonke ababekuyo, abatsha labadala. Kawabulalanga lamunye wabo, kodwa ahamba labo ekuhambeni kwavo. **3** Kwathi uDavida labantu bakhe befika eZikhilagi, bayifica iqothulwe ngomilo njalo omkabo lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi abo bethunjiwe. **4** Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe bakhala kakhulu baze baphela amandla okukhala. **5** Abafazi bakaDavidi bobabili babetunjiwe, u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-Abhigeli, umfelokazi kaNabhalu waseKhameili. **6** uDavida wayesekhathazeke kakhulu ngoba abantu babekhuluma ngokumkhanda ngamatshes, lowo lalowo efuthelene emoyeni ngenxa yamadodana akhe lamadodakazi. Kodwa uDavida wathola amandla kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **7** uDavida wasesithi ku-Abhiyatha umphristi, indodana ka-Ahimeleki, “Ngilethela isembatho samahlombe.” U-Abhiyathari wasiletha kuye, **8** uDavida wasebuza kuThixo esithi, “Ngililande yini lelixuku elihlaselayo? Ngizalifica na?” Waphendula wathi, “Lilandele. Uzalifica impela njalo uzaphumelela ekuhlengeni.” **9** uDavida labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ababelaye bafika eDongeni IwaseBhesori, lapho abanye abasala khona, **10** ngoba abangamakhulu amabili basebedine kakhulu ukuba bachaphe udonga. Kodwa uDavida labantu abangamakhulu amane baqhubeke belandela. **11** Bafica umGibhithe egangenji bamusa kuDavidi. Bamnika amanzi okunatha lokudla ukuba adle, **12** ingxene yekhekhe lemkhiwa ekhaniyiweyo. Wadla wathola amandla, ngoba wayengadlanga lutho njalo enganathanga manzi insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu. **13** uDavida wambuza wathi, “Ungokabani wena, njalo uvela ngaphi na?” Yena wathi, “NgingumGibhithe, isiggili som’Amaleki. Inkosi yami ingitshiyle sengigula ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo. **14** Sihlasele iNegebi yamaKherethi lelizwe likajuda kanye leNegebi yamaKhalebi. Njalo iZikhilagi siytishisile.” **15** uDavida wambuza wathi, “Ungangisa kulelixu elihlaselayo na?” Waphendula wathi, “Funga kimi phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi kawuyikungibulala kumbe ungririkele enkosini yami, besengikusa-ke kubo.” **16** Wakhokhela uDavida, bababona begcwele indawana yonke, besidla, benatha njalo bejabula ngenxa yobunengi bempango ababeyithumbile elizweni lamaFilistiya kanye lakoJuda. **17** uDavida walwa labo kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwahlwa ngelanga elilandelayo,

njalo kakho owabo owaphunyukayo ngaphandle lamadodana akhe basebefile, batshiya imizi yabo kwamajaha angamakhulu amane agada amakamela babaleka. AmaFilistiya afika ahlala kuyo. **8** Ngelanga abaleka. **18** UDavida wakuthatha njalo konke elalandelayo, amaFilistiya esefikile ukuba akhuthuze okwakuthunjwe ngama-Amaleki kanye labomkakhe abafileyo, afica uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu ababili. **19** Akukho lutho olwaswelakalayo: omutsha befile eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. **9** Amquma ikhanda kumbe omdala, umfana kumbe inkazana, impango lakhe athatha lezikhalii zakhe, basebethuma izithunywa kumbe olunye nje ulutho ababeluthethe. UDavida kulolonke ilizwe lamaFilistiya ukuthi zimemezele wabuyisa konke. **20** Wathatha izimvu zonke lenkomo, lindaba ethempelini lezithombe zawo lasebantwini abantu bakhe baziqhuba ziphambi kwezinye izifuyo, bakibo. **10** Abeka izikhali zakhe ethempelini lama-besithi, "Le yimpango kaDavidia." **21** Emva kwalokho Ashithorethi. Kwathi isidumbu sakhe asibethela uDavida wafika eabantwini abangamakhulu amabili emdulini weBhethi-Shani. **11** Kwathi abantu ababedinne kakhulu baze behluleka ukumelandla baseJahhesi Giliyadi sebezwise ngokwakwenziwe ababesele emuva eDongeni lwaseBhesori. Baphuma ngamaFilistiya kuSawuli, **12** wonke amaqhawe abo bahlangabeza uDavida kanye labantu ababelaye. Kwathi alezibindi ahamba ubusuku bonke esiya eBhethi-uDavida esesondela labantu bakhe, wabingelela. Shani. Ethula isidumbu sikaSawuli lezamadodana **22** Kodwa bonke abantu ababi labahlokozi bohlupho abaphakathi kwabalandeli bakaDavidia, bathi, "Ngenxa yokuthi kabahambanga lathi kasiyikwabelana labo impango esiyithumbileyo. Kodwa yileyo laleyo indoda ingathatha umkayo labantwabayi ihambe." **23** UDavida waphendula wathi, "Hatshi, bafowethu, akumelanga lenzenjalo ngalokho uThixo asiphe khona. Usivikele wawanikela kithi amabutho abesihlasela. **24** Pho ngubani ozalalela lokhu elikutshoyo na? Isabelo somuntu osele lempahlha sizafana lesalowo ohambileyo ekulweni impi. Bonke bazakwabelwa ngokufanayo." **25** UDavida wenza lokhu kwaba yisimiso lomthetho ko-Israyeli kusukela ngalelolanga kuze kube yileli. **26** UDavida esefikile eZikhilagi, wathumela enye impango ebadaleni bakojuda, ababengabangane bakhe, esithi, "Nansi isipho senu esivela empangweni yezitha zikaThixo." **27** Wayithumela kulabo ababeseBhetheli, leRamothi Negebi leJathiri, **28** lakulabo abase-Aroweri, eSifimothe, e-Eshithemowa **29** leRakhali; kulabo ababesemizini yamaJerameli lamaKheni. **30** Kulabo ababeseHoma, eBhori-Ashani, e-Athakhi **31** laseHebhroni; lakubo ababekuzo zonke ezinye izindawo lapho uDavida labantu bakhe ababeke bazulazula kuzo.

**31** AmaFilistiya alwa lo-Israyeli; abako-Israyeli babaleka, njalo abanengi bafela eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. **2** AmaFilistiya axotshana kanzima loSawuli kanye lamadodana akhe, abulala amadodana akhe uJonathani, lo-Abhinadabi kanye loMalikhi-Shuwa. **3** Impi yatshisa macele wonke kuSawuli, njalo kwathi abatshoki bemitshoko sebemxhumile, bamlimaza kubi. **4** USawuli wathi kumthwali wezikhalii zakhe, "Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungigwaze, hlezii abantu laba abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze bangenze ihlazo." Kodwa umphathi wezikhalii zakhe wesaba, akaze akwenza lokho; ngakho uSawuli wathatha inkemba yakhe waziwisela phezu kwayo. **5** Kwathi umphathi wezikhalii ebona ukuthi uSawuli wayesefile, laye waziwisela phezu kwenkemba yakhe wafa kanye laye. **6** Ngakho uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu lomphathi wezikhalii zakhe kanye labantu bakhe bonke bafa ndawonye ngalo lolosuku. **7** Kwathi abako-Israyeli ababesekele isigodi lalabo ababengaphetsheya kweJodani bebona ukuthi ibutho lako-Israyeli lalibalekile lokuthi uSawuli kanye

## 2 USamuyeli

**1** Emva kokufa kukaSawuli, uDavida wabuya evela ekunqobeni ama-Amaleki wahlil eZikhilagi insuku ezimbili. **2** Ngosuku lwsithathu kwafika umuntu evela ezhonqweni zikaSawuli, iziqqoko zakhe zidabukile njalo egcwele uthuli ekhanda lakhe. Kwathi esefikile kuDavida waziwisela phansi emhlonipha. **3** UDavida wambuza wathi, “Uvela ngaphi?” Yena waphendula wathi, “Ngibalekile ezhonqweni zabako-Israyeli.” **4** UDavida wabuza wathi, “Kutheni? Ngitshele!” Yena wathi, “abantu babalekile empini. Inengi labo lifile. USawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani labo bafile?” **5** UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elamlethela umbiko, “Wazi njani ukuthi uSawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani bafile?” **6** Ijaha lelo lathi, “Kwenzakele ukuthi mina kade ngiphezu kweNtaba iGilibhowa ngabona uSawuli eyame umkhonto wakhe, izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza sebebangwa kuye. **7** Ut he etshibiliwa wangibona, wasengibiza, mina ngathi, ‘Kuyini engingakwenza?’ **8** Ungibuzile wathi, ‘Ungubani wena na?’ Ngiphendule ngathi, ‘Ngingum’Amaleki.’ **9** Wasesithi kimi, ‘Sondela eduze ungibulale! Sengiseduze lokufa, kodwa ngisaphila.’ **10** Ngakho ngisondele kuye ngambulala, ngoba ngazile ukuthi emva kwalokho ubengeke aphile. Njalo ngithethe umqhele obusekhanda lakhe lesongo ebolisengalweni yakhe okuyikho engikulethe lapha enkosini yami.’ **11** Laphoke uDavida labantu bonke ababelaye babamba iziqqoko zabo bazidabula. **12** Babakhalela, babalilela, babazilela kwaze kwahlwa uSawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani kanye lebutho likaThixo lendlu ka-Israyeli, ngoba babebulewe ngenkemba. **13** UDavida wasesithi ejaheni elalimlethele umbiko, “Wena ungowangaphi na?” Lona laphendula lathi, “Ngiyindodana yeziwzeni, um’Amaleki.” **14** UDavida waselibuba esithi, “Kungani ungesabanga ukuphakamisa isandla sakho ukuba ubulale ogcotshiweyo kaThixo na?” **15** UDavida wabiza omunye wabantu bakhe wathi, “Sondela umgongode!” Ngakho wamgongoda wafa. **16** Ngoba uDavida wayethethe kuye, “Igazi lakho kalibe phezu kwekhanda lakho. Umlomo wakho ufakaze okubi ngawe lapho wena uthe, ‘Ngimbulele ogcotshiweyo kaThixo.’” **17** UDavida walila isililo lesi ngoSawuli lendodana yakhe uJonathani, **18** walaya ukuthi abantu bakoJuda basifundiswe isililo sedandili lesi (silotshiwe eNcwadini kajashari): **19** “Udumo lwakho, We Israyeli, lubulewe ezingqongweni zakho. Yeka ukufa kwamaqhawe! **20** Lingabokutsho eGathi, lingakumemezeli ezingdeleni zase-Ashikheloni, hlez amadodakazi amafilistiya athabe, hlez amadodakazi abangasokanga athokoze. **21** We zintaba zaseGilibhowa, kalingabi lamazolo loba izulu, kumbe amasimtu athela amabele eminikelo. Ngoba khonapho ihawu leqhawu langcoliswa, ihawu likaSawuli, lingasagcotshwa ngamafutha. **22** Egazini lababuleweyo, enyameni yamaqhawe umtshoko kajonathani kawuphendukanga, umtshoko kaSawuli kawuphendukanga ungasuthanga.

**23** USawuli loJonathani, ekuphileni babethandeka bengabukekayo, lekufeni kabehlukaniswanga. Babelesiqubu kulengqungqulu, belamandla kulezilwane. **24** Awu madodakazi ako-Israyeli, mlileleni uSawuli, owaligqokisa okubomvu lokuhle kakhulu, owacecisa izembatho zenu ngemicciso yegolide. **25** Yeka ukufa kwamaqhawe empini! Ujonathani ulele efile ezingqongweni zakho. **26** Ngilusizi ngawe Jonathani, mfowethu; ubuthandeka kakhulu kimi. Ukungithanda kwakho kade kumangalisa, kumangalisa okudlula okwabesifazane. **27** Yeka ukufa kwamaqhawe! Izikhali zempi zitshabalele!”

**2** Ngokuhamba kwasikhathi uDavida wabuza uThixo wathi, “Ngingaya yini kwelinje lamadolobho akoJuda na?” UThixo wathi, “Hamba.” UDavida wabuza wathi, “Ngiye ngaphi na?” UThixo waphendula wathi, “EHebhroni.” **2** Ngakho uDavida waya khonale labafazi bakhe ababili, u-Ahinowama waseJezerili lo-Abhigeli, umfelokazi kaNabhalu waseKhameli. **3** UDavida wathatha amadoda ayelaye, leyo laleyo labendlu yayo, bayahlala eHebhroni lasemizini yakhona. **4** Ngakho abantu bakoJuda bafika eHebhroni bamgcobela khona uDavida ukuba yirkosi yendlu kajuda. Kwathi uDavida esetsheliwe ukuthi abantu baseJabhesi Giliyadi yibo ababengcwabe uSawuli, **5** wathuma izithunywa ebantwini baseabhesi Giliyadi ukuba bayekuthi kubo, “UTHixo kalibusise ngokubonakalisa umusa lo kuSawuli inkosi yenu ngokumgcwaba. **6** Sengathi khathesi uThixo angalitshengisa umusa lokwethembeka, njalo lami futhi ngizalitshengisa lona lolothando ngoba lenze lokhu. **7** Khathesi-ke qinani libe lesibindi, ngoba uSawuli inkosi yenu usefile, njalo indlu yakoJuda isigcobe mina ukuba yinkosi yabo.” **8** Ngalesisikhathi, u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, umlawuli webutho likaSawuli, wayethethe u-Ishi-Bhosethi indodana kaSawuli wamletha ngaseMahanayimi. **9** Wamenza waba yinkosi yaseGiliyadi, e-Ashuri kanye leJezerili, eyako-Efrayimi, lakoBhenjamini kanye lo-Israyeli wonke. **10** U-Ishi-Bhosethi indodana kaSawuli waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eleminyaka engamatshumi amane ubudala bakhe, njalo wabus aminyaka embili. Kodwa indlu kajuda yalandela uDavida. **11** Isikhathi uDavida eyinkosi yendlu yakoJuda eHebhroni saba yiminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanya eziyisithupha. **12** U-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, ekanye labantu baka-Ishi-Bhosethi indodana kaSawuli, basuka eMahanayimi baya eGibhiyon. **13** UJowabi indodana kaZeruya kanye labantu bakaDavida baphuma bayahlangana labo echibini laseGibhiyon. Elinye ixuku lahlala phansi ngakwelinye icle lechibi kwathi elinye lalo ixuku lahlala ngakwelinye icle. **14** U-Abhineri wasesithi kujowabi, “Ezinye zezinsizwa kazisukume zilwe mathupha phambi kwethu.” UJowabi wathi, “Kulungile, kazikwenze lokho.” **15** Ngakho zasukuma zabalwa, abantu abalitshumi lambili bakoBhenjamini ngaku-Ishi-Bhosethi indodana kaSawuli letshumi lambili abakoDavida. **16** Indoda ngayinye yabamba lowo eyaisilwa laye ngekhanda yatshonisa inkemba

yayo emhlubulweni walowo eyayisilwa laye, bawela lalingu-Amnoni indodana ka-Ahinowama owaseJezerili; phansi bonke. Ngakho indawo leyo eGibhiyoni yathiwa **3** eyesibili kunguKhileyabi indodana ka-Abhigeli yiHelikhathi Hazurimi. **17** Impi ngalolosuku yayinzima, umfelokazi kaNabhalu waseKhameli; eyesithathu njalo u-Abhineri labantu bako-Israyeli behlulwa kungu-Abhisalomu indodana kaMahakha indodakazi ngabantu bakaDavid. **18** Amadodana amathathu kaThalimayi inkosi yaseGeshuri; **4** eyesine kaZeruya ayekhona: ujowabi, lo-Abhishayi kanye kungu-Adonija indodana kaHagithi; eyesihlanu lo-Asaheli. U-Asaheli wayelejubane njengomziki. kunguShefathiya indodana ka-Abhithali; **5** eyesithupha **19** Waxotshana lo-Abhineri, engaphambukeli kungu-Ithireyamu indodana yomkaDavid u-Egila. kwesokudu loba kwesenxele lapho emxhuma. **20** La uDavid wawazalela eHebroni. **6** Ngesikhathi U-Abhineri wakhangela emuva kwakhe wabuza semp i phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavid, wathi, "Kanti nguwe, Asaheli?" Yena waphendula u-Abhineri wayeqinisa isikhundla sakhe endlini wathi, "Yimi." **21** U-Abhineri wasesithi kuye, kaSawuli. **7** Kunjalo-nje uSawuli wayekade elomfazi "Phambukeli eceleni kwesokudu loba kwesenxele; weceleni owayethiya nguRizipha indodakazi ka-Ayiya. ubambe enye yezinsizwa uyithathele izikhali zayo." U-Ishi-Bhosshethi wasesithi ku-Abhineri, "Kungani Kodwa u-Asaheli kayekelanga ukuxotshana laye. wembathe lomkababa owangaphandle na?" **8** U-**22** U-Abhineri wamxwayisa futhi wathi, "Yekela Abhineri wazonda kakhlulu ngenxa yalokho okwatshiwo ukuxotshana lami. Kungani kumele ngikulahle phansi ngu-Ishi-Bhosshethi, wasephendula esithi, "Kanti na? Ngingamkhangela njani ebusweni umfowethu ngilikhanda lenja eceleni lakoJuda na? Lanamuhla uJowabi na?" **23** Kodwa u-Asaheli wala ukuyekela ngithembekile endlini kayihlo uSawuli lasemulini ukuxotshana laye; ngakho u-Abhineri wamgwaza yakhe lakubangane bakhe. Angikunikelanga kuDavid. esiswini ngomciwo womkhonto wakhe, umkhonto waze Kodwa khathesi usungethesa icala ngowesifazane lol! wayathutsha emhlane wakhe. Wawela khonapho, **9** UNkulunkulu kamjezise u-Abhineri ngokunzima wafela khonapho. Amadoda afika ema nxa efika kakhulu, nxa uDavid ngingamenzeli lokho uThixo endaweni lapho u-Asaheli ayewe wafela kuyo. amthembisa khona ngesifungo **10** ngisuse umbuso **24** Kodwa uJowabi lo-Abhishayi baxotshana lo- endlini kaSawuli ngimise isihlalo sobukhosu sikaDavid Abhineri, kwathi ilanga selitshona bafika eqaqeni ko-Israyeli lakoJuda kusukela koDani kusiyafika Iwase-Ama, eduzane leGiya endleleni yenkganga eBherisheba." **11** U-Ishi-Bhosshethi kasatshongo yaseGibhiyoni. **25** Lapho-ke abantu bakoBhenjamini elinye ilizwi ku-Abhineri, ngoba wayemesaba. **12** bema ngemva kuka-Abhineri. Benza ixuku bayajama Emva kwalokho u-Abhineri wathuma izithunywa phezu koqaqa. **26** U-Abhineri wabiza uJowabi wathi, zimele yena ukuba ziyekuthi kuDavid, "Kanti ilizwe "Kanti inkemba sekumele idle kokuphela na? Kawuboni ngelikabani na? Yenza isivumelwano lami, mina ukuthi kuzaphetha kabuhlunga na? Koze kuge nini ngizakusiza ekuletheni u-Israyeli wonke kuwe." **13** phambi kokuba ulaye abantu bakho ukuba bayekele UDavida wathi, "Kulungle, ngizakwenza isivumelwano ukuxotshana labafowabo na?" **27** UJowabi waphendula lawe. Kodwa ngifuna into eyodwa kuwe: Ungezi wathi, "Ngeqiniso njengoba uNkulunkulu ekhona, kimi ngaphandle kokuba uze loMikhali indodakazi aluba kawukhulumanga, amadoda la abezaxotshana kaSawuli lapho usizangibona." **14** UDavida wasethuma labafowabo kuze kuge sekuseni." **28** Ngakho izithunywa ku-Ishi-Bhosshethi indodana kaSawuli uJowabi watshaya icilongo, bonke abantu bakhe ebamba ngamandla esithi, "Ngipha umkami uMikhali, basebesima, kabasaxotshananga lo-Israyeli, kumbe engazendisela yena kimi ngentengo yamajwabu babuye balwe futhi. **29** Ngalobobusuku bonke u- emiphambili yamaFilistiya alikhulu." **15** Ngakho u-Ishi-Abhineri labantu bakhe bahamba badabula iArabha. Bhosshethi wakhupha imilayo uMikhali wahlubulwa Bachapha ijodani, baqhubecka bedabula iBhethironi kumkakhe uPhalithiyeli indodana kaLayishi. **16** Kodwa yonke baze bayafika eMahanayimi. **30** UJowabi umkakhe wahamba laye ekhala ngemva kwakhe waphenduka ekuxotshaneni lo-Abhineri wasebuthanisa indlela yonke kusya eBhahurimi. U-Abhineri wasesithi abantu bakhe bonke. Ngaphandle kuka-Asaheli kuye, "Buyela ekhay!" Ngakho wabuyela. **17** U-abantu bakaDavid abalitshumi lasificamunwemunye Abhineri wakhuluma labadala bako-Israyeli wathi, batholakala bengkho. **31** Kodwa abantu bakaDavid "Sekulesikhathi esithile lifuna ukwenza uDavida babebulele abakoBhenjamini ababelo-Abhineri abe yinkosi yenu. **18** Khathesi-ke kwenzeni! Ngoba abangamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha. uThixo wathembisa uDavid wathi, "Ngenceku yami **32** Bathatha u-Asaheli bayamngcwaba ethuneni likayise eBhethilehema. Emva kwalokho uJowabi labantu bakhe bahamba ubusuku bonke bafika eHebhroni ukuyatshela uDavid konke u-Israyeli kanye lendlu yonke kaBhenjamini ababefuna ukukwenza. **20** Kwathi u-Abhineri, owayelabantu abangamatshumi amabili, efika kuDavid eHebhroni, uDavid wamenzelza idili kanye labantu bakhe. **21** U-Abhineri wasesithi, "Yekela ngihle ngiyebuthanisela inkosi, inkosi yami,

**3** Impi phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavid yathatha isikhathi eside. UDavida wathuthuka elokhu esiba lamandla, kodwa indlu kaSawuli yaqhubecka ilokhu iphela amandla. **2** UDavida wazala amadodana la eHebroni: Izibulo lakhe

u-Israyeli wonke, ukuze benze isivumelwano lawe, kaZeruya la alamandla kakhulu kulami. Sengathi lokuthi ungabusa konke okufiswa yinhliziyo yakho.” uThixo angaphindisela umenzi wokubi mayelana Ngakho uDavida wathi u-Abhineri kahambe, wahamba ngokuthula. **22** Khonokho nje abantu bakaDavida loJowabi babuya bevelahlasela njalo beze lempango enengi kakhulu. Kodwa u-Abhineri wayesesukile kuDavida eHebhroni, ngoba uDavida wayethe kahambe, njalo wayehambe ngokuthula. **23** Kwathi uJowabi lamabutho wonke ayelaye befika, watshelwa ukuthi u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri wayeze enkosini lokuthi inkosi yayithe kahambe njalo ahambe ngokuthula. **24** Ngakho uJowabi waya enkosini wathi, “Kuyini okwenzileyo? Khangela, u-Abhineri ufikile kuwe. Kungani umyekele wahamba? Khathesi usehamble! **25** Uyamazi u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri; ulande ukuzakukhohlisla lokubona ukuhambahamba kwakho kanye lokwazi konke okwenzayo.” **26** UJowabi wasuka kuDavida wasethuma izithunywa ukuba zilandele u-Abhineri, njalo zayabuya laye zivela emthonjeni waseSira. Kodwa uDavida kakwazanga lokho. **27** Khathesi-ke Abhineri, esebuyele eHebhroni, uJowabi wamuska eceleni esangweni, kungani uzakhulumu laye ngasese. Khonapho-ke ukuba aphindisele igazi lomfowabo u-Asaheli, uJowabi wamgwaza esiswini, wafa. **28** Muva, uDavida esekuzwile lokhu, wathi, “Mina lombuso wami kasilacala lanini phambi kukaThixo mayelana legazi lika-Abhineri indodana kaNeri. **29** Sengathi igazi lakhe lingehlela phezu kwekhanda likajowabi laphezu kwendlu yonke kayise. Sengathi endlini kaJowabi akungasweleki lanininini omunye olenxeba elibhibhidlayo loba ubulephero, loba edondolozela ngodondolo kumbe obulawa ngenkemba loba oswela ukudla.” **30** (UJowabi lomfowabo u-Abhishayi bambulala u-Abhineri ngoba wayebulele umfowabo u-Asaheli empini eGibhiyon.) **31** UDavida wasesithi kujowabi lakubo bonke abantu ababelaye, “Dabulani iziqqoko zenu ligqoke amasaka lihambe ngokulila phambi kuka-Abhineri.” Inkosi uDavida yena ngokwakhe wahamba ngemva kwethala lesidumbu. **32** U-Abhineri bamgcwaba eHebhroni, njalo inkosi yakhala yaphumisela ethuneni lika-Abhineri. Abantu bonke labo bakhala. **33** Inkosi yahlabeleda u-Abhineri isililo lesi: “U-Abhineri bekumele afe njengokufa kwezixhwali na? **34** Izandla zakho kade zingabotshwanga, inyawo zakho zingelamaketane. Ufe ngokubulawa ngabantu ababi.” Abantu bonke bamilela futhi. **35** Emva kwalokho bonke bezza bancenga uDavida ukuba adle okunye nje kusesemini; kodwa uDavida wafunga esithi, “UNkulunkulu kangijezise, kube nzima kakhulu, nxa nginambitha isinkwa loba olunye ulutho ilanga lingakatshoni!” **36** Abantu bonke bakunanzelela njalo bathaba; impela konke okwenziwa yinkosi kwabathokozisa. **37** Ngakho ngalelolanga abantu bonke lo-Israyeli wonke bakwazi ukuthi inkosi yayingelasandla ekubulaweni kuka-Abhineri indodana kaNeri. **38** Inkosi yasisithi ebantwini bayo, “Kaliboni yini ukuthi inkosana lomuntu odumileyo ifile ko-Israyeli lamhla na? **39** Njalo lamhla, lanxa ngiyirkosi egcotshiwayo, ngibuthakathaka, njalo amadodana

kaZeruya la alamandla kakhulu kulami. Sengathi lokuthi ungabusa konke okufiswa yinhliziyo yakho.” uThixo angaphindisela umenzi wokubi mayelana Ngakho uDavida wathi u-Abhineri kahambe, wahamba ngokuthula. **40** Kwathi u-Ishi-Bhosethi indodana kaSawuli esezwile ukuthi u-Abhineri wayefile eHebhroni, wahedzelala, lo-Israyeli wonke wathithibala. **2** Indodana kaSawuli yayilabantu ababili ababezinduna zamaqembu okuhlasela. Omunye wayethiya nguBhana omunye enguRekhabi; babengamadodana kaRimoni umBherothi owesizwana sakoBhenjamini, iBherothi ithathwa njengengxene yakoBhenjamini, **3** ngoba abantu baseBherothi babalekela eGithayimi njalo sebhala khona njengezizwe kuze kube lamhla. **4** (UJonathan indodana kaSawuli wayelendodana eyaqihula inyawo zombili. Yayileminyaka emihlanu ubudala bayo ekufikeni kombiko ngoSawuli loJonathan uvela ejeezileri. Umlizane wayo wayiphakamisa wabaleka, kodwa wathi ephanga ukusuka yawela phansi yagogeka. Ibizo layo lalinguMetfibbosethi.) **5** Ngalesosikhathi uRekhabi loBhana, amadodana kaRimoni umBherothi, basuka bayo endlini ka-Ishi-Bhosethi, bafika khona emini enku ilanga livutha yena euphumpula okwemini. **6** Baya phakathi kakhulu kwendlu kungathi bayathatha amabele, basebemgwaza esiswini. Emva kwalokho uRekhabi loBhana bathi nyele bahamba. **7** Babengene endlini yena elele embhedeni ekamelweni lakhe lokulala. Emva kokuba sebemgwaze bambilala, baquma ikhanda lakhe. Balithatha, bahamba ubusuku bonke ngendlela yase-Arabha. **8** Ikhanda lika-Ishi-Bhosethi balisa kuDavida eHebhroni bathi enkosini, “Nanti ikhanda lika-Ishi-Bhosethi indodana kaSawuli, isitha sakho, esazama ukukubulala. Ngalolosuku uThixo umphindiselele umhlekazi wami inkosi kuSawuli lenzalo yakhe.” **9** UDavida waphendula uRekhabi lomfowabo uBhana, amadodana kaRimoni umBherothi wathi, “Ngeqiriso elinjengoba uThixo ukhona, yena ongihlenge kuzozonke inhlupheko, **10** kwathi umuntu engitshela ukuthi, ‘USawuli usefile,’ ecabanga ukuthi wayeletsha umbiko omuhle ngamxakalaza ngambulala ezikhilagi. Lovo waba ngumvuzo engampuha wona ngenxa yelowombiko! **11** Pho kudlula ngokungakanani nxa abantu ababi bebulele umuntu omsulwa endlini engeyakhe njalo embhedeni ongokwakhe, ngingalithonisi yini khathesi igazi lakhe ezandleni zenu ngilisuse emhlabeni na!” **12** Ngakho uDavida walaya abantu bakhe, bababulala. Baquma izandla zabo lezinyawo, balengisa izidumbu phansi kwechibi eHebhroni. Kodwa bathatha ikhanda lika-Ishi-Bhosethi bayalingcwaba ethuneni lika-Abhineri eHebhroni.

**5** Zonke izizwana zako-Israyeli zaya kuDavida eHebhroni zathi, “Thina siyinyama yakho legazi lakho. **2** Esikhathini esedlulayo, uSawuli eseseyinkosi yethu, wena nguwe owawukhokhela u-Israyeli emkhankasweni wakhe wezimpi. LoThixo wathi kuwe, ‘Wena uzakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo uzakuba ngumbusi wabo.’” **3** Kwathi abadala bonke bako-Israyeli sebefikile enkosini

uDavida eHebhroni, inkosi yenza isivumelwano labo eHebhroni phambi kukaThixo, basebegcoba uDavida ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli. **4** UDavida waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **5** EHebhroni wabusa ujuda iminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha, kwathi ejerusalema wabusa u-Israyeli wonke lojuda iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **6** Inkosi labantu bayo baya ejerusalema ukuyahlasela amajebusi ayehlala khona. Amajebusi athi kuDavida, "Kawuyikungena lapha; leziphofu labaqhulayo bangakuvimba." Acabanga athi, "UDavida angeke angene lapha." **7** Kodwa uDavida wayithumba inqaba yaseZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida. **8** Ngalolosuku uDavida wathi, "Lowo onqoba amajebusi kuzamele asebenzise umgelo wamanzi ukuba afinyele 'abaqhulayo leziphofu' labo abayizitha zikaDavida." Yikho-nje besithi, "Iziphofu labaqhulayo" kabayikungena esigodlweni. **9** UDavida wasehlala enqabeni waseybiza ngokuthi nguMuzi kaDavida. Wakha enhlangothini zayo kusukela emadundulwini ayelapho kusiya phakathi. **10** Waqhubeka njalo esiba lamandla ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla wayelaye. **11** Ngalessosikhathi uHiramu inkosi yaseThire wathuma izithunywa kuDavida zilezigodo zemisedari lababazi bamapulanka kanye lababazi bamatshe, bakhela uDavida isigodlo. **12** UDavida wakwazi ukuthi uThixo wayembekile ukuba abe yinkosi yako-Israyeli wawuphakamisa lombuso wakhe ngenxa yabantu bakhe u-Israyeli. **13** Esesukile eHebhroni uDavida wathatha abanye abafazi beceleni kanye labafazi ejerusalema, kwazalwa amanye amadodana lamadodakazi futhi. **14** Nanka amabizo abantwana abazalelwana khona: uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani, uSolomoni, **15** u-Ibhari, u-Elishuwa, uNefegi, uJafiya, **16** u-Elishama, u-Eliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi. **17** Kwathi amaFilistiya eseze ukuthi uDavida wayegcotshwe ukuba yinkosi yako-Israyeli wonke aphuma ehlome ephelele esiyamdinga, kodwa uDavida wakuzwa lokho wasesehlela enqabeni. **18** AmaFilistiya ayesefikile njalo esegcweli esigodini saseRefayi, **19** ngakho uDavida wabuza uThixo wathi, "Ngingayawahlasela amaFilistiya na? Uzawanikela kimi na?" UThixo wampħendula wathi, "Hamba, ngoba impela amaFilistiya ngizawanikela kuwe." **20** Ngakho uDavida waya eBħali Pherazimi, lapho awehlula khona. Wathi, "Njengamanzi efoħla, uThixo ufoħlele eżiżenī zami phambi kwami." Ngakho leyondawo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiBħali Pherazimi. **21** AmaFilistiya abaleka atshiya izithombe zawo khonapho, uDavida labantu bakhe bazithatha bahamba lazo. **22** AmaFilistiya aphinda njalo abuya, agċwala eSigodini saseRefayi; **23** ngakho uDavida wabuza uThixo, yena waphendula wathi, "Ungayi uqondile, kodwa bhoda ngemva kwavo uwahlasele maqondana lezihlaha zebhalisamu. **24** Kuzakuthi lapho usizwa izisinde zabahambayo eziħlahleni zebħalismu, uqħubeke ngokuphangisa, ngoba lokho kuzakutsho ukuthi uThixo useħambe phambi kwakho ukuyahlasela amabutħo amaFilistiya."

**25** Ngakho uDavida wenza njengokulaywa kwakhe abakhethiweyo, sebebonke babezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu. **2** Yena labantu bakhe bonke bayu eBħala yakoJuda ukuthi bayethatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu khonale elibzwu ngeBizo, ibizo likaThixo uSomandla, ohleziyo esihħalwieni sobukhos ephahlwe ngamakherubhi aphezu kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **3** Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu balifaka phezu kwenqola entsha balisusa endlini ka-Abhinadabi eyayiseqaqeni. U-Uza lo-Ahiyo amadodana ka-Abhinadabi, babetshayela inqola entsha **4** eyayithwele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, u-Ahiyo ehama phambi kwayo. **5** UDavida lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli benza umkhosi omkhulu wokuthokoza ngamandla abo wonke phambi kukaThixo ngokuhlabela izingoma lokutshaya amachacho, lemihubhe, lamagedla kanye lamasimbali. **6** Bathi befika esizeni sikaNakhoni, u-Uza welulela isandla sakhe ebħokisini lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu walibamba ngoba inkabi zazikhubeka. **7** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ngo-Uza ngenxa yesenzo sakhe sokungahloniphi, ngakho uNkulunkulu wantħħayha njalo wahle wafela khonapho phansi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **8** Ngakho uDavida wathukuthela ngoba ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Uza, njalo kuze kuge lalamuhla indawo leyo ibizwa ngokuthi yiPherezi Uza. **9** UDavida wamesaba uThixo ngalolosuku, wathi, "Pho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lingea njani kimi?" **10** Wayengasafuni ukuthatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, ukuba libe kuye eDolobheni likaDavida. Esikhundleni salokho, waliphambulea endlini ka-Obħedi-Edomi umGithi. **11** Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo laħħala endlini ka-Obħedi-Edomi umGithi okwezinyangha eżintathu, uThixo wambusisa kanye lendlu yakhe yonke. **12** Inkosi uDavida watħselha kwathħiwa, "UTHixo useyibusisile indlu ka-Obħedi-Edomi lakho konke alakħo ngenxa yebħokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu." Ngakho uDavida wahamba wayathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu endlini ka-Obħedi-Edomi walisa eDolobheni likaDavida ngokuthokoza. **13** Kwakusithi labo ababħewe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo bangħambha iziñathelu eziyisithupha, anikele umħlatshelo wenkunzi lethole elinonisiewo. **14** UDavida wayegqoke isiqqoko samahlombe selineni, wagħida phambi kukaThixo ngamandla akhe wonke, **15** lapho yena kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli beleħha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo ngokumemeza langokukħala kwamacilongo. **16** Kwathi lapho ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo selingena eDolobheni likaDavida, uMikħali indodkazi kaSawħi wayebukele eluġuze ngefasitela. Wathi ebona inkosi uDavida eseqa egida phambi kukaThixo, wameyisa enhliziyewi yakhe. **17** Baliletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo balibeka endaweni yalo phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele lona, njalo uDavida wenza

umhlatshele weminikelo yokutshisa leminikelo wakho, ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe. **13** Lowo yobudelwano phambi kukaThixo. **18** Eseqedile nguye ozakwakhela iBizo lami indlu, njalo ngizaqinisa umhlatshele weminikelo yokutshisa leminikelo yobudelwano wabusisa abantu ngebizo likaThixo uSomandla. **19** Umuntu ngamunye phakathi kwexuku lonke lako-Israyeli, abesilisa labesifazane, wamniqa isinkwa, lekhkhe lezithelo kanye lekhkhe lamavini awonyisiveyo. Abantu bonke baya emizini yabo. **20** Kwathi uDavida esebyele ekhaya ukuba abusise abendlu yakhe, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli waphuma wamhlangabeza, wasesithi, "Yeka ukuzibonakalisa inkosi yako-Israyeli ekwenzileyo lamhla ihlubula phambi kwezigqilikazi zezineku zayo njengokungenza lilema!" **21** UDavida wathi kuMikhali, "Kade kuphambi kukaThixo, owangikhetha phambi kukayihlo laphambi kwendlu yakhe yonke, wangimisa ukuba ngibe ngumbusi ko-Israyeli bantu bakaThixo, isibili ngizathokoza phambi kukaThixo. **22** Ngizakweyiseka kakhulu kulaloku, njalo ngehliswelue phansi emehlwani ami. Kodwa izigqilikazi lezi okhulume ngazo zizangihlonipha." **23** UMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli kabanga lomntwana waze wafa.

**7** Kwathi inkosi isihlala esigodlweni sayo uThixo eseyiphumuzile kuzozonke izitha zayo enhlangothini zonke, **2** yathi kuNathani umphrefethi, "Mina ngilapha, ngiqlala esigodlweni semsedari, kodwa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu liloikhla lihlala ethenteni." **3** UNathani waphendula inkosi wathi, "Loba kuyini okusengqondweni yakho, qhubeka ukwenze, ngoba uThixo ulawe." **4** Ngalobobusuku ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuNathani, lisithi: **5** "Hamba uyetshela inceku yami uDavida uthi, 'Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: Nguwe yini omele ungakhele indlu yokuhlala kuyo? **6** Mina angikaze ngiqlale endlini kusukela ngosuku engabakhulula ngalo ama-Israyeli eGibhithe kuze kuge lamuhla. Ngibe ngihamba ngisuka kwenye indawo ngisinya kwenye ithente liyindawo yami yokuhlala. **7** Loba kungaphi engahamba khona labako-Israyeli bonke, ngake ngatsho yini komunye wababusi babo engangibalaye ukuthi beluse abantu bami u-Israyeli ngathi, "Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari na?" **8** Ngakho-ke, tshela inceku yami uDavida uthi, 'Nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla: Ngakuthatha emadlelweni ekweluseni izimvu, ukuba ubo ngumbusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli. **9** Ngibe lawe loba kungaphi lapho oya khona, njalo ngizingqobile zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Khathesi ngizakwenza ibizo lakho libe likhulu, njengamabizo amadoda adumileyo asemhlabeni. **10** Njalo ngizabanika indawo abantu bami u-Israyeli ngibagxumeke ukuze babe lekhaya elingelabo bangabe besakhathawza futhi. Abantu ababi kabasayikubancindezelu futhi njengalokhu abakwenza ekuqaliseni, **11** bakwenza futhi kusukela ngesikhathi engamisela ngaso abantu bami u-Israyeli abakhokheli. Njalo ngizakuphumuza kuzozonke izitha zakho. UThixo wafunga kuwe ukuthi uThixo yena ngokwakhe uzakumisela indlu: **12** Nxa insuku zakho seziphelile usuphumula labokhokho bakho, ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ithathe isikhundla sakho, ozaphuma emzimbeni

isihlalo sobukhosu sombuso wakhe kuze kuge nininini. **14** Ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami. Angenza okubi ngizamjezisa ngomqwayi wabantu, ukulebhula okwenziwa ngabantu. **15** Kodwa uthando lwami kaluyikususa kuye lanini, njengokulususa kwami kuSawuli, engamsusayo phambi kwakho. **16** Indlu yakho lombuso wakho kuzaqina nini lanini phambi kwami; isihlalo sakho sobukhosu sizakuma kuze kuge nininini." **17** UNathani wambikela uDavida wonke amazwi alesisambulelo. **18** Ngakho inkosi uDavida wangena wahlala phambi kukaThixo wasesithi: "Ngingubani, awu Thixo Wobukhosu, bayini abendlu yami, ukuba ungifikasi lapha na? **19** Njalo sekungathi lokhu akwanelanga emehlwani akho, awu Thixo Wobukhosu, usukhulumile futhi ngesikhathi esizayo ngendlu yenceku yakho. Le yiyo yini indlela yakho ejayelekileyo yokuphatha abantu, awu Thixo Wobukhosu? **20** Kambe kuyini okunye uDavida angakutsho kuwe? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, awu Thixo Wobukhosu. **21** Ngoba ngenxa yelizwi lakho langentando yakho, uyenzile into le enkulu njalo wayenza yazakala encekwini yakho. **22** Yeka ubukhulu bakho, awu Thixo Wobukhosu! Kakhofanana lawe, njalo kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho, njengoba sizizwele ngezindle zethu. **23** Njalo ngubani ongafanana labantu bakho bako-Israyeli esiyiso sodwa isizwe emhlabeni uNkulunkulu ayazihlengela sona ukuba sibe ngabantu bakhe, lokoze azenzele udumo kanye lokwenza izimangaliso ezinkulu lezesabekayo ngokuxotsha izizwe labonkulunkulu bazo phambi kwabantu bakho owabahlenga eGibhithe na? **24** Ubeke abantu bakho u-Israyeli njengabantu bakho kuze kuge nini lanini, njalo wena, Thixo, usunguNkulunkulu wabo. **25** Khathesi-ke, Thixo Nkulunkulu, sigcine kuze kuge phakade isithembiso osenzileyo mayelana lenceku yakho lendlu yayo. Yenza njengokuthembisa kwakho, **26** ukuze ibizo lakho libe likhulu kuze kuge nininini. Ngakho abantu bazakuthi, 'UThixo uSomandla unguNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli!' Lendlu yenceku yakho uDavida izamiswa phambi kwakho. **27** Awu Thixo Somandla, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ukuvezile lokhu encekwini yakho usithi, 'Ngizakwakhela indlu.' Ngakho inceku yakho ibe lesibindi sokukhuleka umkhuleko lo kuwe. **28** Thixo Wobukhosu, unguNkulunkulu! Amazwi akho athembekile, njalo usuthembise lezizinto ezinhle encekwini yakho. **29** Khathesi-ke ake uthokoziswe yikubusisa indlu yenceku yakho, ukuze ihlale isemehlwani akho kuze kuge nininini; ngoba wena, awu Thixo Wobukhosu, usukhulumile, njalo ngokubusisa nguwe indlu yenceku yakho izabusiseka kuze kuge nininini."

**8** Ngokuqhubeka kwasikhathi uDavida wawehlula amaFilistiya wawanqoba, wathumba iMethigi Ama eyayiphethwe ngamaFilistiya. **2** UDavida njalo wehlula amaMowabi. Wawalalisa phansi emhlabathini wawalinganisa ngobude bentambo. Zonke izilinganiso

ezimbili zawa zabulawa, kwathi isilinganiso sesithathu sayekelwa siphila. Ngakho amaMowabi abuswa nguDavid athena imithelo kuye. **3** UDavida wabuya wahlasela wanqoba uHadadezeri indodana kaRehobhi, inkosi yaseZobha, lapho aya khona ukuyavuselela umbuso wakhe ngaseMfuleni iYufrathe. **4** UDavida wathumba izinqola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane, labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili zamabutho ahamba ngenyawo. Waquma imisipha yamabhiza wonke adonsa izinqola zokulwa ngaphandle kwalikhulu. **5** Kwathi ama-Aramu aseDamaseko efika ukuzoncedisa uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, uDavida wabulala azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili zavo. **6** Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda elizweni lama-Aramu eDamaseko, kwathi ama-Aramu aba ngaphansi kombuso wakhe aletha imithelo. UThixo wamnika ukunqoba uDavida loba kungaphi lapho aya khona. **7** UDavida wathatha amahawu egolide eziphathamandla zikaHadadezeri wawasa ejerusalem. **8** Kusukela eThebha kanye laseBherothayi, imizi eyayingekaHadadezeri, inkosi uDavida yathatha khona ithusi elinengi kakhulu. **9** Lapho uTowu inkosi yaseHamathi isizwe ukuthi uDavida wayelehlule lonke ibutho likaHadadezeri, **10** wathumela indodana yakhe uJoram enkosisi uDavida ukuyambingelela lokuyamenzela amhlophe ngokunqoba kwakhe uHadadezeri empini, owayesilwa impi loTowu. UJoram wamlethela izitsha zesiliva lezegolide kanye lezethusi. **11** Inkosi uDavida yazahlukanisa uThixo lezo zinto njengalokhu ayekwenze ngesiliva legolide okwavela kuzozonke izizwe ayezelhule: **12** I-Edomi leMowabi, ama-Amoni lamaFilistiya kanye lama-Amaleki. Wanikela lempango eyathathwa kuHadadezeri indodana kaRehobhi, inkosi yaseZobha. **13** UDavida waba lodumo emva kokubuya kwakhe evela kulwa lama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili eSigodini seTswai. **14** Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda kulolonke elase-Edomi, njalo wonke ama-Edomi abuswa nguDavid. UThixo wamnika ukunqoba uDavida loba kungaphi lapho aya khona. **15** UDavida wabusa kulolonke elako-Israyeli, esenza okuqondileyo lokulungele abantu bakhe bonke. **16** UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephetha amabutho; ujehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi wayengumabhalane; **17** uZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari babengabaphristi; uSeraya wayengumabhalane; **18** uBhenaya indodana kajehoyada wayephetha amaKherethi lamaPhelethi; amadodana kaDavida ayengabaphristi.

**9** UDavida wabuza wathi, "Kambe angabe ekhona yini osaseleyo endlini kaSawuli engingabonakalisa umusa wami kuye ngenxa kaJonathani na?" **2** Ngalesosikhathi kwakulenceku yendlu kaSawuli eyayithiwa nguZibha. Bambiza ukuba abonane loDavida, inkosi yasisithi kuye, "Wena unguye uZibha na?" Waphendula wathi, "Yimi inceku yakho." **3** Inkosi yabuza yathi, "Kakho yini osaseleyo endlini kaSawuli engingabonakalisa kuye umusa kaNkulunkulu na?" UZibha wayiphendula inkosi wathi, "Iseskhone indodana kaJonathani; igogekile inyawo zombili." **4** Inkosi yabuza yathi, "Ungaphi?" UZibha waphendula wathi, "Usendlini kaMakhiri indodana ka-Amiyeli eLo-Debhari." **5** Ngakho inkosi uDavida wathumela ukuba ayethathwa eLo-Debhari endlini kaMakhiri labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, indodana ka-Amiyeli. **6** Kwathi uMefibhosethi indodana kaJonathani, indodana kaSawuli, esefikile kuDavida, wakhotthamela phansi emhlonipha. UDavida wasesithi, "Mefibhosethi!" Waphendula wathi, "Yimi inceku yakho." **7** UDavida wathi kuye, "Ungeسابي, ngoba impela ngizakutshengisa umusa ngenxa kayihlo ujonathani. Ngizawubuyisela kuwe wonke umhlabu owawungokayihlomkhulu uSawuli, njalo wena uzakudla etafuleni lami kokuphela." **8** UMefibhosethi wakhotthama wathi, "Inceku yakho iyini na, ukuba unake inji efileyo njengami rje?" **9** UDavida wabiza uZibha, inceku kaSawuli, wathi kuye, "Indodana yendodana yenkosy yakho sengiyinike konke okwakungokuka Sawuli labendlu yakhe. **10** Wena lamadodana akho lezincke zakho lizamilimela amasimu lilethe amabele ukuze indodana yendodana **11** UZibha wasesithi enkosisi, "Inceku yakho izakwenza loba kuyini umhlekazi wami inkosi elaya inceku yayo ukuba ikwenze." Ngakho uMefibhosethi wadla etafuleni likaDavida njengomunye wamadodana enkosi. **12** UMefibhosethi wayelendodana esengumfanyana eyayithiwa nguMikha, njalo bonke abendlu kaZibha babezincke zikaMefibhosethi. **13** Njalo uMefibbosethi wayehlala ejerusalem, edlela etafuleni lenkosi kokuphela, njalo egogekile inyawo zombili.

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**11** Kwathi entwasa, ngesikhathi amakhosi ayesiyakulwa ngaso impi, uDavida wathuma uJowabi elabantu benkosi lebutho lonke lako-Israyeli. Baqothula ama-Amoni basebevimezelia iRabha. Kodwa uDavida wasala ejerusalema. **2** Ngelinye ilanga kusihlwa uDavida wavuka embhedeni wakhe wahambahamba phezu kophahlwa lweisigodlo. Esephahlensi wabona owesifazane egeza. Owesifazane lowo wayemuhle kakhulu, **3** uDavida wasethuma umuntu ukuyabuza ngaye. Umuntu lowo wathi, "Kanti lo kasuBhathishebba, indodakazi ka-Eliyami umka-Uriya umHithi na?" **4** UDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyamthatha. Weza kuye, wembathala laye. (Owesifazane lo wayezihlambulule ekungcoleni kwakhe.) Emva kwalokho wabuyela ekhaya. **5**

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njengoba isidla omunye. Qinisa ukuhlasela idolobho, phansi, kodwa wala, njalo kadlanga kudla labo. **18** ulichithe.’ Yitsho lokhu ukuba umise isibindi ujowabi.” Ngosuku lwersikhombisa umntwana wafa. Izinceku **26** Kwathi umka-Uriya esezwile ukuthi umkakhe usefile, wamlilela. **27** Kwathi isikhathi sokulila sesiphelele, uDavida wamletha endlini yakhe, wasesiba ngumkakhe wamzalela indodana. Kodwa into eyenziwa nguDavidya yathukuthelisa uThixo.

**12** UThixo wathuma uNathani kuDavida. Esefikile kuye wathi, “Kwakulabantu ababili emzini othile, omunye enothile omunye engumyanga. **2** Umuntu onothileyo wayelezimvu ezinengi kanye lenkomo, **3** kodwa umuntu ongumyanga wayengelalutho ngaphandle kwezinyane lemvu elincinyane ayleithengile. Walondla, lakhula laye kanye labantwana bakhe. Ladla ukudla kwakhe, lanatha enkomitshini yakhe laze lalala ezingalweni zakhe. Kuye lalinjengendodakazi yakhe. **4** Kwafika isihambi emuntwini onothileyo, kodwa umuntu onothileyo kafunanga ukuthathat enye yezimvu zakhe loba inkomo ukuba ahlabela isihambi esasifike kuye. Esikhundleni salokho, yena wathatha izinyane lemvu elisikazi elalingelomuntu lowo ongumyanga, walihlabela lowo wayefike kuye.” **5** UDavida wavutha ulaka ngalowomuntu wathi kuNathani, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, umuntu owenze lokhu ufanele ukufa! **6** Izinyane lelo kumele alihawule ngokuphindwe kane, ngoba enze into enje njalo engabanga lozwelo.” **7** UNathani wasesithi kuDavida, “Unguye lowomuntu! Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: ‘Ngakugcoba ukuba ube yinkosi ko-Israyeli, ngakuhlenga esandleni sikaSawuli. **8** Ngakunika indlu yenkosy yakho, labafazi benkosi yakho ngabanikela ezandleni zakho. Ngakunika indlu ka-Israyeli lekJuda. Aluba konke lokhu kwakukuncane kakhulu ngangizakunika okunye futhi. **9** Kungani weyise ilizwi likaThixo ngokwenza okubi emehlweni akhe na? Ubulele u-Uriya umHithi ngenkemba wasuthatha umkakhe ukuba abe ngowakho. Umbulete ngenkemba yama-Amoni. **10** Ngakho, khathesi, inkemba kayiyikusuka endlini yakho, ngoba ungeyisile wathatha umka-Uriya umHithi ukuba abe ngowakho.’ **11** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Ngizakulethela incithakalo ezavela kwabendlu yakho. Phambi kwamehlo akho uqobo, ngizathatha omkakho ngibaphe omunye oseduzane lawe, embathe labo emini libalele. **12** Wena wakwenza ensitha, kodwa mina into le ngizayenza emini libalele phambi kuka-Israyeli wonke.’” **13** UDavida wasesithi kuNathani, “Ngenze isono kuThixo.” UNathani waphendula wathi, “UThixo usesusile isono sakho. Kawuyikuwa. **14** Kodwa njengoba ngokwenza lokhu wenze izitha zikaThixo zatshengisela ukweyisa okupheleleyo, umntwana ozamzalelwu uzakufa.” **15** Emva kokuba uNathani esebyele ekhaya, uThixo wamtshaya umntwana umka-Uriya ayemzalele uDavida, wagula. **16** UDavida wamkhulekela umntwana kuNkulunkulu. Wazila ukudla wangena endlini yakhe walala phansi ubusuku ngobusuku. **17** Abadala bendlu yakwabo bema eceleni kwakhe ukuba bamvuse

phansi, kodwa wala, njalo kadlanga kudla labo. **18** zikaDavida zesaba ukumtshela ukuthi umntwana wayesefile ngoba zacabanga zathi, “Umntwana esaphila, sikhulume loDavida kodwa kasilalelanga. Pho singamtshela njani ukuthi umntwana usefile? Angenza into eyingozi.” **19** UDavida wananzelela ukuthi izinceku zakhe zazinyenyezelana wasebona ukuthi umntwana wayesefile. Wabuza wathi, “Umntwana usefile na?” Baphendula bathi, “Ye, usefile.” **20** Lapho-ke uDavida wavuka phansi. Emva kokuba esegezile, wagcoba wantshintsha iziqgoko, waya endlini kaThixo wakhonza. Emva kwalokho waya kweyakhe indlu, kwathi ngokucela kwakhe bamlethela ukudla, wadla. **21** Izinceku zakhe zambuza zathi, “Kungani uqhuba ngale indlela na? Umntwana esaphila, uzile ukudla wakhala, kodwa khathesi umntwana esefile, uyavuka udle!” **22** Waphendula wathi, “Umntwana esaphila, ngizile ukudla ngakhala. Ngicabange ngathi, ‘Kwazi bani? Mhlawumbu uThixo angaba lomusa kimi ekele umntwana aphile.’ **23** Kodwa khathesi esefile ngingabe ngisazilelani na? Kambe ngingamvusa na? Mina ngizakuya kuye, kodwa yena kazukubuya kimi.” **24** Emva kwalokho uDavida waduduza umkakhe uBhathisheba, waya kuye wembatha laye. Wazala indodana abayithi nguSolomon. UThixo wayemthanda; **25** njalo ngenxa yokuthi uThixo wayemthanda, wathumela ilizwi ngoNathani umphrefethi ukuba athiwe ngujedidiya. **26** Ngasikhathi sinye ujowabi wahlasela iRabha yama-Amoni wathumba inqaba yenkosy. **27** Emva kwalokho ujowabi wathuma izithunywa kuDavida, esithi, “Ngihlasele iRabha ngathumba imithombo yamanzi. **28** Khathesi-ke qoqa amabutho aseleyo uvimbezele idolobho ulithumbe. Kungenjalo mina ngizalithatha idolobho, libe selibizwa ngami.” **29** Ngakho uDavida waqoqa ibutho lonke waya eRabha, wayihlasela wayithumba. **30** UDavida wathatha umghele owawusekhandha lenkosi yabo, isisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide, uecisele ngamatsho aligugu njalo wafakwa ekhanda lakhe. Wathatha impango energi kakhulu kulelodolobho **31** njalo abantu ababelapha wabasa wabasa lapho ababezasebenza khona gadalala ngamasaha, ngamapiki ensimbi kanye lamahloka, wabasebenzia ekwenzensi izitina. Lokhu uDavida wakwenza kuyo yonke imizi yama-Amoni. Emva kwalokho uDavida lebutho lakhe lonke babuyela Ejerusalem.

**13** Ngokuqhube ka-kwesikhathi, u-Amnoni indodana kaDavida wathanda uThamari, owayemuhle, engudadewabo ka-Abhisalomu indodana kaDavida. **2** U-Amnoni wabindeka waze wagula ngenxa kadadewabo uThamari, ngoba wayeyintombi egcweleyo, njalo kwakukhanya kungeke kwenzeke ukuthi enze loba yini kuye. **3** U-Amnoni wayelomngane wakhe owayethiwa ngujehonadabi indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida. Ujehonadabi wayeliqli lendoda. **4** Wabuza u-Amnoni wathi, “Kungani wena, ndodana yenkosy, ukhanya uhlobile nsuku zonke ekuseni?

Awungeke ungitshelle na?" U-Amnoni wathi kuye, "Ngiyamthanda uThamari, udadewabo ka-Abhisalomu umfowethu." **5** UJehonadabi wathi, "Hamba uyelela utenze ogulayo. Lapho uiyhlo ezekubona, wothi kuye, "Ngifuna udadewethu uThamari azenginika ulutho lokudla. Ukuudla lokho kazekulungisela emehlweni ami, ukule ngimkhangele ngikudle kuvela esandleni sakhe."

**6** Ngakho u-Amnoni walala phansi wazenza ogulayo. Kwathi inkosi isifikile ukuzambona, u-Amnoni wathi kuyo, "Ngicela udadewethu uThamari azengenzela isinkwa khonapha ukule ngidle ngisamukela esandleni sakhe." **7** UDavida wathumela ilizivi kuThamari endlini yobukhosи esithi: "Hamba endlini yomnewenu u-Amnoni umlungisele ukudla." **8** Ngakho uThamari waya endlini kamnewabo u-Amnoni owayelete phansi. Wathatha inhlama wayivuba, wenza isinkwa khonapho.

**9** Wasethatha ipane wamnika isinkwa, kodwa wala ukudla. U-Amnoni wasesithi, "Batshele baphume bonke abalapha." Ngakho bonke baphuma bamtshiya. **10** U-Amnoni wasesithi kuThamari, "Letha ukudla lapha endlini yami yokulala ukule ungifunze ngesandla sakho." UThamari wathatha isinkwa ayesilungisile wasisa kumnewabo u-Amnoni endlini yakhe yokulala.

**11** Kodwa eseefike laso kuye ukuba adle, warmxhakala wathi, "Woza ulale lami, dadewethu." **12** Yena wathi kuye, "Ungaqli, mnnewethu! Ungangibengi. Into enje akumelanga yenziwe ko-Israyeli! Ungenzi into le embi. **13** Mina-ke? Ngingalisusela ngaphi ihlazo lami? Wena-ke? Angithi ungafana lesinye seziphukuphuku ezixhwalileyo ko-Israyeli. Ake ukhulume lenkosi, kayisoze ingalele ukwendela kuwe." **14** Kodwa u-Amnoni wala ukumlalela, kwathi njengoba wayelamanda kulaye, wamgebenga. **15** Emva kwalokho u-Amnoni wamzonda ngenzondo ebuhlungu kakhulu. Ngeqiniso wamzonda okudlula ukumthanda kwakhe. U-Amnoni wathi kuye, "Vuka uphumie!"

**16** Yena wathi, "Hatshi! Ukungixotsa kungaba yibubi obudlula lokhu osukwenze kimi." Kodwa wala ukumlalela. **17** Wabiga inceku eyayiqondane laye wathi, "Susa umfazi lo lapha, ukhiye umnyango ngemva kwakhe." **18** Ngakho inceku yakhe yamkhuphela phandle yakhija umnyango. Wayeggoke isiqqoko esasiceciswe kakuhle, ngoba lolu yilo uhlobo lwestigqoko esasigqokwa ngamadodakazi enkosi ayezintombi ezigcweleyo. **19** UThamari wazithela ngomlotha ekhanda wadabula isiqqoko esicecisiweyo ayesiqqokile. Wathwala imikhono ekhanda wasuka, wahamba ekhala kakhulu. **20** Umnewabo u-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, "U-Amnoni lowo, umnewenu, kade elawе na? Zithulele dadewethu; ungumnewenu. Ungayibeki enhliziywani yakho into le." UThamari wahlalla endlini kamnewabo u-Abhisalomu, engowesifazane ohlulukelweyo. **21** Inkosi uDavida esekuzwile konke lokhu wathukuthela kakhulu. **22** U-Abhisalomu kazangat atsho lizwi ku-Amnoni, elihle loba elibi; wamzonda u-Amnoni ngoba wayehlazise udadewabo uThamari. **23** Emva kweminyaka emibili, lapho abagundi bezimvu zika-Abhisalomu babeseBhali Hazori phansi komngcele wako-Efrayimi, wanxusa wonke amadodana enkosi ukuba aye khonale. **24** U-Abhisalomu waya enkosini wathi, "Inceku yakho abagundi bayo bafikile. Kambe inkosi lezikhulu zayo ingahamba lami na?" **25** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, "Hatshi, ndodana yami. Akumelanga sonke sihambe; singaba ngumthwalo onzima kuwe." Lanxa u-Abhisalomu wayincenga, yala ukuhamba, kodwa yena yamvumela. **26** U-Abhisalomu wasesithi, "Nxa kungenjalo, ake uvumele umfowethu u-Amnoni ahambé lathi." Inkosi yambuza yathi, "Kungani kumele ahambé lani?" **27** Kodwa u-Abhisalomu wayincenga, ngakho yavuma ukuba u-Amnoni ahambé laye kanye lamanye amadodana enkosi. **28** U-Abhisalomu walaya abantu bakhe wathi, "Lalelan! Nxa u-Amnoni esethabe kakhulu ngenxa yokunatha iwayini ngingathi kini, 'Mbulaleni u-Amnoni!' limbulale. Lingesabi. Kangiliphanga umlayo lo na? Qinani libe lesibindi." **29** Ngakho abantu baka-Abhisalomu benza ku-Amnoni lokho u-Abhisalomu ayebalaye khona. Lapho-ke wonke amadodana enkosi asuka, agada imborgolo zavo abaleka. **30** Esesendeleni umbiko wafika kuDavida usithi, "U-Abhisalomu usewabilele wonke amadodana enkosi, akukho leyodwa eseleyo."

**31** Inkosi yasukuma, yadabula iziqqoko zayo yalala phansi emhlabathini; izinceku zayo zonke zema khonapho iziqqoko zazo sezizidabulile. **32** Kodwa uJehonadabi indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wathi, "Inkosi yami kayingacabangi ukuthi babulele wonke amakhosana, ngu-Amnoni kuphela ofileyo. Le yinhlosa ka-Abhisalomu ebivele ikhona kusukela mhla u-Amnoni egebenga udadewabo uThamari. **33** Umhlekazi wami inkosi kayinganqineki ngombiko othi wonke amadodana enkosi afile. Ngu-Amnoni kuphela ofileyo." **34** Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhisalomu wayesalekile. Kwathi umuntu owayelinda wabona abantu abanengi emgwaqweni ngasentshonalanga, besehla eceleni lentaba. Umlindi lowo wahamba wayabikela inkosi wathi, "Ngibona abantu ngokuya eHoronayimi, eceleni kwentaba." **35** UJehonadabi wasesithi enkosini, "Khangelia, amadodana enkosi asefikile; kwenzakale njengoba inceku yakho itshilo."

**36** Wathi eqeda ukukhuluma, amadodana enkosi angena ekhala kakhulu. Layo inkosi, kanye lezincke zayo zonke bakhala kabuhlungu. **37** U-Abhisalomu wabaleka waya kuThalimayi indodana ka-Amihudi inkosi yaseGeshuri. Kodwa Inkosi uDavida walilela indodana yakhe insuku zonke. **38** Emva kokuba u-Abhisalomu esebaleke waya eGeshuri, wahlala khonale iminyaka emithathu. **39** Umoya wenkosi wafisa ukuya ku-Abhisalomu, ngoba yayisidudzukele ngokufa kuka-Amnoni.

phansi ngobuso eyihlonipha, wasesithi, "Ake ungisize, lokhu ukuba iguqule umumo okhona khathesi. Inkosi awu nkosi!" **5** Inkosi yambuza yathi, "Kuyini yami ilenhlakaniph o efana leyengilos kaNkulunkulu okukuhluphayo?" Yena wathi, "Ngingumfelokazi yazi konke okwenzakalayo elizweni." **21** Inkosi yasisithi impela, umkami wafa. **6** Mina ncekukazi yakho kujowabi, "Kulungile, ngizakwenza lokho. Hamba ngangilamadodana amabili. Alwa egangeni njalo uebuya lalo ijaha u-Abhisalomu." **22** UJowabi wathi akulamuntu owayelapho ukuba awalamule. Enye mbo phansi ngobuso eyihlonipha, waseybonga inkosi. yatshaya enye yayibulala. **7** Manje-ke bonke UJowabi wasesithi, "Lamhla inceku yakho isikwazi abosendo sebevukele incekukazi yakho, bathi, 'Sinike ukuthi isithole umusa emehlwani akho, mhlekazi lowo owabulala umfowabulo ukubo simbulale ngenxa wami, nkosi, ngoba inkosi isivumile isicelo senceku yempiyo yomfowabulo ambulalayo; lapho-ke sisasusa yayo.' **23** Emva kwalokho uJowabi waya eGeshuri lendlalifa futhi.' Bazacitsha ilahle lami elivuthayo wayabuya lo-Abhisalomu ejerusalem. **24** Kodwa inkosi eliyilo lodwa engilalo eliseleyo, umkami asale yathi, "Kaye endlini yakhe, akumelanga abone ubuso engaselabizo loba inzalo ebusweni bomhlaba." **8** bami." Ngakho u-Abhisalomu waya endlini yakhe akaze Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazane lowo, "Buyela ekhaya, abubona ubuso benkos. **25** Kulolonke elako-Israyeli ngizakhupha umlayo ngimele wena." **9** Kodwa kakho umuntu owayebatshazwa kakhulu ngobuhle owesifazane waseThekhowa wathi kuyo, "Mhlekazi bakhe njengo-Abhisalomu. Kusukela ekhanda lakhe wami, nkosi, umlandu kawube kimi lakwabendlu kusiya ephangweni lonyawo lwakhe kwakungekho sici kababa, kuthi inkosi lesihlalo sayo sobukhos kungabi kuye. **26** Kwakusithi lapho egele inwele zekhanda lakhe lacala." **10** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, "Nxa loba wayejwayele ukuzigela inwele zakhe kanye ngomnyaka ngubani esitsho loba yini kuwe, mlethe kimi, njalo nxa zasezimsinda kakhulu, wayezilinganisa esikalini, kasoze akuhluphe futhi." **11** Wasesithi, "Inkosi isisindo sazo sasingamakhulu amabili amashekeli kayincege uThixo uNkulunkulu wayo ukuba avimbele ngesilinganiso sesikhosini. **27** U-Abhisalomu wazala umphindiseli wegazi ekwengezeleleni incithakalo, amadodana amathathu lendodakazi eyodwa. Ibizo ukuze indodana yami ingabuhjiswa." Inkosi yathi, lendodakazi lalinguThamari, owayengumfazi omuhle. "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, akukho lalunye unwele lwekhanda lendodana yakho oluzawela phansi." **12** Lapho-ke owesifazane wasesithi, "Vumela incekukazi yakho iklulumu ilizwi enkosini yami." Yathi, "Khuluma." **13** Owesifazane wasesithi, "Pho kungani ucebe into enje ngabantu bakaNkulunkulu na? Nxa inkosi isitsho lokhu kayizidli ngecalna, ngoba inkosi kayiyibuyisanga indodana yayo eyaxotshwayo. **14** Njengamanzi achithekele phansi, angeke abuthwe, kanjalo kumele sife. Kodwa uNkulunkulu kakususi ukuphila, esikhundleni salokho yena uceba izindlela zokuthi umuntu oxotshiweyo angehlukaniswa laye kokuphela. **15** Ngilande ukuzakutsho lokhu kumhlekazi wami inkosi, ngoba abantu sebengethusile. Incekukazi yakho icabange yathi, 'Ngizakhuluma lenkosi, engxenyenizakwenza lokho okucelwa yincekukazi yayo. **16** Engxenyenizakwenza lokho okucelwa yincekukazi yayo esandleni somuntu ozama ukunguisa mina lendodana yami elifenifi saliphwa nguNkulunkulu.' **17** Khathesi incekukazi yakho ithi, 'Sengathi izwi lomhlekazi wami, uThixo lingangilethela ukuphumula, ngoba umhlekazi wami, inkosi unjengengilos kaNkulunkulu ekuphawulen okuhle lokubi. Sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho angaba lawe.' **18** Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazane lowo, "Ungangifihleli impendulo kulokhu engizakubuza khona." Owesifazane wathi "Mhlekazi wami, inkosi kayikhulume." **19** Inkosi yasibuza yathi, "Isandla sikajowabi kasilawe yini kukho konke lokhu na?" Owesifazane waphendula wathi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uphila, mhlekazi wami, inkosi, kakho ongaphambukela kwsesokudla kumbe kwsesenxele kwaloba yini umhlekazi wami, inkosi ekutshoyo. Ye, yinceku yakho uJowabi engilaye ukuba ngenze lokhu onguye njalo ofurze amazwi worke la emlonyeri wencekukazi yakho. **20** Inceku yakho uJowabi yenze bakhe njengo-Abhisalomu. Kusukela ekhanda lakhe kusiya ephangweni lonyawo lwakhe kwakungekho sici kuye. **26** Kwakusithi lapho egele inwele zekhanda lakhe wayejwayele ukuzigela inwele zakhe kanye ngomnyaka nxa zasezimsinda kakhulu, wayezilinganisa esikalini, isisindo sazo sasingamakhulu amabili amashekeli ngesilinganiso sesikhosini. **27** U-Abhisalomu wazala wala ukuya kuye. Wathumela okwesibili, kodwa wala ukuza. **30** Wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe, "Khangelani, insimu kajowabi iphansi kweyami, njalo kulebhali kyo. Hambani liyeyithungela ngomlilo." Ngakho izinceku zika-Abhisalomu zayithungela insimu ngomlilo. **31** Lapho-ke uJowabi waya endlini ka-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, "Kungani izinceku zakho zithungele insimu yami ngomlilo?" **32** U-Abhisalomu wathi kujowabi, "Khangelia, ngithumele ilizwi kuwe ngathi, 'Woza lapha ukuze ngikuthume enkosini ukuyabuza ukuthi, "Pho ngisukeleni eGeshuri? Kade kuzakuba ngcono kimi aluba ngilokhu ngikhonale!" Khathesi nje, mina ngifuna ukubona ubuso benkos, nxa ngilecalaloba yini kangibulale." **33** Ngakho uJowabi waya enkosini wayitshela lokhu. Inkosi yambiza u-Abhisalomu, wafika wangena wasesithi mbo phansi ngobuso phambi kwenkos. Inkosi yamanga u-Abhisalomu.

**15** Ngokuqhubea kwsikhathi u-Abhisalomu wazidingela inqola yempi lamabhiza kanye labantu abangamatshumi amahlau ukuba ngabagijima phambi kwakhe. **2** Wayevuka ekuseni kakhulu ame eceleni komgwaga oya esangweni ledolobho. Kwakusithi loba ngubani ofikayo ukuyamangala icala enkosini ukuba liqunywe, u-Abhisalomu wayembiza athi, "Wena uvela kuliphi idolobho?" Wayephendula athi, "Inceku yakho ivela kwsinye sezizwana zakoisrayeli." **3** Lapho-ke u-Abhisalomu wayesithi kuye, "Khangelia, okufunayo kuqondile njalo kufanele, kodwa akulammeli wenkos ukuba akuzwe." **4** U-Abhisalomu wayeqhubeka athi, "Sekuze kungathi ngabe ngabekwa ukuba ngumahluleli elizweni! Loba ngubani olensolo kumbe icala wayezakuza

kimi ngibone ukuthi wahlulelwa kuhle.” **5** Njalo isiHotsha saseKhidironi, abantu bonke bahamba kwakusithi umuntu angafika kuye akhothamele beqonde enkangala. **24** UZadokhi laye wayekhona, phansi phambi kwakhe, u-Abhisalomu wayeselula labaLevi bonke ababelaye babethwele ibhokisi isandla sakhe ambambe amange. **6** U-Abhisalomu lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, njalo u-Abhiyathari waziphatha ngale indlela kubo bonke abako-Israyeli wanikela imihlatshelo abantu bonke baze baphela abaya enkosini ukuyacela ukwahlulelwa kuhle, ukusuka edolobheni. **25** Inkosi yasisithi kuZadokhi, ngalokho wakhanga inhlizyo zabantu abanengi “Buyisela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli. **7** Ekupheleni kweminyaka emine, u-Abhisalomu wathi enkosini, “Ngisake ngiye eHebbronii uzangibuyisela emuva enze ukuba ngilibone futhi ukuyagcwalisu isifungo engasenzayo kuThixo. **8** kanye lendawo yakhe yokuahlala. **26** Kodwa angathi, Inceku yakho isahlala eGeshuri e-Aramu, yenza ‘Kangithokozi ngawe,’ lapho-ke ngizilungisele; kenze kimi loba kuyini okukhanya kulungile kuye.” **27** Inkosi ngizamkhonza uThixo eHebronii.” **9** Inkosi yathi yabuya yathi kuZadokhi umphristi, “Uyawiszisa na? kuye, “Hamba ngokuthula.” Ngakho waya eHebroni. Buyela emuva edolobheni ngokuthula, lendodana **10** Emva kwalokho u-Abhisalomu wathuma izithunywa yakho u-Ahimazi lojonathanhi indodana ka-Abhiyathari. Wena lo-Abhiyathari hambani lamadodana enu. **11** Abantu abangamakhulu amabili baseJerusalem babehambe lo-Abhisalomu. Babenxuswe njengezetheki njalo behambe behkululekile, bengazi lutho ngendaba leyo. **12** U-Abhisalomu esanikela imihlatshelo, wabiza u-Ahithofeli umGiloni, umeluleki kaDavid, ukuba eze evela eGilo, umuzi wakibo. Ngalokho icebo lomvukela laqina, labalandeli baka-Abhisalomu baqhubeka besanda. **13** Kwafika isithunywa kuDavid sathi, “Inhlizyo zabantu bako-Israyeli ziku-Abhisalomu.” **14** UDavida wasesithi kuzozonke izikhulu zakhe ezazilayе ejerusalem, “Wozani! Kumele sibaleke, hlezikungabi lamunye wethu ozaphepha ku-Abhisalomu. Kumele sisuke masinyane hlezisixhume alethe incithakalo kithi njalo ahlasale idolobho ngenkembra.” **15** Izikhulu zenkosi zaphendula zathi, “Izincku zakho zilungele ukwenza loba yini umhlekazi wethu inkosi akukhethayo.” **16** Inkosi yaphuma labendlu abantu bayo bayedlula, ndawonye lawo wonke na? Batshele konke okuzwayo esigodlwani senkosi. amakherethi lamaPhelethi, kanye lawi wonke amacithi angamakhulu ayisithupha ayehambe layo kusukela eGathi ahamba phambi kwenkosi. **19** Inkosi yasisithi ku-Ithayi umGithi, “Kungani uhamba lathi na? Buyela emuva ueyehla lenkosu u-Abhisalomu. Wena ungumuntu wezizweni, oxwaxotshwayo elizweni lakini. **20** Ufike izolo rje. Kambe sekungathi lamhla lokhu ngikwenze uzulazule lathi, mina ngingakwazi lalapho engingaya khona? Buyela emuva uthathe abantu bakini. 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**16** Kwathi uDavida esehambe ibanga elifitshane ngale kwenqongo, wabona uZibha, isikhonzi sikaMefiboshethi, elindele ukumhangabeza, elodwendwe lwabobabhemu ababotshelwe izihlalo bethwele izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, ikhulu lamakhekhe ezithelo ezonyisiweyo, ikhulu lamakhekhe omkhiwa kanye lomgodla wewayini. **2** Inkosi yabuza uZibha yathi, “Ukuletheleni lokhu na?” UZibha waphendula wathi, “Obabhemi ngabendlu yenkosu ukuba bagade, izinkwa lezithelo ngokwabantu ukuba badle, iwayini ngelokuqaqbula labo abaphela amandla enkangala.” **3** Inkosi yasibuza yathi,

"Indodana yendodana yenkosiyakho ingaphi na?" kophahla lwendlu, walala labafazi bakayise beceleni u-UZibha wathi kuyo, "Ihlezi ejerusalema, ngoba Israyeli wonke ekhangale. **23** Ngalezonsuku iseluleko sika-Ahithofeli, sasifana lesalowo obuze uNkulunkulu. Lokho kwaba yiyo indlela uDavida lo-Abhisalomu abakhangel ngayo zonke izeluleko zika-Ahithofeli.

sekungokwakho." UZibha wathi, "Ngikhothama ngokuzithoba. Sengathi ngingathola umusa emehlweni akho mhlekazi wami, nkosi."

**5** Kwathi Inkosi uDavida efika eBahirimi, umuntu wosendo lunye labendlu kaSawuli, waphuma evela lapho. Ibizo lakhe

lalingushimeyi indodana kaGera, njalo waphuma esethuka. **6** Wajikijela uDavida lezikulu zonke zenkosiyangamatshe, lanxa amabutho wonke labalindi abakhethiweyo babengakwesokudla lakwesokhohlo kukaDavidia. **7** Ekuthukeni kwakhe uShimeyi wathi,

"Phuma, phuma, wena wegazi, wena sixhwali!" **8** UThixo usephindisele kuwe ngenxa yegazi lonke ovalichithayo kwabendlu kaSawuli, wena osubusa esikhundleni sakhe. UThixo umbuso usewunike

indodana yakho u-Abhisalomu. Wena usudilikile ngoba ungumuntu wegazi!" **9** Lapho-ke u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya wathi enkosini, "Kungani injia efileyo le ithuka inkosi yami? Ngivumelani ngyequma ikhanda layo."

**10** Kodwa inkosi yathi, "Kuyini okulihlanganisa lami, lina madodana kaZeruya? Nxa ethuka ngenxa yokuthi uThixo utha kuye, 'Mthuke uDavida,' ngubani ongabuza ukuthi, 'Lokhu ukwenzeleni na?'" **11** UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhishayi lakuko zonke izikhulu zakhe, "Indodana yami, eyinyama yami, izama ukungibulala.

Pho umBhenjamini lo-ke! Myekeleni enjalo; yekelani athuke, ngoba uThixo umtshele ukuba enze njalo. **12** Engxeny uThixo uzalubona usizi lwami angibuyisele

okuhle ngenxa yokuthukwa engikwenzwayo lamhla."

**13** Ngakho uDavida labantu bonke waqhubele elandela umgwaqo uShimeyi yena ehamba eyame intaba maqondana laye, ehamba elokhu ethuka njalo emjikijela ngamatshe emthela langengcekeza. **14** Inkosi

labantu bayo bafika lapho ababesiya khona sebediniwe. Kulapho abaphumula khona. **15** Ngalesosikhathi, u-Abhisalomu labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bafika ejerusalema, lo-Ahithofeli wayelaye. **16** Lapho-ke

uHushayi um'Arikhi, umngane kaDavidia, waya ku-Abhisalomu wathi kuye, "Impilo ende nkosi! Impilo ende nkosi!" **17** U-Abhisalomu wabuza uHushayi wathi,

"Lolu yilo uthando olutshengisa umngane wakho na? Kungani unghahambanga lomngane wakho na?" **18** UHushayi wathi ku-Abhisalomu, "Hayi, lowo okkhethwe nguThixo, langabantu laba, labantu bonke bako-Israyeli ngizakuba ngowakhe, njalo ngizahlala laye. **19** Phezu

kwalokho, ngubani engingamkhonza na? Akumelanga ngikhonze indodana na? Njengoba ngakhonza uyhilo, kanjalo ngizakukhonza."

**20** U-Abhisalomu wasesithi ku-Ahithofeli, "Ake usesuleke. Kuyini esingakwenza na?" **21** U-Ahithofeli waphendula wathi, "Lala labafazi bakayihlo abaseceleni abatshiya belinde isigodlo.

Lapho-ke u-Israyeli wonke uzakuzwa ukuthi wena usuzenze waba liphunga elibi emakkahleni kayihlo, njalo izandla zabantu bonke abalawe zizaqiniswa."

**22** Ngakho u-Abhisalomu bamisela ithente phezu

**17** U-Ahithofeli wathi ku-Abhisalomu, "Kahle ngikhetho abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi

lambilu ngiphume lamhla ebusuku ngilandela uDavida. **2** Ngingamhlasela esadiniwe engelamandla. Ngingamtshayisa ngovalo, bonke abantu abalaye

bazabaleka. Ngingabulala inkosi kuphela **3** abantu bonke ngibabuyisele kuwe. Ukuwa komuntu omdingayo

kuzakutsho ukuphenduka kwabo bonke; bonke abantu kabayikwenzwa lutho."

**4** Icebo leli lakhanya lilihle ku-Abhisalomu lakubo bonke abadala bako-Israyeli. **5** Kodwa u-Abhisalomu wathi, "Bizani loHushayi um'Arikhi, ukuze sizwe angakutsho."

**6** UHushayi esezele kuye, u-Abhisalomu wathi, "U-Ahithofeli usesinike iseluleko lesi. Sikwenze yini lokhu akutshoyo?" Nxa kungenjalo, sinike owakho umcabango."

**7** UHushayi waphendula u-Abhisalomu wathi, "Iseluleko osiphiwe ngu-Ahithofeli kasilunganga ngalesi isikhathi. **8** Uyamazi uyhilo labantu bakhe, bangamaqhawo, njalo bathukuthela okwebhele leganga lithathelwe imidlwane yalo. Langaphandle kwalokho, uyhilo liqhawo eliyaziyo impi, kabuchithi ubusuku elamabutho. **9** Lakhathesi nje, ucatshile ebhalwini

loba enye indawo. Nxa yena engahlasela amabutho akho kuqala, loba ngubani ozakuzwa ngakho uzakuthi, 'Kube lokoqothulwa phakathi kwamabutho alandela u-Abhisalomu.'

**10** Lapho-ke lebutho elilesibindi kulawo wonke, elinhliyizo yalo ifana lenhliziyo

isilwane, lizahedezela ngokwesaba ngoba u-Israyeli wonke uyakwazi ukuthi uyhilo liqhawo kanye lokuthi labo abalaye balesibindi. **11** Ngakho ngyakucebisa:

Akuthi abako-Israyeli bonke, kusukela koDani kusuya eBherishebba, ngobunengi obunjengetshebetshabe

ekhunjini lolwandle, babuthane kuwe, kuthi wena ngokwakho ubakhokhele empini. **12** Lapho-ke

sizamhlasela loba kungaphi lapho angaficwa khona, njalo sizakwhelela phezu kwakhe njengamazolo

ewela emhlabathini. Loba yena kumbe loba bani wabantu bakhe kakho ozasala ephila. **13** Angabalekela edolobheni u-Israyeli wonke uzakuza lezintambo

edolobheni, silihudulele phansi esigodini kuze kungabe kusatholakala leshiletshana salo."

**14** U-Abhisalomu labantu bonke bako-Israyeli bathi, "Iseluleko sikaHushayi um'Arikhi singcono kulesika-Ahithofeli." Ngoba uThixo wayeqonde ukufubisa

iseluleko esilungleyo sika-Ahithofeli ukuze alethele u-Abhisalomu incithakalo. **15** UHushayi watshela uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari, abaphristi, wathi, "U-

Ahithofeli usecebise u-Abhisalomu labadala bako-Israyeli ukuba benze ukuthi lokuthi, kodwa mina sengibacebise ukuthi benze okunje lokunje.

**16** Khathesi-ke thumelani lizwi ngokuphangisa litsheli uDavida ukuthi, 'Ngalobubusuku ungalali emazibukweni asenkangala; chaphela ngaphetsheya

kungekho kuphutha, hlezzi inkosi labantu bonke abalayo

baminzwe.” **17** UJonathani lo-Ahimazi babehlala kabayikuzihlupha; kodwa wena ulingana labethu e-Eni Rogeli. Intombazana eyinceku yayizahamba abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Kungabangcono iyebatshela, labo bezahamba bayetshela inkosi uDavida, khathesi ukuba usisekele usedolobheni.” **4** Inkosi ngoba babengeke bazifake engozini yokubonakala yaphendula yathi, “Ngizakwenza loba kuyini lokho bengena edolobheni. **18** Kodwa ijaha elithile lababona okukhanya kungcono kini.” Ngakho inkosi yema laselitshela u-Abhisalomu. Ngakho bobabili basuka eceleni kwasango abantu sebephuma ngamaviyo masinyane haya endlini yomuntu othile ebhahurimi. amakhulu lawezinkulungwane. **5** Inkosi yalaya ujowabi, Wayelomthombo egumeni lakhe, bangena kuwo. lo-Abhishayi kanye lo-Ithayi yathi, “Libe lesisa ejaheni **19** Umkkakhe wathatha okokwembesa wakwendlala u-Abhisalomu ngexna yami.” Amabutho wonke ayizwa phezu komlomo womthombo wasehaza amabele phezu inkosi ilaya umlwaluli ngamunye ngo-Abhisalomu. kwakho. Kakho owayesazi ulutho ngakho. **20** Abantu **6** Ibutho lahamba lisya egangeni ukuyakulwa lobaka-Abhisalomu sebefike kowesifazane lowo endlini, Israyeli, njalo ukulwa kwenzakala eguswini lacobambuza bathi, “U-Ahimazi loJonathani bangaphi?” Efrayimi. **7** Khonapho ibutho lako-Israyeli lehlulwa Owesifazane wabaphendula wathi, “Bachaphele ngabantu bakaDavida, njalo ukubulalana kwaba ngaphetsheya kwesifudlana.” Abantu labo badinga kukhulu ngalelolanga, abantu abazinkulungwane kodwa kabatholanga muntu, ngakho babuyela ezingamatshumi amabili. **8** Impi yaqhela yagcwala ejerusalema. **21** Abantu labo sebehambile, ababili labo ilizwe lonke, njalo igusu laqeda abantu abanengi baphuma emthonjeni basebesiyatshela inkosi uDavida. Bathi kuyo, “Suka uchaphe umfula masinyane; u-Abhisalomu ahlangane labantu bakaDavida. Ahithofeli usecebise ukuthi lokuthi okubi ngawe.” Wayegade imbongolo yakhe, kwasekusithi imbongolo **22** Ngakho uDavida labantu bonke ababelaye basuka idlula ngaphansi kwezingatsha ezenileyo zesihihla bachapha ijodani. Kwathi kusisa, engasekho owayesele esikhulu som’Okhi, ikhanda lika-Abhisalomu labanjwa engakachaphi ijodani. **23** Kwathi u-Ahithofeli esihlahleni. Wasala elenga emoyeni, imbongolo ebona ukuthi iseluleko sakhe sasingalandelwanga, ayeiyagidle ilokhu ihamba. **10** Kwathi omunye wabantu wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe wasuka waya esebone lokhu, watshela uJowabi wathi, “Ngibone uendlili yakhe emzini wakibo. Walungisa indlu Abhisalomu elenga esihlahleni som’Okhi.” **11** UJowabi yakhe, wasezibophela. Ngakho wafa wangcwatshwa wasesithi emuntwini owayemtshele lokhu, “Ini? ethuneni likayise. **24** UDavida waya eMahanayimi, Umbonile? Pho kungani ungamacakzelanga phansi kwathi u-Abhisalomu wachapha ijodani labantu khonapho na? Kade ngizakupha amashekeli esiliva bonke bako-Israyeli. **25** U-Abhisalomu wayesebeke alitshumi kanye lebhanti lobuqhawhe.” **12** Kodwa u-Amasa ukuba ngumlawuli webutho esikhundleni umuntu lowo waphendula wathi, “Lanxa amashekeli sikajowabi. U-Amasa wayeyindodana yomuntu owayethiwa ngujetha, um’Israyeli owayethethe u-Abhigeli indodakazi kaNahashi udadewabo kaZeruya unakajowabi. **26** Abako-Israyeli lo-Abhisalomu bamisa elizweni laseGiliyadi. **27** Kwathi uDavida esefikile ngebumba. Bamlethela lamabele kanye lebhali, ifulawa lamabele akhanzingiweyo, indumba lamalentili, **29** uluju lamasi, izimvu, letshizi evela echagweni, lwamankomokazi ukuba uDavida labantu bakhe badle. Ngoba bathi, “Abantu sebelambile njalo badiniwe futhi bomile enkangala.”

**18** UDavida wabutha bonke abantu ababelaye wababekela abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu. **2** UDavida wahlukanisa amabutho akhe, ingxenye eyodwa kokuthathu ilawulwa ngujowabi, ingxenye eyodwa ingaphansi komfowabo kajowabi u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya, lengxenye eyodwa kokuthathu ingaphansi kuka-Ithayi umGithi. Inkosi yatshela amabutho yathi, “Mina ngokwami impela ngizaphuma lami.” **3** Kodwa abantu bathi, “Akumelanga uphume; nxa sizancindezeleka ukuba sibaleke, kabayikuzihlupha ngathi. Lanxa kungaze kufe ingxenye yethu,

ayinkulungwane engalinganisela ezandleni zami, owayethiwa ngujetha, um’Israyeli owayethethe u-Abhigeli indodakazi kaNahashi udadewabo kaZeruya unakajowabi. **26** Abako-Israyeli lo-Abhisalomu bamisa elizweni laseGiliyadi. **27** Kwathi uDavida esefikile ngebumba. Bamlethela lamabele kanye lebhali, ifulawa lamabele akhanzingiweyo, indumba lamalentili, **29** uluju lamasi, izimvu, letshizi evela echagweni, lwamankomokazi ukuba uDavida labantu bakhe badle. Ngoba bathi, “Abantu sebelambile njalo badiniwe futhi bomile enkangala.”

ingingeke ngiphakamise isandla sami ngihilasele indodana yenkos. Sizizwele inkosi ilaya wena lo-Abhishayi kanye lo-Ithayi yathi, ‘Vikelani ijaha u-Abhisalomu ngenxa yami.’ **13** Aluba ngibeke ukuphila kwami engozini njalo akulanto efihlakeleyo enkosini, ubungayikuba lobuzalwane lami.” **14** Debbari, loBhazilayi umGiliyadi waseRogelimi **28** UJowabi wathi, “Mina angiyikulindela wena kanje.” Ngakho wathatha imikhonto emithathu wayitkitela bamlethela okokwendlala lemiganu lempahla ezenziwe esaphila esesihlahleni som’Okhi. **15** Njalo abathwali bezikhali zikajowabi bamhanqa u-Abhisalomu, bamtshaya bambulala. **16** Emva kwalokho uJowabi wakhalisa icilongo, amabutho aseyekela ukuxotshana lo-Israyeli, ngoba uJowabi wawamisa. **17** Bamthatha u-Abhisalomu bamphosela egodini elikhulu eguswini babuthelela inqwaba enkulu yamatshe phezu kwakhe. Ngalesosikhathi wonke u-Israyeli wabalekela ekhaya lakhe. **18** U-Abhisalomu esaphila wayethethe insika wayimisa eSigodini seNkosi njengesikhumbuzo sakhe, ngoba wacabanga wathi, “Angilandodana yokuqhuba ukukhunjulwa kwebizo lami.” Insika wayibiza ngaye, njalo ithiwa Isikhumbuzo sika-Abhisalomu kuze kuge lamhla. **19** Ngalesosikhathi u-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi wathi, “Kuhle ngigijime ngihambise umbiko enkosini ukuthi uThixo useyihlengile esandleni sezitha zayo.” **20** UJowabi wathi kuye, “Kawusuve omele ahambise imibiko lamhla. Ungayihambisa imibiko

ngesinye isikhathi, kodwa akumelanga wenzenjalo lamhlha, ngoba indodana yenkosi ifile.” **21** UJowabi UJowabi wayangena endlini enkosini wathi, “Lamhlha wasesithi kumKhushi, “Hamba uyetshela inkosi labantu babo kabasilutho kuwe. Ngiyabona ukuthi kungani ufuna ukuhamba? Kawulambiko ozakulethela ubuzathokoza aluba u-Abhisalomu ubephila lamhlha umvuso.” **23** Yena wathi, “Loba kunjani, mina ngifuna thina sonke sifile.” **7** Khathesi-ke phuma ueyequnga ukugijima.” Ngakho uJowabi wathi, “Gijima!” **U** Ahimazi wagijima ngendlela yasemagekeni, wamlndi abantu bakho isibindi. Ngiyafunga ngoThixo ukuthi Ahimazi wagijima ukuhluwa. Lokhu kuzakuba kubi kakhulu kuwe kulayo kwasango langaphakathi lelangaphandle, umlindi yonke incithakalo eseyake yakwehlela kusukela wakhwela waya phezulu ephahleni lwsango, phansi ebutsheni bakho kuze kuge khathesi.” **8** Ngakho komduli. Kwathi lapho ekhangela, wabona umuntu inkosi yasukuma yahamba lesihlalo sayo esangweni, egijima eyedwa. **25** Umlindi wamemeza inkosi Abantu sebezwe kuthiwa, “Inkosi ihlezi esangweni,” wayibikela lokho. Inkosi yathi, “Nxa eyedwa, uzakuba bonke baya phambi kwayo. Ngalesosikhathi abako-lezindaba ezinhle.” Umuntu waqhubeka elokhu Israyeli basebebalekele emizini yabo. **9** Kuzozonke esondela eduze. **26** Umlindi wabona omunye umuntu izizwana zako-Israyeli, abantu bonke babephikisana egijima, wasebiza umlindi wesango ngaphansi, wathi, besithi, “Inkosi isisisindisile esandleni sezitha zethu; “Khangela, omunye umuntu ugijima eyedwa!” Inkosi yiyo eyasihlengayo esandleni samaFilistiya. Kodwa yathi, “Laye uzakuba ngoletha izindaba ezinhle.” khathesi isibalekile elizweni ngenxa ka-Abhisalomu; **10** **27** Umlindi wasesithi, “Ngibona angathi owaakuqala njalo u-Abhisalomu, esamgcobayo ukuba asibuse, ufile ugijima njengo-Ahimazi indodana kaZadokhi.” Inkosi empini. Ngakho kungani lingatsho lutho ngokubuyisa yathi, “Ungumuntu olungileyo. Uza lezindaba ezinhle.” inkosi na?” **11** Inkosi uDavida wathumela ilizwi **28** Lapho-ke u-Ahimazi wamemeza enkosini wasesithi, kuZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari, abaphristi esithi, “Buzani “Konke kulungile.” Wakhothama phambi kwenkosi abadala bakoJuda ukuthi, “Kungani lisiba ngabokucina wathi mbo phansi ngobuso, wathi, “Kadunyiswe ekubuyiseleni inkosi esigodlweni sayo njengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Usebanikele abantu okukhulunywayo kulolonke elako-Israyeli sekufikile abaphakamisa izandla zabo ukuhlasela inkosi yami.” enkosini lapho ehlala khona na? **12** Lingabafowethu, **29** Inkosi yasibuza isithi, “Ijaha u-Abhisalomu inyama yami legazi lami. Ngakho kungani lisiba usindile na?” U-Ahimazi waphendula wathi, “Ngibone ngabokucina ukubuyisa inkosi?” **13** Njalo lithi ku-Amasa, ukuphithizela okukhulu uJowabi esezathuma inceku yenkosi lami, inceku yakho, kodwa kangazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu angangijezisa, kube kanzima kakhulu, kade kuyini.” **30** Inkosi yasisithi, “Buyela eceleni nxa ungasuye mlawuli webutho lami esikhundleni ume khona.” Ngakho wabuyela eceleni wama khona. sikajowabi, kusukela khathesi.” **14** Wazuza ukusekelwa **31** Lapho-ke umKhushi wafika wathi, “Mhlekazi ngabantu bonke bakoJuda kwangathi babengumuntu wami, nkosi, zwana izindaba ezinhle! UThixo lamhlha munye. Bathumela ilizwi enkosini besithi, “Buya, usekukhulule kubo bonke abakuhamukelayo.” **32** wena kanye labantu bakho bonke.” **15** Ngakho Inkosi yambuza yathi, “Ijaha u-Abhisalomu usindile inkosi yabuyela yahamba yaze yayafika ejodani. na?” UmKhushi waphendula wathi, “Sengathi izitha Ngalesosikhathi abantu bakoJuda basebefikile eGiligali zomhlekazi inkosi yami labo bonke abayihlamukelayo ukuze baphume bayehlangabeza inkosi bayilethe ukuba bayilimaze bangaba njengejaha leliyana.” **33** ngaphetsheya kweJodani. **16** UShimeyi indodana Inkosi yadabuka kakhulu. Yakhwela yaya ekamelwan kaGera, umBhenjamini waseBhahurimi, wehla elingaphezu kwasango yakhala. Yahamba ikhala ngokuphangisa labantu bakoJuda ukuyahlangabeza isithi, “Oh, ndodana yami Abhisalomu! Ndodana inkosi uDavida. **17** Wayelabantu bakoBhenjamini yami, ndodana yami Abhisalomu! Aluba kufe mina abayinkulungware, kanye loZibha, isikhonzi sabendlu esikhundleni sakho, Oh Abhisalomu, ndodana yami, kaSawuli, lamadodana akhe alitshumi lanhlana kanye lezinceku ezingamatshumi amabili. Baphangisa ukuya ejodani lapho inkosi eyayikhona. **18** Bachapha ezbukwensi ukuze bahambise abendlu yenkosi ngaphetsheya lokwenza loba kuyini ekufunayo. UShimeyi indodana kaGera esechaphe ijodani, waziwisela phansi wathi bhazalala phambi kwenkosi **19** wathi kuyo, “Inkosi kayingangenzi olecali. Ungakhumbuli okubi okwenzwa yinceku yakho mhlekazi wami ngosuku inkosi eyasuka ngalo ejerusalema. Sengathi inkosi ingakwesula

**19** UJowabi watshelwa kwathiwa, “Inkosi iyakhala ililela u-Abhisalomu.” **2** Njalo kulolonke ibutho ukunqoba kwamhlalokho kwaguqulelwa ekulileni, ngoba ngalolosoku amabutho ewza kuthiwa, “Inkosi ilusizi ngendodana yayo.” **3** Ngalolosuku abantu bangena benyenya edolobheni njengabantu abalenhloni bengena benyenya lapho bebaleka empini. **4** Inkosi yamboza ubuso bayo yakhala kakhulu isithi, “Oh ndodana yami Abhisalomu! Oh

engqondweni yayo. **20** Ngoba mina nceku yakho emzini wakithi eduze lengcwaba likababa lomama. ngiyakwazi ukuthi ngenza isono, kodwa lamhla ngize Kodwa nansi inceku yakho uKhimihami. Kachaphela lapha njengowakuqala kuyo yonke indlu kajosefa ngaphetsheya lomhlekazi inkosi yami. Menzele lokho ukuzahlangabeza umhlekazi wami, inkosi.” **21** Lapho- okukuthokozisayo.” **38** Inkosi yasisithi, “UKhimihami ke u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya wathi, “USHimeyi uzachaphela ngaphetsheya lami, njalo ngizamenzela akumelanga abulawе ngenxa yalokhu na? Wathuka okukuthokozisayo. Njalo loba yini oyifuna kimi ogcotshiweyo kaThixo.” **22** UDavida waphendula ngizakwenzela yona.” **39** Ngakho abantu bonke wathi, “Kuyini lina lami esihlanganyela kukho, lina madodana kaZeruya? Ngalelilanga lina selibe yizitha baphapha ijodani, inkosi yasichaphela ngaphetsheya. zami! Kufanele kube lomuntu obulawayo ko-Israyeli Inkosi yamanga uBhazilayi yambusisa, uBhazilayi ichaphela eGiligali, uKhimihami wachapha layo. Wonke yako-Israyeli?” **23** Ngakho inkosi yathi kuShimeyi, amabutho akoJuda lengxenyamabutho ako-Israyeli “Kawuyikufa.” Njalo inkosi yamthembisa ngokufunga. ayeyichaphisile inkosi. **40** Kwathi inkosi **24** UMefiboshethi, indodana yendodana kaSawuli, bako-Israyeli bayo enkosini bathi kuyo, “Kungani laye wehla ukuyahlangabeza inkosi. Wayengazigezanga abafowethu, abantu bakoJuda, bentshontshe inkosi inyawo zakhe kumbe agele indevu zakhe loba agezise yethu bayisa ngaphetsheya kweJodani yona labendu iziqqoko zakhe kusukela ngelanga inkosi eyasuka yayo kanye labantu bonke na?” **42** Bonke abantu ngalo kwaze kwaba lilanga eyabuya ngalo isindile. **25** bakoJuda baphendula abantu bako-Israyeli bathi, Esefikile evela ejerusalema ukuzahlangabeza inkosi, “Lokhu sikwenzile ngoba inkosi ilobuhlobo obuseduze inkosi yambuza yathi, “Kungani ungahambanga kakhulu lathi. Kulicaphula ngani lokho? Sike sadla lami, Mefiboshethi?” **26** Yena wathi, “Mhlekazi olunye ulutho lwenkosi na? Sike sazithathela enye wami, nkosi, njengoba mina nceku yakho ngiqhula, into na?” **43** Abantu bako-Israyeli basebephendula ngathi, ‘Ngizabophela isihlalo kubabhemu wami abantu bakoJuda besithi, “Thina silezabelo ezilitshumi ngigade phezu kwaso, ukuze ngihambe lenkosi enkosini, njalo ngaphandle kwalokho thina silelungeo yami.” Kodwa uZibha inceku yami wangikhohlsa. elikhulu kulelenu ngoDavid. Pho kungani lisidelela? **27** Njalo usehlinikeze inceku yakho kuwe mhlekazi Kasibanga ngabokuqala na ukukhuluma ngokubuyisa nkosi yami. Mhlekazi wami, inkosi injengengilosilinkosi yethu?” Kodwa abantu bakoJuda baphendula kaNkulunkulu; ngakho yenza lokho okukuthokozisayo. ngamazwi alukhuni kakhulu kulawabantu bako-**28** Bonke abenzalo kababamkhulu kabafanelanga Israyeli.

**20** Ngalesosikhathi kwenzakala ukuthi umxabanisi owayethiwa nguShebha indodana kaBhikhiri umBhenjamini abekhona. Wakhalisa icilongo waklalabalala esithi, “Kasilasabelo kuDavid, kasilangxene endodaneni kajesel Umuntu wonke ethenteni lakhe, Oh Israyeli!” **2** Ngakho bonke abantu bako-Israyeli bahlubuka kuDavida balandela uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri. Kodwa abantu bakoJuda babambelela enkosini yabo umango wonke kusukela ejodani kusiya ejerusalema. **3** UDavida esebyuele esigodlweni sakhe ejerusalema, wathatha abafazi bakhe beceleni abalitshumi ayebatshiye begcine isigodlo wababeka endlini elindwayo. Wabanika ababekuswela, kodwa kembathanga labo. Babehlala bevalelwe kuze kuge lusuku lokufa kwabo, baphila njengabafelokazi. **4** Inkosi yasisithi ku-Amasa, “Biza abantu bakoJuda beze kimi phakathi kwensuku ezintathu, lawe ubelapha wena ngokwakho.” **5** Kodwa u-Amasa eseveyibiza uJuda, wathatha isikhathi eside kuleleso inkosi eyayimisele sona. **6** UDavida wasesithi ku-Abhishayi, “Khathesi uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri uzasenzela umonakalo odlula owenziwa ngu-Abhisalomu. Thatha abantu benkosi yakho umlandele, hleziz athole amadolobho avikelweyo aphunyuke kithi.” **7** Ngakho abantu bakaJowabi lamaKherethi lamaPhelethi kanye lamaqhawane wonke alamanda baphuma belawulwa ngu-Abhishayi. Bahamba besuwa ejerusalema belandela uShebha indodana kaBhikhiri. **8** Kwathi besesedwaleni elikhulu eGibhiyonu, u-

Amasa wayabahlangabeza. UJowabi wayegqoke wayephetho izibhalwa; uJehoshafathi indodana kahibhatshi lakhe lempi, phezu kwalo, ekhalwени lwakhe, Ahiludi wayengumbhali; **25** uSheva engumabhalane; uZadokhi lo-Abhiyathari bengabaphristi; **26** u-Ira umjayir engumphristi kaDavidia.

**21** Ekubuseni kukaDavidia kwaba lendlala iminyaka emithathu ilandelana; ngakho uDavidia wabuza uThixo. UThixo wathi, “Kungenxa kaSawuli lendlu yakhe enindwe ngegazi; kungenxa yokuthi yena wabulala amaGibhiyon.” **2** Inkosi yabiza amaGibhiyon yakhulum lawo. (AbaseGibhiyon babengasiyo ngxenye ka-Israyeli kodwa babengabasalayo bama-Amori, abako-Israyeli babefunge ukubayekela, kodwa uSawuli ngenxa yokutshisekela kwakhe u-Israyeli lojuda wafuna ukubaqedu.) **3** UDavida wabuza amaGibhiyon wathi, “Kuyini engingalenzela khona na? Ngingakwenza njani ukubuyisana ukuze libuse ilifa likaThixo na?” **4** AmaGibhiyon amphendula athi, “Kasilalo ilungelo lokufuna isiliva loba igolide kuSawuli kumbe kwabendlu yakhe, lelungelo lokubulala umuntu ko-Israyeli kasilalo.” UDavida wabuza wathi, “Pho lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni?” **5** Bayiphendula inkosi bathi, “Umuntu owasichithayo waceba okubi ngathi saze satshabalala njalo kasaze saba lendawo loba ngaphi ko-Israyeli, **6** kasinikwe abenzalo yakhe besilisa abyaisikhombisa ukuba babulawe balengiswe phambi kukaThixo eGibhiya kaSawuli, okhethiweyo kaThixo.” Ngakho inkosi yathi, “Ngizalinika bona.” **7** Kodwa uMefibhoshesthi indodana kajonathani, indodana kaSawuli, inkosi yamtshiya ngenxa yesifungo phambi kukaThixo phakathi kukaDavidia loJonathani indodana kaSawuli. **8** Kodwa inkosi yathatha u-Arimoni loMefibhoshesthi amadodana amabili endodakazi ka-Ayiya uRizipha, ayemzale loSawuli, kanye lamadodana amahlanu endodakazi kaSawuli uMerabi, ayewazale lo-Adiriyeli indodana kabhazilayi waseMehola. **9** Yabanikeza kumaGibhiyon, ababulala abachaya eqaqeni phambi kukaThixo. Bonke beyisikhombisa bafela ndawonye; babulawa ngezinsuku zakuqala zokuvuna, ukuvunwa kwebhali kuqalisa rje. **10** URizipha indodakazi ka-Ayiya wathatha isaka wazendalela lona edwaleni. Kusukela ekuqualiseni kokuvuna izulu laze lana livela emazulwini linetha izidumbu, kavumelanga izinyoni zasemoyeni ukuba zizithinte emini loba izinyamazana zeganga ebusuku. **11** Kwathi uDavida esetshelwe ngokwakwenziwe yindodakazi ka-Ayiya uRizipha, umfazi kaSawuli weceleni, **12** wahamba wayathatha amathambo kaSawuli lawendodana yakhe ujonathani ebantwini baseJabheshi Giliyadi. (Babewathathe ensitha enkundleni kazulu eBhethi-Shani, lapho amaFilistiya ayewachaye khona emva kokubulala kwavo uSawuli eGilibhowa.) **13** UDavida wawathatha khonapho amathambo kaSawuli lawendodana yakhe ujonathani, lamathambo alabo ababebulawe babuye bachaywa abuthwa. **14** Amathambo kaSawuli lawendodana yakhe ujonathani bawangcwaba ethuneni likasekaSawuli uKhishi, eZela koBhenjamini, benza konke njengokulaya kwenkosi. Emva kwalokho uNkulunkulu wayiphendula

imikhuleko eyenzelwa ilizwe. **15** Kwaphinda kwaba zavezwa obala ekukhuzeni kukaThixo, ngomfutho lempi futhi phakathi kwamaFilistiya lo-Israyeli. wokuphefumula kwamakhala akhe. **17** Welula UDavida wahamba labantu bakhe ukuyakulwa isandla sakho usezulwini wangibamba wangihlenga lamaFilistiya, wasedinwa. **16** U-Ishibhi-Bhenobi, enzikini yamanzi. **18** Wangihlenga esitheni sami omunye wabenzalo kaRafa, ishloko somkhonto esilamandla, ezitheni zami ezazingigabhele ngamandla. wakhe wethusi esasilobunzima obungamashekeli **19** Zangijamelia mhla ngisebunzimeni, kodwa uThixo angamakhulu amathathu, njalo ehlome ngenkemba waba yinsika yami. **20** Wangikhupha wangibeka entsha, wathi uzabulala uDavida. **17** Kodwa u-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya wamhenga uDavida; wamcakazela phansi umFilistiya lowo wambulala. Abantu bakaDavida bafunga kuye bathi, "Kawuyikuhamba lathi futhi empini, ukue isibane sika-Israyeli singacitsha." **18** Ngokuqhubeka kweisksikhathi kwaba lenye impi futhi lamaFilistiya, eGobi. Ngalesosikhathi uSibhekhayi umHushathi wabulala uSafi, omunye wabosendo kaRafa. **19** Kweyinye impi lamaFilistiya njalo eGobi, u-Elihanani indodana kajayiri umBhethilehema wabulala umfowabko kaGoliyathi umGithi, owayelomkhonto owawuloluthi olunjengogodo lomaluki. **20** Kanti njalo kwenye impi eyalwelwa eGathi, kwakulendoda enku kakhulu ileminwe eyisithupha esandleni ngasinye lamazwane ayisithupha enyaweni ngalunye, sekubalwa konke ndawonye kungamatshumi amabili lane, Laye wayengowosendo lukaRafa. **21** Kwathi echothoza u-Israyeli, uJonathanu indodana kaShimeya, umfowabko kaDavida, wambulala. **22** Abane laba babengabosendo lukaRafa eGathi, bonke babulawa nguDavida lamabutho akhe.

**22** UDavida wahlabelela uThixo amazwi alelihubo lapho uThixo wamsindisa esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lasesandleni sikaSawuli. **2** Wathi: "UThixo ulidwala lami, inqaba yami lomsindisi wami; **3** uNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lami, lapho engiphephela khona, isihlangu sami lophondo lokusindiswa kwami. Uyinqaba yami, isiphephelo sami lomsindisi wami uyangisindisa ebantwini abadolakela. **4** Ngakhuleka kuThixo ofanele ukudunyiswa, njalo ngikhululwe ezitheni zami. **5** Amagagasi okufa angikhulela; lezikhukhula zokubhubhisa zangikhulela. **6** Izibopho zengcwaba zangithandela; imijibila yokufa yangijamela. (**Sheol h7585**) **7** Ekukhathazekeni kwami ngakhuleka kuThixo; ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami. Esethempelini lakhe walizwa ilizwi lami; ukukhala kwami kwafika ezindlebeni zakhe. **8** Umhlabo wagedezela wazamazama, izisekelo zamazulu zanyikinyeka; zagedezela ngoba wayethukuthele. **9** Intuthu yalanqua emakhaleni akhe; umlilo ohangulayo waphuma emlonyeni wakhe, amalahle avuthayo alavuka ephuma kuwo. **10** Waqhekeza amazulu wehlela phansi; amayezi amnyama ayengaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe. **11** Wagada amakherubhi waphapha; wantweza phezu kwamaphiko moyo. **12** Wenza umnyama isigubuzelo esimhankileyo, amayezi ezulu amnyama asemkhathini. **13** Phakathi kokukhazimula kobukhona bakhe, izikhatha zombane zalavuza khona. **14** UThixo wakhwaza eseuzulwini; ilizwi loPhezukonke lanqenqetha. **15** Waciba imitshoko wazihlakaza izitha, ngezikhatha zombane waziqothula. **16** Izigodi zolwandle zambulwa lezisekelo zomhlabo

wakhe wethusi esasilobunzima obungamashekeli **19** Zangijamelia mhla ngisebunzimeni, kodwa uThixo angamakhulu amathathu, njalo ehlome ngenkemba waba yinsika yami. **20** Wangikhupha wangibeka endaweni ebanzi; wangihlenga ngoba wayethokoza ngami. **21** UThixo ungenzele okulengene ukulunga kwami; wangivuza ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwezandla zami. **22** Ngoba ngizigicinile izindlela zikaThixo; angenzanga okubi ngokufulathela uNkulunkulu wami. **23** Yonke imithetho yakhe iphambi kwami; angizifulathelangia izimiso zakhe. **24** Ngibe ngilokhu ngimsulwa phambi kwakhe njalo ngisixwayile isono. **25** UThixo ungiyuze ngokufanele ukulunga kwami; ngokufanele ukuhlanzeka kwami phambi kwakhe. **26** Kwabathembekileyo lawe uthembekile, kwabamsulwa lawe umsulwa, **27** kwabahlanzekileyo uhiveza uhlanzekile, kodwa kwabangaqondanga uhiveza ukhaliphile. **28** Uyabasindisa abathobekileyo; kodwa amehlo akho akhangele abaziggajayo ukuba uebhli sele phansi. **29** Uyisibane sami, Oh Thixo, uThixo uguqula ubumnyama bami bube yikukhanya. **30** Ngosizo Iwakho ngingaphuma ngimelane lebutho lempi, ngoNkulunkulu wami ngingawukhwela umduli. **31** Izindlela zikaNkulunkulu uqobo lwakhe ziphelele; ilizwi likaThixo kalilasici. Ulihawu labo bonke abaphephela kuye. **32** Ngoba ngubani uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaThixo? Njalo ngubani oliDwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu na? **33** NguNkulunkulu onghiomisa amandla enze indlela yami iphelele. **34** Wenza inyawo zami zibe njengezempala; ungenza ngime ezingqongweni. **35** Ufundisa izandla zami ukulwa impi, izingalo zami zingaligobisa idandili lethusi. **36** Uyanginika isihlangu sakho sokunqoba; uyazehlisela phansi ukuze ungenze ngibe mkhulu. **37** Uqhelisa indlela enginyathela kuyo, ukuze inqagala zami zingapheci. **38** Ngaxotshana lezitha zami ngaziqothula; kangibuyanga ngingakazibhubhisi zonke. **39** Ngaziqothula okupeleleyo, njalo zazineke zisavuka; zawela ngaphansi kwezinyawo zami. **40** Wangihlomisa ngamandla okulwa impi; wenza abaxabana lami bakhothama ezinyaweni zami. **41** Wenza izitha zami zafulathela zabaleka, njalo ngazibhubhisa izitha zami. **42** Bakhala becela uncedo, kodwa wayengekho owayengabahenga kuThixo, kodwa kaphendulanga. **43** Ngabatshaya bachelera njengothuli lomhlabathi; ngabagxoba ngabanyathela njengodaka ezindeleni. **44** Ungikhulule ekuhlaselweni yilabantu; ungicincie ngiyinhloko yezizwe. Abantu engangingabazi sebebuswa yimi, **45** abezizweni bayatshotshobala phambi kwami; bathi bengizwa nje ngendaba, bangilalele. **46** Bonke badelile; beza bethuthumela bevela ezingabeni zabo. **47** UThixo uyaphila! Alidunyiswe iDwala lami! Kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu wami, iDwala, uMsindisi wami! **48** UnguNkulunkulu onghiphindiselelayo, obeka izizwe ngaphansi kwami, **49** ongikhululayo ezitheni zami. Wena wangiphakamisela

ngaphezu kwezitha zami; wangihlenga ebantwini “Akungenzeki, Oh Thixo, ukuba ngenze lokhu. bodlakela. 50 Ngakho ngizakudumisa, Oh Thixo, Akusigazi labantu abahambe befake ukuphila kwabo phakathi kwezizwe; ngizahlabelela indumiso yebizo lakho. 51 Unika inkosi yakhe ukunqoba okukhulu; ubonakalisa umusa wakhe ongapheliyo kogcotshiweyo wakhe, kuDavida lenzalo yakhe kuze kube phakade.”

**23** La ngamazwi okucina kaDavida: “Umbono kaDavida indodana kajese, umbono womuntu owaphakanyiswa ngoPhezukonke, umuntu owagcotshwa nguNkulunkulu kajakhobe, umhlabelei wezingoma ka-Israyeli: 2 Umoya kaThixo wakhulumu ngami, ilizwi lakte lalisolimini lwami. 3 UNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wakhulumu, iDwala lika-Israyeli lathi kimi: ‘Lapho umuntu ebusa abantu ngokulunga, lapho ebusa ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu, 4 unjengokukhanya kwekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga ekuseni okungelamayezi, njengokukhanya emva kokuna kwezulu okumilisa utshanii emhlabathini.’ 5 Indlu yami kayifanelanga kuNkulunkulu na? Kanje kenzanga lami isivumelwano esingapheliyo esalungiswayo saqiniswa izigaba zonke na? Kambe kazukuphumelelisa ukusindiswa kwami angiphe konke engikufisayo na? 6 Kodwa abantu ababi bonke bazaphoselwa eceleni njengameva, angabuthwayo ngesandla. 7 Loba ngubani othinta ameva usebenzisa insimbi loba uluthi lomkhonto; ayatshiswa ngomlilo khonapho akhona.” 8 La ngamabizo amaqhawe kaDavida: UJoshebi-Bhasisbethi umThakemoni wayeyinduna yabaThathu, waphakamisela abantu abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili umkhonto wakhe, ababulayo ekuhlaseseli kunye. 9 Yena elandelwa ngu-Eliyazar indodana kaDodo um’Ahohi. Njengomunye wamaqhawe amathathu, wayeloDavida lapho bechothoza amaFilistiya ayebuthanele impi ePhasi Damimi. Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli bahleleha emuva, 10 kodwa yena wajama wawacakazela phansi amaFilistiya isandla sakhe saze sadinwa sanamathela enkembeni. Ngalelolanga uThixo waletsha ukunqoba okukhulu. Amabutho abuyela ku-Eleyazar ukuyahlubula abafileyo kuphela nje. 11 Phansi kwakhe kwakuloShama indodana ka-Ageye umHarari. Kwathi amaFilistiya ese eqoqene endaweni eyayilezindumba ezinengi, amabutho ako-Israyeli awabalekela. 12 Kodwa uShama wajama phakathi kwensimu. Wayivikela wawacakazela phansi amaFilistiya, uThixo waletsha ukunqoba okukhulu. 13 Ngesikhathi sokuvuna, abathathu ezinduneni ezingamatshumi amathathu baya kuDavida ebhalwini Iwase-Adulami, lapho ibutho lamaFilistiya lalimise eSigodini saseRefayi. 14 Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, iviyo lamabutho amaFilistiya laliseBhethilehema. 15 UDavida womela amanzi wasesithi, “Oh, sengathi kungaba lomuntu ongangikhela amanzi okunatha emthonjeni oseduze lesango laseBhethilehema!” 16 Ngakho amaqhawe amathathu adabula phakathi kwamaviyo amaFilistiya, akha amanzi emthonjeni eduze lesango laseBhethilehema ahamba lawo kuDavida. Kodwa wala ukwananatha, esikhundleni salokho wawathela phambi kukaThixo. 17 Wathi,

“Akungenzeki, Oh Thixo, ukuba ngenze lokhu. bodlakela. 50 Ngakho ngizakudumisa, Oh Thixo, Akusigazi labantu abahambe befake ukuphila kwabo engozini na?” UDavida kawanathanga. Lezi zaziyizenzo zuboqhawe zalawomabutho womathathu. 18 U-Abhishayi umfowabu kajowabi indodana kaZeruya wayeyinduna yabaThathu labo. Waphakamisela umkhonto wakhe phezu kwabangamatshumi amathathu, ababulayo, ngakho waba lodumo njengabaThathu. 19 Kahlonitshwanga kakhulu kulabaThathu na? Waba ngumlawuli wabo, loba engazange abe phakathi kwabo. 20 UBhenaya indodana kajehoyada wayeliqhawe elilesibindi laseKhabhizeli, elenza izenzo zuboqhawe obukhulu. Wabulala amaqhawe amaMowabi amabili ayezintshantshu ekulweni. Wake wangena emgodini wabulala isilwane mhla kulongqwaqwane. 21 Njalo wabulala umGibhithe owayemkhulu kakhulu. Lanxa umGibhithe lowo wayephethe umkhonto, uBhenaya wamhlasela ngenduku. Wawuhluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe wambulala ngomkhonto wakhe. 22 Lezi zaziyizenzo zuboqhawe zikaBhenaya indodana kajehoyada; laye futhi wayedume njengamaqhawe amathathu. 23 Wayehlonitshwa kakhulu ukwedlula bonke abangamaTshumi Amathathu, kodwa wayengabalwa kanye labaThathu. UDavida wambeka ukuba abe ngumphathi wabalindi bakhe. 24 Phakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu labo kwakuyilaba: U-Asaheli umfowabu kajowabi, u-Elihanani indodana kaDodo waseBhethilehema, 25 uShama umHarodi, u-Elika umHarodi, 26 uHelezi umPhalithi, u-Ira indodana ka-Ikhesi waseThekhowa, 27 u-Abhiyezeri wase-Anathothi, uSibhekhai umHushathi, 28 uZalimoni um’Ahohi, uMaharayi umNethofa, 29 uHeledi indodana kaBhana umNethofa, u-Ithayi indodana kaRibhayi owaseGibhiya koBhenjamini, 30 uBhenaya umPhirathoni, uHidayi wasezindongeni zaseGashi, 31 u-Abhi-Alibhoni um’Aribhathi, u-Azimavethi umBharihumi, 32 u-Eliyaba umShalibhoni, amadodana kajasheni, ujonathanhi 33 indodana kaShama umHarari, u-Ahiyamu indodana kaSharari umHarari, 34 u-Elifelethi indodana ka-Ahasibhayi um’Mahakhathi, u-Eliyami indodana ka-Ahithofeli umGiloni, 35 uHeziro umKhameli, uPharayi um’Aribhi, 36 u-Igali indodana kaNathani waseZobha, indodana kaHagiri, 37 uZelekhi um’Amoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, owayethwala izikhali zikajowabi, indodana kaZeruya, 38 u-Ira um’Ithira, uGarebhi um’Ithiri 39 kanye lo-Uriya umHithi. Bebonke babengamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa.

**24** Ulaka lukaThixo Iwabuya Iwavutha phezu kuka-Israyeli, wenza uDavida wamela labo, esithi, “Hambani liyebala abantu bako-Israyeli labakoJuda.” 2 Ngakho inkosi yathi kujowabi labalawuli bebutho ababelaye, “Hambani ezizweni zonke zako-Israyeli kusukela koDani kusiya eBherishebha libhale abantu bokulwa, ukue ngazi ukuthi bangaki.” 3 Kodwa ujowabi waphendula inkosi wathi, “Sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho angandisa amabutho ngokuphindwe okwedlula ikhulu, njalo sengathi lamehlo kamlekazi wami inkosi angakubona

lokho. Kodwa-ke umhlekazi wami inkosi ifunelani wathi, "Umhlekazi wami inkosi ulanden i encekwini ukwenza into enje?" **4** Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi yakhe na?" UDavida waphendula wathi, "Ngilande lamenqabela ujowabi kanye labalawuli bebutho; ukuzathenga isiza sakho, ukuze ngakhele uThixo ngakho basuka phambi kwenkosi ukuba bayebhala i-alithari, ukuze isifo esisebantwini simiswe." **22** abantu bokulwa ko-Israyeli. **5** Sebechaphe ijodani U-Arawuna wasesithi kuDavida, "Umhlekazi wami bamisa eduze le-Aroweri, eningizimu komuzi edongeni, inkosi kathathe loba kuyini okumthokozisayo anikele basebedabula phakathi kwakoGadi besedlulela ejazeri. ngakho. Nanzi inkabi zomnikelo wokutshiswa, nansi **6** Baya eGiliyadi lasesabelweni saseThathimi Hodishi, lemibhulo yokubhula kanye lamajogwe enkabi laphambili eDani Jawani lasezindaweni eizeduwa ukuba kuge zinkuni. **23** Awu nkosi, u-Arawuna kusiya eSidoni. **7** Emva kwalokho baqonda eqabeni unika inkosi kene lokhu." U-Arawuna wabuya yaseThire lakuyo yonke imizi yamaHivi lamaKhenani. wathi kuye, "Sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho Ekucineni, baye eBherishebha eNegebi yakoJuda. **8** Sebelihambe lonke ilizwe, babuyela ejerusalem emva kwezinyanga ezyisificamunwemunye lezinsuku ezingamatshumi amabili. **9** Ujowabi wafika wabikela inkosi inani lamadoda ayengalwa empini: Ko-Israyeli wasithenga isiza kanye lenkabi ngamashekeli esiliva kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu angamatshumi amahlanu. **10** Emva kokubala abantu bokulwa amahlalu aqinileyo ayalakho ukuthi angayiphatha uThixo i-alithari kuleyondawo wanikela iminikel inkemba, koJuda. **11** UDavida engakavuki ngokusa okwalandayo, ilizwi Kangiyikunikela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wami umnikelo uThixo waphendula ukukhulekelwa kwelizwe, isifo uThixo, "Ngonile kakhulu ngalokhu engikwenzileyo. saphela ko-Israyeli.

Khathesi-ke, awu Thixo, ngiyakuncenga, susa icala lenceku yakho. Ngenze ubuwula obukhulu kakhulu."

**12** UDavida engakavuki ngokusa okwalandayo, ilizwi likaThixo laselifikile kuGadi umphrofethi, umboni kaDavida, lisithi: **13** "Hamba uyetshela uDavida ukuthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ngikunika ukuthi ukhethe phakathi kokuthathu. Khetha okukodwa kwakho ukuba ngikwenze kuwe.'" **14** Ngakho uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, "Kungehiselwa kuwe indlala yeminyaka emithathu elizweni lakho na? Loba izinyanga ezintathu ubalekela izitha zakho zixotshana lawe na? Kumbe insuku ezintathu zesifo elizweni lakho na? Khathesi-ke cabanga ngakho wenze isinqumo ukuthi ngizamphendula njani lowo ongithumileyo." **15** Ngakho uThixo wathumela isifo ko-Israyeli kusukela ekuseni kwamhlalokho kwaze kfafika isikhathi esasimisiwe, kfafa abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa kusukela koDani kusiya eBherishebha. **16** Kwathi ingilosu isiyelule isandla sayo ukuba itshabalalise ijerusalem, uThixo wayeselusizi ngenxa yomonakalo ngakho wathi engilosini eyayiqothula abantu, "Kwanele! Susa isandla sakho." Ngalesosikhathi ingilosu kaThixo yayisisesizeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi. **17** Kwathi uDavida ebona ingilosu eyayibulala abantu, wathi kuThixo, "Mina yimi engenze isono ngenza okubi. Laba bayizimvu nje. Kuyini abakwenzileyo? Isandla sakho kasiwele phezu kwami labendlu yami."

**18** Ngalolosuku uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, "Hamba uyekwakhela uThixo i-alithari esizeni sika-Arawuna umJebusi." **19** Ngakho uDavida wahamba njengokulaya kukaThixo ngoGadi. **20** Kwathi u-Arawuna ekhangela njalo ebona inkosi labantu bayo besiza kuye, waphuma wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ubuso bakhe buthe mbo phansi. **21** U-Arawuna

# 1 Amakhosi

**1** Kwathi inkosi uDavida esemdalā kakhulu, wayengasafudumali lanxa ele loba bemembathise kakhulu. **2** Izincek zakhe zathi kuye, "Kasidinge intombazana yokunakekela inkosi iyifudumeze. Izalala eceleni kwayo ukuze inkosi yethu ifudumale." **3** Ngakho balibhudula lonke elako-Israyeli bedinga intombi enhle baze baufumana u-Abhishagi, umShunami walethwa enkosini. **4** Intombazana leyo yayinhle kakhulu; yayinakekela inkosi yailondoloza, kodwa inkosi kayiyenzanga umfazi. **5** Kwathi u-Adonija, unina owayenguHagithi, waziveza wathi, "Yimi engizakuba yinkosi." Waselungisa izinqola lamabhiza kanye lamadoda angamatshumi amahlana ukumandulela. **6** (Uyise kazange amkuze ngokumbuza ukuthi, "Ukwenzeleni konke lokhu?" Laye wayemuhle kakhulu, eselama u-Abhisalomu.) **7** U-Adonija wacebisana loJowabi indodana kaZeruya lo-Abhiyathari umphristi, laba bamsekela. **8** Kodwa uZadokhi umphristi, loBhenaya indodana kajehoyada, loNathani umphrofethi, loShimeyi, loReyi kanye labalindi benkosi abamsekela u-Adonija. **9** U-Adonija wasesenza umhlatshele ngezimvu, ngenkomo langamathole anonyileyo eLitsheni laseZohelethi eduze le-Eni Rogeli. Wanxusa abafowabo, lamadodana enkosi lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda ayengawesikhosini, **10** kodwa kamnxusanga uNathani umphrofethi loba uBhenaya loba abalindi benkosi loba umfowabo uSolomoni. **11** Ngakho uNathani wabuza uBathishebha, unina kaSolomoni wathi, "Awukeza yini ukuthi u-Adonija, indodana kaHagithi, useyinkosi, ezibeka inkosi yethu uDavida ingakakwazi lokho?" **12** Khathesi-ke lalela ngikweluleke, ukuze uzisindise wena lokuvikela impilo yendodana yakho uSolomoni. **13** Ngena lapha okulenkosu uDavida khona ufike uthi kuyo, "Wena omkhulu nkosi yami, awufunganga na phambi kwami mina sichaka sakho ukuthi: "Ngoqotho sibili indodana yakho uSolomoni uzakuba yinkosi ngemva kwakho, uzahlala esihlalweni sami?"? Kungani pho u-Adonija esebe yinkosi?" **14** Uzakuthi usuphakathi ukhulumfa layo inkosi, lami ngizangena ngifike ngicgwaliisele lokho ozabe ukutshilo." **15** Ngalokho-ke uBathishebha wayayibona inkosi eyayivele isilupheli isendlini yayo, lapho u-Abhishagi ongumShunami ayeIondoloza khona inkosi. **16** UBathishebha wakhothama wazehlisa wagqua phambi kwenkosi. Inkosi yambuza yathi: "Kuyini okufunayo?" **17** Wathi kuyo, "nkosi yami, wena uqobo lwakho wafunga kimi inceku yakho ngoThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wathi: 'uSolomoni indodana yakho uzakuba yinkosi ngemva kwami, njalo uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosu.' **18** Kodwa khathesi u-Adonija usebe yinkosi, kodwa wena mbusi, nkosi yami awukwazi okwenzakalayo. **19** Usenikele ngenkomo ezinengi, amaguqa anoniswego, kanye lezimvu, njalo usenxuse wonke amadodana enkosi, u-Abhiyathari umphristi kanye loJowabi umlawuli webutho, kodwa kamnxusanga uSolomoni inceku yakho. **20** Mbusi wami,

nkosi, abako-Israyeli bonke bakukhangele, badinga ukwazi ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sakho sobukhosu ngemva kwakho. **21** Kungenzeka phela ukuthi inkosi yami ingavele iyephumula kubokhokho, mina lendodana yami uSolomoni sizaphathwa rnjegezigangi." **22** Kwathi elokhu esakhulumfa lenkosi, kwafika uNathani umphrofethi. **23** Bayibikela inkosi bathi, "UNathani umphrofethi ulapha." Waya phambi kwenkosi wakhothama embele ubuso bakhe phansi. **24** UNathani wabuza wathi, "Kambe, nkosi yami, nguwe na otte u-Adonija uzamele athathe ubukhosu bakho ungasekho wena, utshilo na ukuthi uzahlala esihlalweni sakho sobukhosu?" **25** Lamuhla lokhu wehlike wayakwenza umhlatshele wenkomu ezinengi, amaguqa anoniswego, lezimvu. Unxuse wonke amadodana enkosi, abalawuli bamabutho enkosi kanye lo-Abhiyathari umphristi. Khona khathesi nje bayadla benatha kanye laye besitsho besithi, "Mpilonde nkosi Adonija!" **26** Kodwa mina inceku yakho, loZadokhi umphristi, loBhenaya indodana kajehoyada, kanye lenceku yakho uSolomoni kasinxusanga. **27** Kambe kungaba yikuthi lokhu inkosi yami ikwenze ingatshelanga izinceku zayo ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosu benkosi yami ngemva kokuba inkosi ingasekho?" **28** Ngalokho iNkosi uDavida yathi, "Mbize, angene uBathishebha." Ngakho weza enkosini wema phambi kwayo. **29** Inkosi yasifunga yathi: "Ngeqiniso lokuthi uThixo wami nophilaylo, Iwo owangikhipha ezinhluphekweni zami zonke, **30** ngempela khona lamuhla lokhu ngizagcwalisu lokho engakufunga ngoThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: uSolomoni indodana yakho uzakuba yinkosi ngemva kwami, njalo uzahlala esihlalweni sami esikhundleni sami." **31** Ngalokho uBathishebha wakhothamisa ikhanda ekhangale phansi, kwathi esegue phambi kwenkosi, wathi. "Umbusi wami inkosi uDavida kaphile kuze kube nini lanini!" **32** INkosi uDavida yathi, "Ngibizela uZadokhi umphristi, uNathani umphrofethi kanye loBhenaya indodana kajehoyada." Bathe sebephambi kwenkosi, **33** yathi kubo: "Thathani izinceku zenkosu yenu lihambe lazo liyekhweza uSolomoni indodana yami phezu kwembongolo yami lehle laye liye eGihoni. **34** Khonale uZadokhi umphristi uNathani umphrofethi kuzamele bamgcobe ubukhosu phezu kuka-Israyeli wonke. Livuthele icilongo limemeze lithi, "Kayiphile okulaphakade iNkosi uSolomoni!" **35** Lizakhwela laye, abuye azohlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosu aze abuse esikhundleni sami. Sengimkhethile ukuthi abuse phezu kuka-Israyeli lakoJuda." **36** UBhenaya indodana kajehoyada waphendula inkosi wathi, "Akube njalo! Kungathi uThixo, uNkulunkulu wombisi lenkosi yami, angakumisa kube njalo. **37** Njengoba uThixo elondoloze umbusi wami oyinkosi, akube njalo lakuSolomoni ukuze enze ubukhosu bakhe bube ngaphezu kwalobo obenkosi yami iNkosi uDavida!" **38** Ngakho uZadokhi umphristi, loNathani umphrofethi, loBhenaya indodana kajehoyada lamaKherethi lamaPhelethi behla bafika baklhweza uSolomoni embongolweni yeNkosi uDavida bamqhuba

bamusa eGihoni. **39** UZadokhi umphristi wathatha kaMosi, ukuze uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo uphondo lwamafutha ethenteni elingcwele wagcoba kanye lalapho oya khona, **4** ngalokho uThixo uSolomoni. Ngakho bahlle bavuthela icilongo, abantu bonke bahlbla umkhosi behaya besithi, "Mpilonde Nkosi Solomoni!" **40** Bonke bamlandela, bavuthela imihubhe bejabula kakhlulu, kwaze kwanyikinyeka umhlaba. **41** U-Adonija kanye lezethekeli ezazilaye zawuza lumkhosi njengoba bona basebeqedisa ukudla. UJowabi wathi esizwa icilongo wabuza wathi, "Utshoni umsindo wonke lo edolobheni?" **42** Kwathi elokhu esakhulumu kwafika uJonathan indodana ka-Abhiyathari umphristi. U-Adonija wathi, "Ngena phakathi. Indoda eqakathekileyo njengawe kufanele ukuthi isiphathelo izindaba ezimnandi." **43** Ujonathan waphendula wathi, "Akulalutho. Inkosi uDavid uMbusi wethu usegcobe uSolomoni ubukhos. **44** Inkosi isimthumele kanye loZadokhi umphristi, loNathani umphrofethi, loBhenaya indodana kajeheyoda, lamaKherethi lamaPhelethi, njalo sebhele bamkhweza embongolweni yenkos. **45** Njalo uZadokhi umphristi loNathani umphrofethi sebhele bamgcobel ubukhos eGihoni. Besuka lapho bahle bahaya bembuka, kanti ledolobho lonke lihlokoma ngenjabulo. Yiwo lo umkhosi eliuwuzwayo. **46** Kunjalo-nje uSolomoni usehle wahlala esihlalweni sobukhos. **47** Phezu kwalokho izikhulu zesikhosini sezifike ukuthi zizokwenzela iNkosi uDavid amhlophe zisithi, "Sengathi uNkulunkulu wakho angenza ibizo likaSolomoni lidume kulelakho kuthi lesihlalo sakhe sobukhos sibe lodumo ukwendula esakho!" Ngalokho inkosi yakhothama yakhonza isembhedeni wayo **48** yathi, "Udumo alube kuye uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena ovumele ukuthi ngizibonele ngawami amehlo lowo ozathatha isihlalo sami sobukhos lamuhlu." **49** Ngenxa yalokhu, izethekeli zika-Adonija zathi lothu zaphakama ngokwethuka zachitheka. **50** Kodwa u-Adonija, ngokwesaba uSolomoni, wahamba wayabamba impondo ze-alithare. **51** USolomoni wasetshelwa ukuthi, "U-Adonija uyayesaba iNkosi uSolomoni ngakho usegagadle impondo ze-alithare. Uthi yena, 'INkosi uSolomoni kayifunge kimi lamuhlu ithi kayiyikubulala isichaka sayo ngenkemba.'" **52** USolomoni waphendula wathi, "Nxa angatshengisela ukuthi uyindoda uqobo lwayo akulanwele lolulodwa lwekhandla lakhe oluzawela emhlabathini; kodwa nxa ebanjiwe yikona, uzakufa." **53** Ngakho iNkosi uSolomoni yathomela amadoda, ayamethula e-alitharenay abuya laye. Ngalokho u-Adonija weza wafika wazehlisa wakhothama enkosini uSolomoni, yena uSolomoni wathi. "Hamba, yana emzini wakho."

**2** Kwathi isikhathi sokuthi uDavid afe sesisondele, walaya indodana yakhe uSolomoni. **2** Wathi, "Sengiseduze ukuyiphetha indlela yemhlaben. Ngakho qina, zitshengisele ubudoda bakho, **3** unanzele lokho okufunwa nguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho: Ukuhamba endleleni yakhe, ugcine imilayo leziqondiso zakhe, imithetho yakhe kanye lezilayezelo zayo: Hamba ezindleleni zakhe, ugcine izimiso zakhe leziqondiso zakhe, imithetho yakhe lokulotshiweyo ngokoMthetho

kaMosi, ukuze uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo uzacgina isithembiso sakhe kimi: 'Nxa isizukulwane sakho sizananzelela izindlela zokuphila kwaso, njalo sizahamba ngobuqotho phambi kwami ngezinhliziyo zaso lasemoyeni waso, awuyikwehluleka uswele indoda ezahlala esihlalweni sobukhos ko-Israyeli.' **5** Wena ngokwakho uyakwazi ukuthi ujowabi indodana kaZeruya wenzani kimi lekubulaweni kwababalawuli wababutho ako-Israyeli, u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri lo-Amasa indodana kajetha. Wababulala, wachitha igazi ngesikhathi sokuthula kwangathu kusempini, ngalokho igazi langcolisa uzwewze okhalweni lwakhe lenyathelo ezinyaweni zakhe. **6** Yenza lokho obona kufanele kuye, kodwa ikhanda lakhe elimpunga ungavumeli lingcwatshwe ngokuthula. (**Sheol h7585**) **7** Kodwa ube lomusa emadodaneni kaBhazilayi weGiliyadi babengabanye balabo abazakudla kanye lawe ethaleni lakho. Bona bema kanye lami nxa ngangibalekela umfowenu u-Abhisalomu. **8** Njalo ukhumbule ukuthi, wena ulendodana kaGera uShimeyi ongowakoBhenjamini oweBhahurimi owangithuka kabuhlungu mhlia ngisya kuMahanayimi. Wathi lapho ezongihlangabeza ejodani, ngafunga ngoThixo ngathi: 'Angiyikukubulala ngenkemba.' **9** Kodwa loba kunjalo ungabonakanu ukuthi umsulwa. Uyindoda elengqondo ekhaliphileyo, kumele ukwazi ozakwenza kuye. Yethula ikhanda lakhe elimpunga liye emangcwabeni ligcwele igazi." (**Sheol h7585**) **10** Kwaba yikwendula kukaDavid esesiya kubokhokho bakhe abafayo wayangcwatshwa eMzini kaDavid. **11** Wayesebuse okweminyaka engamatshumi amane ko-Israyeli, iminyaka eyisikhombisa eHebhroni kwathi engamatshumi amathathu lemithathu ejerusalema. **12** Ngakho uSolomoni wahlala esihlalweni sobukhos sikayise uDavid, umbuso wakhe wagxila waqina. **13** Kwathi u-Adonija, indodana kaHagithi, waya kuBhathishebha, unina kaSolomoni. UBhathishebha wambuza wathi, "Kambe uza ngokuthula na?" Yena waphendula wathi, "Ye, ngokuthula." **14** Waqhubekela phambili wathi, "Kukhona engifisa ukutuksho kuwe." Wathi, "Ungatsho lokho oza ngakho." **15** "Njengoba usazi ukuthi ubukhosis bebungobami. U-Israyeli ubekhangeli ukuthi yimi inkosi yabo. Kodwa izinto seziququkile, ubukhosis sebutthethwe ngumfowethu, ngoba yena ubuphiwe nguThixo. **16** Pho khathesi ngilesicelo engiza ngaso kuwe. Ungabokwala." Waphendula wathi, "Khuluma isikhalazo sakho." **17** Yena waqhubekela phambili wathi, "Ngicelela inkosi uSolomoni anginike u-Abhishagi umShunami ukuze abe ngumkami, ngiyazi ngeke ale kuwe." **18** UBhathishebha waphendula wathi, "Yebo kambe, ngizakukhulumela ngikubike enkosini." **19** Kwathi uBhathishebha esiyakhulumela u-Adonija enkosini uSolomoni, inkosi yaphakama yamhlangabeza yamkhothamela yasilhala esihlalweni sayo sobukhos. Yathi kabilethele unina isihlalo sesikhosini, unina wasehlala esandleni sayo sokudla. **20** Unina wathi, "Ungabokwala, ngilesicelo esincane engizasethula kuwe." Inkosi

yaphendula yathi, "Cela mama, angiyikukuncitsha, kwathi esikhundleni sika-Abhiyathari yabeka uZadokhi angikwaleli." **21** Unina wasesithi, "Yekela u-umphristi. **36** Ngakho inkosi yathi kayibizelwe Abhishagi umShunami abe ngumfazi womfowenu uShimeyi yasisithi kuye. "Zakhele indlu ejerusalema u-Adonija." **22** INKosi uSolomoni ephendula unina uhiale khonale, kodwa ungayi ndawo. **37** Mhla wathi, "Kungani ucelela u-Adonija u-Abhishagi uzake usuke uchaphe uye eziHotsheni zekhidironi, umShunami? Kuyafanana lokuthi umcelela ubukhos, uhle wazi ngeqiniso ukuthi uzakufa, igazi lakho kanti njalo yena ngokwakhe umnewethu umdala lizabizwa phezu kwakho." **38** UShimeyi wayiphendula kulami kanye laku-Abhiyathari umphristi lojowabi inkosi wathi, "Lokho okutshoyo kuqondile. Inceku indodana kaZeruya!" **23** Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yakho izakwenza njengoba inkosi yayo itshilo." Ngakho uShimeyi wahlala ejerusalema isikhathi eside. **39** Kodwa kwathi sekwdlule iminyaka emithathu, izigqili zikaShimeyi ezimbili zabalekela ku-Akhishi angangijezisa mina, loba kabuhlungu kanganani, nxa u-Adonija engasahlawulanga ngokufela lesicelo esinje! **24** Khathesi-ke, ngeqiniso likaThixo ophilayo, yena kanye ongibeke wangizinzisa esihlalweni sobukhos, watshelwa ukuthi, "Iziggili zakho ziseGathi." **40** bukababa uDavida wangidalela indlu yesikhosini Ekuzwa lokhu, wethesa ubabhemti wakhe waya kujnjengokuthembisa kwakhe, u-Adonija uzabulawa Akhishi eGathi esiyadinga iziggili zakhe. Ngakho lamhlanje!" **25** Ngakho iNkosi uSolomoni yakhipha ilizwi yathuma uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, lakanye wamlahla phansi u-Adonija kwahle kwaba yikufa 'Mhla uzake usuke uye kwenye indawo uhle wazi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo Wobukhos phambi ukuthi ngempela uzakufa na?' Ngalesosikhathi wathi kukababa uDavida waba kanye lobaba ese bunzimene." **41** kimi, 'Okutshoyo kuqotho. Ngizalalela.' **42** Pho 27 Ngakho uSolomoni wasusa u-Abhiyathari esihlalweni sobuphristi bukaThixo, kwagcwalseka lelolizwi likaThixo alikhulumu eShilo ekhulumu ngendlu kaEli. **28** UJowabi ekuzweni lelilizwi, njengoba yena wayekade ebambene lo-Adonija engazange enze lokho lo-Abhisalomu, wabalekela ethenteni likaThixo wafika wadumela impondo ze-alithare. **29** Inkosi uSolomoni yatshelwa ukuthi uJowabi ubalekele ethenteni likaThixo lapha afike wazisondeza e-alithareni. Ngalokho uSolomoni wathi kuBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, "Hamba uyemtshaya umbhuqe." **30** Lakanye uBhenaya wangena ethenteni likaThixo wathi kujowabi, "Inkosi ithi, 'Phuma phandle!'" Kodwa yena waphendula wathi, "Angiphumi, ngizafela khonapha." UBhenaya wayabika enkosini wathi, "Iyonale indlela angiphendule ngayo uJowabi." **31** Ngalokho inkosi yathi kuBhenaya, "Yenza njengokutsho kwakhe, Umtshaye umbhuqe, uhle umngcwabe, ukuze ungigeze mina kanye lendlu kababa kuluomlandu wegazi elingelaca elachithwa ngujowabi. **32** UThixo uzamjezisa ngegazi alichithayo, ngoba wahlasela wabulala amadoda amabili ngenkemba ubaba inkosi uDavida engakwazi. Bobabili u-Abhineri indodana kaNeri, umlawuli wamabutho ako-Israyeli, kanye lo-Amasa indodana kajetha, umlawuli wamabutho akoJuda, babengamadoda angcono beqotho kulaye. **33** Kungani umlandu waleligazi labo unghahlala phezu kukajowabi labenzalo yakhe kuze kuge nini lanini. Kodwa inkosi uDavida lenzalo yakhe, lendlu yakhe lesihlalo sobukhos sakhe, angathi ingehlewa yikuthula okungapheliyo kukaThixo." **34** UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wakhwela wafika wamtshaya uJowabi wambulala wayangcwatshwa esiqintini sakhe enkangala. **35** Inkosi yabeka uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada ukuba abe ngumlawuli webutho esikhundleni sikaJowabi **3** USolomoni waba lobudlelwano loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe waze wathatha indodakazi yayo. Wayeningisa edolobheni likaDavida inkosikazi yakhe esaedisa umsebenzi wokwakha ithempeli likaThixo, lomdluli ohongolozele ijerusalema. **2** Kodwake, abantu babelokhu besanikelela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo ngoba ithempeli lalilokhu lilindele ukwakhiwa lisakhelwa ibizo likaThixo. **3** USolomoni watshengisela uthando lwakhe kuThixo ngokuhamba njengokulaya kukayise uDavida, ngaphandle nje kokuthi wanikela iminikelo watshisa impepha ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. **4** Inkosi yaya eGibhiyonu ukuyanikela iminikelo, ngoba kwakuyiyo indawo eqhamileyo kweziphakemeyo, ngakho-ke uSolomoni wanikela ngemiminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane kulelo-alithare. **5** Khonapho eGibhiyonu uThixo waziveza kuSolomoni ebusuku emaphutsheni lapho uNkulunkulu athi, "Cela loba yini ofuna ukuba ngikunike yona." **6** USolomoni waphendula ngokuthi, "Utschengisile umusa omkhulu encekwini yakho, ubaba uDavida, ngenxa yokuthi wathembeka njalo elungle ngokuqonda enhliziyeweni yakhe. Uqhubekele phambili

ngomusa omkhulu kangaka wamnika indodana ehlezi laphakathi kuthi ingxene liyiqhubele omunye umama esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosu lamuhla lokhu. **7** kuthi lomunye laye limniye enye ingxene.” **26** Khathesi, Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, uyibekile inceku yakho yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sikababa uDavidia. Kodwa ngingumntwana nje ongawkaziyo ukwenza umsebenzi okumele awenze. **8** Inceku yakho ilapha phakathi kwabantu bakho obakhethileyo, abantu abaqakathetileyo, abanengi okungabalwayo noma ukulandisa ngenani labo. **9** Phana inceku yakho inhliziyelo bubele ukuze ibuse abantu bakho lokuthi yahlukanise phakathi kokuhle lokubi. Ngoba ngubani olamandala okubusa abantu bakho abakhulu kangaka?” **10** UThixo wathokoziswa yilesisicelo sikaSolomoni. **11** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, “Njengoba ucele lokho kodwa ungacelanga impilo ende loba inotho, njalo awucelanga ukuthi ngabe izitha zakho ziyafa kodwa ucele inhliziyelo elobubele ekubuseni ngemfanelo, **12** ngizakwenza lokho okucelileyo. Ngizakunika inhliziyoyenhlakaniphoyanye lobubele, kube yikuthi akukaze kube khona ofanana lawe, njalo kungelakuthi uzake abekhona. **13** Phezu kwalokho, ngizakunika ongazange ukucele, kokubili inotho lokuhlonitshwa, kube khona ekuphileni kwakho konke rjalo kungabi leyodwa inkosi ezalingana lawe. **14** Kanti njalo nxa uzathatha inyathelo lami ulalele imilayo lemithetho yami njengalokhu okwenziwa nguyihlo uDavidia, ngizakunika impilo ende.” **15** Ngakho uSolomoni wasephaphama, wananzelela ukuthi kwakuliphupho. Wabuyela ejerusalem, wayakuma phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo wanikela ngommikelo wokutshisa leminikelo yokuthula. Wenzel izinceku zakhe zonke zasendlini idili. **16** Kwasekusiba lezifebe ezimbili ezaya enkosini zafika zema phambi kwayo. **17** Esinye sathi, “Nkosi yami, umama lo sihlala ndlunye. Ngikhululeke ngazuza umntwana laye ekhona. **18** Kuthe ngosuku lwesthathu ngikhululekile laye umama lo wakhululeka wazuza umntwana. Besiyithi sodwa sobabili, kungelamuntu endlini ngaphandle kwethu sobabili. **19** Ebusuku indodana yalumama ifile ngoba usuke walala phezu kwayo. **20** Wasevuka ebusuku wangemuka indodana yami mina ncekukazi yakho ngilele ubuthongo. Uthethe umntanami wayamxuma ebeleni lakhe, wathatha owakhe ofileyo wamfaka kwelami ibele. **21** Ekuseni ngithe ngivuka ukuba ngimunyise indodana yami, ngathola ukuthi isifile! Kodwa ngithe ngiyayikhangelisisa sokusile ngananzelela ukuthi akusiyi indodana yami engayizalayo.” **22** Omunye owesifazane wathi, “Hayi! Indodana le ephilayo neyayami, efileyo neyayakho.” Kodwa umama wokususa indaba waphikelela esithi, “Hayi bo! Ofileyo ngowakho, ophilayo ngowami.” Ngakho ke baphikisana phambi kwenkosi. **23** Inkosi yathi, “Lo uthi, ‘Hayi bo! Indodana yami iyaphila kodwa eyakho ifile’ kanti belo loyana uthi, ‘Hayi bo! Eyakho indodana yiyo efileyo kodwa eyami ngephilayo.’” **24** Inkosi yasisithi, “Lethani inkemba.” Lakanye inkosi bayiqhubela inkemba. **25** Inkosi yapha isiqondiso yathi, “Dabulani umntwana ophilayo phakathi

lusizi ngendodana yakhe ngakho wathi enkosini, “Uxolo, ngiyacela nkosi yami, kungcono umqhubele umntwana ephila, umniye nkosi! Ungambulali umntwana.” Kodwa omunye wathi, “Kakho phakathi kwethu ofanele ukumzuza lumntwana, mqume iziqa ezimbili!” **27** Inkosi yasiveza ukwahlulela kwayo: “Umntwana ophilayo mupheni umama wakuqala. Lingambulali umntwana, lo nguye unina uqobo.” **28** Kwathu abako-Israyeli sebezwile bonke ukwahlulela kwenkosi, bayesaba kakhulu, ngoba babona ukuthi ukuhlananipa kwayo kokwahlulela ngemfanelo kuvela kuNkulunkulu.

**4** Ngakho uSolomoni wabusu lonke elako-Israyeli. **2** Njalo ababeyizikhulu embusweni wakhe yilaba: U-Azariya indodana kaZadokhi umphristi; **3** u-Elihorefu lo-Ahija, amadodana kaShisha ababengonobhalu; uJehoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi wayemlondolozi wembihalo; **4** uBhenya indodana kajehoyada umlawuli omkhulu; uZadokhi lo-Abhijathari babengabaphristi; **5** u-Azariya indodana kaNathani wayekhangele izikhulu zeziqinti; uZabhudi indodana kaNathani wayengumphristi njalo engumcebisi osekhwapheni lenkosi; **6** u-Ahishari umlawuli wasesigoddweni, u-Adonirami indodana ka-Abhida wayekhangele izichaka. **7** USolomoni wayelezinye njalo izikhulu zeziqinti ezilitshumi lambili ezazikhangele ngokuquoqwa kokudla kwenkosi lomndlunkulu e-Israyeli. Kwakusithi isikhulu ngasinye silethe ukudla okwenyanganya eyodwa ngomnyaka. **8** Nanka amabizo alezozikhulu: uBheni-Huri wayephethi isiqinti samaqaqa ezweni lika-Efrayimi; **9** uBheni-Dekheri wayephethi eseMakhazi, leseShalibhimi, leseBhethi-Shemesi kanye lese-Eloni-Bethihanan; **10** uBheni-Hesedi wayephethi ese-Arubhothi (esokho lakulo lonke ilizwe leHeferi kungumango wakhe); **11** uBheni-Abhinadabi wayephethi eseNaphothi Dori (yena wayethethe uThafathi indodakazi kaSolomoni); **12** uBhana indodana ka-Ahiludi wayephethi eseThanakhi leMegido, lasezindaweni zonke zeBhethi-Shani phansi kweZarethani ngaphansi kweJezerili, kusuka eBhethi-Shani kusiya e-Abheli-Mehola kusuka lapho kuyengena ku-Abheli-Mehola kuquma kuyengena kujokhimeyamu; **13** uBheni-Gebha eRamothi Gilyadi (imizana kajayiri indodana kaManase eGilyadi kwakungokwakhe, kanye lesiqinti se-Agobhi eBhashani kuhlanganisa lamadolobho amakhulu angamatshumi ayisithupha alemiduli lamasango avalwa ngezivalo ezenziwe ngemigqala yensimbi yethusi); **14** u-Ahinadabi indodana ka-Ido eMahanayimi; **15** u-Ahimazi eNafithali (wayethethe uBhasemathi indodakazi kaSolomoni); **16** uBhana indodana kaHushayi ko-Asherlako-Bheyalo; **17** uJehoshafathi indodana kaPharuya, ko-Isakhari; **18** uShimeyi indodana ka-Ela koBhenjamini; **19** uGebheri indodana ka-Uri eGiliyadi (elizweni likaSihoni inkosi yama-Amori kanye lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yeBhashani). Kwakunguye kuphela umbusi wesiqinti.

**20** Abantu bakoJuda labako-Israyeli babebanengi izitha zakhe. **4** Kodwa khathesi uThixo uNkulunkulu okwesihlabathi solwandle; babesidla, benatha njalo wami ungiphe ukuthula inxa zonke, ngakho akulasitha babejabula. **21** USolomoni wabusa kulolonke kusukela loba umonakalo. **5** Ngizimisele, ngenxa yalokho, ezweni leMifula kusya kwelamaFilistiya, kuze kubo ukwakha ithempeli leBizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu semingceleni yeGibhithe. Wonke amazwe la ayethela wami, njengoba watshela ubaba uDavid wathi, njalo abuswa nguSolomoni okwempilo yakhe yonke. **22** ‘Indodana yakho engizayibeka esihlalweni sakho Okwakufanele kudliwe esigodlweni sikaSolomoni nsuku sobukhos iizakwakhela iBizo lamni ithempeli.’ **6** zonke kwakubala ifulawa elicolekileyo elilingana Khupha-ke iiziqondiso zokuthi ngiganylelw izihlahla amakhora angamatshumi amathathu lempuphi zomsedari waseLebanoni. Amadoda avela kimi elingana amakhora angamatshumi ayisithupha, azasebenza kanye lawe, njalo amadoda avela kuwe **23** inkabi ezinonisiweyo ezilitshumi lenkomo ngizawaholisa leloholo ozalitsho wena. Uyakwazi ezingamatshumi amabilo ezivela emadlelwani, izimvu ukuthi asilabo abawaziyo lowomsebenzi ngobuciko lembzu ezhikhulu ngaphandle kwempala lemiziki obungalingana lobamaSidoni.” **7** UHiramu wathi esizwa lempunzi lengalukhuni ezinonisiweyo. **24** Ngoba yena ilizwi elivela kuSolomoni, wajabula kakhulu wathi, wabusa phezu kwemibuso entshonalanga koMfula, “Udumo kalube kuThixo lamuhla, ngoba unike uDavid kusukela eThiphisa kusya eGaza, njalo kwakulokuthula indodana ehlakaniphileyo ezabusa lesisizwe esikhulu.” kuzozonke lezo zindawo. **25** Ngesikhathi sokubusa **8** Ngakho uHiramu wathumela ilizwi kuSolomoni kukaSolomoni kuze kufike ekufeni kwakhe elakoJuda wathi: “Ngilitholile ilizwi ongithumele lona njalo lako-Israyeli, kusukela kuDani kusya kuBherishebha, ngizakwenza konke okuzakuzuzisa izigodo zeshlahla abantu babeblezi bevikelekile, kungulowo lalowo somsedari lesoholo lwephayini. **9** Amadoda ngapha emthunzini wesihlahla sakhe sevini loba esomkhiwa. ngakimi azagamula ahudule izigodo azifikise elwandle **26** USolomoni wayelezibaya zamabhiza enqola evela eLebanoni, ngibe sengizehlisa ngemikolo zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane ezine, njalo ngize ngiyefikisa lapha ozakutsho khona. Kulapho wayelambhabha azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, engizazehlukanisa khona wena ubo usuzithathela **27** Izikhulu zesiqinti, sinye ngasinye ngenyanya yaso, khonapho uhambe lazo. Wena uzagcwalisisa isifiso sami kwakumele zizophisane ukulethela iNkosi uSolomoni ngokunginika isiqiniseko sokuthi uzanginika ukudla ukudla lemfanelo yakhe lababezokwethekelela komdlunkulu wami ukue ungawelwa yindlala.” **10** esikhosini. Izikhulu lezi zazinanelela kakhulu Ngalindlela uHiramu walethela uSolomoni izigodo ukuthi akukho lokukodwa okusileloyo esikhosini. zeshlahla somsedari kanye lesephayini ayezfuna, **11** **28** Izikhulu zaziletha njalo isabelo sazo sengqoloyi kanti njalo yena uSolomoni wapha uHiramu ingqoloyi lotshani bamabhiza ezingqola zempi lamanye elingana amakhora azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabhiza. **29** UNkulunkulu wanika uSolomoni amabilo yomndlunkulu, phezu kwamafutha ukuhlakanipha lombono womzwangedwa, lokuqedisa acengekileyo edira angamatanka azinkulungwane okujule njengetshebetshebe lolwandle. **30** Ulwazi ezingamatshumi amabilo iminyaka leminyaka. **12** lukaSolomoni lwalujule ukwedlula olwezazi zonke UThixo wapha uSolomoni ingqondo ekhaliphileyo zaseMpumalanga, njalo lujule ukwedlula ulwazi njengokumethembisa kwakhe. Kwaba lokuthula lonke lwaseGibhithe. **31** Wayehlakaniphe ukwedlula ebudlewaneni bukaHiramu loSolomoni, kwathi wonke amadoda, kubalwa kanye lo-Ethani um’Ezira, bobabili benza isibopho sokuhlalisana ngokuthula. ehlakaniphe ukwedlula uHemani, loKhalikholi **13** INkosi uSolomoni yabutha izibhalwa zokusebenza loDada, amadodana kaMaholi. Njalo udumo lwakhe elizweni lonke lako-Israyeli, ezazizinkulungwane lwazwakala eziwzeni zonke ezaZakhelene laye. **32** ezingamatshumi amathathu. **14** Wayezithumela Wabumba izaga ezinginkulungwane eziyatathu kanti eLebanoni lezizibhalwa ngezigaba zabantu njalo izingoma zakhe zaba yinkulungwane eyodwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi izopha ngezopha lezinhanlu. **33** Wachasisa wahaya izihlahla, kusukela ngenyanya, kuyikuthi lezizibhalwa zazisebenza isihlahla somsedari waseLebanoni lomisiphiri eLebanoni inyanga yonke zibe seziphumula okhula emidulini. Wafundisa njalo langezinyamazana ekhayu okwezinyanya ezimbili, U-Adoniram nguye lezinyoni, langezinanakazana lenhlanzi. **34** Amadoda owayephetho labo ababuthwa babayizibhalwa ayequbuka evela emhlabeni wonke ukuthi azozizwela zomsebenzi. **15** USolomoni wayelabantu bokuthwala ukukhaliphha kwengqondo kaSolomoni, wonke abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lamadoda amanye evela khonapho lamanye evela kanye lababebaza amatshe abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye munye ezintabeni, **16** kanye lababekhangele abasebenzayo abangamakhulu amathathu lantathu lababebona ngokuqhube ka komsebenzi beqondisa izisebenzi. **17** Ngeziqondiso zenkosu bakhupha inkalakatha zamatshe amahle ukuze kube lamatshe amahle okwakhisa ngawo isisekelo sethempeli esilohlonzi. **18** Izingitshi zokubaza zikaSolomoni lezikiraHiramu

lamaGebhali babaza balungisa izigodo lamatshe kusakhiwa ithempeli.

**6** Ngomnyaka wamakhulu amane lasificaminwembili abako-Israyeli baphuma eGibhithe, ngomnyaka wesine uSolomoni ebusa ko-Israyeli, ngenyanga kaZivi, iyinyanga yesibili, waqalisa ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo. **2** Ithempeli elakhwiya yiNkosi uSolomoni elakhela uThixo lazingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi balo, lengalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ukuyaphezulu. **3** Isigaba sekhulusi elingaphambi kwendlu enkulu yethempeli sengenzelela ububanzi lokuqhela kwethempeli, ngezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili njalo sasiphushta ukwedlula indlu enkulu kusiya phambi kwayo ngezingalo ezilitshumi. **4** Amafasitelwa awenzayo ethempelini ayengamancinyane. **5** Emidulini yendlu enkulu yethempeli lasendlini engcwele ephakathi wakha esinye isimo, kulapho okwaba lezindlwana khona emaceleni. **6** Indawo ephansi kuozonke yayibanzi okwizingalo ezinhlanu, kuthi iguma laphakathi lazingalo ezyisithupha kantike iguma lesithathu lalingaba ngezyisikhombisa. Wakha imithangala ngaphandle kwethempeli ukuze kungabi lalutho olwaluzafakwa phakathi kwemiduli yethempeli. **7** Ekwakheni ithempeli, kwasetshenziswa amatshe ayebazwe alolongwa lapho ayewela khona kuphela, ngakho kwakungezwakali sando, ihloka loba yiphi insimbi yokwakha ethempelini ngesikhathi kusakhiwa. **8** Umnyango weguma laphansi wawungezansi yethempeli; kulamakhwelelo okuya esigcawini saphakathi kuthi kusuka lapho kwedlulele esigcawini sesithathu. **9** Ngakho wakha ithempeli waliqeda, walifulela ngentungo lamapulanka ezigodo zomsedari. **10** Wasesakha izindlwana zalandelela imiduli yethempeli. Ubude bokuya phezulu kwendlwana ngayinye babuzingalo ezinhlanu, njalo zaizbanjaniswe lemildi yethempeli ngemijabo yezigido zomsedari. **11** Ilizwi likaThixo leza kuSolomoni lathi, **12** "Okwalelithempeli olakhayo, nxa ulandela iziqondiso zami, lemilayo yami ugcine konke engikulaya ngakho ukulande, ngawe ngizagcwala konke izithembiso engazenza kuyihlo uDavida. **13** Ngizahlala phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli njalo angiyikubatshiya abantu bami bako-Israyeli." **14** Ngakho uSolomoni wakha ithempeli waliqeda. **15** Wacecisa emidulini yangaphakathi ngamapulanka omsedari, wawa ececisa kusukela phansi kusiya ephahleni, walungisa iphansi lethempeli ngamapulanka ezigodo zephayini. **16** Waquma wawa indawo ezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili emsambo wethempeli ngamapulanka omsedari kusukela phansi kusiya ephahleni esakha isiphephelo sangaphakathi kwethempeli, inDawo eNgcwelingcweli. **17** Indlu enkulu phambi kwaleyo yona yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude bayo. **18** Ngaphakathi kwethempeli kwakwakhwiwe ngomsedari, ubazwe iziduku lamaluba aqhakazileyo. Konke kwakungumsedari, kungabonakali litshe amathathu ukuyaphezulu, sakhelwe phezu kwezinsika

kwethempeli ukubeka ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo khonapho. **20** Isiphephelo sangaphakathi sasizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude, amatshumi amabili ububanzi njalo kungamatshumi amabili ukuyaphezulu. Wahuqa ingaphakathi ngegolide elicengekileyo, wasehuqa le-alithari lomsedari. **21** USolomoni wahuqa ingaphakathi yethempeli ngegolide elicengekileyo, njalo wengezelela amaketane egolide aqua phambi kwesiphephelo sangaphakathi, sona esasihuqe ngegolide. **22** Ngakho wahuqa ingaphakathi yonke ngegolide. Wasehuqa njalo ngegolide i-alithari elalingelesiphephelo sangaphakathi. **23** Phakathi kwesiphephelo sangaphakathi wenza amakherubhi amabili ngesihlahla som'oliva, ubude bokuya phezulu ngalinye buzingalo ezilitshumi. **24** Uphiko olulodwa lwekherubhi lakuqala lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo, kanye lalolu olunye uphiko lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu, ingalo ezilitshumi kusukela ekucineni kophiko kusiya ekucineni kophiko. **25** Ikerubhi lesibili lalo lazingalo ezilitshumi, womabili amakherubhi ayelingana njalo efanana isimo. **26** Ubude bokuya phezulu bekherubhi ngalinye babuzingalo ezilitshumi. **27** Amakherubhi wawafaka endlini ephakathi kwethempeli, amaphiko awo echayekile. Uphiko lwelinje ikerubhi lwathinta umdu wangapha kwathi uphiko lwelinje lalo lwathinta umdu ngale, kwathi phakathi laphakathi kwendlu amaphiko awo athintana. **28** Amakherubhi lawo wawahuqa ngegolide. **29** Emidulini indawana yonke ukubhoda ithempeli, ezindlini zangaphakathi lezangaphandle wabaza amakherubhi, lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo. **30** Wahuqa njalo iphansi lezindlu zangaphandle lezangaphakathi kwethempeli ngegolide. **31** Emnyango wesiphephelo sangaphakathi wenza izivalo zamapulanka om'oliva, imigubazi yakhona ilamacele amahlanu. **32** Kwathi ezivalweni zombili som'oliva wabaza amakherubhi, lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo, wahuqa amakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala ngegolide elikhandiweyo. **33** Ngokufananayo wenza imigubazi elamacele amane ngom'oliva emnyango wokungena endlini enkulu. **34** Wenza njalo izivalo zomphayini ezimbili, ngasinye singesigoqeka kabilo. **35** Wabaza amakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba aqhakazileyo kuzo wasewuqua ngegolide likhandwe lalingana phezu kokubazileyo. **36** Wakhela njalo iguma langaphakathi imizila emithathu ngamatshe abaziweyo lowodwa owemijabo yomsedari. **37** Isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo samiswa ngomnyaka wesine ngenyanga kaZivi. **38** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye ngenyanga kaBhuli, inyanga yesificaminwembili, kwaba yikuphela kwethempeli lakhiwe njengokumisia kwalo langeziqondiso zalo. Wayethethe iminyaka eyisikhombisa elakha.

**7** Kwathatha uSolomoni iminyaka elitshumi lantathu ukuqedo ukwakha isigodlo sakhe. **2** Wakha isigodlo seGuso leLebhano saba side okwizingalo ezilikhulu, lamatshumi amahlau ububanzi lamatshumi amathathu ukuyaphezulu, sakhelwe phezu kwezinsika

zemisedari eziyimizila emine, kulamapulanka omsedari **22** Iziduku ezaziphezulu zazibunjwe okwemiduze. phezu kwayo. **3** Sasifulelwe ngamapulanka omsedari Wapheleliswa kanjalo umsebenzi wezinsika. **23** ayephezu kwezinsika ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu, Wasesenza uLwandle ngensimbi encibilikisiweyo, ziyimizila emithathu, umzila ulezinsika ezilitshumi luyisigombolozi, luyizingalo ezilitshumi ukusuka lanhlanu. **4** Kwakulemizila emithathu yamafasitela, emphethweni kusiya emphethweni luhakeme ayeqondene. **5** Yonke iminyango yayimiswe yaba okwezingalo ezinhlanu. Ukulinganisa leyondingilizi magumbi mane; yayimiswe ngaphambili ngamithathu, kwakuthatha intambo ezingalo ezingamatshumi ikhangelene. **6** Wasesakha lendlu yezinsika, ubude amathathu ukuyizingelezela. **24** Ngaphansi komphetho, bayo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, ububanzi kungamaqhagana agqagqeleyo, elitshumi engalweni bayo bungezingamatshumi amathathu. Phambi eyodwa. Amaqhagana la ayejunwe aba yimizila kwayo kulekhulusi elilezinsika phambili, lophahla. emibili ensimbininye loLwandle. **25** ULwandle **7** Wasesakha lendlu yesihlalo sobukhos, iNkundla lwalumi phezu kwenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili, Yokwahlulela, lapho ayezathonisela khona amacala, ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, ezintathu zikhangele wayendlala ngemisedari kusukela phansi kusiya entshonalanga, ezintathu zikhangele eningizimu ephahleni. **8** Isigodlo sakhe ayezahlahla kuso kuthi ezintathu zikhangele empumalanga. ULwandle sasisegumeni elingemuva kwendlu yokuthonisela lwalugxile phezu kwazo, imilenze yazo igobele amacala, yayakhiwe ngokufananayo. USolomoni phakathi. **26** Uhlonzi lwalulingana ububanzi besandla, wakhela indodakazi kaFaro ayeiyithethe, isigodlo umphetho ufanana lomphetho wenkomitsho, esifanana lendlu yenkundla. **9** Zonke lezizakhiwo, kufanana lokuqhakaza kweluba. Lwalungena kusukela ngaphandle kuze kuyefika egumeni elikhulu izikhelelo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili. **27** Wenza phakathi kanye lokusuka esisekelweni kusiya njalo amathala ethusi alitshumi aphakamisekayo esihlothini, zazakhiwe ngamatshe aqakathekileyo ubude bawo buzingalo ezine, lobubanzi buzingalo ayebazwe ngesilinganiso esahiwe kuhle ngaphakathi ezine, ukuphakama kuzingalo ezintathu liliyne. **28** langaphandle kwavo. **10** Izisekelo zakhiwa ngamatshe Amathala ayenziwe ngalindlela: Kwakulezisekelo amakhulu aqinileyo, amany ayezingalo ezilitshumi eziya phezulu emaceleni zinanyathiselwe. **29** amany njalo ezingalo eziyisificaminwembili. **11** Kulezozisekelo phakathi kwezinsika eziya phezulu Ngaphezulu kwakulamatshe aqinileyo, ebazwe kubunjelwe izilwane, inkunzi lamakherubhi, kuthi ngesilinganiso, kanye lemijabo yomsedari. **12** kulezonsika eziya phezulu kufanane njalo. Ngaphezulu Iguma elikhulu lalibiyelwe ngomdule wemithando langaphansi kwezilwane lenkunzi kulezinkatha emithathu yamatshe yelekene kanye lalowomsedari ezikhandiweyo. **30** Inqodlana nganye ilomanu phezu kwezinsika lethempeli likaThixo lekhulusini lakhona. **13** INkosi ziceciswe ngemithando ekhandelwe inxa zonke. **31** uSolomoni yathomela eThire ukuba kulethwe Ngaphakathi kwenqodlana yinye nganye kuvulekile uHuramu. **14** Unina wayengumfelokazi owesizwe kuyisigombolozi esitshona okwengalo eyodwa. Isikhala sakoNafithali ezalwa yindoda eyayingeyeThire lesi siyisigombolozi ngaphansi kwaso siyingalo njalo eyayiyingcishi ekubazeni ithusi. UHuramu elengxeny. Emlonyeni kukhona okwabazelwayo wayengumuntu ohlakaniphileyo elokuqedisa njalo kungumceciso. Okubaziweyo emaceleni kulingana wayelobuciko leminwe ekubazeni ithusi. Waya enkosini inxa zonke zone, kungayisiyo indingilizi. **32** Amavili uSolomoni wafika wenza yonke imisebenzi ayeypifiwe. womane engaphansi kwamapulanka, lama-ekseli **15** Wabumba insika ezimbili zethusi ezazizinde amavili ebotshelfe enqodlaneni. Ububanzi bendingilizi okuzingalo eziyisificaminwembili ukuyaphezulu yevili ngalinye bulingana ingalo eyodwa elengxeny. njalo ubundingilizi bazo zazizingalo ezilitshumi **33** Amavili akhona enziwe njengawenqo yempi, lambili ngomzila. **16** Wabumba njalo iziduku ezimbili ama-ekseli, amarimu, lezipokisi zavo lamahabha zethusi ukuze zifakwe engqongeni yezinsika zona awo enziwe ngensimbi ezitshisiweyo. **34** Inqodlana ezazizingalo ezinhlanu ukuyaphezulu inye ngayinye. nganye yayilezibambo ezine, esisodwa sisegumbini **17** Amambule amaketane ayeophothene acecisa linye, sigxile enqodlaneni. **35** Phezu kwenqodlana iziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika eziyisikhombisa kulomthando oyisizingelezi esitshona okwengxenyen esidukwini sinye ngasinye. **18** Wenza imizila yengalo. Izisekelo lamapulanka kuxhume phezu emibili yomceciso wamaphomegranathi, igqagqeleyo kwenqodlana. **36** Wabazela khona amakherubhi, amambule ukucecisa iziduku phezu kwezinsika. izilwane kanye lezihlahla zamalala kuyo yonke indawo Wenza okufanayo esidukwini sinye ngasinye. **19** ebonakalayo lomceciso inxa zonke. **37** Yivo-ke le indlela Iziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika ekhulusini zazibunjwe ayenze ngayo izinqodlana ezilitshumi. Zazenziwe okwemiduze, ziphakeme okwezingalo ezine. **20** ngomkhando munye zilingana ubukhulu zilesimo sinye. Phezu kweziduku ensikeni zombili, ngaphezu **38** Wasebumba imiganu elitshumi ngethusi, umunye kwesigaba esiyigubhe phansi kwamambule, uthatha izikhelelo ezingamatshumi amane ububanzi kungamaphomegranathi angamakhulu amabili bayo buzingalo ezine, kusithi umganu owodwa ubekwa emizileni inxa zonke. **21** Wakha lezonksika ekhulusini phezu kwenqodlana nganye yezilitshumi. **39** Wasemisa lethempeli. Insika eseningizimu wayibiza ngokuthi inqodlana ezinhlanu zazo ngereningizimu yethempeli ngujakhini kwathi esenyakatho wayithi nguBhowazi. kwathi ezinhlanu zema enyakatho. ULwandle walubeka

eningizimu, ejikweni laseningizimu yempumalanga ngaphansi kwamaphiko amakherubhi. **7** Amakherubhi kwethempeli. **40** Wabumba njalo imiganu lamafotsholo elula impiko zazo phezu kwendawo yebhokisi lemiganu yesichelo. Ngalokho uHuramu wawuphetha umsebenzi ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni ethempelini likaThixo: **41** Izinsika ezimbili; iziduku ezimbili ezibunjwe okomganu phezu kwezinsika; amambule amabili eecise iziduku ezimbili eziyengubhe eziphezu kwezinsika; **42** amaphomegranathi angamakhulu amane amambule womabili (imbulu linye lilemizila emibili yamaphomegranathi, acecise iziduku eziyengubhe eziphezu kwezinsika); **43** izinqodlana ezilitsiumu lenkonxa zazo ezilitsiumu; **44** uWandle lenkunzi ezilitsiumu lambili ngaphansi kwalo; **45** imbiza, amafotsholo lemiganu yesichelo. Zonke lezintzo ezenzelwa iNkosi uSolomoni nguHuramu, ezenza ithempeli likaThixo zazensiwe ngethusi elikhazimulayo. **46** Inkosi yalungiselela ukuthi zonke zibunjwe ngesithombe somdaka emagcekeni aseJodani phakathi kwaseSukhothi laseZarethani. **47** USolomoni wayekela konke lokhu kungalinganiswanga isisindo sakho, ngenxa yokuthi kwakukunengi kakhulu; ubunzima bensimbi yethusi bungazanga bulginganiswe. **48** USolomoni wenza yonke imiceciso eyayisethempelini likaThixo: i-alithari legolide; itafula eliligolide lilesinkwa esiNgcwewe sikaNkulunkulu; **49** izinti zezibane zegolide elicengekileyo (ezinhlanu zazo ngakwesokudlu njalo zinhlanu langakwesokohlu, phambi kwesiphephelo esingaphakathi); okubalazwe ngamaluba, izibane kanye lezindlawu; **50** imiganu yegolide elicengekileyo, izibane, imiganu yokuchelisa, izindithsi leyempepha; kanye lezibambo zezivalo zingezagolide ezazenzelwe indlu engaphakathi, indawo eNgcwelengcwele, kanti-ke kwakunjalo lezivalweni zendlu enkulu phakathi kwethempeli. **51** Kwathi usuphelile wonke umsebenzi owawenziwe yinkosi uSolomoni ekwaheni kwakhe ithempeli likaThixo, waletha lezompahla ezazinikelwe nguyise uDavid, isiliva legolide layo yonke imiceciso, konke lokhu wakufaka endlini yeno tho ethempelini likaThixo.

**8** Ngakho iNkosi uSolomoni warrema abadala bako-Israyeli ukuthi beze kuye ejerusalem, bonke abazinhloko zezizwana lezinduna zezimuli zak-Israyeli, ukuthi balethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lisuka eZiyoni, uMuji kaDavid. **2** Amadoda wonke aksa-Israyeli eza ndawonye enkosini uSolomoni ngesikhathi somkhosi ngenyanga ebizwa ngokuthi ngu-Ethanimi, inyanga yesikhombisa. **3** Kwathi bonke abadala bako-Israyeli sebefikile, abaphristi bathwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano, **4** njalo basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo kanye leThente lokuHlangana layo yonke imiceciso engcwele iphakathi kwalo. Abaphristi labaLevi bakuthwala lokhu, **5** njalo inkosi uSolomoni kanye lebandla lonke lako-Israyeli babebuthene ndawonye phambi kwebbhokisi lesivumelwano, benikela ngezimvu langenkomo ababengeke bakwazi ukuloba inani lazo loba ukuzibala. **6** Abaphristi basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo endaweni yalo engcwele engaphakathi kwethempeli, iNdawo eNgcwelengcwele, basebelifaka

ngaphansi kwamaphiko amakherubhi. **7** Amakherubhi lesivumelwano njalo agubuzela ibhokisi lesivumelwano kanye lezibambo zokulithwala. **8** Izigodo lezi zazininde zibonakala nxa useNdaweni eNgcweli phambi kwesiphephelo esingaphakathi, kodwa hatshi nxa ungaphandle kweNdawo eNgcweli; lezo zilokhu zimi njalo lalamuhla. **9** Kwakungelalutho ebhokisini lesivumelwano ngaphandle kwezibhebhedu ezimbili zamatshe uMosi ayezifake phakathi kwalo eseHorebhi lapho uThixo enza khona isivumelwano labako-Israyeli ngemva kokuphuma kwabo eGibhithe. **10** Kwathu abaphristi sebesukile eNdaweni eNgcweli, iyezi lagcwala lagubuzela ethempelini likaThixo. **11** Abaphristi abenzanga inkonzo yabo ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo kaThixo yayigcweli ethempelini lakhe. **12** Ngakho uSolomoni wathi, “UThixo utshilo ukuba uzahlala eyezini elimnyama; **13** ngempela sengikwakhele ithempeli elibukekayo, indawo ozahlala kiyo kuze kube nini lanini.” **14** Kwathi ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli lisemi khonapho, inkosi yaphenduka yalibusisa. **15** Ngakho yasisithi: “Udumo kuye uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena ngesandla sakhe ophelelise ukwenza lokho akuthembisa ngowakhe umlomo ethembisa ubaba uDavid. Ngoba wathi, **16** ‘Kusukela mhla ngikhupha abantu bami abako-Israyeli eGibhithe, bengingakaze ngikhethie idolobho loba kukusiphi isizwana sako-Israyeli ukuthi ngakhelwe ithempeli leBizo lami khona, kodwa ngimkhethile uDavid ukuthi abuse abantu bami bako-Israyeli.’ **17** Ubaba uDavid wayelakho enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi akhe ithempeli leBizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **18** Kodwa uThixo wathi kubaba uDavid, ‘Wenza kuhle ngokuba lesifiso sokungakhela ithempeli leBizo lami enhliziyweni yakho. **19** Lanxa kunjalo, kakusuwe ozalakha lelothempeli, kodwa lizakwakhiwa yindodana yakho, eyinyama legazi lako, yiyo ezakwakha ithempeli leBizo lami.’ **20** UThixo usigcinile isithembiso asenzayo: Sengiyinkosi esikhundleni sikababa uDavid njalo khathesi sengihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu sika-Israyeli njengokuthembisa kukaThixo, njalo sengakhele iBizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ithempeli. **21** Ngitungisile indawo khonaphana eyebhokisi lesivumelwano, kulapho okulesivumelwano sikaThixo asenza labokhokho ekubakhupheni kwakhe kwelamaGibhithe.” **22** Ngalokho uSolomoni wema ealitharenli likaThixo phambi kwebandla lonke lako-Israyeli, welula izandla zakhe waziphakamisa ezulwini **23** wasesithi: Oh “Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kakho uNkulunkulu onjengawe ezulwini phezulu loba emhlabenzi ngaphansi, wena ogcina isivumelwano sakho sothando lezincke zakho, wena oqhubeka ngenhlizyo yonke endleleni yakho. **24** Usigcinile isithembiso sakho encekwi yakho uDavid ongubaba; ngomlomo wakho utthembisile njalo ngesandla sakho ukugcwalisile loko, njengoba kunjalo lamuhla. **25** Khathesi Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavid ubaba lezozithembiso owazenzayo lapho wathi, ‘Awuyikwehluleka loba sekutheni ukuzuza

indoda ezahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosini ko-Israyeli, nxa amadodana akho ezananzelela ukuhamba phambi kwami njengalokhu okwenzileyo wena.' **26** Ngakho khathesi, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kaligwaliseke ilizwi lesithembiso ovalikhuluma kubaba uDavidha inceku yakho. **27** Kambe uNkulunkulu uzahlala emhlabeni na? Amazulu, kanye lezulu eliphakemayo, alikulingani. Pho ithempeli leli engilakhileyo lingabe liyini kuwe na! **28** Kodwa-ke akuzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho lokucela kwayo umusa, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami. Zwana ukukhala lokukhuleka kwenceku yakho phambi kwakho ngalosulusu. **29** Sengathi amehlo akho angahlala phezu kwaleithempeli ebusuku lemini, yonale indawo owathi wena, 'IBizo lami lizakuba khonapha,' ukuze uwze umkhuleko wenceku yakho ngale indawo. **30** Zwana isikhala zo senceku yakho lessabantu bakho bako-Israyeli nxa bekhuleka bekhangale kule indawo. Zwana usezulwini okuyindawo yakho yokuhlala, njalo nxa usizwa, uthethellele. **31** Nxa umuntu angonela umakhelwane wakhe, afungiswe, abesefunga isifungo phambi kwe-alithari lakho kuleithempeli, **32** zwana usezulwini wenze. Yahlulela phakathi kwezincedu zakho, umlahle olecalo, wehlisele ekhanda lakhe lokho akwenzileyo. Tshono ukuthi ongonangala calaca ukuze uveza ukuba msulwa kwakhe. **33** Nxa abantu bakho abako-Israyeli behululewye isitha ngenxa yokona kwabo phambi kwakho, kuthi nxa sebephendukela ngakuwe bebiza ibizo lakho, bekhuleka njalo becela intethelo kuwe kuleithempeli, **34** lapho-ke zwana usezulwini uthethellele izono zabantu bakho bako-Israyeli njalo ubabuyisele elizweni ovalinika okhokho babo. **35** Nxa amazulu evaleka njalo kungaselazulu ngenxa yokuthi abantu bakho bonile phambi kwakho, njalo nxa bekhuleka bekhangale kule indawo bavume ibizo lakho batshiye izono zabo ngoba ubatshayile, **36** lapho-ke zwana usezulwini uthethellele izinceku zakho izono zazo, abantu bakho bako-Israyeli. Bafundise indlela yokuphila eqondileyo, uthumele izulu elizweni ovalinika abantu bakho ukuba libe yilifa labo. **37** Nxa kufika indlala kumbe isifo elizweni, ukukhunta lengumane, isikhongwane lemihogoyi, loba behanqwa yizitha kweline lamadolobho abo, loba yincithakalo enganani loba ngumkhuhlane onjani ongeza, **38** kuthi lanxa kusenziwa umkhuleko kumbe isicelo ngomunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, ngulowo lalowo ezazelza inhupheko ezhnliziwyeni yakhe njalo ephakamisele izandla zakhe kuleithempeli, **39** lalela usezulwini, okuyindawo yakho yokuhlala. Thethela njalo wenzele umuntu mune ngamunye okuhambelana lezenzo zakhe ngoba wena uayazazi inhliziyo zabo (futhi nguwe wedwa owazi inhliziyo zabantu), **40** yikho bezakwesaba imihla yabo yonke yokuphila beselizweni ovalinika okhokho bethu. **41** Owezizweni ongasuye omunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli kodwa evela kude ngenxa yodumo lwebizo lakho. **42** Ngoba abantu bazakuzwa ngelakho ibizo eliqakathetileyo lesandla sakho esilamandla lengalo yakho eyeluliweyo, nxa esiza akhuleke ekhangale kuleithempeli, **43** lapho-ke zwana usezulwini, indawo elilikaya lakho, wenze loba yini owezizweni ayicela kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu bomhlaba balazi ibizo lakho njalo bakwesabe, njengoba abantu bakho abako-Israyeli bekwenza, baze bazi ukuthi indlu le engiyakhileyo ithwele iBizo lakho. **44** Nxa abantu bakho bephuma besiya empini ukuyakulwa lezitha zabo, loba kungaphi obathuma khona, njalo kuthi nxa bekhuleka kuThixo bekhangale edolobheni olkhethileyo wena kanye lethempelin engalakhela iBizo lakho, **45** lapho-ke zwana usezulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubaphathise kulokho. **46** Nxa bonile phambi kwakho, ngoba kakho ongonyo njalo uze ubathukuthelele ubanike ezitheni zabo ezibathumba zibase eziweni zazo, ezikhathshana leziseduze; **47** kuthi nxa bengaguquka ezhnliziwyeni zabo besemazweni ababayabe bethunjelwe kuwo, baphenduke bakuncenge besemazweni abathunjelwa khona bathi, 'Sonile, senza okungalunganga lokubi,' **48** njalo nxa bephendukela kuwe ngezinhliyo zabo zonke langemiphefumulo yabo elizweni lezitha zabo ezabathumbayo, bakhuleke kuwe bekhangale elizweni ovalinika oyise, lasedolobheni ovalikhethayo lethempeli engilakhela iBizo lakho, **49** ngakho usezulwini, ikhaya lakho zwana imikhuleko yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubenzele khona lokho. **50** Ubathethellele abantu bakho, abakonileyo wena, batethethellele kukho konke ukona kwabo kuwe, wenze izitha zabo zibe lomusa kubo; **51** ngoba bangabantu bakho njalo bayilifa lakho, bona owabakhapha eGibhithe, esihogweni esivuthayo esincibilikisa insimbi. **(questioned)** **52** Sengathi amehlo akho angaba phezu kwenceku yakho ukukhala kwayo lokuncengela kwabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, sengathi ungalalela ukukhala kwabo bekhala za kuwe. **53** Ngoba wabakhetha phakathi kwezizwe zonke zomhlaba ukuthi babe yilifa lakho, njengoba wakhluma ngenceku yakho uMosi, lapho wena, Oh Thixo Wobukhosini, wakhapha okhokho bethu eGibhithe.' **54** Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile imikhuleko le lezikhalazo kuThixo, waphakama wema phambi kwe-alithari likaThixo, lapho ayekade eguqe khona ephakamisele izandla zakhe ezhnlwini. **55** Waphakama wabusisa ibandla labako-Israyeli ngelizwi eliphezelu wathi: **56** "Udumo kalube kuThixo, yena olethelele abantu bako-Israyeli ukuphumula njengokwethembisa kwakhe. Akukho lokukodwa okungenzekanga kuzozonke izithembiso ezhnhle azenza ngenceku yakhe uMosi. **57** Sengathi uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu angaba lathi njengoba wayelabokhoko bethu; sengathi angaze asitshiya loba asidele. **58** Sengathi angaguqulela inhliziyo zethu kuye, sihambe ezindleleni zakhe sigcine lemiliyayo, imithetho lezimiso azipha okhokho. **59** Sengathi amazwi ami la, engikhuleka ngawo kuThixo, angaba seduze kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku, ukuze aqinise izikhala zo zenceku yakhe lezikhalazo zabantu bakhe bako-Israyeli kusiya ngeziswelo zabo zemihla ngemihla, **60** ukuze abantu bonke bomhlaba bakwazi ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu lokuthi kakho omunye. **61** Kodwa inhliziyo zenu azigcwale ukuzinikela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuphila ngezimiso zakhe lokulalela imilayo yakhe, njengakhathesi." **62**

Ngalokho inkosi labo bonke abako-Israyeli banikela khona lezizindlu ezimbili, ithempeli likaThixo imihlatshelo yabo phambi kukaThixo. **63** USolomoni kanye lesigodlo sobukhos, **11** iNkosi uSolomoni wanikela amadolobho angamatshumi amabili aweGalilei kuHiramu inkosi yaseThire, ngoba uHiramu wayemnike amabili lambili, izimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane zonke izigodo zesilahlha somsedari lezephayini ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Ngokunjalo inkosi labo legolide ayekufuna. **12** Kodwa uHiramu wathi bonke abako-Israyeli banikela ithempeli likaThixo. **64** Ngalelolanga inkosi yangcwelia iphakathi leguma phambi kwethempeli likaThixo, njalo kulapho eyanikela khona ngomnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha eminikelo yobudlewano ngoba i-alithari lethusi elaliphambi kukaThixo lalilincinyane kakhulu ukuthi kutshiselwe kilo iminikelo yokutshiswa, leminikelo yamabele leminikelo yamafutha obudlewano. **65** Ngakho uSolomoni wagcina umkhosi ngalesosikhathi ekanye lo-Israyeli wonke, ibandla elikhulu, abantu abavela eLebho Hamathi kusya eSihotsheni saseGibhithe. Bawuthakazelela phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lezinye eziyisikhombisa njalo zaba litshumi lane sezizonke. **66** Ngosuku olulandelayo inkosi yabachitha. Bayibusisa inkosi basuka baya emakhaya abo, belentokozo bejabula ezinhiliziyeni zabo ngakho konke okuhle uThixo ayekwenzele inceku yakhe uDavidia kanye labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli.

**9** USolomoni eseqedile ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo lesigodlo sobukhos, esenelisile konke ayezimisele ukukwenza, **2** UThixo wabonakala kuye ngokwesibili, njengoba wayebonakele kuye eGibhiyon. **3** UThixo wathi kuye: “Sengiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho lesikhala zo senzileyo phambi kwami; sengilene labangcwele lelithempeli olakhileyo wena ngokufaka iBizo lami kulo lanininini. Amehlo ami kanye lenhlizyo yami kuzakuba phezu kwalo ngezikhathi zonke. **4** Wena, unghambha phambi kwami ngobuqotho behnlizyo langokuqonda njengoba uyiilo uDavidia akwenza, wenze konke engikulaya ngakho ugcine izimiso zami lemithetho yami, **5** ngizaqinisa isihlalo sakho sobukhos phezu kuka-Israyeli kuze kube nininini, njengoba ngathembisa uyiilo uDavidia lapho ngathi, ‘Awuyikwehluleka ukuzua indoda esihlalweni sobukhos ko-Israyeli.’ **6** Kodwa nxa wena kanye lamadodana akho lingifulathela lingagcini imithetho lezimiso zami engiliniye khona beselisuka liye kwabanye onkulunkulu libakhonze, **7** ngizamthathela u-Israyeli umhlaba engangimnike wona ngilikhalale leli ithempeli esengilingcwelisile ngeBizo lami. U-Israyeli uzadelelwa abe yinhllesia ebantwini bonke. **8** Lelithempeli lizakuba yinqumbi yamatshe. Bonke abedlula lapha bazakwenyanya bahleke ulunya bathi, ‘Kanti kungani uThixo enze into enje kulelilizwe lakulelithempeli na?’ **9** Abantu bazaphendula bathi, ‘Kungenxa yokuthi sebedele uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, owakhipha oyise eGibhithe, ngoba sebesuke banamatshela kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza njalo babasebenzela yikho-nje uThixo esebehlidele incithakalo yonke le.’ **10** Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili, lapho uSolomoni akha

khona lezizindlu ezimbili, ithempeli likaThixo imihlatshelo yabo phambi kukaThixo. **11** iNkosi uSolomoni wanikela amadolobho angamatshumi amabili aweGalilei kuHiramu inkosi yaseThire, ngoba uHiramu wayemnike amabili lambili, izimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane zonke izigodo zesilahlha somsedari lezephayini legolide ayekufuna. **12** Kodwa uHiramu wathi esesuka eThire esiyabona amadolobho ayewaphiwe nguSolomoni, kazange ajabule ngawo. **13** Wambuza wathi, “Ngamadolobho bani la onginike wona, mfowethu?” njalo wayewabiza ngokuthi yilizwe leKhahulu, okulibizo alokhu ebizwa ngalo lalamuhla. **14** Kunjalo-nje uHiramu wayethumele uSolomoni igolide elalingamatthalenta alkhuu elilamatshumi amabili. **15** Nansi imbali yokubanjwa ngamandla kwabantu yiNkosi uSolomoni ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo, ukwakhiwa kwesigodlo sakhe, ledundulu elithiya yiMilo, lomduli wejerusalem kanye leHazori, iMegido kanye leGezeri. **16** (UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe wayehlasele wathumba iGezeri. Wayeyithungele ngomilo wayitshisa. Wayebule amaKhenani ayeahlala khona, yona wasekhunga ngayo indodakazi yakhe, umkaSolomoni. **17** USolomoni waseyakha kutsha iGezeri.) Wakha iBhethi-Horoni eseanszi, **18** leBhalathi, kanye leThamar enkangala, phakathi kweliizwe lakhe, **19** kanye lamadolobho ayeyiziphala lemizi yezinqola zakhe zempi kanye lamabhiza akhe lakho konke njye ayengafisa ukukwakha ejerusalem leLebanoni kanye lakulo lonke ilizwe ayelbusa. **20** Kubo bonke abantu abasalayo bama-Amori, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amaHivi lamajebusi (lababantu babengasibo ama-Israyeli) **21** okutsho ukuthi, izizukulwane zabo ezasalayo ama-Israyeli angazibulalanga aqizada, laba uSolomoni wababamba isibhalo sokwenza umsebenzi wakhe wobugqili, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla lokhu. **22** Kodwa uSolomoni kabenzanga iziqqili abako-Israyeli; babengamadoda okumlwela, iziphathamanda zikahulumende, izikhulu zakhe, izinduna, kanye labalawuli bezinqola zakhe zempi labatshayeli bazo. **23** Njalo babeyizikhulu zokukhokhela imisebenzi eqakathekileyo kaSolomoni, izikhulu ezingamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu ezazikhanglela amadoda ayesenza umsebenzi. **24** Ngemva kokufika kwendodakazi kaFaro esigodlwani eyayisakhelwe nguSolomoni isuka eMzini kaDavidia, wakha njalo idundulu elithiya yiMilo. **25** Kathathu ngomnyaka uSolomoni wanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wobudlewano e-alithareni ayelakhele uThixo, etshisa impepha phambi kukaThixo kanye lemhlatshelo. Ngalokho wagcwalisa imilandu yezimiso zethempeli. **26** INkosi uSolomoni wakha njalo imikhumbi e-Eziyoni-Gebheri, eseduzane le-Elathi ngase-Edomi, ekhunjini loLwandle oluBomvu. **27** Kunjalo-nje uHiramu wathumela abantu bakhe, abagwedli ababelwazi ulwandle ukuba bayesebenza emikhunjini labakaSolomoni. **28** Bagwedla baya e-Ofiri baphenduka legolide elilesisindo samathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amabili, bayalethula enkosini uSolomoni.

**10** Indlovukazi yaseShebha yathi isizwile ngodumo seHlathi laseLebhanoni. **18** Inkosi yasisenza isihlalo lukaSolomoni lokubambeleka kwakhe ebizweni sobukhos esikhulu sisekelwa ngempondo zendlovu likaThixo, yaya kuye ukuba imlinge ngemibuzo sihuqwe ngegolide elihle. **19** Isihlalo sobukhos enzima. **2** Ekufikeni kwayo ejerusalema yayiqhuba sasilezinyathelo eziyisithupha, ngemva kwaso udwende olukhulu, lamakamela ethwele iziyoliso, phezulu siyindingilizi. Emaceleni aso womabili igolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu, yafika sasilezeyamelo zengalo, yilesa laleso kumi isilwane kuSolomoni yakhuluma laye ngakho konke eceleni kwaso. **20** Izilwane ezilitshumi lambili lokho okwakusengqondweni yayo. **3** uSolomoni zazimi ezinyathelweni eziyisithupha, kusithi esisodwa wayiphendula yonke imibuzo yayo, akubanga esinyathelweni ngasinye ngapha langapha emaceleni lalutho olwaba nzima enkosini ukuthi iyichasisele esinyathel. Akukho okufanana lalokhu okwake lona. **4** Indlovukazi yaseShebha isiyibonile yonke kwenzwa lakuwuphi umbuso. **21** Zonke inkezo inhlakanipho kaSolomoni lesigodlo ayesakhile, zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lazoonke **5** ukudla okwakusetafuleni lakhe, ukuhaliswa izitswa zeSigodlwani saseGuswini laseLebhanoni kwezikhulu zakhe, izinceku zakhe lezembatho zazo, zazingezegolide elicolekileyo. Akukho okwakwenziwe abaphathi berkezo bakhe, leminikelo yokutshiswa ngesiliva ngoba ngensuku zikaSolomoni igugu lesiliva ayenela uThixo ethempelini, yaphela amandla. **6** Yathi lalilincinyane kakhulu. **22** Inkosi yayilemikhumbi enkosini, "Imibiko ebifika ezindlebeni zami elizweni yokuthengiselana eminengi eyayisolwandle lami ngengqubelaphambili langenhlakanipho yakho iphathisana lekaHiramu. Yayiphenduka kanye ngemva iqotho. **7** Kodwa angizange ngikukholwe lokho ngaze kweminyaka emithathu ithwele igolide, isiliva kanye ngafika mina ngokwami njalo ngazibonela ngawami lempondo zendlovu, indwangu lenkawu. **23** INKosi amehlo. Ngempela, bengingatshewanga ngitsho uSolomoni yawedlula wonke amakhosi omhlaba lengxene nje; ukuhlakanipha kwakho lokuphumelela ngenotho langenhlakanipho. **24** Umhlaba wonke weza kwakho kuyayedlula imibiko engayizwayo. **8** kuSolomoni ukuzokuzwa inhlakanipho uNkulunkulu Yeka intokoza abalayo abantu bakho! Ziyathokoza ayeyifake enhliziyeni yakhe. **25** Minyaka yonke iziphathamanda zakho, zona ezima phambi kwakho amlethela izipho zesiliva lezegolide, izembatho, zizwe inhlakanipho yakho! **9** Uduomo kalube kuThixo izikhali leziyoliso, lamabhiza kanye lezimbongolo. uNkulunkulu wakho, yena othokoze ngawe wakubeka **26** uSolomoni waqoqa izinqola zokulwa lamabhiza; esihlalweni sobukhos bako-Israyeli. Ngenxa yothando wayelezingola zokulwa eziyinkulungwane elamakhulu olunaphakade lukaThixo ku-Israyeli, ukubekile waba amane, amabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi yinkosi, ukuze ugcine ukwahlhulela ngemfanelo lambili ayewagcina emadolobheni awezingqola zempi lokulunga." **10** Yanika inkosi igolide elingamathalenta amanye egcinvwe kuye ejerusalema. **27** Inkosi yandisa alikhulu lamatshumi amabili, lenqwabanqwaba isiliva kwangani ngamatshes ejerusalema, lezihlahla zeziyoliso lamatshe aligugu. Akuzange kulethwe zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla zomkhiwa iziyoliso ezinengi kangako futhi njengalezo indlovukazi wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba. **28** Amabhiza yaseShebha eyazipha iNkosi uSolomoni. **11** (Imikhumbi kaSolomoni ayethengwe eGibhithe laseKhuwe, kaHiramu yaletha igolide livela e-Ofiri; njalo abathengi besikhosini babewathenga eKhuwe. **29** yethula lemithwalo emikhulu yamapulanka amahle Bathenga inqola yempi eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva lamatshe aligugu. **12** Inkosi yasebenzisa amapulanka angamakhulu ayisithupha kanye lebhiza ngamashekeli amahle njengezinsika zethempeli likaThixo kanye alikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu. Babuya bawedlulisa lesigodlo sobukhos, lokwenza imihubhe lemiqangala worke bayawathengisa amakhosi amaHithi kanye yabahlabeleli. Akuzange kubuye kuge lamapulanka amahle amanengi kangako angeniswayo elizweni loba abonwayo selokhu kwaba yilelolanga.) **13** INKosi uSolomoni yanika indlovukazi yaseShebha yonke into eyayifisa leyayicelayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ayinika khona kuphuma esigodlwani. Yasisuka lodwendwe Iwayo yabuyela elizweni lakibo. **14** Isisindo segolide elalizwua nguSolomoni minyaka yonke lalingamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha leshitupha, **15** kungabalwa inzuko eyayivela emithelweni yabathengisayo labathenga bethengisa kanye leyayivela emakhosini wonke ama-Arabhu kanye lababusi belizwe. **16** Inkosi uSolomoni yenza amahawu amakhulu angamakhulu amabili ngegolide elikhandiweyo; lilinye langena amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha. **17** Wenza njalo amanye amahawu amancinyane angamakhulu amathathu ngegolide elikhandiweyo, lilinye lilegugu lokuthathu kwegolide. Inkosi yawafaka esigodlwani

**11** Inkosi uSolomoni yayibathanda kakhulu abafazi beizweni kanye lendodakazi kaFaro, amaMowabi, ama-Amoni, ama-Edomi, amaSidoni lamaHithi. **2** Babengabeizwe uThixo ayethe kwabako-Israyeli, "Lingathathani labo, ngoba bazaguqulela inhliziyozenu kubonkulunkulu babo." Lanxa kunjalo, uSolomoni wabambeleka kubo ngothando. **3** Wayelabafazi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa ababezalwa esikhosini labanye abafazi beceleni abangamakhulu amathathu; lakanye abafazi bakhe baphambukisa inhliziyoyakhe. **4** Ekuluphaleni kwakhe uSolomoni, abafazi bakhe baphambulela ukhola lwakhe kwabanye onkulunkulu, inhliziyoyakhe ayizange ilandele uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe ngokupheleyo, njengenhliziyokaDavida uyise. **5** uSolomoni walabela u-Ashitorethi unkulunkulu wamaSidoni, loMoleki unkulunkulu onengekayo wama-Amoni. **6** Ngalokho uSolomoni wona phambi

kukaThixo; kazange alandele uThixo ngokupheleleyo, Ngakho uRezoni wabusa e-Aramu ehlezi ezonda njengokwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida. **7** Eqaqeni ilizwe lako-Israyeli. **26** UJerobhowamu indodana olusempumalanga yeJerusalem, uSolomoni wakhela kaNebhathi laye wahlamukela inkosi. Wayekade unkulunkulu onengekayo wamaMowabi uKhemoshi, engesinye sezikhulu zikaSolomoni, engowesizwana loMoleki unkulunkulu onengekayo wama-Amoni sika-Efrayimi evela eZereda, unina owayethiwa indawo yomhlatsheho. **8** Wenza okufananayo kubo nguZeruwa wayengumfelokazi. **27** Le yimbali bonke abafazi bakhe beziwenni, batshisa impempha yokuhlamukela kwakhe inkosi: uSolomoni wayakhe banikela ngemihlatshelo kubonkulunkulu babo. **9** walungisa amaguma ayizisekelo, njalo wagcwala evala UThixo wamthukuthele uSolomoni ngoba inhliziyo isikhala esasisele emdulini wedolobho likayise uDavida. yakhe yayisimfulatalele uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka- **28** Ujerobhowamu wayenindoda eyaziwayo, uSolomoni Israyeli, yena ayezibonakalise kuye kibili. **10** utha ebona ukuthi wayelijaha elenza kuhle kanganani Lanxa wayemlayile uSolomoni ukuba angalandeli umsebenzi walo, wambeka induna yezisbeni zonke abanye onkulunkulu, uSolomoni kazange awulandeli endlini kajosefa. **29** Ngalesosikhathi uJerobhowamu umlayo kaThixo. **11** Ngakho uThixo wasesithi waphuma ejerusalema, wahlangana lomphrofethi kuSolomoni. “Njengoba le kuyiyo injongo yakho njalo weShilo u-Ahija endleleni, eggqoqo esitsha. awugcina nangisa isivumelwano sami kanye lezimiso zami, Bahlangana bebobwa bobabili kuleyondawo, **30** lezo engakulaya ngazo, impela ngizawuhluthuna umbuso wakho kuwe ngiwunike omunye wabantu abangaphansi kwakho. **12** Loba kunjalo, ngenxa kulezi, ngoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli kaDavida uiyhlo, angiykwenza lokho wena usaphila. Ngizawuhluthuna esandleni sendodana yakho. **13** uthi, ‘Khangel, ngizahluthuna umbuso esandleni Kanti njalo angiyikuwuhluthuna wonke umbuso kuyo, sikaSolomoni ngikunike izizwana ezilitshumi. **32** Kodwa kodwa ngizayinika isizwana esisodwa ngenxa kaDavida ngenxa yenceku yami uDavida ledolobho lejerusalema, inceku yami njalo langenxa yeJerusalem, yona esengiyikhethile.” **14** Ngakho uThixo wasemvusela zako-Israyeli, ngizamtshiya isizwana esisodwa. **33** isitha uSolomoni, uHadadi um’Edomi owesikhosini Ngizakwenza lokhu ngoba bangifulatthele bakhonza sama-Edomi. **15** Mandulo uDavida esalwa lama- u-Ashithorethi unkulunkulakazi wamaSidoni, Edomi, uJowabi umlawuli webutho, owayengcwaba abafileyo, wayetshaye wabhuqa wonke amadoda ama- loKhemoshi unkulunkulu wamaMowabi, kanye Edomi. **16** UJowabi lawo wonke ama-Israyeli ahlala abahambanga ngezami izindleta, abenzanga ukulunga khonale okwezinyanga eziyisithupha, baze babhubhisa phambi kwami, abayigcinanga imilayo lemithetho yami wonke amadoda e-Edomi. **17** Kodwa uHadadi, njengalokhu okwenziza nguDavida uyise kaSolomoni. esesengumfanyana, wabalekela eGibhithe lezinye **34** Kodwa angiyikususa umbuso wonke esandleni izikhulu zama-Edomi ezazisebenzele uyise. **18** Basuka sikaSolomoni; ngizamenza ukuba abe ngumbusi eMidiyani baye ePharani. Bathe sebethatha amadoda okwempilo yakhe yonke ngenxa yenceku yami uDavida, ePharani behamba lawo, baye eGibhithe, kufaro inkosi yena engamkhethayo njalo wayilandela imilayo yami yaseGibhithe, yena owapha uHadadi indlu kanye wayigcina lemithetho yami. **35** Ngizathatha umbuso lomhlaba waze wamniki kanye lokudla. **19** UHadadi esandleni sendodana yakhe ngikunike izizwana wathandeka kakhulu kuFaro, waze wamendisela ezilitshumi. **36** Ngizanika indodana yakhe isizwana udadewabo womkakhe, udadewabo kaThaphenesi esisodwa ukuze inceku yami uDavida ibe lesibane iNdlovukazi. **20** Udadewabo kaThaphenesi wamzalela ngezikathhi zonke phambi kwami ejerusalema, indodana eyathiwa nguGenubhathi. UThaphenesi umuzi engakhetha ukufaka iBizo lami. **37** Kodwa wayondlela esigodlweni, kulapho-ke uGenubathi ke, wena ngokwakho, ngizakuthatha, njalo uzabusa ahlala khona labantwana bakaFaro. **21** Kwathi phezu kwakho konke njengokufisa kwenhliziyo uHadadi eseewile eseGibhithe ukuthi uDavida kasekho yakho yonke; uzakuba ngumbusi walo lonke elakolokuthi uJowabi induna yempi sewafa, wathi kuFaro: Israyeli. **38** Nxa ungenza engikulaya ngakho uhambe “Ake ungvumele ukuba ngiye elizweni lakithi.” **22** ngezindleta zami wenze okuhle emehlwani ami UFaro wathi kuye, “Usweleni lapha okwenza ufune okunjengokulalela imilayo yami lokulawulwa yimi, ukubuyela elizweni lakini na?” UHadadi waphendula ungenza njalo ngizakuba lawe. Ngizawuqinisa umbuso **23** UNkulunkulu wamvusela njalo uSolomoni esinye wakho njengokaDavida njalo ngizakunika u-Israyeli. isitha, uRezoni indodana ka-Eliyada owayebalekile **39** Ngizabuthula isithunzi abenzalo kaDavida ngenxa enkosini yakhe uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha. **24** yalokhu, kodwa hatshi kuze kuge nininini.” **40** Waqoqa ixuku labahlamuki waba ngumkhokheli USolomoni wazama ukubulala ujerobhowamu kodwa walo ngesikhathi uDavida echitha impi kaZobha; ujerobhowamu wabalekela eGibhithe, enkosini abahlamuki haya eDamaseko lapho bafika bahlala uShishakhi, njalo wahlala khonale uSolomoni waze khona bayiphatha leyondawo. **25** URezoni waba yisitha wafa. **41** Ezirye izehlakalo ezenzakala ekubuseni sako-Israyeli ngesikhathi sokuphila kukaSolomoni, kukaSolomoni lakho korke akwenzayo lenhlakanipho wengezelela kuloluhlupho olwasungulwa nguHadadi. yakhe ayitshengiselayo akulotshwanga yini egwalweni

Iwembali kaSolomoni na? **42** USolomoni wabuswa ukuba abe yinkosi. **43** Kwaba yikho ukufa kwakhe eselandela oyise njalo wangcwatshwelwa emzini kaDavida uyise. URehobhowami indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosu ngemva kwakhe.

**12** URehobhowami waya eShekhemu, njengoba abako-Israyeli bonke babeye khona ukuyambeka ukuba abe yinkosi. **2** UJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi wakuzwa lokhu (elokhu eseGibhithe, lapho ayebalekele khona ebalekela inkosi uSolomoni) wabuya evela eGibhithe. **3** Ngakho bakhupha ilizwi lokunxusa uJerobhowamu; kwathi yena labo bonke abako-Israyeli bayu kuRehobhowami bafika bathi kuye: **4** “Uyihlo wasethesa ijogwe elinzima kakhulu, wena phungula lumthwalo olochuku lejogwe elinzima esaletheswa nguyihlo, yikho sizakukhonza.” **5** URehobhowami waphendula wathi: “Sukani lapha okwensu ezintathu beseliphenduka libuye kimi.” Ngakho abantu bahamba. **6** INkosu uRehobhowami wabuza abadala besizwe ababelhale njalo basebenza loyiise uSolomoni esaphila. Wababuza abadala wathi: “Lingangicebisa ukuthi ngibaphendule ngithini lababantu?” **7** Baphendula bathi, “Nxa lamuhla ungaba yinceku yalababantu, ubasebenzele, ukhulumisane labo kuhle, bazahlala bezinceku zakho.” **8** Kodwa uRehobhowami kazange akwamukele ukucebisa kwabada wakhetha ukudinga ulwazi kwabayintanga yakhe ababekhule bonke njalo kuyibo abasebezincku zakhe. **9** Wababuza wathi, “Seluleko bani elilaso? Singabaphendula sithini lababantu abathi kimi, ‘Ake uphungule ubunzima esabetheswa nguyihlo?’” **10** Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe amphendula athi, “Batshele lababantu abathi kuwe, “Uyihlo wasethesa ubunzima, akusiphungulele lobubunzima” uthi kubo, ‘Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa. **11** Ubaba walethesa ubunzima, mina ngizabungezelela. Ubaba walitshaya ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa ngenkume.” **12** Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu babuyela kuRehobhowami, njengalokho okwakutshiyo yinkosi ukuthi, “Phendukani lize kimi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu.” **13** Inkosi yasiphendula abantu ngolaka. Yalahla izicebiso eyayiziphiwe ngabada, **14** yalandela ukucebisa kwabatsha, yathi, “Ubaba walethesa ijogwe elinzima, mina ngizalenza libe nzima okuphindiwego. Ubaba walixathula ngemichilo, mina ngizalintinyela ngenkume.” **15** Ngakho inkosi ayizange ibalalele abantu, ngoba lokhu okwakusenzakala ngokwakuvela kuThixo, ukugcwaliswa ilizwi likaThixo elaphiwa uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi ngo-Ahija waseShilo. **16** Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli sebebonile ukuthi inkosi yalile ukubalalela, bayiphendula inkosi bathi: “Silesabelo bani kuDavida, yingxenyenye bani endodaneni kajese? Emathenteni enu bako-Israyeli! Gcina indlu yakho, wena kaDavida!” Ngakho abako-Israyeli babuyela emakhaya. **17** Kodwa uRehobhowami waqhubeka ebabuswa abako-Israyeli ababelhala emadolobheni akoJuda. **18** INkosu uRehobhowami yathuma u-

Adoniram, owayephethe izibhalwa, kodwa bonke eJerusalem phezu kuka-Israyeli okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **19** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bayihlamukela indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla. **20** Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli besizwa ukuthi uJerobhowamu usebuyle bambizela enkundleni lapho abafika bambeka ukuba abe yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli. Isizwana sakoJuda saba yiso sodwa esasala sibuswa yindlu kaDavida. **21** Kwathi uRehobhowami esefike eJerusalem wabuthanisa bonke abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini, amadoda empi azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ukuba bayekulwa labako-Israyeli ukuze babuyisele uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni esihlalweni sobukhosu. **22** Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu leza kuShemaya inceku kaNkulunkulu. **23** “Tshono kuRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni inkosi yakoJuda, kubo bonke abendlu kajuda lekaBhenjamini, lakubo bonke abanye abantu uthi, **24** ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo ukuthi: Lingahambi ukuyakulwa labafowenu, abako-Israyeli. Yanini emakhaya enu, munye ngamunye, ngoba lokhu okwenzakalayo kuvela kimi.’” Ngakho balilalela ilizwi likaThixo babuyela emakhaya abo, njengokulaywa kwabo nguThixo. **25** UJerobhowamu wasesakha iShekhemu elizweni lamaqqa elako-Efrayimi wahlala khonale. Esuka lapho waphuma wayakwaka ePheniweli. **26** UJerobhowamu wacabanga wathi, “Umbuso usuzabuyela endlini kaDavida. **27** Nxa abantu laba bangayanikela imihlatshelo ethempelini likaThixo eJerusalem, bazaphinda baphe usekelo lwabo enkosini, uRehobhowami inkosi yakoJuda. Bazangibulala babuyela enkosini uRehobhowami.” **28** Ngemva kokudinga ukwelulekwa, inkosi yenza amatole egolide amabili. Yasisithi ebantwini, “Kunzima kakhulu kini ukuthi liye eJerusalem. Nampa onkulunkulu benu, Oh Israyeli, abalikhupha eGibhithe.” **29** Wasemisa elinye eBhetheli, elinye njalo eDani. **30** Lokhu kwaba yisono; abantu babesiya khonale eDani ukuyakhonza lelo elalikhonale. **31** UJerobhowamu wakha amatempeli ezindaweni eziphamemeyo wasebeka abaphristi emihlotsheni yonke yabantu, lakulabo ababengasibo abaLevi. **32** Wamisa umkhosi ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlalu ngenyanga yetshumi lasificaminwembili, owawunjengomkhosi owasusenziwa koJuda, wanikela imihlatshelo e-Alithareni. Lokhu wakwenza eBhetheli, enikela ematholeni ayewenzile. LeBhetheli wabeka abaphristi ezindaweni eziphezelu ayezenzile. **33** Ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlalu lwenyanga yesificaminwembili, inyanga ayezikhethele yona, wanikela imihlatshelo e-alithareni ayelakhile eBhetheli. Ngakho wamisa umkhosi kwabako-Israyeli waya e-alithareni ukuyanikela imihlatshelo.

**13** UJerobhowamu esemi e-alithareni ukuze atshise impepha, kwafika umuntu kaNkulunkulu eBhetheli evela koJuda elelizwi likaThixo, **2** walethua e-alithareni lelilizwi likaThixo elithi: “Wena alithareni

Nanku okutshiro nguThixo ukuthi, ‘Kuzazalwa lafika kuye umphrofethi omdala owayemphendule indodana endlini kaDavida, ibizo lakhe lizakuba wabuyela laye emuva. **21** Wakhulumu kulowomuntu nguJosiya. Izakwenza umhlatshele phezu kwakho abenza iminikelo khona lapha, lamathambo abantu azatshiselwa phezu kwakho.’’ **3** Ngalolosuku umuntu yisiboniso esivela kuThixo: I-alithari lizadatshulwa phakathi lomlotha ophezu kwalo uzachithwa.’’ **4** Ngenxa yalokho isidumbu sakho asisayungcwatshwa Inkosi uJerobhowamu isizwile isikhala sendoda evela kuNkulunkulu nge-alithare leBhetheli yelulela isandla sayo e-alitharen, yathi, “Mbambeni!” Kodwa isandla lesu ayeselulue soma wehluleka ukusifinyeza. **5** Kwathi i-alithari lalo ladatshulwa phakathi umlotta wamkhweza. **24** Uthe esengene indlela yakhe, walo walahlwa, njengokwesibonakaliso esasethulwe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ngelizwi likaThixo. **6** Inkosi yathi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, “Ake ungingengele ukuba udle, ngizakunika umvuzo.” **8** Kodwa umuntu isandla sami sisiliswe sibuyeles esimeni saso.” Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasemncengela kuThixo, lesandla bayabikela umphrofethi omdala lapho ayehlala Wasethi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: “Ake siye ekhaya ukuthi: ‘Ungabokudla ukudla, unganathi amanzi njalo ungaphenduki ngendlela oze ngayo.’’ **10** Ngakho wabuyela ngenye indlela, kasabuyelanga ngendlela ukuthi: ‘‘Pho angabe uhambe ngayiphi indlela?’’ Kwathilomphrofethi omdala woyehlala eBhetheli, okweza kuye amadodana akhe amtshele ngokwakwenziwe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ngalolosuku. Amadodana atshela uyise lokuthi indoda leyoyayitheni enkosini. **12** Uyise wasebuza amadodana ukuthi: ‘‘Pho angabe uhambe ngayiphi indlela?’’ Indoda yathi, ‘‘Yebo yimi.’’ **15** Ngakho umphrofethi wasethi kuye, ‘‘Woza siye ekhaya uzokudla.’’ **16** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi, ‘‘Angingeke ngiphenduke ukuthi ngibuyele lawe uJerobhowamu kazange aguqule izindlela zakhe emuva, njalo angingeke ngidle ukudla loba nginathe zokona, waqhubeka ekhetha abaphristi bendawo amanzi lawe kule indawo. **17** Ilizwi likaThixo lifike wampfethi omdala wamphendula wathi, ‘‘Lami ngingumphrofethi njengawe. Ingilosiza kimi ngelizwi likaThixo sathi: ‘‘Ubomletha umbuyisele emuva endlini yakho ukuze ayekudla isinkwa njalo anathe lamanzi.’’ (Kodwa wayeqamba amanga.) **19** Ngakho umuntu kaNkulunkulu wabuyela laye wafika wadla ukudla wanatha lamanzi endlini yakhe. **20** Besahlezi endaweni yokudlela, ilizwi likaThixo

kaNkulunkulu owayevela kojuda wathi, ‘‘Nanku okutshiro nguThixo: ‘Usuphikise ilizwi likaThixo awusagcinanga imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akulaya ngayo.’’ **22** Uphenduke endleleni wafika wadla umuntu kaNkulunkulu eseqedile ukudla lokunatha, umuntu kaNkulunkulu wamkhweza. **24** Abantu ababesdlula lapho babona isidumbu siwele khonapho emgwaqweni, isilwane simi sakhe sasala phansi emgwaqweni, kwathi ubabhemi wema ngapha kwesidumbu lesilwane sime ngale kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ungikhulekele, ukuba kwaso. **25** Abantu ababesdlula lapho babona isidumbu siwele khonapho emgwaqweni, isilwane simi sakhe sasala phansi emgwaqweni, kwathi ubabhemi wema ngapha kwesidumbu lesilwane sime ngale kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ungikhulekele, ukuba kwaso. **26** Kwathi umphrofethi owayemphendule endleleni ehambeni lwakhe ekuzwa lokhu, wathi, ‘‘Ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu odedele ilizwi likaThixo. UThixo umnikele esilwaneni, esimpfogoze sambulala, njengoba ilizwi likaThixo belimxwayisile.’’ **27** Umphrofethi wathi emadodaneni akhe, ‘‘Ngilungiselani ubabhemi limethese isihlalo.’’ Akwenza lokho amadodana, **28** wasesuka esiya khonale lapho afumana khona isidumbu endleleni, ngapha kumi isilwane ngale kungubabhemi emaceleni aso. Isilwane asizange sisithinte isidumbu kanti njalo sasivele singazange simthinte lobabhemi. **29** Ngakho umphrofethi ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu wathatha isidumbu somuntu kaNkulunkulu, emadodaneni akhe, ‘‘Lungisanu ubabhemi lingifakele isihlalo phezu kwakhe.’’ Kwathi sebemlungisele wagada wamfica ehlezi ngaphansi kwezihlaha som’Okhi wambuza wathi, ‘‘Nguwe umuntu kaNkulunkulu na ovela kojuda?’’ Indoda yathi, ‘‘Yebo yimi.’’ **30** Ngakho umphrofethi wasethi kuye, ‘‘Woza siye phezu kwe-alithari eBhetheli laphezu kwazo zonke indawana zomhlatshele ezipfakemeyo emadolobheni Kwathilomphrofethi omdala wamphendula wathi, aseSamariya lizagcwaleka.’’ **33** Langemva kwaloku, Ngemva kokumngcwaba, wathi emadodaneni akhe, ‘‘Ekufeni kwami, lingingcwabe engcwabeni lona libeke amathambo ami ndawonye lamathambo akhe. **32** Ngoba ilizwi alimemezelayo ngelizwi likaThixo Kwakusithi loba ngubani ofuna ukuba ngumphristi wayemcobela indawo eziphezelu. **34** Lesi kwakuyisono sendlu kajerobhowamu esakhokhelela ekuweni lasekudilikeni kwayo kayaze yaba khona emhlaben. **14** Ngalesosikhathi u-Abhija indodana kajerobhowamu wagula, **2** uJerobhowamu wathi kumkakhe, ‘‘Hamba, uzifihle ngesinye isimo, ukuze kungabikhona ozakunanzelela ukuthi ungumkajerobhowamu. Ube ususisa eShilo. U-Ahija

umphrofethi ukhonale onguye owangitshela ukuthi ngizakuba yinkosi yabantu laba. **3** Uthathe izinkwa ezelitshumi, amakhekhe athile kanye legabha loluju, ube ususiya kuye. Uzakutshela okumele kwenzakale emntwaneni.” **4** Ngakho umkajerobhowamu wenza lokho ayekutshilo wasesiya endlini ka-Ahija eShilo. **5** Kodwa uThixo wayetshele u-Ahija zonke zako-Israyeli ukubeka iBizo lakhe. Unina ukuthi, “UmkaJerobhowamu uyeza uzokubuza wayenguNahama; engowase-Amoni. **22** AbakoJuda ngendodana yakhe, iyagula, njalo uzamnika impendulo bona phambi kukaThixo. Ngokona lokhu, bavusa le late ngalokhu lalokhuyana. Ekuifikeni kwakhe ubukhwele bolaka lwakhe ukwedlula okwakwenziwe uzakwenza kungathii kayisuye ezifihla.” **6** Kwathi u-Ahija esizwa isizinde zakhe phandle wahle wema emnyango, wathi, “Ngena, Nkosikazi kajerobhowamu, kanti ngokwani ukuzenzisa? Ngithunywe kuwe eziyizithingithingi. **7** Hamba, uyetshela ujerobhowamu ukuthi lokhu yikho okutshivo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Ngakondla wakhula phakathi-kwabantu ngakwenza umkhokheli wabantu bami bako-Israyeli. **8** Ngaxebula umbuso endlini kaDavida ngawuniwa wena, kodwa awuzange wenze njengenceku yami uDavid, yena owagcina imilayo yami njalo wangilandela ngayo yonke inhliziyu yakhe, esenza konke okuhle phambi kwami. **9** Wonile okudlula bonke abakwanduleyo. Usuzidalele abanye onkulunkulu izithombe ezikhawende ngensimbi, ungithukuthelisile ngazonda njalo ungifulathele. **10** Ngenxa yalokho ngizakwhelisela incithakalo endlini kajerobhowamu. Ngizabhubhisa bonke abesilisa bokucina ekuzalweni kwabakajerobhowamu ko-Israyeli loba yisigqili loba okhululekileyo. Ngizayitshisa indlu kajerobhowamu kungathii ngibase ubulongwe, ize iphele du. **11** Izinja zizabadla bonke abakajerobhowamu abafele edolobheni, lezinyoni zemkhathini zizazitika ngalabo abafela emaphandleni. UThixo usekhulumile!” **12** Wena, buyela ekhaya. Uzakuthi ubeka unyawo lwakho edolobheni umfana ahle afe. **13** U-Israyeli uzalila amngcwabe. Nguye yedwa kwabakajerobhowamu ozangcwatshwa, ngoba nguye yedwa endlini kajerobhowamu, uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, amthole enze ukulunga. **14** UThixo uzazivusela owakhe umbusi ozakuba yinkosi phezu kuka-Israyeli, ozachitha imuli kajerobhowamu. Lamuhla yikho ukuqala kwakho lokho. **15** UThixo uzamtshawa u-Israyeli, kungathii ngumhlanga uzunguzeka emanzini. Uzamquphuna u-Israyeli elizweni lakhe elihle alinika okhokho bakhe abachithe ngaphetsheya komfula uYufrathe, ngoba uThixo bamvuse ulaka ngokwenza izinsika zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera. **16** Njalo uzamlahla u-Israyeli ngenxa yezonzo zikajerobhowamu azenzileyo wakhokhelelo lo-Israyeli ukuzenza.” **17** UmkaJerobhowamu wasuka lapho waqonda eThiza. Wathi enyathela egumeni, indodana yafa. **18** Bayingcwaba njalo, u-Israyeli wonke wayililela njengoba uThixo wayetshilo njengenceku yakhe umphrofethi u-Ahija. **19** Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso kajerobhowamu, izimpi lokuthi wabuswa njani, kulotshiwe egwalwensi lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **20** Wabusa okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili wasesiyaphumula labokhokho bakhe ekufeni. Indodana yakhe uNadabi wathatha isikhundla sakhe waba yinkosi. **21** URehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni engamatshumi amane lanye eqalisa ukubusa, wabusa okweminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa ejerusalema u-Ahija wayengasaboni, eseyisiphofu ngenxa idolobho elakhetiwa nguThixo phakathi kwezizwana yokuluphala. **22** AbakoJuda ngendodana yakhe, iyagula, njalo uzamnika impendulo bona phambi kukaThixo. Ngokona lokhu, bavusa le late ngalokhu lalokhuyana. Ekuifikeni kwakhe ubukhwele bolaka lwakhe ukwedlula okwakwenziwe uzakwenza kungathii kayisuye ezifihla.” **23** Bazakhela njalo indawo ezipahakemeyo zeminikel, amatshie azilayo lezinsika zika-Ashera emnyango, wathi, “Ngena, Nkosikazi kajerobhowamu, ezintabeni zonke langaphansi kwemithunzi yezihlahla afeba lamanye amadoda ezindaweni zemihlatshelo phakathi kwelizwe; abantu ababesenza wonke amanyala eziwe uThixo ayezixotshile phansi kwabako-Israyeli. **24** Kwakukhona lapho amadoda uShishakh inkosi yaseGibhithe wahlasela iJerusalem. **25** Ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaRehobhowami, uShishakh inkosi yaseGibhithe wahlasela iJerusalem. **26** Wabutha yonke inotho yethempeli likaThixo kanye lenotho yesigodlo sobukhos. Wahuquluza konke kanye lamahawu enziwe ngegolide ayekhandwe nguSolomoni. **27** Ngakho iNkosi uRehobhowami yakhanda amahawu ethusi ukwenanisa lawo yawabela abakhokheli babalindimasango besigodlweni. **28** Kwakusithi nxa inkosi isiya ethempelinli likaThixo, abalindi babewathwala amahawu lawo, baphinde bawabuyisele endlini yabalindi. **29** Ezinye izehlakalo ekubusene kukaRehobhowami, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalwensi lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? **30** Kwahlala kulempu phakathi kukaRehobhowami loJerobhowamu. **31** URehobhowami wakhothama, wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavida. Unina wayenguNahama, engum’Amoni. U-Abhija indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhos waba yinkosi ngemva kukayise.

**15** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, u-Abhija waba yinkosi yakoJuda, **2** njalo wabusa ejerusalema okweminyaka emithathu. Ibizo likanina lalinguMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu. **3** Wenza zonke izono ezazisenziwa nguyise, inhliziyu yakhe yayingekho ekukhonzeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe, inganjengenhliziyu kaDavida ukhokho wakhe. **4** Kungenani, ngenxa kaDavida uThixo uNkulunkulu wamniki isibane ejerusalema ngokuveza indodana eyayizathatha isihlalo sakhe langokuquinisa ijerusalem. **5** UDavida wayekwenzile konke okufaneleyo emehlweni kaThixo njalo kehlulekanga ukugcina imilayo kaThixo kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe ngaphandle kwendaba ka-Uriya umHitshi. **6** Kwaba lempu phakathi kukaRehobhowami loJerobhowamu ngasosonke isikhathi sokuphila kuka-Abhija. **7** Okunye okumayelana lombuso ka-Abhija, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalwensi lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? Kwaba lempu phakathi kuka-Abhija loJerobhowamu. **8** U-Abhija waphumula laboyise wangcwatshwa emzini

kaDavida. U-Asa indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosи 27 UBhasha indodana ka-Ahija owendlu ka-Isakhari bukayise. 9 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili okubusa waceba ukumbulala. Wambulala eGibhethoni eliny kukaJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Asa waba lamadolobho amaFilitiya, ngesikhathi uNadabi labo yinkosi yakoJuda, 10 wabusа ejerusalema okweminyaka bonke abako-Israyeli belihanqile. 28 UBhasha wabulala engamatshumi amane lowodwa. Ibizo likagogo uNadabi ngomnyaka wesithathu wombuso ka-Asa wakhe lalinguMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu. inkosi yakoJuda wasehlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosи. 11 U-Asa wenza okubukekayo phambi kukaThixo, 29 Waqlisa ukubusa wahle wabulala bonke abendlu njengalokhu okwakwenzi nguDavida uyise. 12 kajerobhowamu. Kazange atshiyele uJerobhowamu Waxotsha abesilisa ababefeba ngokwenzana abafazi, loyedwa kodwa wabhubhisa bonke elandela ilizwi wadiliza zonke izithombe ezazakhwe ngoyise. 13 Waze likaThixo eleza lenceku yakhe u-Ahija waseShilo 30 waxotsha kanye logo wakhe uMahakha wamsusa ngenxa yezonu zikajerobhowamu ayezenzile njalo esihlalweni sokuba yindlovukazi yomndlunkulu, ngoba enguye owabangela ukuthi u-Israyeli one, ngoba wayebumbe isithombe esilhlazo sika-Ashera. U- wathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 31 Asa wasidilizela phansi lesisithombe wayasitshisel Eziny izechlakalo ekubuseni kukaNadabi, lakho konke eSigodini saseKhidironi. 14 Noma engadilizanga akwenzayo, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali izindawo eziphakerneyo zokukhonzela, inhlizyo ka- yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? 32 Kwaba lempi phakathi Asa yayinamathele kuThixo impilo yakhe yonke. 15 kuka-Asa loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli ngesikhathi Waletha ethempelini likaThixo isiliva legolide lonke sonke sokubusa kwabo. 33 Ngomnyaka wesithathu uyise kanye laye ababekunikele lezinye impahla. 16 Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Asa loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli ekubuseni kwabo bonke. 17 UBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli waqophana loJuda wasesakha umuzi weRama ukuvimbela loba ngubani owayezama ukuphuma loba ukungena elizweni lika-Asa inkosi yakoJuda. 18 U-Asa wasethatha isiliva sonke legolide elalise eziphaleni zokuligugu ethempelini likaThixo lokwakusesigodlweni sakhe. Wakubeka ezandleni zezikhulu zakhe wazithumela kuBheni-Hadadi indodana kaThabhrimonи, oyindodana kaHeziyonи, inkosi yase-Aramu, owayebusa eDamaseko. 19 "Akubekhona ubdlelwano phakathi kwami lawe," watsho, eqhubeka wathi, "njengoba kwakunjalo phakathi kukayihlo lobaba. Khangelia ngikuthumela izipho zesiliva legolide. Wena quma ubdlelwano bakho loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli yikho ezaphuma elizweni lami." 20 UBheni-Hadadi wavumelana lenkosi u-Asa wasethumela abalawuli bamabutho akhe ukuyahlasela amadolobho ako-Israyeli. Wanqoba ele-Ijoni, eleDani, ele-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha lalo lonke elaseKhinerethi kanye leNafithali. 21 UBhasha wathi ekuzwa lokhu, wema ukwakha iRama waselehlela eThiza. 22 Inkosi u-Asa yaquma ukuthi kungasali muntu kulolonke elakoJuda. Basebethutha eRama bethwala amatshe lamapulanka ayekade esetshenziswa nguBhasha kuleyondawo. Ngalokho inkosi u-Asa yakha iGebha kwelakoBhenjaminsi, leMiziphа. 23 Konke okumayelana lombuso ka-Asa, lalokho anqoba kikho, lamadolobho wonke ayewakhile, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? Kodwa-ke, ekuluphaleni kwakhe, waba lomkhuhlane ezinyaweni zakhe. 24 Ngakho u-Asa waya ekuphumuleni wangcwatshwa laboyise emzini kayise uDavida. Kwathi indodana yakhe uJehoshafathi wathatha isihlalo sakhe sobukhosи. 25 UNadabi indodana kajerobhowamu waba yinkosi yabako-Israyeli ngomnyaka wesibili ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, njalo wabusа abako-Israyeli okweminyaka emibili. 26 Wona wenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo, wahamba ngendlela kayise lasezorweni zakhe, lezo ezazibangele ukuthi u-Israyeli angene kuzo adale isono.

27 UBhasha indodana ka-Ahija owendlu ka-Isakhari waceba ukumbulala. Wambulala eGibhethoni eliny kukaJerobhowamu inkosi yakoJuda, 28 UBhasha wabulala bonke abako-Israyeli belihanqile. 29 Waqlisa ukubusa wahle wabulala bonke abendlu njengalokhu okwakwenzi nguDavida uyise. 30 kajerobhowamu. Kazange atshiyele uJerobhowamu Waxotsha abesilisa ababefeba ngokwenzana abafazi, loyedwa kodwa wabhubhisa bonke elandela ilizwi wadiliza zonke izithombe ezazakhwe ngoyise. 31 Waze likaThixo eleza lenceku yakhe u-Ahija waseShilo waxotsha kanye logo wakhe uMahakha wamsusa ngenxa yezonu zikajerobhowamu ayezenzile njalo esihlalweni sokuba yindlovukazi yomndlunkulu, ngoba enguye owabangela ukuthi u-Israyeli one, ngoba wayebumbe isithombe esilhlazo sika-Ashera. U- wathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Eziny izechlakalo ekubuseni kukaNadabi, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? 32 Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Asa loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli ngesikhathi sonke sokubusa kwabo. 33 Ngomnyaka wesithathu ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, uBhasha indodana ka-Ahija waba yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli laseThiza, njalo wabusа iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lane. 34 Wona phambi kukaThixo, wahamba ngendlela kajerobhowamu lezono zakhe, lezo abangela u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze.

**16** Ilizwi likaThixo leza kujehu indodana kaHanani lisongela uBhasha lisithi: 2 "Ngakususa othulini ngakwenza umkhokheli wabantu bami bako-Israyeli, kodwa wasuka wahamba ngezindlela zikajerobhowamu njalo wabangela abantu bami bako-Israyeli ukuthi bone bangithukuthelise ngezono zabo. 3 Ngakho sekufanele ngichithe uBhasha labendlu yakhe, njalo indlu yakho ngizakwenza ifanane lekajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi. 4 Bazadliya yizinja abangabakaBhasha abazafela edolobheni, kanti izinyoni zasemoyeni zizakudla labo abazafela emangweni." 5 Okunye okumayelana lombuso kaBhasha, akwenzayo lokuphumelela kwakhe, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli? 6 UBhasha waphumula laboyise wembelia eThiza. Kwathi u-Ela indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosи yabusa. 7 Njalo ilizwi lafika livela kuThixo ngojehu indodana kaHanani lisiya kuBhasha labendlu yakhe, ngoba kulezono ezinengi ayezenzile emehlweni kaThixo, warthukuthelisa ngezinto abazenzayo, waze wafanana labendlu kajerobhowamu kanye lokuthi wayichitha. 8 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesithupha wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, u-Ela indodana kaBhasha waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli njalo wabusа eThiza okweminyaka emibili. 9 UZimri, esinye sezikhulu zakhe, owayelawula ingxenyе yezinqola zempа, waceba ukumbulala. U-Ela wayeseThiza ngalesosikhathi, esidla edakwa endlini kaAriza, indoda eyajiphethe isigodlo saseThiza. 10 UZimri wangena, wamtshaya wambulala. Kwakungumnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda. Wasethatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhosи waba yinkosi. 11 Uthe equalisa ukubusa esehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи, wabulala bonke abendlu

kaBhasha. Katshiyanga ndoda noma kuyisihlobo loba kungumngane. **12** Ngakho uZimri wabhubhiswa bonke abendlu kaBhasha, kwaba njengokwatshiwo nguThixo owasongela uBhasha ngomphrefethi ujehu **13** ngenxa yazo zonke izono azenzayo uBhasha lendodana yakhe u-Ela; benza lo-Israyeli wona kwaze kwaqubula uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wazonda ngenxa yezithombe zabo eziyize. **14** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombusa ka-Ela, lakkho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini encwadini yembali yamakhosi aksa-Israyeli? **15** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, uZimri wabusa eThiza okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. Ibutho lalisenkambeni yaseGibhethoni, idolobho lamaFilistiya. **16** Abako-Israyeli bathi sebezwise ukuthi uZimri wakha icebo lokubulala inkosi lakanye wayibulala, babeka u-Omri, umlawuli webutho wahle waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli mhlalokho enkambeni. **17** U-Omri labo bonke abako-Israyeli bahlela basuka eGibhethoni bayavimbezela iThiza. **18** UZimri utha ebona ukuthi idolobho laselithethwe, waya enqabeni yesigodlo senkosi wathungela isigodlo sesikhosini ngomlilo lapho ayekhona. Ngakho wafa, **19** ngenxa yezono azenzayo, esenza okubi phambi kukaThixo njalo kwakungasalamuntu ohamba ngendlela zikajerobhowamu lasezonweni ayengene kuzo lalezoo ayebangela u-Israyeli ukuba azenze. **20** Ezinye izehlakalo zokubusa kukaZimri, lomvukela ayewenzile, akulotshwanga na ogwalweni lwembali yamakhosi aksa-Israyeli? **21** Kwasekusiba lokudabukana phakathi kwabantu bako-Israyeli, abanye babesekela uThibhini indodana kaGinathi ukuthi abe yinkosi, abanye besekela u-Omri. **22** Kodwa-ke kwabasobala ukuthi abalandeli baka-Omri bayabakhulela abakaThibhini indodana kaGinathi. Ngakho uThibhini wafa u-Omri waba yinkosi. **23** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanye ka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, u-Omri waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, wabusa okweminyaka elithsumi lambili, eyisithupha yayo eseThiza. **24** Wathenga uqaqa IwaseSamariya kushemeri ngamathalenta amabili esiliva njalo wakha idolobho phezu koqaqa lolo walibiza ngokuthi Samariya, elubiza ngoShemeri, owayekade engumnikazi walo. **25** Kodwa u-Omri wona waba lezono phambi kukaThixo, njalo yena wona okwedlula bonke abamandulelayo. **26** Wahamba ngazozonke izindlela zikajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi kanye lasezonweni zakhe, abangela ukuthi u-Israyeli azenze, ngalokho baqubula uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wazonda ngenxa yezithombe zabo eziyize. **27** Okwembali yokubusa kuka-Omri, akwenzayo kanye layephumelele kukho, akulotshwanga na ogwalweni lwembali yamakhosi aksa-Israyeli? **28** U-Omri waphumula kuboyise wembelia eSamariya. Kwathi u-Ahabi indodana yakhe wabusa ngemva kwakhe. **29** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lasificaminwembili wokubusa kuka-Asa inkosi yakoJuda, u-Ahabi indodana ka-Omri waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, njalo wabusa eSamariya kwabako-Israyeli okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili. **30** U-Ahabi indodana ka-Omri waba lezono ezingaphezu kwalabo abamandulelayo phambi kukaThixo. **31** Kwathi lanxa ebona kungasilutho ukungena ebubini bukajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, wathatha ujezebheli indodakazi ka-Ethibhali inkosi yamaSiDioni, waseqalisa ukukhonza lokusebenzela uBhali. **32** Wakhela uBhali i-alithari ethempelini likaBhali ayelakhe eSamariya. **33** U-Ahabi wenzela u-Ashera insika njalo kunengi akwenzayo okwathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okwedlula wonke amakhosi aksa-Israyeli amandulelayo. **34** Ngezinsuku zika-Ahabi uHiyeli waseBhetheli wakha kutsha ijekhelo. Ukubekwa kwezisekelo zayo kwathatha impilo yezibulo lakhe u-Abhiramu kwathi lasekumiseni amasango alo kwathatha impilo yecinathunjana lakhe uSegubi, kwagcwaliiseka ilizwi likaThixo ayelikhulume ngoJoshua indodana kaNuni.

**17** U-Elija umThishibi owayevela ngaseThishibi eGiliyadi, wasesithi ku-Ahabi, "Njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, engimkhonzayo ephila, akuyikuba lamazolo njalo akuyikuba lezulu okweminyaka embalwa ezayo ngaphandle kokuba ngitsho." **2** Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo lafika ku-Elija lisithi: **3** "Suka lapho, khangela empumalanga uyeatscha eDongeni IwaseKherithi, empumalanga kweJodani. **4** Uzanatha amanzi avela kulesosifula, njalo sengilayile amawabay ukuthi azabe ekulethela ukudla khonapho." **5** Ngakho wenza lokho okwakutshivo nguThixo. Waya eDongeni IwaseKherithi, empumalanga yeJodani, wafika wahlala khona. **6** Amawabayi amlethela ukudla, isinkwa lenyama ekuseni kwathi lantambama kwaba yisinkwa lenyama, amanzi wayenatha esifuleni. **7** Ngemva kwasikhathi amanzi atsha esifuleni ngoba kwakungelazulu elizweni. **8** Ngakho kwabuye kwafika kuye ilizwi likaThixo lisithi: **9** "Suka khathesi uye eZarefathi yeSiDioni ueyhla khona. Sengilungisile khona ukuthi umfelokazi uzakulungisela abe ekupha ukudla." **10** Wasesiya eZarefathi, Uthe efika esangweni ledolobho, kwakukhona umfelokazi edobha incwathi. Wazibika kuye njalo ecela wathi, "Ungangilethela amanzi ngenkezo kenginathe na?" **11** Uthe esayathatha amanzi, wambiza njalo wathi, "Ngicela ungiphathethe locezu lwesinkwa." **12** Umfelokazi waphendula wathi, "Ngeqiniso lanjengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ephila, angilaso isinkwa kodwa ngilengcosana nje yefulawa engcebethwini encane lamafutha angenganani ediweni. Ngidobha incwathi lezi nje ngiya lazo ngekhaya ukuze ngyezigogozela engingakudla mina lendodana yami, kube yikho esizakudla andubana sife." **13** U-Elija wathi kumfelokazi, "Ungesabi. Hamba uye ekhaya uyekwenza khonokho okutshoyo. Kodwa uqale ungiphekeli iqebelengwane eliyisinkwa ngalokho olakho ube usuliletha lapha kimi, andubana uziphekeli okwakho lendodana yikho. **14** Ngoba lokhu yikho uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli akutshiloyi: 'Impuphu esengcebethwini kayiyikuphela, lamafutha asediweni kawayikuphela,

kuze kufike usuku uThixo azanisa ngalo izulu ingazange ithume izithunuya ukuba zikudinge khona. elizweni?" 15 Wasuka lapho wayakwenza njengalokho Kuthe laloba isizwe loba umbuso ulandula ukuba ayekutshilo u-Elija. Ngakho kwahlala kulokudla kuka-Elija lomfelokazi labendlu yakhe okwensuku zonke. 16 Ngoba ifulawa eyayisengcebethwini ayiphelanga, kanti njalo lamafutha agobhoza kokuphela kazaphela njengokutsho kukaThixo ku-Elija. 17 mhla ngakutshiyayo. Nxa ngingayatshela u-Ahabi Ngemva kwasikhatshana indodana yomfelokazi owayengumninindu yagula. Wakhula umkhuhlane ngamanda, yaze yema ukuphefumula. 18 Umfelokazi wathi ku-Elija, "Kanti kuyini ongizondela khona, wena muntu kaNkulunkulu? Kambe ungabe ulande ukuzangikhumbuza ngesono sami ukuze ubulale indodana yami na?" 19 U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Nginika indodana yakho." Wayiphatha ngezandla wakhwela layo waya endlini ephezulu ayehlala kuyo, wayilalisa embhedeni wakhe. 20 uSomandla engimkhonzayo ekhona, ngizazinikela Wasecela ngamanda kuThixo esithi. "Yebo Thixo ngempela ku-Ahabi lamuhla." 16 Ngakho u-Nkulunkulu wami, wehlisele umonakalo lakulo phezu komfana kathathu ecela kuThixo, esithi, "Wena Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, ake ubuyisele impilo yalumintwana!" 22 UThixo wakuza ukukhala kuka-Elija lakanyi impilo yomfana yabuyla, wavuka waphila. 23 U-Elija wampifikamisa umrntwana wamthwale endlini ephansi. Wamqhubela unina wasesithi kunina, "Khangel ubone, indodana yakho iyaphila!" 24 Umfelokazi wasesithi ku-Elija, "Khathesi sengsazi ukuthi ungumuntu kaNkulunkulu lokuthi ilizwi likaThixo elivela emlonyeni wakho liliqiniso."

**18** Ngemva kwasikhathi eside, ngomnyaka wesithathu, ilizwi likaThixo lezwakala ku-Elija lisithi: "Hamba uyezibika ku-Ahabi, ngizanisa izulu elizweni." 2 Lakanyi u-Elija wahamba wayazibika ku-Ahabi. Ngalesosikhathi indlala yayinkulu kakhulu eSamariya, 3 njalo u-Ahabi wayebize u-Obhadaya, owayengumlindi wesigdolo sakhe. (U-Obhadaya wayekholwa kakhulu kuThixo. 4 Lapho ujezehbeli wayebulala abaphrofethi bakaThixo, u-Obhadaya wayethethe abalikhulu wayabafihla ezimbawini ezimbili, bengamatshumi amahlanu ebhalwini lunye, wabathumela ukudla lamanzi.) 5 U-Ahabi wayeth ku-Obhadaya, "Ngena elizweni lonke emaxhaphozini lasezihotsheni. Mhlawumbe singathola khona utshani bokupha amabhiza lezimbongolo zethu ukuze singabulali leyodwa yezinyamazana zethu." 6 Ngakho behlukaniselana isigaba somhlaba ababezawuhlola. U-Ahabi wakhangel le kwathi lo-Obhadaya laye waya le. 7 Kwathi u-Obhadaya ezhambela nje, wahlangabezwa ngu-Elija. U-Obhadaya wamnanzelela, wakhothamela phansi emhlabathini, wasesithi, "Kambe nguwe sibili, nkosi yami Elija?" 8 U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Yebo. Hamba uyethela inkosi yakho ukuthi, 'U-Elija ulapha.'" 9 U-Obhadaya wabuza wathi, "Ngogeni kanti okwenza unikele inceku yakho ezandleni zika-Ahabi ukuba ibulawe? 10 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ephila, akukho sizwe loba umbuso lapho inkosi yami

12 Angikwazi ukuthi uMoya kaThixo uzakusa ngaphi akudinge akuswele, uzangibulala. Kunjalo-nje mina nceku yakho ngimkhonzile uThixo kusukela ebutsheni bami. 13 Awukeza yini, nkosi yami, engakwenzayo ujezeheli ebulala abaphrofethi bakaThixo na? Ngafihla abalikhulu ezimbawini ezimbili, bengamatshumi amahlanu kolulodwa, ngabapha ukudla lamanzi. 14 Njalo khathesi usungithuma ukuba ngiye enkosini yami ngiyeitshela ngithi, 'U-Elija ulapha.' Kusobala ukuthi izangibulala!" 15 U-Elija wathi, "Njengoba uThixo obhalo. 16 U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Angibanganga Israyeli?" 18 U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Ngue wena, wena oluhlupho ko-hlupho ko-Israyeli. Kodwa nguwe labendlu kayihlo abalubangileyo. Selitshiye imilayo kaThixo lalandela obhalo. 19 Biza abantu kulolonke elako-Israyeli ngiyehlangana labo eNtabeni iKhamele. Njalo letho bonke abaphrofethi bakaBhali abangamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu labaka-Ashera abangamakhulu amane, abadlela etafuleni kajezebhel." 20 U-Ahabi wakuphila ilizwi kulolonke elako-Israyeli wahlanganisa abaphrofethi labo eNtabeni iKhamele. 21 U-Elija wema phambi kwabantu wathi, "Lizathandabuza kuze kube nini ngeminakano emibili le na? Nxa uThixo enguNkulunkulu mlandeleni kodwa nxa uBhali enguNkulunkulu, mlandeleni." Kodwa abantu abazange batsho lutho. 22 Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi kubo, "Yimi ngedwa umphrofethi kaThixo oseleyo kodwa uBhali ulabangamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu. 23 Sidingeleni inkunzi ezimbili. Libanike bazikhethole abayifunayo bayihlabo bayiqume amaqatha bayifake phezu kwenkuni kodwa bangabasi umlilo. Lami ngizahlinja eyinye yazo ngiyiqobaqobe ngiyifake phezu kwenkuni kodwa angiyikubasa umlilo. 24 Libe selibiza ibizo likakulunkulu wenu mina ngizacela ebiyweni likaThixo. Unkulunkulu ozaphendula ngomlilo, nguye-ke uNkulunkulu." Ngakho abantu bonke bathi, "Lokho okutshoyo kulungile." 25 U-Elija wathi kubaphrofethi bakaBhali, "Khethani inkunzi eyodwa njalo liqale lina ukuyilungiselela, njengoba lina libanengi kangaka. Memezani unkulunkulu wenu ngegama lakhe, kodwa lingalumathisi umlilo." 26 Bayithatha inkunzi ababeyiphiwe bayilungisa. Basebebiza ibizo likaBhali kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba semini enku. Baklabalala besithi, "We Bhali, sabela bol!" Kodwa akubanga lampendulo; kakho owaphendulayo. Bagida bezingelezela i-alithari ababelakhile. 27 Kwathi emini enku u-Elija waqaliswa ukubahoza esithi, "Klabalalani ngamandal! Ngempela angithi ungunkulunkulu! Mhlawumbe

ujule eminakanweni, engxenye ubambekile, loba engxenye uphakathi kohambo. Engxenye ulele ngakho ufuna ukuvuswa.” **28** Ngakho baklabalala ngamandla baziklaya ngezingqamu langezinkemba, njengoba kwakungumkhuba wabo, kwaze kwajuluka igazi. **29** Yedlula imini enkulu, bona baqhubeke ngokuphithizela bephrofetha kwaze kwaba yisikhathi somhlatshele wakusihlwa. Kodwa akubanga larutho, akubanga lampendulo, kakho owazihlupha ngakho. **30** Ngakho u-Elija wathi ebantini, “Wozani ngapha engikhona.” Basondela kuye, yena walungilungisa i-alithari likaThixo elaselibhidlikile. **31** U-Elija wathatha amatsche alitshumi lambi, yilelo limele isizwana sosendo lukajakhobe, yena owayezwe ilizwi likaThixo lisithi kuye, “Uzabizwa ngokuthi ungu-Israyeli.” **32** Wakha i-alithari ngebizo likaThixo ngalawo matshe, wagebha umgelo ozingezelza i-alithari okungangena kuwo igokoko lamabele. **33** Walungisa inkuni, wasika inyama yenkunzi wenza amaqatha, waseyibeka phezu kwenkuni. Wasesithi kubo, “Gcwalisani imiqqomo emine emikhulu ngamanzi libe seliwhathela phezu komhlatshele laphezu kwenkuni.” **34** Wathi, “Kwenzeni futhi,” bakwenza lokho njalo. Wathi, “Kwenzeni okwesithathu,” lakanye bakwenza bephinda okwesithathu. **35** Amanzi agcwala aze agcwala lasemgelweni owawugombolozele i-alithari. **36** Kuthe ngesikhathi somhlatshele, u-Elija umphrofethi wasondela wakhuleka esithi, “Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Abrahama, lo-Isaka lo-Israyeli, veza obala lamuhla ukuthi wena unguNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli kanye lokuthi mina ngiyinceku yakho, lokuthi zonke lezintzo ngizenza ngokulaya kwakho. **37** Akungiphendule Oh Thixo, akungiphendule ukuze lababantu bawkazi ukuthi wena Thixo, unguNkulunkulu, lokuthi njalo uguqula inhliziyo zabo.” **38** Khonokho umlilo kaThixo wehla watshisa umhlatshele, inkuni, amatsche lomhlabathi, kwaze kwatsha lamanzi ayesemgelweni. **39** Abantu bonke bekubona lokhu, bazilahlha phansi bakhala bathi, “UTHixo nguye unKulunkulu! UTHixo nguye unKulunkulu!” **40** U-Elija wasebalaya wathi, “Bambani abaphrofethi bakaBhal. Akungaphunyuki lamunye!” Bababamba, u-Elija wathi kabasiwe eSigodini saseKhishoni, babulawelwa khona. **41** Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi ku-Ahabi, “Hamba, udle unathe, ngoba kuzwakala umdumo wezulu elikhulu.” **42** Ngaloko u-Ahabi wasuka wayakudla njalo wanatha, kodwa u-Elija wakhwela phezu kwentaba yaseKhameli, wagobisa ikhanda lakhe walifaka phakathi kwamadolko akhe. **43** Wathuma isisebenzi sakhe wathi: “Hamba uyephosa amehlo akho olwandle.” Lakanye isisebenzi sahamba sayakhanga. Sathi, “Akulalutho laphaya.” U-Elija watsho kwaze kwaba kasikhombisa esithi, “Buyela.” **44** Ngesikhathi sesikhombisa isisebenzi sabika sathi, “Iyezana elincinyane ngangesandla somuntu likhanya liqubuka lisuka olwandle.” Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi, “Hamba uyetshela u-Ahabi uthi, ‘Bopha inqola yakho yempi usuke lapho ungakavalelwu lizulu.’” **45** Ngalesosikhathi, kwaba inyama emkhathini ngamayezi, kwaqubuka umoya, kwana izulu elikhulu

njalo u-Ahabi wasuka ngenqola waya ejezierili. **46** Amandla kaThixo ehlela ku-Elija, njalo uthe ukuba akhwicele isembatho sakhe ebhantini wagijima phambi kuka-Ahabi indlela yonke esiya ejezierili.

**19** U-Ahabi wasetshela ujezbheli ngakho konke okwakwenzewi ngu-Elija kanye lokuthi wababulala njani abaphrofethi ngenkemba. **2** Ngalokho ujezbheli wathumela isithunyuwa ku-Elija ukuthi siyekuthi, “Onkulunkulu kabangihlanekele ngokwengezelelwego nxa ngingakubulalanga kuze kube kusasa, njengoba usubulele abaphrofethi.” **3** U-Elija wasesesaba, wasuka wabaleka, wayafika eBherishebha yakoJuda, wasetshiya khona inceku yakhe. **4** Yena wahamba okwelanga eliodwa engena enkangala. Wathola khona isihlahla, wahlala ngaphansi kwaso emthunzini, wakhulekela ukuthi ngabe uyafa wathi, “Kwanele, Thixo, susa ukuphila kwami ngoba aingcongo kulabokhoko.” **5** Wasecambala elala ngaphansi kwesihlahla wajunywa yibuthongo. Khonokho ingilosu yamthinta yathi kuye, “Vuka udle.” **6** Wathalaza, lakanye wabona ngemakhandna nantiyana iqebenglwane lisatshisa emalahleni elaliphekwe kuwo, kanye lenkezo eyayilamanzi okunatha. Wadla njalo wanatha, waphinda walala. **7** Ingilosu kaThixo yaphinda yabuya okwesibili yamthinta, yathi kuye, “Vuka udle, ngoba uhumbo lude luzakukhulela.” **8** Ngakho wavuka, wadla njalo wehlisa ngamanzi. Esequiniswe yilokhokudla wahamba insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane waze wayafika eHorebhi intaba kaNkulunkulu. **9** Eselapho wangena ebbalwini walala. Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye lisithi, “Kanti wenzani khonapha, Elija?” **10** Yena waphendula wathi, “Bengikutshisekela kakhulu, wena Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla. Abako-Israyeli basephule isivumelwano sakho, badiliza ama-alithare akho, babulala abaphrofethi bakho ngenkemba. Yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo khathesi bayangizingela bafuna ukungibulala.” **11** UTHixo wathi kuye, “Hamba uyekuma phezu kwentaba phambi kukaThixo ngoba uThixo uzadlula khona.” Kwaba lomoya owawuvunguza ngamandla udabula izintaba uqhekeza lamadwala phambi kukaThixo, kodwa uThixo wayengekho kulesosiphepho. Kwedlula isiphepho kweza ukuzamazama komhlaba kodwa uThixo wayengekho kulokhokuzamazama. **12** Kwedlula ukuzamazama komhlaba kwaqhamuka umlilo, kodwa uThixo wayengekho kulowomlilo. Ngemva komlilo kwezwakala ilizwi elipholileyo linyenyeza. **13** U-Elija uthe elizwa, wadonsa isembatho sakhe wamboza ubuso bakhe wasuka wayakuma entubeni yobhalu. Khonokho ilizwi lathi kuye, “Wenzani khonapha, Elija?” **14** Yena waphendula wathi, “Bengikutshisekela kakhulu wena Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla. Abako-Israyeli basephule isivumelwano sakho, badiliza ama-alithare akho, babulala abaphrofethi bakho ngenkemba. Yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo khathesi bayangizingela bafuna ukungibulala lami.” **15** UTHixo wathi kuye, “Buyela ngayonale indlela oze ngayo, uye enkangala yaseDamaseko. Ekufikeni kwakho khonale, ugcobe

uHazayeli abe yinkosi yase-Aramu. **16** Njalo, ugcobe lojehu indodana kaNimishi abe yinkosi yako-Israyeli, ubusugcoba u-Elisha indodana kaShafathi wase-Abheli-Mehola athathe isikhundla sakho sobuphorefethi. **17** UJehu uzabulala bonke abazaphepha kuleyonkemba kaHazayeli, njalo u-Elisha uzabulala labo abazasila kuleyonkemba kajehu. **18** Kodwa ngizaphephisa abako-Israyeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa abangazange bakhothamele uBhali njalo abandebe zabo azizange zimange.” **19** Ngakho u-Elijah wasuka lapho wathola u-Elisha indodana kashafathi. Wamfica elima labanye ngenkabi emajogweni alitshumi lambili, yena etshayela ezejogwe letshumi lambili. U-Elijah wasondela kuye wamembesa ngesembatho sakhe. **20** U-Elisha watshiya inkabi zakhe walandela u-Elijah. Wasesithi, “Ngivumela ngiyevalelisa ubaba lomama, ngibuye ngizehamba lawe.” U-Elijah wamphendula wathi, “Buyela, kanti ngenzeni kuwe?” **21** Ngakho u-Elisha wehlukana laye wabuyela emuva. Wathatha inkabi zejogwe lakhe wazihlaba. Wabasa umlilo ngezinto lezo ayelima ngazo ukuze ose inyama yazo wayinika abantu bayidla. Waselandela u-Elijah waba yinceku yakhe.

**20** UBheni-Hadadi inkosi yama-Aramu waqoqa ibutho lakhe lonke. Wayephelekezelwa ngamakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lamabili ngezinqola zaho zempi lamabhiza, wasuka wayahanqa iSamariya wayihlasela. **2** Wathuma izithunywa edolobheni ku-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, esithi, “Nanku okutshiro nguBheni-Hadadi: **3** Isiliva legolide lakho ngokwami, abafazi benu abahle kakhulu labantwana ngabami.” **4** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, “Kunjalo nkosi mbusi wami. Mina lakho konke engilakho ngokwakho.” **5** Izithunywa zaphenduka njalo zisithi, ‘UBheni-Hadadi uthi: ‘Ngathumela ngathi ngifuna isiliva legolide lakho, abafazi labantwabakho. **6** Kodwa ngasolesi isikhathi kusasa ngizathumela izikhulu zami ukuzakhuthuza isigodlo sakho lezindlu zezikhulu zakho. Zizabutha yonke into eligugu kuwe zikuthatthele.’” **7** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibiza bonke abadala belizwe yathi kubo, “Ake libone lindoda edinga uhlupho! Ithe isithi ifuna abafazi bami labantwabami, isiliva legolide lami, angizange ngale.” **8** Abadala kanye labantu bonke bathi, “Ungalaleli njalo ungammiki lokho akufunayo.” **9** Yatishela izithunywa zikaBheni-Hadadi ukuthi, “Tshelani inkosi umbusi wami ukuthi, ‘Inceku yakho izagcwala isicelo sakujala kodwa lesi hayi ayenelisi.’” Zasuka izithunywa zabuyisela impendulo kuBheni-Hadadi. **10** Ngakho uBheni-Hadadi wakhupha ilizwi njalo lisiya ku-Ahabi, wathi: “Kabangihlanekele onkulunkulu, loba kungaba lobunzima obunganani, nxa kuzasala ubhuqu olulingana ukufunjathwa ngamadoda wonke aseSamariya.” **11** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, ‘Mtsheleni lithi: ‘Lowo ohloma ngezempi angabokloloda njengongahlomanga.’” **12** UBheni-Hadadi wemukela lelilizwi ezinathela lamanyi amakhosi emathenteni awo, wahle walawula amabutho akhe esithi: “Hlomelani ukuhlasela.” Basebelungisela ukuhlasela idolobho. **13** Kusenjalo owafika wabika esithi, “Nanku okutshiro nguThixo: ‘Uyalibona na ibutho elikhulu kangaka? Ngizalinikela ezandleni zakho lamuhla nje, ukuze wazi ukuba nginguThixo.’” **14** U-Ahabi wabuza wathi, “Kodwa ngubani ozakwenza lokhu?” Umphrofethi waphendula wathi, “Nanku okutshiro nguThixo: ‘Lokhu kuzakwensiwa ngabalawuli bamabutho ezabelweni abayintanga yabatsha.’” Yena wabuza njalo ukuthi, “Pho ngubani ozayiqalisa impi?” Umphrofethi wamphendula wathi, “Nguwe.” **15** Ngakho u-Ahabi wamemba abalawuli bamabutho abentanga yabatsha amathathu lambili. Waseqoqa labo bonke abanye abako-Israyeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa ndawonye. **16** Basuka emini enkuu ngesikhathi uBheni-Hadadi lamakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lambili ayezomhlomulela belokhu besazinathela bedakwa emathenteni abo. **17** Abalawuli bezabelweni bentanga yabatsha basuka kuqala. UBheni-Hadadi wayethumele inhloli, ezabika ukuthi, “Kulamadoda ezayo evela eSamariya.” **18** Yena wathi, “Nxu esiza ngokuthula, athumberni ephila; nxu ezhohlasela, athumberni ephila.” **19** Abalawuli bamabutho ezabelweni abentanga yabatsha baphuma edolobheni belandelwa libutho **20** njalo ngamunye wabo wabulala lowo ayeqondene laye. Ebona lokhu, ama-Aramu abaleka, ama-Israyeli axotshana lawo. Kodwa uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yama-Aramu wabaleka ngebhiza lamanye amabutho ayesilwa ngamabhiza. **21** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaqhubeqa yakhulela abamabhiza kanye labezinqola zempi yatshaya yabhuqa ama-Aramu amanengi kakhulu. **22** Ngemva kwalokho, umphrofethi waya enkosini yako-Israyeli wafika wathi, “Hloma uphelele ubone ukuthi ungenzani, ngoba entwasa inkosi yama-Aramu iyeza izokuhlasela futhi.” **23** Kusenjalo, izikhulu zenkosini yase-Aramu zayicebisa zathi, “Onkulunkulu babo ngonkulunkulu bezintabeni. Yikho besikhulele. Kodwa singalwela emagekeni, ngempela sizabkhulela. **24** Wena yenza kanje: Susi wonke amakhosi ekulawuleni kwavo ufake abanye abalawuli esikhundleni sawo. **25** Njalo kumele uqoqe amanye amabutho anjengala anqotshwayo, kulingane amabhiza kanye lezingola zempi ukuze siwle emagekeni labako-Israyeli. Ngalokho akulakuthandabuza ukuthi sizabe silamandla kulabo.” Wavumelana labo wenza njengokutsho kwabo. **26** Ngesikhathi sentwasa uBheni-Hadadi waqoqa ama-Aramu wasesiya e-Afekhi ukuze alwe labako-Israyeli. **27** Ama-Israyeli ayeseqoqene, anikwa lemiphako, asuka ayawahlangabeza. Ama-Israyeli amisa maqondana lawo kungathi yimihlanjana yembuzi emibili, kanti ama-Aramu ayegcwele indawana yonke. **28** Umphrofethi kaNkulunkulu wasesiya enkosini yako-Israyeli wafika wathi, “Nanku okutshiro nguThixo: ‘Njengoba ama-Aramu esithi uThixo ngukulunkulu wezintaba hatshi uNkulunkulu wezigodi, ngizanikela wonke amabutho awo amanengi kangaka ezandleni zakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.’” **29**

**21** Kwathi ngemva kwasikhathi esithile kwaba lesenzo esithile ngesivini sikaNabhothi umJezerili. Isivini leso sasiseJezerili, phansi kwasigodlo sika-Ahabi inkosi yaseSamariya. **2** U-Ahabi wathi

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ukubhujiswa. Ngizabhubhisa izizukulwane zakho nguThixo, uthi: ‘Ngempondo lezi uzagwaza amangisuse sonke isilisa sokucina ku-Ahabi ko-Israyeli loba yisigqili loba ngokhululekileyo. **22** Indlu yakho ngizayenza lokhu engakwenza ekajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi lekaBhasha indodana ka-Ahija, ngoba ungitukuthelisile wabangela ukuthi u-Israyeli enze isono.’ **23** Ngalokho uThixo uthi ngoJezebheli: ‘Izinja zizamabdabula ujezebheli zimdlele emidulini yaseJezerili.’ **24** Izinja zizakudla bonke abangabaka-Ahabi abafela edolobheni, izinyoni zezulu zizakudlu labo abazafela emaphandleni.” **25** (Akuzange kube lendoda eyayifanana lo-Ahabi yena owazinikela ukuthi adale isono phambi kukaThixo, ekhuthazwa ngumukakhe ujezebheli. **26** Waziphatha butshapha kakhulu elandela izithombe, njengama-Amori wona ayesuswe nguThixo phambi kuka-Israyeli.) **27** U-Ahabi wathi esizwa lawomazwi, wadabula iziggoko zakhe, wembatha amasaka wazila. Walala embetha amasaka wahamba edanile. **28** Ngenxa kwalokho ilizwi likaThixo lathi ku-Eljia umThishibi: **29** “Ukubonile na ukuthi u-Ahabi usezithobe kanganani phambi kwami? Ngenxa yokuzithoba kwakhe, angiyikumehlisela lobobubi esaphila, kodwa ngizakwehlisela endlini yakhe ensukwini zendodana yakhe.”

**22** Kwathatha iminyaka kungelampi phakathi kwe-Aramu le-Israyeli. **2** Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu ujehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wayabonana lenkosi yako-Israyeli. **3** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yayike yakhulumu lezikhulu zayo isithi, “Alikwazi na ukuthi eleRamothi Giliyadi ngelethu kodwa asikenzi lutho ukuze silithathe ezandleni zenkosi yase-Aramu?” **4** Ngakho yasicela ujehoshafathi isithi, “Ungahamba lami na ukube siyehlasela eRamothi Giliyadi?” Ujehoshafathi ephendula inkosi yako-Israyeli wathi, “Mina ngikanye lawe, abantu bami banjengabakh, amabhiza ami arjengawakh.” **5** Kodwa ujehoshafathi waphindha wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli, “Akubuze kuThixo kuqala.” **6** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yaahlanganisa abaphrofethi abangaba ngamakhulu amane yasibabuza isithi, “Ngihamble ngiyehlasela iRamothi Giliyadi yini, loba ngiyekela na?” Abaphrofethi bathi, “Hamba ngoba iNkosi izayinikela esandleni sakho.” **7** Kodwa ujehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Kambe kakusela mphrofethi kaThixo lapha esingabuza kuye na?” **8** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, “Ukhona oyedwa esingabuza uThixo ngaye kodwa ngiyamzonda ngoba kakaze aphrofethe okuhle ngami, uhlala ekhulumu okubi. Ibizo lakhe nguMikhaya indodana ka-Imla.” Ujehoshafathi wathi, “Inkosi kayimelanga itsho njalo.” **9** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibiza omunye wezikhulu zayo yathi kuye, “Phangisa ungilethele uMikhaya indodana ka-Imla.” **10** Bembetha izembatho zabo zobukhos, inkosi yako-Israyeli lojehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi ezihlalweni zabo zobukhos esizeni sokubhulela amabele esangweni laseSamariya labo bonke abaphrofethi bephrofetha phambi kwabo. **11** UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana wayekhande impondo zensimbi, wasesithi, “Nanku okutshivo

nguThixo, uthi: ‘Ngempondo lezi uzagwaza amangisuse sonke isilisa sokucina ku-Aramu uwabhubhise.’” **12** Bonke abaphrofethi babevele bephrofetha okufananayo besithi, “Hlaselai Ramothi Giliyadi unqobe, ngoba uThixo uyinikile esandleni senkosi.” **13** Isithunywa esasithunywe ukuyabiza uMikhaya sathi kuye, “Khangela, abanye abaphrofethi bafakaza bengela kuthandabuza ukuthi inkosi izanqoba. Lawe vumelana labo, ukhulume okuyithokozisayo.” **14** Kodwa uMikhaya wathi, “Njengokutsho kukaThixo, mina ngizayitshela lokho engikuthunywe nguThixo.” **15** EkuFikeni kwakhe, inkosi yambuza yathi, “Mikhaya, sihambe siyehlasela iRamothi Giliyadi yini, loba ngiyekela na?” Yena waphendula wathi, “Hlasela njalo unqobe, ngoba uThixo uzalinikela ezandleni zakho nkosi.” **16** Inkosi yathi kuye, “Kumele ngikufungise kangaki ukume ungangikhohlisi kodwa ungitsheli iqiniso ebizweni likaThixo?” **17** Ngakho uMikhaya waphendula wathi, “Ngabona u-Israyeli wonke ehlakazekile ezintabeni njengezimvu ezingelamelusi, kulapho uThixo athi ‘Lababantu abalamkhomkheli. Yekela bonke babuyele emakhaya ngokuthula.” **18** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, “Angikutshelanga yini ukuthi uvele kaphrofethi okuhle ngami, kodwa okubi kuphela?” **19** UMikhaya waqhubeleka phambili wathi, “Ngakho zwana ilizwi likaThixo elithi, Ngabona uThixo ehlezi esihlalwene sakhe sobukhene lamabutho wonke asezulwini emi ngakwesokunene sakhe lakwesokhohlo sakhe.” **20** Njalo uThixo wathi, “Ngubani ozahugela u-Ahabi ekuhlaseleni iRamothi Giliyadi ukube ayefela khonale na?” Omunye waqamba lokhu, lomunye okwakhe. **21** EkuCineni kwavela umoya, wema phambi kukaThixo wathi, ‘Mina ngizamhuga.’ **22** UThixo wabuza wathi, ‘Uzakwenza ngandlela bani?’ Umoya waphendula wathi, ‘Ngizahamba ngiyekuba ngumoya wokuqamba amanga emiloneni yabo bonke abaphrofethi bakhe.’ UThixo wathi, ‘Uzaphumelela ukumhuga. Hamba-ke ueykwenza lokho.’ **23** Ngakho khathesi uThixo usefake umoya wenkohlio emiloneni yabaphrofethi bakho bonke laba. UThixo usekumisele ukubhujiswa.” **24** Kusenjalo uZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana wasondela, wamwakala uMikhaya ebusweni. Wabuza wathi: “Umoya kaThixo wasuka njani kimi ungena kuwe na?” **25** UMikhaya waphendula wathi, “Uzazibornele mhla uzakuyacatsha endlini engaphakathi.” **26** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yalaya yathi, “Thathani uMikhaya limbuviselo ku-Amoni obusa idolobho lakoJowashi indodana yenkosi. **27** Liyekuthi, ‘Inkosi ithi: Valelani umuntu lo entolongweni lingamniki lutho ngaphandle kwasinkwa lamanzi ngize ngiphenduke ngokuhle.’” **28** UMikhaya waqonqosela wathi: “Nxa ungaphenduka kuhle, uThixo uyabe engakhulumanga ngami.” Waqhubeleka wathi, “Lani lonke bantu abambisiseni amazwi amil!” **29** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli lojehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda baye eRamothi Giliyadi. **30** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi: “Mina ngizakuya empini ngizazifhla ngokulahlisa isimo sami, kodwa wena gqoka ezakho ezobukhos.” Ngakho inkosi yako-

Israyeli yazifihla ngokulahlisa isimo sayo yangena waphumula labokhokho bakhe, wangcwatshwa kanye empini. **31** Inkosi yase-Aramu yayilaye abalawuli labo emzini kaDavida uyise. UJehoramu indodana yakhe bayo bezinqola zokulwa abangamatshumi amathathu wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. **51** U-Ahaziya indodana lambili yathi, “Lina lingalwi lamuntu, loba eyisikhulu ka-Ahabi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya loba engumuntukazana, ngaphandle kwenkosi yako-Israyeli.” **32** Abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa bathe bebona kukajehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda, yena-ke wabusa ko-ujehoshafathi, bahle bathi “Ngempela le yiyo kanye Israyeli okweminyaka emibili. **52** Wona emehlwani inkosi yako-Israyeli.” Abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa kaThixo, ngoba wahamba enyathelweni likayise basebehlasela uJehoshafathi, yena wahlaba umkhosi, lelikina walandela njalo izindlela zikajerobhowamu **33** baphanga babona ukuthi kwakungasiyo inkosi indodana kaNebhathi, owabangela u-Israyeli ukuthi yako-Israyeli bahle bayekela ukuxotshana laye. **34** enze isono. **53** Wasebenzela ubhali njalo wamkhonza Umuntu othile wakhokha umtshoka wakhe watshokha wathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, engaqondanga muntu umtshoko wayaciba inkosi yako-Israyeli njengalokhu okwakwensiwe nguyise.

Israyeli emkenkeni wesihlangu sayo. Inkosi yasisithi kumtshayeli wenqola yokulwa: “Phendula inqola yakho ungisuse lapha. Sengilimele.” **35** Kwalwiwa impi kanzima ilanga lonke. Inkosi yayeyanyiswe enqoleni yayo yokulwa ikhangele ama-Aramu. Igazi lamanxeba ayo lagelezelza phansi enqoleni yokulwa, kwathi Ngalokhokuhlu yafa. **36** Ekutshoneni kwelanga kwamenyezelwa kuyo yonke impi ukuthi: “Abantu bonke kababuyele emizini yakibo, bonke kababuyele lowo lalowo elizweni lakibo!” **37** Ngakho inkosi yafa yasiwa eSamariya, yangcwatshwa khona. **38** Inqola yokulwa bayigezisela esizibeni seSamariya (endaweni eyayigezelza izifebe), izinja zakhotha igazi layo, njengokutsho kwelizwi likaThixo. **39** Konke okunye ngempilo langokubusa kuka-Ahabi lakho konke akwenzayo, ukwakha isigodlo esasiceciswe ngempundo zezindlovu, lamadolobho ayevikelwe okwenqaba, akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ayo-Israyeli? **40** U-Ahabi wangcwatshwa laboyise. Ubukhos bakhe bathathwa yindodana yakhe u-Ahaziya. **41** UJehoshafathi indodana ka-Asa waba yinkosi yakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kuka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli. **42** UJehoshafathi waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lemihlanu yokuzalwa, wabusa ejerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lemihlanu. Ibizo likanina kungi-Azubha indodakazi kaShilihi. **43** Kukho konke ayekwenza wayesenyathelweni likayise u-Asa njalo kazange aphambuke; wenza konke okuhle emehlwani kaThixo. Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela kazisiswanga, abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo, betshisa impepha khonapho. **44** UJehoshafathi wahlalisana ngokuthula lenkosi yako-Israyeli. **45** Okwenzakala ekubuseni kukajehoshafathi, ukuphumelela kwakhe kanye lokunqoba ezimpini, akulotshwanga na encwadini yembali yamakhosi ayoJuda? **46** Waqeda insalela yabelisa ababefeba emathempelini ayelokhu esasele lapho langemva kokubusa kukayise u-Asa. **47** Kwakungaselankosi e-Edomi, umsekeli nguye owayebusa. **48** UJehoshafathi wakha imikhumbi yokuthutha igolide e-Ofiri, kodwa ayizange isebezenze olwandle, yahle yahlkizeka, yabhidlikela e-Eziyon-Geberi. **49** Ngalesosikhathi u-Ahaziya indodana ka-Ahabi wathi kuJehoshafathi, “Yekela abantu bami bahambe labakho olwandle,” kodwa uJehoshafathi wala. **50** Ngakho uJehoshafathi

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**1** Ngemva kokufa kuka-Ahabi, amaMowabi ahlamukela u-Israyeli. **2** U-Ahaziya wayeweles embotsheni yendlu yakhe engaphezulu eSamariya walimala. Wathumela izithunywa, wathi kuzo, "Hambani liyebuza kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu wase-Ekroni, ukuthi kambe ngizasila yini kulokhu kulimala na." **3** Kodwa ingilosii kaThixo yathi ku-Elija umThishibi, "Suka uehlangabeza izithunywa zenkosi yaseSamariya uyezibusa ukuthi, 'Kambe yikuthi akuselaNkulunkulu ko-Israyeli na ukuze uehlahlula kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu wase-Ekroni?'" **4** Ngakho uThixo uthi: 'Awuyikusuka kulowombheda ogulela kuwo. Ngempela uzakufa!'" **5** Ekubuyeleni kwezithunywa enkosini, yazibuza yathi, "Kungani selibuyile na?" **6** Izithunywa zaphendula zathi, "Kulendola esihlangabezileyo yathi kithi, 'Buyelani enkosini elithumileyo liyeyitshela ukuthi, "Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Kungenxa yokuthi akulaNkulunkulu yini ko-Israyeli okubangele ukuthi uthumele abantu ukuyahlahlula kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu we-Ekroni na? Ngakho awuyikuvuka kulowombheda olele kuwo. Ngempela uzakufa!'" **7** Inkosi yabuza izithunywa yathi, "Ngumuntu onjani lowo olilhangabezileyo waselitshela lokhu?" **8** Izithunywa zaphendula zathi, "Yindoda ebiggoke isigqoko soboya ekhalweni ibophe ngozewze." Inkosi yathi, "Lowo ngu-Elija umThishibi." **9** Inkosi yasithumela ku-Elija induna yebutho labantu bayo abangamatshumi amahlanu. Induna yebutho yakhwela yaya ku-Elija, owayehlezi phezu koqaqa, yafika yathi kuye, "Muntu kaNkulunkulu, inkosi ithi, 'Yehla!'" **10** U-Elija ephendula induna yebutho wathi, "Nxa ningumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovela ezulwini ukuoqothule wena kanye labantu bakho abangamatshumi amahlanu!" Lakanye wehla umlilo uvela ezulwini wayiqothula induna yebutho kanye labantu bayo. **11** Ngokubona lokho inkosi yathuma ku-Elija eyinye induna yebutho lamanye amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu. Induna yathi ku-Elija, "Muntu kaNkulunkulu, inkosi ithi, 'Yehla khathesi!'" **12** U-Elija waphendula wathi, "Nxa ningumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovela ezulwini ukuoqothule wena kanye labantu bakho!" Ngakho umlilo kaNkulunkulu wehla uvela ezulwini waqothula izinduna zamabutho ezakuqala zombili kanye labo bonke abantu bayo abangamatshumi amahlanu. **13** Ngakho inkosi yathuma induna yebutho yesithathu labantu bayo abangamatshumi amahlanu. Induna yebutho yesithathu yakhwela yafika yaguqa ngamadoloh phambi kuka-Elija yamcenga yathi, "Muntu kaNkulunkulu, akube lesihawu ngempilo yami leyamadoda la angamatshumi amahlanu, thina sizincke zakho! **14** Angithi uyabona, umlilo wehle uvela ezulwini waqothula izinduna zamabutho lamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu induna nganye. Kodwa manje akunakekele impilo yami!" **15** Ingilosii

kaThixo yathi ku-Elija, "Yehla kanye layo induna; ungaisesabi." Ngakho u-Elija wasukuma wehla kanye lenduna waya enkosini. **16** Wasesithi enkosini, "Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Kungenxa yokuthi akulaNkulunkulu yini ko-Israyeli ukuze uthume izithunywa ukuthi ziyoohlahlula kuBhali-Zebhubhi, unkulunkulu we-Ekroni na? Ngenxa yesenzo sakho lesi, awuyikuvuka kulowombheda olele kuwo. Ngempela uzakufa!" **17** Lakanye wafa, njengelizwi likaThixo elakhlunywa ngu-Elija. Njengoba u-Ahaziya wayengelandodana, ubukhosи bakhe bathathwa ngujoramu obwaba yinkosи ngomonyaka wesibili wokubusa kujakehloramu indodana kajehoshafathi inkosi yakojuda. **18** Konke okwembali yokubusa kuka-Ahaziya, kanye lakwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi aksa-Israyeli na?

**2** Kwathi uThixo esezathatha u-Elija ukuba aye ezulwini ngesivunguzane, u-Elija lo-Elisha babevala eGiligali. **2** U-Elija wathi ku-Elisha, "Hlala lapha; uThixo usengithume eBhetheli." Kodwa u-Elisha wathi, "Njengoba uThixo ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe." Ngakho basuka baya eBhetheli. **3** Iqlula labaphrofethi eBhetheli leza ku-Elisha lambuza lisithi: "Uyakwazi yini ukuthi uThixo uzakuthathela inkosi yakho lamuhla na?" U-Elisha wathi, "Yebo, ngiyakwazi, kodwa lingakhulumi ngakho." **4** Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi kuye, "Hlala lapha, Elisha; uThixo usengithume ejerikho." U-Elisha waphendula wathi: "Njengoba uThixo ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe." Ngakho basuka baya ejerikho. **5** Iqlula labaphrofethi ejerikho laya ku-Elisha lambuza lisithi, "Uyakwazi yini ukuthi uThixo uzakuthathela inkosi yakho lamuhla na?" Waphendula wathi, "Yebo, ngiyakwazi, kodwa lingakhulumi ngakho." **6** Ngakho u-Elija wasesithi, "Hlala khonapha; uThixo usengithume ejodani." Yena waphendula wathi, "Njengoba uThixo ephila njalo njengoba lawe uphila, angiyikutshiyana lawe." Ngakho baqhubelekela phambili ngohambo. **7** Amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu exukwini labaphrofethi asuka ayakuma bucwaldana ekhangele lapho u-Elija lo-Elisha ababemi khona ejodani. **8** U-Elija wasethatha ingubo yakhe, wayigoqa watshaya ngayo amanzi. Amanzi adabuka phakathi amanye aba kwesokunene amanye kwsokhohlo, basebechapha emhlabathini owomileyo. **9** Ekuchapheni kwabo, u-Elija wathi ku-Elisha, "Akungitshele, kambe kuyini engingakwenzela khona ningakasuswa kuwe?" U-Elisha waphendula wathi, "Ngicela isabelo esiphindwe kabili somoya wakho." **10** U-Elija wathi, "Usucele into elukhuni, ungangibona ngisuswa kuwe kuzakuba ngokwakho, kodwa nxa kungangabinjalo akuyikuba ngokwakho." **11** Besahamba belokhu behkuluma, kwafika inqola yokulwa yomlilo lamabhiza ayo avuthayo yabehlukanisa, ngakho u-Elija waya ezulwini ngesivunguzane. **12** U-Elisha ebona lokhu wamemeza wathi, "Baba! Baba! Izinqola zokulwa labamabhiza okulwa aksa-Israyeli!" U-Elisha kasazange aphinde ambone futhi. Wasethatha izigqoko zakhe wazidabula.

**13** Wasedobha ingubo eyayiwe ku-Elija wabuyela Israyeli bonke. **7** Wathumela lelilizwi kuJehoshafathi emuva wayakuma okhunjini lomfula uJodani. **14** inkosi yakoJuda wathi: “Inkosi yamaMowabi Wathatha ingubo eyayiwe kuye watshaya ngayo amanzi wathi, “Ungaphi khathesi uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Elija?” Wasetshaya amanzi, adabuka phakathi amanye kwesokunene amanye kwasokhohlo, wasechaphela ngaphetsheya. **15** Ixuku labaphrefethi ababevela akho.” **8** Wasebuza ukuthi, “Sizahlasela sivelela ngaphi ejeriko, ababekule, lathi, “Umoya ka-Elija uphezu na?” UJoram u wathi “Sizavelela eNkangala yase-kuka-Elisha.” Basebesiya mhlangabeza bakhothama phambi kwakhe. **16** Basebesithi, “Uyabona, thina izincek zakho silamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu enelisayo. Yekela amadoda la ayeddinga inkosi yakho. Mhlawumbe uMoya kaThixo umthetho wayambeka entaben ethile loba esihotsheni esithile.” U-Elisha kanti? UThixo angasibiza singamakhosi amathathu wathi, “Hatshi, lingabathumi.” **17** Kodwa baphikelela ukuze azosinikela ezandleni zamaMowabi na?” **11** waze wakhulelw zinhloni zokuba elokhu esala. Kodwa ujehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Akulamphrefethi Wasesithi, “Bathumeni.” Ngakho bathuma amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu, amdinga okwensuku kohambo bezulazula okwensuku eziyisikhombisa aphela. **10** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yababaza yathi, “Kuthen entaben ethile loba esihotsheni esithile.” U-Elisha indodana kaShafathi. Wayeyinceku ka-Elija.” **12** Bathe sebebuyela ku-Elisha, owayesohlala ejeriko, wababuza wathi, UJehoshafathi wathi, “Ilizwi likaThixo likuye.” Ngakho “Bengingalitshelang yini ukuthi lingamdingi?” **19** inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye loJehoshafathi lenkosi Amadoda omuzi wakhona athi ku-Elisha, “Akubone, yase-Edomi bayo kuye. **13** U-Elisha wathi enkosini nkosi yethu, umuzi lo usendaweni ebukekayo, yako-Israyeli, “Mina lawe singenelana njani? Hamba njengoba lawe uzibonela, kodwa amanzi alapha mabi kubaphrefethi bakayihlo lakubaphrefethi bakanyoko.” lomhlaba wakhona awulazithelo.” **20** U-Elisha wathi, Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, “Hayi, kungenxa “Ngiphani umganu oyungubhe liwufake itswayi.” yokuthi uThixo wasibiza sobathathu singamakhosi Ngakho bawuletha umganu. **21** Wasephuma esiya sinje ukuze asinikela kumaMowabi.” **14** U-Elisha wathi, emthonjeni wfika waphosela khona itswayi ekhuluma “Njengoba uThixo uSomandla engimkhonzayo ephila, esithi, “Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: ‘Sengiwahlambulule kungasikuhlonipha kwami ukuthi kuloJehoshafathi amanzi la. Awangeke aphinde futhi abangele inkosi yakoJuda, ngibe ngingayikukukhangela loba ukufa loba ukungatheli kuhle kwalumhlabo.’” **22** ukukubona ukuthi ukhona kodwa lokhu. **15** Kodwa-ke Amanzi lawo kusukela mhlahokho kuze kube ngibizela umtshayi wechacho.” Umtshayi wechacho lamuhla mahle, njengokwakutshiwo ngu-Elisha. **23** esatshaya ichacho, amandla kaThixo ehlela ku-Elisha, Esuka lapho u-Elisha waya eBhetheli. Esahamba **16** wasesithi, “Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Lungisan imigelo endleleni, kwavela kulowomuzi ixuku lentanga eminengi kulesisigodi. **17** Ngoba ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Aliyikubona yezi loba izulu, kodwa lesisigodi Qhubeka, wena mpabang!” **24** Wanyemukula, sizagcwala ngamanzi, kuthi lina lenkomo zenu kanye wabakhangela wasebehlisela isiqalekiso ngebizo lezinyamazana zonke lithole ukunatha. **18** Le yinto likaThixo. Kwasekuvela amabhele amabili ehlathini elula kuThixo, njalo uzanikela amaMowabi esandleni afohloza abangamatshumi amane lababili babo. **25** sakho. **19** Uzanqoba kuzozonke izinqaba zedolobho Wasesedlulela eNtabeni yaseKhameli, uthesesuka lapho waya eSamariya.

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7 Wathumela lelilizwi kuJehoshafathi emuva wayakuma okhunjini lomfula uJodani. **14** inkosi yakoJuda wathi: “Inkosi yamaMowabi isingihlamukele. Singahambisana siyehlasela amaMowabi na?” UJehoshafathi waphendula esithi, “Ngizahamba lawe. Mina nginguwé, abantu bami banjengabantu bakho, amabhiza ami anjengamabhiza ngaphetsheya. **15** Ixuku labaphrefethi ababevela akho.” **8** Wasebuza ukuthi, “Sizahlasela sivelela ngaphi ejeriko, ababekule, lathi, “Umoya ka-Elija uphezu na?” UJoram u wathi “Sizavelela eNkangala yase-kuka-Elisha.” Basebesiya mhlangabeza bakhothama phambi kwakhe. **16** Basebesithi, “Uyabona, thina lenkosi yakoJuda kanye lenkosi yase-Edomi. Ngemva izincek zakho silamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu enelisayo. Yekela amadoda la ayeddinga inkosi yakho. Mhlawumbe uMoya kaThixo umthetho wayambeka entaben ethile loba esihotsheni esithile.” U-Elisha kanti? UThixo angasibiza singamakhosi amathathu wathi, “Hatshi, lingabathumi.” **17** Kodwa baphikelela ukuze azosinikela ezandleni zamaMowabi na?” **11** waze wakhulelw zinhloni zokuba elokhu esala. Kodwa ujehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Akulamphrefethi Wasesithi, “Bathumeni.” Ngakho bathuma amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu, amdinga okwensuku kohambo bezulazula okwensuku eziyisikhombisa aphela. **10** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yababaza yathi, “Kuthen entaben ethile loba esihotsheni esithile.” U-Elisha indodana kaShafathi. Wayeyinceku ka-Elija.” **12** Bathe sebebuyela ku-Elisha, owayesohlala ejeriko, wababuza wathi, UJehoshafathi wathi, “Ilizwi likaThixo likuye.” Ngakho “Bengingalitshelang yini ukuthi lingamdingi?” **19** inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye loJehoshafathi lenkosi Amadoda omuzi wakhona athi ku-Elisha, “Akubone, yase-Edomi bayo kuye. **13** U-Elisha wathi enkosini nkosi yethu, umuzi lo usendaweni ebukekayo, yako-Israyeli, “Mina lawe singenelana njani? Hamba njengoba lawe uzibonela, kodwa amanzi alapha mabi kubaphrefethi bakayihlo lakubaphrefethi bakanyoko.” lomhlaba wakhona awulazithelo.” **20** U-Elisha wathi, Inkosi yako-Israyeli yaphendula yathi, “Hayi, kungenxa “Ngiphani umganu oyungubhe liwufake itswayi.” yokuthi uThixo wasibiza sobathathu singamakhosi Ngakho bawuletha umganu. **21** Wasephuma esiya sinje ukuze asinikela kumaMowabi.” **14** U-Elisha wathi, emthonjeni wfika waphosela khona itswayi ekhuluma “Njengoba uThixo uSomandla engimkhonzayo ephila, esithi, “Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: ‘Sengiwahlambulule kungasikuhlonipha kwami ukuthi kuloJehoshafathi amanzi la. Awangeke aphinde futhi abangele inkosi yakoJuda, ngibe ngingayikukukhangela loba ukufa loba ukungatheli kuhle kwalumhlabo.’” **22** ukukubona ukuthi ukhona kodwa lokhu. **15** Kodwa-ke Amanzi lawo kusukela mhlahokho kuze kube ngibizela umtshayi wechacho.” Umtshayi wechacho lamuhla mahle, njengokwakutshiwo ngu-Elisha. **23** esatshaya ichacho, amandla kaThixo ehlela ku-Elisha, Esuka lapho u-Elisha waya eBhetheli. Esahamba **16** wasesithi, “Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Lungisan imigelo endleleni, kwavela kulowomuzi ixuku lentanga eminengi kulesisigodi. **17** Ngoba ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Aliyikubona yezi loba izulu, kodwa lesisigodi Qhubeka, wena mpabang!” **24** Wanyemukula, sizagcwala ngamanzi, kuthi lina lenkomo zenu kanye wabakhangela wasebehlisela isiqalekiso ngebizo lezinyamazana zonke lithole ukunatha. **18** Le yinto likaThixo. Kwasekuvela amabhele amabili ehlathini elula kuThixo, njalo uzanikela amaMowabi esandleni afohloza abangamatshumi amane lababili babo. **25** sakho. **19** Uzanqoba kuzozonke izinqaba zedolobho Wasesedlulela eNtabeni yaseKhameli, uthesesuka lapho waya eSamariya.

Atshabalalisa imizi kwathi indoda nganye yaphosela 15 Ngakho u-Elisha wathi, "Mbize." Inceku yasimbiza, ilitshe kuwo wonke amasimu amahle aze agcwala wafika wema emnyango. U-Elisha wathi, 16 "Ngasolesi ngamatshe. Bagqibela yonke imithombo yamanzi njalo bagamula zonke izihlahla ezinhle. Kwasala iKhiri-Haresethi eyasala amatshe ayo elokhu enjalo, kodwa amadoda ayehlome negezavutha ayihonqolozela njalo ayihlasela. 26 Inkosi yamaMowabi ithe ibona ukuthi isikhulewla ekulweni, yathatha amadoda angamakhulu ayisikhombisa alwa ngenkemba yazama ukuthi idabule phakathi ngamandala iyephutshela enkosini yase-Edomi, kodwa yehlhuleka. 27 Inkosi yaseMowabi yasithatha ingqabutho yayo eyiyo indodana eyayizasala ibusa yayinikela njengomnikelo wokutshisha phezu kwemidulii yedolobho. Kwakukukhulu ukuthukuthelela abako-Israyeli baze bahlehla babuyela kwelakibo.

**4** Umfazi wenyi indoda phakathi kwexuku labaphrofethi wakhala ku-Elisha wathi, "Indoda yami ebiyinceku yakho isifile, njalo uyakwazi ukuthi ibe imkhonza uThixo. Umkami ubelesikwelede sendoda ethile esifuna ukuthumba amadodana ami amabili ukuze abe yizigqili zayo." 2 U-Elisha wampendula wathi, "Ngingakunedha kanjani na? Akungitshele, kulani endlini yakho?" Umfelokazi wathi, "Incekukazi yakho ayilalutho ngaphandle kwengcosana yamatutha." 3 U-Elisha wasesithi, "Hamba uyekweboleka imbiza ezinengi kubomakhelwane bakho bonke. Ungaceli ezilutshwanne nje. 4 Ubusungena endlini yakho lamadodana akho uvale umnyango. Ubusuthululela amafutha embizeni inye nganye, ithi ingagcwala uyibeke eceleni." 5 Wasuka kuye kwathi ngemva kwasikhathi wawala umnyango lamadodana akhe. Amadodana amghubela imbiza yena elokhu ezicgwala ngamafutha. 6 Kuthe imbiza zonke sezicgcwele, wathi endodaneni yakhe, "Letha enye futhi." Kodwa yaphendula yathi, "Akuselambiza eseleyo." Amafutha kazabe esajuluka. 7 Wasuka wayatshela umuntu kaNkulunkulu, owathi, "Hamba uyethengisa amafutha lawo ubhadale izikwelede zakho. Wena lamadodana akho lizaphila ngaseleyo." 8 Ngolunye usuko u-Elisha waya eShunemi. Kwakulowesifazane onothileyo, owamcela ukuba ahlale adle ukudla. Kwakusithi nxa ehambele khonale wayethola ukudla khonapho. 9 Oweisifazane wathi kumyeni wakhe, "Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lumuntu ohlala esedlula lapha ngumuntu ongcwele kaNkulunkulu. 10 Kasimlungisele indlu ephezelu simfakele khona umbheda, itafula, isihlalo kanye lesibane. Kube yindlu azafikela kiyo nxa elapha kithi." 11 Kwelinye ilanga, u-Elisha wafika wayangena endlini yakhe leyo wacambalala khona. 12 Wathuma inceku yakhe uGehazi, wathi, "Ngibizela umShunami." Ngakho inceku yambiza, wafika wema phansi kwakhe. 13 U-Elisha wasesithi, "Umtshele uthi, 'Usuzihluphe kangaka usilungiselis. Kambe kuyini ongakwenzelwa wena? Singakukhulumele yini enkosini loba kumlawuli wamabutho na?'" Oweisifazane wathi, "Ngilomuzi phakathi kwabantu bakithi." 14 U-Elisha wabuza wathi, "Kuyini esingamenzela khona na?" UGehazi wathi, "Kalandodana njalo umyeni wakhe useluphele."

15 Ngakho u-Elisha wathi, "Mbize." Inceku yasimbiza, isikhathi ngomnyaka ozayo uzaphatha indodana ezandleni zakho." Oweisifazane waphikisa wathi, "Atshi, nkosi yami, ungabokhohlisa inceku kazi yakho, wena muntu kaNkulunkulu!" 17 Oweisifazane wathatha isisu, kwathi ngomnyaka ovalandelayo ngesikhathi esifananayo wakhululeka wazuwa indodana njengokutshelwa kwakhe ngu-Elisha. 18 Umntwana wakhula, kwathi ngelinye ilanga walanda uyise, owayelabavuni. 19 Wasesithi kuyise, "Maye ikhanda lami! Maye ikhanda lami!" Uyise wathuma isisebenzi wathi, "Thwala umntwana uye laye kunina." 20 Isisebenzi sesimthwalele kurina unina wamanga kwaze kwaba semini enkulu umntwana wasesifa. 21 Unina wamthatha wayamlalisa embhedeni womuntu kaNkulunkulu, waphuma wasevala umnyango. 22 Oweisifazane wathumela kumkakhe ilizwi elithi, "Ngicela ungithumele esinye sezisebenzi kanye lobabhemi ukuze ngiphange ngiyebona umuntu kaNkulunkulu ngiphenduke." 23 Umyeni wakhe wathi, "Kungani umlanda lamuhla? Akusikho ekuThwaseni kweNyanga njalo akusilo iSabatha." Oweisifazane wathi, "Kulungile kunjalo." 24 Wethesa ubabhemti wasesithi kusisebenzi sakhe, "Khokhela; unghambhi kancane usenzula mina ngaphandle kokuba ngikutshele." 25 Ngakho waphuma wahamba waze wayamthola umuntu kaNkulunkulu eNtabeni yaseKhameli. Ebona owesifazane esesebucwadlana, umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi kuGehazi inceku yakhe, "Khangelal Nanguyana umShunami! 26 Gijima umhlangabaze umbuze uthi, 'Konke kulungile kuwe na? Umkakho uyaphila na? Umntanakho uyaphila na?'" Oweisifazane wathi, "Konke kulungile." 27 Kodwa esefikile emuntwini kaNkulunkulu entaben, wagagadlela inyawo zakhe. UGehazi weza kuye wamfuqela khatshana, kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi, "Myekele! Uphakathi kosizi olukhulu, kodwa uThixo ukufihlile kimi lokho njalo kangitshelanga ukuthi kungani." 28 Oweisifazane wathi, "Ngake ngacela indodana kuwe na, nkosi yami? Angizange ngikutshele yini ukuthi ungaze wangikhohlisa na?" 29 U-Elisha wathi kuGehazi, "Khwinicela ijazi lakho ebhantini, uphathe intonga yami ngesandla ubusugijima. Loba ngubani ohlangana laye, ungambingeleli, loba angaze akubingelele ungaphenduli. Ufike ubeki intonga yami ebusweni bomfana." 30 Kodwa unina womfana wathi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ephila lanjengoba uphila, angiyikukutshiya." Ngakho wasuka walandela owesifazane. 31 UGehazi wahle wagijima phambilu wayabeka intonga ebusweni bomfana, kodwa akuzwakalanga lutho njalo kanyikinyekanga. Ngakho uGehazi wabuyela ukuyahlangabeza u-Elisha wamthela wathi, "Umfana kavukanga." 32 Ekufikeni kwakhe endlini u-Elisha, wafumana lakanye nangu umfana usembhedeni wakhe ufile. 33 Wangena wawala umnyango baba bobabili lomfana wasekhuleka uThixo. 34 Wakhwela embhedeni wacambalala phezu komfana, umlomo emlonyenzi, amehlo emehlwensi,

izandla ezandleni. Ut he esazelula phezu komfana, Israyeli yayisidabule izembatho zayo, wayithumela umzimba womfana waqalisa ukukhudumala. **35** U- ilizwi esithi, “Kungani usudabule izembatho zakho Elisha wafulathela wahambahamba endlini waphinda wabuyela embhedeni wacambalala phezu komfana. wahamba lamabhiza akhe kanye lezincola zokulwa **36** U-Elisha wabiza uGehazi wathi kuye, “Biza wayakuma emnyango wendlu ka-Elisha. **10** U-Elisha umShunami.” Wakwenza lokho. Ut he esefikile wathuma isithunywa ukuthi siyotshela uNamani sithi: wasesithi kuye owesifazane, “Thatha indodana yakho.” “Hamba, uyegeza kasikhombisa emfuleni uJodani, **37** UmShunami wangena, wawela ezinyaweni zakhe inyama yakho izahluma njalo lawe uhlambuluke.” wakhothama. Wasesthatha indodana yakhe wahamba. **11** Kodwa uNamani wasuka ethukuthele wasesithi: **38** U-Elisha wabuyela eGiligali njalo kulesisigaba “Mina benginakanu ukuthi ngempela uzaphuma eze kwakulendlala. Kwathi esesemhlanganweni lexuku kimi ame abize ibizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe, labaphrofethi, wathuma isisebenzi sakhe wathi, “Beka imbibza enkuu eziko, uphekele abaphrofethi ukudla.” aphakamise isandala phezu kwezilonda angelaphe ubulephero. **12** Imifula yaseDamaseko, i-Abhana leFariphari kayingcono yini kulawo wonke amanziko-wathola ivini leganga. Wakha amajodwana wagcwaliswa ophikweni lwasigqoko sakhe. Ekuphendukeni kwakhe wawaqobaqoba wawafaka embizeni yesitshebo lanxa kungekho owayesazi ukuthi kuyini. **40** Kwaphakululwa ukuba abantu badle, kodwa bathi beqalisa ukudla enkuu ube ungayikuyenza na? Pho, kwehlula ngaphi bamemeza bathi, “Awu muntu kaNkulunkulu nxa esithi, ‘Geza uhlambuluke’!” **14** Yikho ukusuka kulokufa embizeni! Kabazabe besakudla. **41** U- kwakhe esiya khonale efika egeza kasikhombisa, Elisha wathi, “Lethani ifulawa.” Wayifaka embizeni njengokulaywa kwakhe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu, wasesithi, “Baphakuleleni abantu badle.” Ngalokho inyama yakhe yaahluma njalo yaahlambuluka kungathi kwakungaselabuthi embizeni. **42** Kwafika indoda ethile ngeyomfana omncinyane. **15** Ngakho uNamani ivela eBhali-Shalisha, iphathele umuntu kaNkulunkulu kanye lezinceku zakhe babuyela kumphrofethi izinkwa zebhalu ezingamatshumi amabili, zibhekhwine uNkulunkulu. Wafika wema phambi kwakhe wathi, ngezilimo zakuqala. U-Elisha wathi, “Nikani abantu “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi akulankulunkulu emhlabeni wonke badle.” **43** Inceku yakhe yathi, “Ngingababelu njani ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Ngoxolo abantu abalikhulu okungaka?” Kodwa u-Elisha ngicela wamuukele lesisipho senceku yakho.” **16** wathi, “Phakululela abantu badle. Ngoba ilizwi Umphrofethi wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengokuba uThixo likaThixo lithi: ‘Bazakudla baze bakutshiye.’” **44** engimkhonzayo ephila, angiyikwamukela lutho.” Inceku yasiphakululela abantu, badla baze bakutshiya, njengokutsho kwelizwi likaThixo.

**5** UNamani wayengumlawuli webutho lenkosu yase-Aramu. Wayelodumo eholnipheka emehlwani enkosi yakhe, ngoba ngaye uThixo wanika ele-Aramu ukunqoba. Wayelibutho elilesibindi, kodwa wayelobulephero. **2** Amaxuku amabutho ase-Aramu ayephumile athumba intombazana yako-Israyeli, yaba yisichaka somkaNamani. **3** Yathi kunkosikazi yayo, “Ngabe inkosi yami ike ibonane lomphrofethi oseSamariya! Ubezayelapha ubulephero bayo.” **4** UNamani wayatshela inkosi yakhe ngalokhu okwakutshiyo yintombazana yako-Israyeli. **5** Inkosi yase-Aramu yathi, “Ye kufanele uhambe, ngizabhabale inkosi yako-Israyeli incwadi.” Ngakho uNamani wasuka ephethe amathalenta esiliva alitshumi, amashkekeli egolide azinkulungwane eziyisithupha kanye lamaxha eziqgqoko alitshumi. **6** Incwadi ahamba layo enkosini yako-Israyeli yayisithi: “Ngalincwadi ngikuthumela inceku yami uNamani ukuba uzomelapha ubulephero bakhe.” **7** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi iqeda ukufunda incwadi leyo, yadabula izembatho zayo yathi, “NginguNkulunkulu mina na? Ngilamandla okubulala lamandla okuphilisa na? Kungani lumuntu ethumele umuntu esithi ngimelaphe ubulephero? Angithi liyabona ukuthi udinga ukuxabana lami!” **8** U-Elisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu esezwe ukuthi inkosi yako-

ngithi thatha amathalenta amabili." Wamkhuthaza **15** Kuthe inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu ivuka uGehazi ukuba awamukele, wasebophela amathalenta ekuseni ngelanga elilandelayo yaphuma phandle esiliva amabili emigodleni emibili, lamaxha amabili yathola amabutho alamabhiza lezinqola zokulwa ezigqoko. Wawaqhubela izisebenzi ezimbili, zawahwala sezhonqolozele idolobho. Inceku yethuka yathi, "Maye, zahamba kuqala phambi kukaGehazi. **24** Esefikile eqaqeni uGehazi, wathatha impahla kulezozisabenzi wayazibeka endlini. Wathi kababuye, lakanye basuka. **25** Wasengena wafika wema phambi kwenkosi yakhe u-Elisha. U-Elisha wambuza wathi, "Ube ungaphi Gehazi?" UGehazi waphendula wathi, "Inceku yakho ayizange iye ndawo." **26** Kodwa u-Elisha wathi kuye, "Umoya wami ubungekanye lawe na lapho lowomuntu ephenduka enqoleni ekuhlangabeza? Yisikhathi sokwamukela imali lesi na, kumbe esokwamukela iziqqoko, lezivande zama-oliva, lamavini lemihlambi yezimvu, leyenkomu, kumbe eyezinceptu zesilisa lesifazane? **27** Ubulephero bukaNamani buzanamathela kuwe lasenzalweni yakho kuze kube laphakade." UGehazi wasuka phambi kuka-Elisha eselobulephero esemhlophe njengongqwaqwane.

**6** Ixuku labaphrefethi lathi ku-Elisha, "Khangel, indawo esihlala kiyo lawe kayisasanelanga. **2** Asiye ejodani lapho esizagamula khona izigodo sakhe indawo yokuhlala." U-Elisha wathi, "Kulungile, hambani." **3** Omunye wabo wathi, "Ungazake uhamb lezinceptu zakho na?" U-Elisha wathi, "Kulungile ngizahamba." **4** Ngakho wasehamba labo. Baya ejodani bafika baqalisa ukugamula izigodo. **5** Omunye wathi egamula, ihloka lakhe laqamuka isihloko salo sawela emanzini. Wasekhala esithi, "Nkosi yami, ihloka leli bengilibolekile." **6** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasebuba esithi, "Liwele ngaphi?" Utne esemtshengisile indawo yakhona, u-Elisha wagamula uswazi waluphosela khonapho, lokho kwenza ihloka lelo landenda. **7** Wasesithi, "Lenyule emanzini." Umuntu lowo welula isandla sakhe walenyula. **8** Inkosi yase-Aramu yayisempini ilwisana labako-Israyeli. Ngemva kokukhulumisana lezikhulu zayo inkosi yathi, "Inkamba yami ngizayimisa endaweni ethile." **9** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathumela ilizwi enkosini yako-Israyeli lisithi, "Qaphela ungedduli kuleyana indawo, ngoba ama-Aramu azakwehla ayekhona." **10** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yahlolisisa kuleyondawo eyaqianjwe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu. U-Elisha wakuphinda enkosini lokhu kuxwayisa kanenginengi, ukuze izivikele ezindaweni ezinjengalezi. **11** Lokhu kwayithukuthelisa inkosi yase-Aramu. Yabiza izikhulu zayo yaziwhabheha yathi, "Aliyikungitshela yini ukuthi phakathi kwethu ngubani oseceleni lenkoski yako-Israyeli na?" **12** Esinye sezikhulu zakhe sathi, "Kakho phakathi kwethu nkosi yami, kodwa u-Elisha, umphrefethi wako-Israyeli, ulakho ukutshela inkosi yako-Israyeli ngalawo mazwi owakhluma usendlini yakho yokulala." **13** Inkosi yabalaya yathi, "Hambani liyemdinga lapho akhona, ukuze ngithumele amadoda ayemthumba." Kwavela impendulo ethi, "UseDothani." **14** Inkosi yasithumela amabhiza lezinqola zokulwa kanye lamabutho aqinileyo. Bahamba ebusuku bahle bagombolozela umuzi wakhona.

**15** Kuthe inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu ivuka uGehazi ukuba awamukele, wasebophela amathalenta ekuseni ngelanga elilandelayo yaphuma phandle esiliva amabili emigodleni emibili, lamaxha amabili yathola amabutho alamabhiza lezinqola zokulwa sezhonqolozele idolobho. Inceku yethuka yathi, "Maye, nkosi yami, sizakwenzenjanu na?" **16** Umphrefethi wathi, "Ungesabi. Labo abalathi banengi kulalabo abangakubo." **17** U-Elisha wasekhuleka wathi, "Oh Thixo, vula amehlo akhe ukuze abone." Ngakho uThixo wavula amehlo enceku, yakhangle yabona amaqaqa agcwele amabhiza lezinqola zokulwa ezomnilo zihonqolozele u-Elisha. **18** Kuthe izitha zisondela kuye, u-Elisha wakhuleka kuThixo wathi, "Tshaya lababantu babe yiziphofu." Ngakho wabaphumputhekisa, njengokucela kuka-Elisha. **19** U-Elisha wabatshela wathi, "Akusiwu umgwaqo njalo akusiwu umuzi eliwdingayo. Ngilandelani, ngizalikhokhela liye emuntwini elimdingayo." Ngakho wabakhokhelela eSamariya. **20** Sebephakathi komuzi, u-Elisha wathi, "Thixo, vula amehlo alababantu ukuze babone." Ngakho uThixo wavula amehlo abo, bazibonela ukuthi babephakathi kweSamariya. **21** Inkosi yako-Israyeli ithe ibabona, yabuza ku-Elisha yathi, "Ngibabulale yini, baba? Ngibabulale na?" **22** Yena waphendula wathi, "Ungababulali. Kambe ungababulala yini ingenkemba loba ngomtshoko wakho abantu obathumbileyo. Baphe ukudla lamanzi ukuze badle babe sebebulyela enkosini yabo." **23** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibenzela idili elikhulu, bathe sebeqedile ukudla lokunatha, yabakhlula ukuba bahambe, ngakho basuka babuyela enkosini yabo. Kwathi amaxuku amabutho ase-Aramu ayeahlala ehlasela elako-Israyeli akhawula ukuhlasela. **24** Ngemva kwesthathi, uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu yaqoqa amabutho ayo wonke yayavimbezela umuzi waseSamariya. **25** Kwaba lendlala enkulu eSamariya ngesikhathi sokuvinjezelwa kwayo; ngakho inhloko kababhemti yayithengiswa ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, legajana lombhida othile ngamashekeli amahlau esiliva. **26** Kwathi ngolunye usuku inkosi yako-Israyeli ihambahamba phezu komduli womuzi, owesifazane othile wameemeza esithi kuyo, "Akungincede, baba nkosi yami!" **27** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, "Nxa uThixo engakusizi, mina kambe ngizaluthatha ngaphi uncedo? Ngizaluthatha esikhamelweni sewayini yini loba esineni sokuhulela na?" **28** Wasebuba wathi, "Kodwa uhlutshwa yini?" Oweisifazane waphendula wathi, "Oweisifazane lo uthe kimi, 'Letha umntanakho ukuba simudle lamuhla, kuzakuthi kusasa sidle owami.' **29** Ngakho simphekile umntanami samudla. Ngosuku olulandelayo ngasengisisihi, 'Letha umntanakho ukuba simudle.' Kodwa yena ubesemfihiile." **30** Inkosi ithe isizwa okwakutshiwo ngowesifazane lowo yadabula iziqqoko zayo. Inkosi yayihamba phezu komduli, abantu bayikhanga, babona ukuthi isiqqoko sayo sangaphansi sasingesokulila. **31** Inkosi yathi, "Sengathi uNkulunkulu angangihlanekela kubi nxa ikhanda lika-Elisha indodana kaShafathi kungasa liloku limi phezu kwamahlolme akhe lamuhla!" **32** U-Elisha wayehlezi endlini yakhe labadala babeleheze laye.

Inkosi yasithumela isithunuya phambili, kodwa sithe singakafiki u-Elisha wathi ebadaleni, "Liyakubona yini ukuthi umbulali lo usethumele umuntu ukuba azoquma ikhanda lami na? Khangelani, ekufikeni kwasithunuya lapha libovala umnyango libambe isivalo siqine. Kalizizwa yini izisinde zenkosi yaso ngemva kwaso na?" 33 Kwathi esakhulum, isithunuya sahle safika. Ngakho inkosi yathi, "Uhlupho lonke lolu luvela kuThixo. Pho-ke ngisamlindelelani uThixo na?"

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7 U-Elisha wathi, "Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo. Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: Kusasa ngasolesi isikhathi, ingxenyegokoko lefulawa izabe isithengiswa ngeshekeli kuthi ingxenyezimbili zegokoko lebhali zibe ngezeshekeli elilodwa esangweni laseSamariya." 2 Isikhulu lesinkosi eyayeyeme engalweni yaso sathi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, "Khangel, kambe loba uThixo angaze avule amasango empophoma zamazulu bekungenzeka lokhu na?" U-Elisha waphendula wathi, "Lokhu uzakubona ngawakho amehlo, kodwa awuyikudla loba yini yakho!" 3 Kwakukhona amadoda alobulephero amane esangweni lomuzi. Akhulumisana athi, "Sihlaleleni lapha size sife na?" 4 Nxa singathi, 'Asingeneni phakathi komuzi.' Lakhona kulendlala, sizakufa. Singahlala khonapha, sizakufa. Ngakho asiyeni enkambeni yama-Aramu siyezinikela. Bangahlala bengasibulali, sizaphila; kodwa bangasibulala, sizakufa." 5 Kusihlwabya enkambeni yama-Aramu. Bathe befika eduzane lenkamba, bananzelela ukuthi kwakungaselamuntu loyedwa, 6 ngoba iNkosi yayenze ukuthi ama-Aramu azwe umsindo wezinqola zokulwa lamabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu endlebeni zaho, aze atshelana athi, "Qaphelani, inkosi yako-Israyeli sisibizile amakhosi amaHithi lamaGibhithe ukuthi azosilhasela!" 7 Ngakho asuka abaleka ngomnyama wokuhlwa atshiya amathente awo kanye lamabhiza labobabhem. Abaleka atshiya inkamba ilokhu imi injalo evikela impilo yawo. 8 Amadoda ayelobulephero angena enkambeni afika ahlala kwelinyle lamathente. Adla anatha, aze athwala lesiliva, legolide leziggoko, ahamba lakho ayakufihla. Aphenduka njalo angena kwelinyle lamathente athatha njalo ezinye impahla lazo ayazifihla. 9 Asekhulumisana esithi, "Akulunganga lokhu esikwenzayo. Lolu lusuku lwezindaba ezinhle kodwa silokhu singazitsheli muntu. Singalindela ukusa kwelanga sizajeziswa. Asihambeni khathesi siyebika esigodlwensi." 10 Ngakho bahamba bamemeza abalindi bamasango bomuzi bathi kubo, "Siye sayafika enkambeni yama-Aramu sathola kungelamuntu loyedwa kodwa lokhu kungezwakali lomsindo womuntu ngaphandle kwamabhiza labobabhem kubotshelwe, kanye lamathente atshiyewe enjengoba enjalo." 11 Abalindi bamasango bamemezel lezizindaba, kwaze kwayabikwa laphakathi esigodlwensi. 12 Inkosi yavuka ebusuku yakhulumalezikhulu zayo yathi, "Ngizalitsheba ukuthi ama-Aramu asenzeni kithi. Ayakwazi ukuthi siphakathi kwendlala; ngakho asuke atshiya inkamba zaho ukuze asicathamele emaphandleni enakanasithi, 'Ngempela bazaphuma ijumo, kube lapho

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8 U-Elisha wayetshele umfazi olomntwana ayemvuse ekufeni wathi, "Suka uhamble labendlu yakho ueyhila lapha ongathuthela khona okwesikhathshana, ngoba uThixo uzaletha indlala elizweni ezathatha iminyaka eyisikhombisa." 2 Owesifazane lowo wakwenza lokho njengokulaywa kwakhe ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu. Yena kanye labendlu yakhe basukabayahlala elizweni lamaFilistiya okweminyaka eyisikhombisa. 3 Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa wasuka elizweni lamaFilistiya waya enkosini yakibo wayacela indawo yomuzi kanye lamasimu akhe. 4 Inkosi yayikhulum loGehazi, isisebenzi somuntu kaNkulunkulu, yathi, "Ake ungiroxole negezimanga ezinkulu esezike zenziwa ngu-Elisha." 5 Uthe uGehazi esathi uyalandisela inkosi ngokuthi u-Elisha wavusa njani abafileyo, owesifazane owayelendodana yakhe eyasiliswa ngu-Elisha wafika ezocela ukubuyela emzini wakhe kolulima amasimu akhe. UGehazi wathi, "Nguyenalo owesifazane, nkosi yami, nansi lendodana yakhe, eyiyo eyavuswa kwabafileyo ngu-Elisha." 6 Inkosi yambuza ngalokhu umama lowo, lakaney wakufakaza lokho. Inkosi yasikhetha esinye sezikhulu zayo ukuba

sikhangelle izikhala zo wzesifazane yaqonqosela yathi, cube lamhla abase-Edomi balokhu behlamukela "Uze umbuyisele konke okwakungokwakhe, lenzozo uJuda. ULibhina laye wahlamuka ngalesosikhathhi. **23** yonke eyasala izuzakala emasimini akhe kusukela mhla asuka kulelilizwe kuze cube sekuphendukeni kwakhe lamuhla." **7** U-Elisha waya eDamaseko, uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu wayegula. Inkosi isitsiheliwe ngalokho ukuthi, **8** "Umuntu kaNkulunkulu usefikile uvela ekudeni khonale esiza lapha," wathi kuHazayeli: "Thatha isipho uyehlangabeza umuntu kaNkulunkulu. Khuluma ubuze uThixo ngaye; uthi, 'Kambe ngizasila yini kulokhu kugula na?'" **9** UHazayeli waphuma wayahlangabeza u-Elisha, ephetheze izipho zezimpahla ezinhle kakhulu ezenziwa ngabaleminwe eDamaseko zithwelwe ngamakamela angamatshumi amane. Wafika wangena wema phambi kwakhe, wathi, "Indodana yakho uBheni-Hadadi inkosi yase-Aramu ungithumile ukuba ngizobuza, uthe yena, 'Kambe ngizasila emkhuhlaneni na?'" **10** U-Elisha waphendula wathi, "Hamba uyemtshela ukuthi, 'Ngempela uzasila'; kodwa uThixo usebonakalisile kimi umbono wokuthi uzakufa." **11** Wamkhangela engacyozi emuthe nzo ngamehlo uHazayeli waze waba lenhloni. Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasekhala. **12** UHazayeli wabuza wathi, "Kungani inkosi yami ikhala?" Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waphendula wathi, "Kungenxa yokuthi ngiyabazi ububi ozabenza ebantwini bako-Israyeli; utzatshisa izinqola zabo ngomilo, ubulale lamadodana abo ngenkemba, uchoboze ingane zabo njalo uqhaqhe abesifazane abazithweleyo." **13** UHazayeli wathi, "Kambe inceku yakho, yona iynja ngokwayo, ingasanelisa njani isiga esingako?" U-Elisha waphendula wathi, "UThixo ungitshengisile ukuthi wena uzakuba yinkosi yase-Aramu." **14** Ngakho uHazayeli wasuka ku-Elisha wabuyela enkosini yakhe. UBheni-Hadadi wasebuza esithi, "Utheni u-Elisha kuwe?" UHazayeli yena waphendula wathi, "Ungitshele ukuthi ngempela uzasila." **15** Kodwa ngosuku olulandelayo wathatha ingubo, wayixamuza emanzini, wasembomboza ubuso benkosi ngayo yaze yafa. Ngakho uHazayeli waba yinkosi. **16** Ngomnyaka wesihlanu kajoramu indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, ngesikhathi uJehoshafathi eyinkosi yakoJuda, uJehoram indodana kajehoshafathi waqalisa ukubusa eyinkosi yakoJuda. **17** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili equalisa ukubusa, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. **18** Yena wahamba emanyathelweni amakhosi ako-Israyeli, njengalokhu okwakwensiwe ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba wayethethe indodakazi ka-Ahabi. Wona phambi kukaThixo. **19** Loba kunjalo, ngenxa kaDavida inceku yakhe, uThixo kathandanga ukudiliza indlu kajuda. Wayemthembise ukugcina isibane sikaDavida lenzalo yakhe kuze cube nini lanini. **20** Ngensuku zikajehoram, abase-Edomi bahlamukela uJuda babeka eyabo inkosi. **21** Ngakho uJehoram waya eZayiri lezingqola zakhe zokulwa. Ama-Edomi amhanqa yena kanye labalawuli bezingqola zokulwa, wavuka ebusuku waphulukundela ngobusuku; kodwa amabutho akhe abaleka abuyela ekhayha. **22** Kuze Okunye ngombuso langezelakalo zikajehoram, lakho konke okunye akwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **24** UJehoram waya kwbaphansi, wangcwatshwa laboyise eMzini kaDavida. Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhos. **25** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili kajoram indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Ahaziya indodana kajehoram inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **26** U-Ahaziya waqalisa ukubusa eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili, njalo wabusa eJerusalema okomiyaka owooda. Unina wayengu-Athaliya, umntanomtnanakhe ka-Omri inkosi yako-Israyeli. **27** Wahamba ngenyathelo labendlu ka-Ahabi wona phambi kukaThixo, njengokwakwensiwe ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba wayeyisihlobo sabo ngokuthatha. **28** U-Ahaziya waya empini loJoram indodana ka-Ahabi besilwa loHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu eRamothi Giliyadi. Ama-Aramu alimaza uJoram, **29** ngakho inkosi uJoram yabuyela ejezerili ukuthi iyekwelatshwa amanxeba lapho eyayilinyazwe khona ngama-Aramu eRama ekulweni kwayo loHazayeli inkosi yama-Aramu. Ngakho u-Ahaziya indodana kajehoram inkosi yakoJuda wehla wayabona uJoram indodana ka-Ahabi, njengoba wayeselime.

**9** Umphrofethi u-Elisha wabiza enye indoda exukwini labaphrofethi wathi kuyo, "Khwica isembatho sakho ebbantini ubusuthatha iqhagana lamafutha leli, uye eRamothi Giliyadi. **2** Ekufikeni kwakho khonale, ubodinga uJehu indodana kajehoshafathi, indodana kaNimishi. Ufike umthathe, umsuse kubangane bakhe ubusumngensa endlini engaphakathi. **3** Ube usuthatha iqhagana lamafutha uwathele ekhanda lakhe, ube usubaki uthi, 'Ilizwi likaThixo lithi: Ngikugcoba ubukhos bako-Israyeli.' Ube usuvula umnyango ubaleke; ungabophuza!" **4** Ngakho ijaha leli, umphrofethi, waya eRamothi Giliyadi. **5** Ekufikeni kwakhe khonale wafica izikhulu zebutho zihlezi ndawonye, wasesithi kuzo, "Mlawuli, ngilombiko kuwe." UJehu wabuza wathi, "Ngokabani phakathi kwethu?" Yena waphendula wathi, "Ngokabani mlawuli webutho." **6** UJehu wasukuma wangena endlini. Umphrofethi wathela amafutha ekhanda likajehu wasebika ukuthi, "Ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli lithi: 'Ngiggoba wena ukuba ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu bakaThixo, u-Israyeli. **7** Kumele ubhubhise indlu ka-Ahabi inkosi yakho, njalo ngizaphindisela igazi lezincku zami abaphrofethi kanye legazi lezincku zikaThixo zonke elachithwa ngezebheli. **8** Indlu ka-Ahabi izabhujiswa. Ngizaqeda ko-Ahabi bonke abesilisa ko-Israyeli, isiqqili loba okhululekileyo. **9** Indlu ka-Ahabi ngizayenza lokhu engakwenza ekajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi kanye lokwenzakala endlini kaBhasha indodana ka-Ahija. **10** UJezebheli, yena uzadliwa yizinja elizweni laselezerili; kayikungcwatshwa mutnu." Wasevula umnyango, wabaleka. **11** UJehu uthe ephuma lapho esebuyele kwabanye abalawuli, omunye wabo wambuza

wathi, "Kulungile konke na? Uhlanya lolu lube ngeqiniso ngizakwenza ulihlawulele kulesisivande, luzofunani kuwe?" Ujehu wathi, "Liyamazi umuntu kutsho uThixo." Ngakho umthathet, uyemphosela lo kanye lezinto azikhulumayo." **12** Abalawuli ensimini leyana, njengokutsho kwelizwi likaThixo." basebesithi, "Kakusilo iqiniso lokho! Sitshele." Ujehu **27** U-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda esebone lokhu wathi, "Nanku angitshele khona: 'Ilizwi likaThixo okwakwenzakele wabaleka wahamba ngomgaqo esiya lithi: Ngiyakugcoba ube yinkosi ko-Israyeli.'" **13** eBhethi-Hagani. Ujehu waxotshana laye ememeza Baphanga bathatha izembatho zabo bazendlala esithi, "Mbulaleni laye!" Bamilimaza enqoleni yakhe ezinyaweni zakhe ezikhwelweni. Bavuthela icilongo yokulwa endleleni yokuya eGuri phansi kwe-lbhiliyami, bamemeza besithi, "Ujehu useyinkosi!" **14** Ngakho kodua wabaleka waya eMegido lapho ayafela khona. **28** Ujehu indodana kajehoshafathi, indodana kaNimishi wavukela ujomamu. (Ujomamu labo bonke abako-Israyeli inkosi yama-**Aramu**, **15** kodua inkosi ujomamu yayisibyele ejekerili kajoram indodana ka-Ahabi, u-Ahaziya waba yinkosi ukuze yelatshwe amanxeba okulinayazwa ekulweni yakoJuda.) **30** Ngakho ujehu waya ejekerili. Ujezebhelı lama-Aramu kulwiwa loHazayeli inkosi yama-Aramu.) wathi ekuzwa lokho, wazicomba ngesibhuda emehlwani Ujehu wathi, "Nxa lifuna lokho, akungabikho loyedwa weluka inwele zakhe waselunguza ngefasitel. **31** ozaphuma emzini ukuba ayefikisa ilizwi ejekerili." **16** Ujehu uthe engena esangweni, wambuza wathi, "Uza Wasekhwela enqoleni yakhe yokulwa waya ejekerili, ngokuthula na, Zimri, wena mbulali wenkosi yakho?" ngoba ujomamu wayephumulela khonale njalo u-**32** Yena wakhangela phezelu ewindini wabuza wathi, Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda wayehlele khona ukuba "Ngubani ongakimi na? Ngubani?" Abathenwa ababili ayembona. **17** Umlindi owayemi emphotshongweni loba abathathu bakhangela phansi kuye. **33** Ujehu ejekerili wathi ebina amabutho kajehu esiza, wathi, "Msakazeleni phansi!" Ngakho basebemakazela wamemeza esithi, "Ngibona impi ezayo." Ujomamu phansi, elinye igazi lakhe lachaphakela emdulini wathi, "Thumela umgadi webhiza abahlangabeze ayebabuza ukuthi, 'Liza ngokuthula na?'" **18** Umgadi webhiza wasuza wayahlangabeza ujehu wathi, "Inkosi ingithume ukuba ngibuze ngisithi, 'Uza ngokuthula na?'" Ujehu waphendula wathi, "Ulani lakho ukuthula na? Ngena ngemva kwami." Umlindi wabika wathi, "Isithunywa sesifikile kubo, kodwa kasiphenduki." **19** Ngakho inkosi yathuma umgadi webhiza wesibili. Esefikile kubo wathi, "Inkosi ithi: 'Liza ngokuthula na?'" Ujehu waphendula wathi, "Ulani lakho ukuthula na? Ngena ngemva kwami." **20** Umlindi wabika wathi: "Usefikile kubo, kodwa kukhanya kaphenduki. Ugijima sengathi nguJehu indodana kaNimishi njalo utshayela sengathi luhlanya." **21** Ujomamu wakhwaza wathi, "Bophani inqola yami yokulwa." Inqola yokulwa ithe isilungisiwe, ujomamu inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye lo-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda bagada, basuka omunye ekweyakhe inqola yokulwa lomunye laye ekweyakhe, behlangabeza ujehu. Bahlangana laye esivandeni sesiqikade singesikaNabhothi umJezerili. **22** Ujomamu uthe ebina ujehu wambuza wathi, "Uza ngokuthula na, Jehu?" Ujehu wathi, "Kambe kungaba lokuthula njani khona kugcwele izithombe lobuthakathi bukanyoko ujezebhelı na?" **23** Ujomamu wafulathela wabaleka, ememezelu ku-Ahaziya esithi, "Umvukela, Ahaziya!" **24** Ujehu wakhokha umtshoko wakhe waciba ujomamu esiphangeni ngomtshoko wakhe. Umtshoko wahle wangena enhliziyweni yakhe yena wathi votshololo enqoleni yakhe yokulwa. **25** Ujehu wathi kuBhidikhari, owayeisikhulu sakhe sezinqola zokulwa, "Dobha isidumbu sakhe uyesiphosela ensimini eyayingekaNabhothi umJezerili. Uyakhumbula mhla sasigadile sobabili enqoleni yokulwa ngemva kuka-Ahabi uyise mhla uThixo enza lesisiphrofethi ngaye esithi, **26** 'Izolo ngibone igazi likaNabhothi lelamadodana akhe, kutsho uThixo,

**10** Esamariya kwakulamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa ayengawendlu ka-Ahabi. Ngakho ujehu waloba izincwadi elobelza izikhulu zaseJezerili, abadala laklabo ababesondla abantwana baka-Ahabi. Waloba kanje: **2** "Masinyazana ekuboneni kwenu lincwadi, njengoba abantwana benkosi yenu besezandleni zenu njalo lilezingqola zokulwa lamabhiza, umuzi wenqaba lezikhalu, **3** khethani lowo elimbona efanele kulabo bonke phakathi kwamadodana enkosi yenu limfake esihlalweni sikayise sobukhos, beselilwela indlu yenkosi yenu." **4** Kodwa besaba bathi: "Nxa amakhosi amabili ehlulekile ukumelana laye, thina singakwenza njani?" **5** Ngakho isiphathamandla sesigodlo, usibalukhulu, abadala kanye labalindi bathumela lelilizwi kujehu, "Sizincke zakho, njalo sizakwenza konke njengokutsho kwakho. Kakho esizamkhetha ukuba abe yinkosi; yenza lokho obona kulungile kakhulu." **6** Ngakho ujehu wabalobelza incwadi yesibili esithi, "Nxa livumelana lami njalo lizimisele ukungilalela, qumani amakhanda amadodana enkosi yenu libe selibuya lawo kusasa ejekerili ngasonalesisikhathi." Amakhosana esikhosini, ayengamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ayeahlala

lamadoda aqakathekileyo phakathi komuzi, okuyiwo ayesondla amadodana enkosi. **7** Incwadi yathi ifika, amadoda la abulala wonke amakhosana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Afaka amakhanda awo ezipheni awathumela kuJehu ejezierili. **8** Isithunywa sithe sifika satshela uJehu sathi: "Sebewalethile amakhanda amakhosana." UJehu wasekhupha ilizwi esithi, "Abutheleli abe zinqwaba ezimbili esangweni lomuzi kuze kuge sekuseni." **9** Ngosuku olulandelayo uJehu waphuma; wema phambi kwabantu wathi, "Lina limsulwa. Yimi engithame ukubulala inkosi yami njalo ngyiyibulele, kodwa ngubani obulele bonke laba?" **10** Alibokwazi ukuthi akukho lalinye ilizwi elivela kuThixo lingxame u-Ahabi labendlu yakhe, elizakwehluleka. UThixo usekwenzile lokho akuthembisa ngenceku yakhe u-Elia." **11** Ngakho uJehu wabulala bonke ejezierili abendlu ka-Ahabi ababesele, kanye lezikhulu zakhe, abangane bakhe abasekhwapheni labaphristi bakhe, akusalanga muntu kwabendlu ka-Ahabi. **12** UJehu waphuma njalo waqonda eSamariya. EBhethi-Ekhedi yaBelusi, **13** wahlangana lezhilobo zika-Ahaziya inkosi yakoJuda wababuza wathi, "Lingobani lina na?" Bona bamphendula bathi, "Siyizihlolo zika-Ahaziya, njalo sizekwethakelela abendlu yenkosy kanye lendlovukazi engunina." **14** Yena wathi ezinckewini zakhe, "Bathatheni bephila!" Ngakho babathatha bephila bayababulalela emthonjeni webhethi-Ekhedi, babengamadoda angamatshumi amane. Kakho loyedwa abamtshiya ephila. **15** Ngemva kokusuka kwakhe lapho, wahlangana lojehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi, owayesendleli ezomhlangabeza. UJehu wambingelela wathi, "Wena uvumelana lami na, njengoba mina ngikanye lawe?" UJehonadabi waphendula wathi, "Mina ngilawe." UJehu wathi, "Nxa kunjalo ngibamba isandla," kwathi esembamble wamkhweza enqoleni yokulwa. **16** UJehu wasesithi, "Woza sihambe ngiyekutshengisa ukuphitshekela kwami uThixo." Ngakho wagada laye enqoleni yakhe yokulwa. **17** UJehu uthe efika eSamariya, wabulala bonke ababesele khonale abendlu ka-Ahabi, wababhubhisa njengokutsho kwelizwi likaThixo ekhulumu ku-Elia. **18** Ngakho uJehu wasebuthanisa abantu bonke wasesithi kubo, "U-Ahabi ubekhonza uBhali kancinyane; uJehu uzamkhonza kakhulu. **19** Ngakho ngibizelani bonke abaphrofethi bakaBhali, zonke izikhonzi zakhe labaphristi bakhe. Linanzelele ukuthi kakho loyedwa ozasala, ngoba ngifuna ukwenza umhlatshelo omkhulu kuBhali. Ongayikubuya kasayikuphila." UJehu wayebakhohlisa ngoba wayedinga ukubabhubhisa abafundisi bakaBhali. **20** UJehu wasesithi, "Bizani umhlangano wokudumisa uBhali." Basebewumemzelza. **21** Wasedhumela ilizwi kulolonke elako-Israyeli, beza bonke abafundisi bakaBhali; kakho loyedwa ongezanga. Bagcwalla baminyana ethempelini likaBhali kusukela emsamo kusiya emnyango. **22** UJehu wasesithi kulowo owayegcina izigqoko zabakhonza uBhali, "Balethele izigqoko bonke abakhonza uBhali." Ngakho wabaletha lezozigqoko. **23** UJehu lojehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi bangena ethempelini likaBhali. UJehu wathi kubakhonzi bakaBhali, "Linanzelele kungangeni loyedwa oyinceku kaThixo enkonzwensi yenu, akube ngabakhonzi bakaBhali kuphela." **24** Ngakho bangena banikela benza leminikelu yokutshiswa. UJehu wayebekе amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili wawaqonqosela wathi, "Loba ngubani ozayekela omunye walamadoda engiwabeke ezandleni zenu ephunyuka, ngizaphindisela ngemphilo yakhe." **25** UJehu wathi esegeledi ukumikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, wathi kubalindi lezikhulu zebutho, "Ngenani liyebabalala; kungabikhlo loyedwa ozaphunyuka." Ngakho babatshaya ngenkemba bababhubhisa. Abalindi lezikhulu balahlela phandle izidumbu basebengena ethempelini likaBhali elingaphakathi. **26** Bakhipha ilitshes elikhonzwayo likaBhali balitshisa. **27** Balidiliza lelolitshe likaBhali elikhonzwayo babhidliza lethempeli lakhe, balenza laba yindlu yokuyela ngaphandle kuze kuge lalamuhla lokhu. **28** Ngalokho uJehu wadiliza ukholo lukaBhali ko-Israyeli. **29** Kodwa, yena katshiananga lezono zikajerobhlowamu indodana kaNebhathi, lezo ayebanele u-Israyeli ukuzenza, ukukhonza amathole egolide eBhetheli laseDani. **30** UThixo wathi kuJehu, "Njengoba wenze kuhle ngokuphelelisa lokho okufaneleyo phambi kwami njalo wenze konke ebengukumisele abendlu ka-Ahabi, abendlu yakhoo bazabusa ko-Israyeli kuze kuge yisizukulwane sesine." **31** Kodwa uJehu kazange ananzelele ukugcina umthetho kaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke. Kazange atshiyane lezono ezzasenziwa ngujerobhlowamu, lezo ayebanele u-Israyeli ukuba azenze. **32** Ngalezonuku uThixo waqalisa ukwehlisa inani labako-Israyeli. UHazayeli wanqoba ama-Israyeli kulolonke ilizwe lawo, **33** empumalanga yelodani kulolonke eleGiliyadi (kuthatha umango kaGadi, okaRubheni lokaManase), kusukela e-Aroweri ngaseSihotsheni se-Arinoni kusiyaphutsha eGiliyadi kungena eBhashani. **34** Okunye kwezelhakalo lezenzo ngokubusa kukajehu, konke akwenzayo, aphumelela kukho, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **35** UJehu wafa walala kuboyise emathuneni aseSamariya. UJehowahazi indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosy yabus. **36** UJehu isikhathi abusa ngaso u-Israyeli eseSamariya kwaba yiminyaka engamatshumi amabilisificaminwembili.

**11** U-Athaliya unina ka-Ahaziya wathi ebona ukuthi indodana yakhe isifile, waqhubeba ebulala bonke abendlunkulu. **2** Kodwa uJehoshebhala, indodakazi yenkosy uJehoramu njalo engudawabo ka-Ahaziya, wathatha uJowashi indodana ka-Ahaziya wamnqenqisa emsusa phakathi kwamakhosana ayesezabulawa. Wamfihla kanye lomlizane wakhe endlini yokulala emcatshisa ukuze u-Athaliya angaze ambona; yikho kasazazange abulaw. **3** Wahlala ecatshisiwe yena kanye lomlizane wakhe ethempelini likaThixo okweminyaka eyisithupha yokubusa kuka-Athaliya. **4** Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada wamema abalawulama makahlula, amakharthi kanye labalindi, bonke baletwa phambi kwakhi ethempelini

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likaThixo. Wenza isivumelwano labo wabafungisa ethempelini likaThixo. Wasebatshengisa indodana yenkos. **5** Wabalaya wathi, "Nanku elizakwenza: Lina elisemaviyeweni amathathu azabe elindile ngeSabatha, ingxenyen yokuthathu yenu kumele ilinde isigodlo, **6** lengxenyen yokuthathu eseSangweni laseSuri, lengxenyen yokuthathu esangweni elingemuva kwabalindi, abazophisanayo ukulinda ithempeli, **7** lani elisemaviyeweni amabili okuvame ukuthi lingasabenzi ngeSabatha, lonke lizalindela inkosi ithempeli. **8** Lizalinda lizingelezele inkosi, ngulowo ehlomile ngesikhali sakhe esandleni sakhe. Loba ngubani osondela kini kumele abulawe. Hlalani liseduze kwenkosi loba ingaze iye ngaphi." **9** Abalawuli bekhulu benza njengokulaywa kwabo ngujehoyada umphristi. Umlawuli mune ngamunye wathatha iviyo lakhe lamadoda lawo ayesiya ekulindeni ngeSabatha lalawo ayezakuba engasebenzi eza kuJehoyada umphristi. **10** Ngakho yena wanika abalawuli imikhonto lamahawu ayengawenkosi uDavid ayegecina ethempelini likaThixo. **11** Kwathi abalindi ngamunye, ephethe isikhali esandleni sakhe, bajama bephahale inkosi iseduze kwe-alithari lethempelini, kusukela ezansi kusiya enyakatho yethempeli. **12** UJehoyada waseveza indodana yenkos wayethwesa umqhele; wayiqhubela lesivumelwano sikaThixo wahle wamemezela ukuba isiyinkosi. Bayigcoba inkosi, abantu batshaya izandla bahlaha umkhosi besithi, "Mpiro ende enkosini!" **13** U-Athaliya uthesizwa umkhosi wokujabula kwabalindi kanye labantu bonke, waya ebantwini ngasethempelini likaThixo. **14** Uthe ethi mehlo suka, wabona nansi inkosi, yayimi eduze kwensika njengomkhuba. Izikhulu labatshayi bamacilongo babesekele inkosi, abantu bonke bejabula ngokutshaya amacilongo. Ngakho u-Athaliya wadabula izembatho zakhe wamemeza esithi, "Umvukela! Umvukela!" **15** UJehoyada waselaya abalawuli bekhulu, ababelawula amabutho wathi: "Mkhupheni limfake phakathi kwamaviyo amabutho limhlasele ngenkemba lowo ozama ukumlandela." Ngenxa yokuthi umphristi wayethe, "Akumelanga abulawelwe ethempelini likaThixo." **16** Ngakho bamdumela ekufikeni kwakhe endaweni lapha okungenela khona amabhiza esigodlweni, kulapho abulawelwa khona. **17** UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano phakathi kukaThixo lenkosi kanye labantu ukuthi bavume ukuba ngabantu bakaThixo. Wenza njalo isivumelwano phakathi kwenkosi labantu. **18** Abantu bonke belizwe baya ethempelini likaBhali bafika balidilizela phansi. Babhidiza ama-alithare lezithombe kwaba yizicucu, babulala uMathani umphristi kaBhali phambi kwama-alithare. Ngakho uJehoyada umphristi wasebekwa abalindi ethempelini likaThixo. **19** Wathatha abalawuli bamakhulu, amaKharithi, abalindi labantu bonke belizwe, sebendawonye behla lenkosi ethempelini likaThixo baya layo esigodlweni, bengenela esangweni labalindi. Inkosi yasithatha indawo yayo esihlalweni sobukhos, **20** abantu bonke belizwe baba lokujabula okukhulu. Kwaba lokuthula emzini, ngoba u-Athaliya wayesebulewe ngenkemba esigodlweni. **21** UJowashi waqalisa ukubusa eleminyaka eyisikhombisa.

**12** Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kajehu, uJowashi waba yinkosi, njalo wabuswa ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. Ibizo likanina kunguzibya; yena wayevela eBherisheba. **2** UJowashi wenza ukulunga phambi kukaThixo ngayo yonke leyominyaka elaywa ngujehoyada umphristi. **3** Kodwa indawo ezipifikemeyo zokukhonzela azidilizwanga, ngakho abantu baqhube benikela imihlatshelo yabo khona, njalo betshisa impepha khona. **4** UJowashi wathi kubaphristi, "Qoqani yonke imali elethwa ethempelini likaThixo kuyiminikelo engcwele, imali eqoqwe ekubalweni kwabantu, lemali eyamukelwe ngokuzifungela komuntu lemali elethwe ngokuzithandela ethempelini. **5** Akuthi ngamunye umphristi amukele imali evela kumgciniskhwama, leyomali izasetshenziswa ukulungisa lapho okonakala khona ethempelini." **6** Kodwa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wamatshumi amabili lemithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uJowashi, abaphristi babelokhu bengalilungisanga ithempeli. **7** Ngakho inkosi uJowashi yabiza uJehoyada umphristi kanye labanye abaphristi yababuza yathi, "Kungani lingalungisi lapho okwadilika khona ethempelini? Lingabe lisathatha enye imali kumgciniskhwama, kodwa liyilethe ukuze kulungiswe ethempelini." **8** Abaphristi bavuma ukuthi abasyikuthatha enye imali ebantwini njalo abasyikulungisa ithempeli bona ngokwabo. **9** UJehoyada umphristi wasethatha ibhokisi, wabhoboza isikhala esivalweni salo, waselibeka eceleni kwe-alithari, ngakwesokudla nxa umuntu engena ethempelini likaThixo. Abaphristi bokulinda emnyango basebefaka ebbokisini yonke imali eyayilethwa ethempelini likaThixo. **10** Besithi bangabona isinengi ebbokisini, babize unobhala wesigodlweni kanye lomphristi omkhulu, bafike baybale yonke engenileyo ethempelini likaThixo babesebeiyiggiba emigodleni. **11** Kwasithi imali isibaliwe kukhitshwe eyokubhadala ababekhethelwe ukukhangela umsebenzi ethempelini. Ngaleyomali babhadala labo ababesebenza ethempelini likaThixo, ababazi kanye labakhi **12** labakha ngamatshe lababazi bamatshe. Bathenga amapularanka lamatshe abaziwego ayesetshenziswa ukwakha kulungiswa ithempelini likaThixo, njalo babhadala zonke izindleko ezazingezomsebenzi wokuvuselela ithempeli. **13** Imali eyalettha ethempelini likaThixo kayisetshenzwangwa ukwenza imiganu yesiliva, lezindlawu, lemiganu yokuchela, lamacilongo loba ezinye izinto zegolide lezesiliva; **14** yaphiwa izisebenzi ezayisebenzia ukulungisa ithempeli. **15** Akudingakalanga ukuthi bacele imvumo kulabo ababanika imali yokubhadala ababesebenza, ngoba babesebenza beyiphatha ngokuthembeka okupeleleyo. **16** Imali yeminikelo yecala leminikelo yesono kayilethwanga ethempelini likaThixo ngoba yayingebaphristi. **17** Ngalesosikhathi uHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wayahlasela iGathi, wayithumba, wasezimisela ukuthumba jerusalema, **18** kodwa uJowashi inkosi yakoJuda wathatha zonke

impahla ezingcwele ezazinikelwe ngokhokho bakhe uJehoshafathi loJehoram u-Ahaziy, amakhosi akoJuda lalezopiph ozazinikelwe nguye ngokwakhe, legolide lonke elatholakala ethempelini likaThixo lasesigodlweni, wazithumela kuHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu. UHazayeli wasesuka ejerusalem. **19** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kajowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini encwadini yembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **20** Izikhulu zakhe zaceba ndawonye ngaye zambulala ebhethi-Milo, emgwaqweni oewhla usiya esila. **21** Izikhulu ezambulalayo ngoJozabhadu indodana kaShimeyath loJehozabhadu indodana kaShomeri. Wafa wangcwatshwa laboyise eMzini kaDavida. U-Amaziya indodana yakhe yabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

**13** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu wokubusa kukajowashi indodana ka-Ahaziy inkosi yakoJuda, uJehowahazi indodana kaJehu waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya njalo wabuswa okweminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa. **2** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo ngokulandela izono zikajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, owayebangele u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze, njalo kazange axekelane lazo. **3** Ngakho ulaka luka lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Israyeli, okwaze kwathi okwesikhathi eside wabayekela bengaphansi kombuso kaHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu loBheni-Hadadi indodana yakhe. **4** UJehowahazi wacela ukuthethellelwa kuThixo. UThixo wamuzwa, ngoba wabona ukuba abako-Israyeli bancindezelwe kanganani yinkosi yase-Aramu. **5** UThixo wabapha umkhululi abako-Israyeli owabakhulula esandleni sama-Aramu. Ngakho abako-Israyeli bahlala emizini yabo njengakuqala. **6** Kodwa abatshyananga lezono zabendu kajerobhowamu, lezo ayebangele abako-Israyeli ukuthi bazenze; baqhubeqa ngago, njalo lezinsika zika-Ashera Zahlah zilokhu zikhona eSamariya. **7** Akusalanga lutho lwamabutho kajehowahazi ngaphandle kwabagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi amahlana, lezinqola zempi ezilitshumi kanye lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo, ngoba inkosi yase-Aramu yayibhubhise bonke abanye yabenza baba njengothuli ngesikhathi sokubhula. **8** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kajehowahazi, lakho konke akwenzayo lokuphumelela kwakhe, akulotshwanga encwadini yembali yamakhosi abako-Israyeli na? **9** UJehowahazi waphumula laboyisemkhulu njalo wangcwatshwa eSamariya. Indodana yakhe ujowashi yabusa esikhundleni sakhe. **10** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa kajowashi inkosi yakoJuda, uJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, yena-ke wabuswa okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. **11** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo njalo kazange axekelane lezono zikajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuthi azenze, waqhubeqa ngago. **12** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso Jowashi lakho konke akwenzayo lokuphumelela kwakhe lezimpi azilwa lo-Amaziya inkosi yamajuda akulotshwanga encwadini yembali yamakhosi aco-Israyeli na? **13**

Ujowashi waphumula laboyisemkhulu, ubukhosu bakhe bathathwa nguJerothowamu. Ujowashi wangcwatshwa eSamariya ndawonye lamakhosi abako-Israyeli. **14** U-Elisha wayegula umkhuhlane owacina usumbulala. Ujowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wahamba ukuyambona wafika wakhala wathi, "Baba! Baba! Izinqola zokulwa labagadi bamabhiza aco-Israyeli!" **15** U-Elisha wathi, "Thatha idandili lemitshoko." Wakwenza lokho. **16** Wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli, "Phatha idandili lelo ngezandala." Yathi isiliphethe, u-Elisha wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwezandala zenkoski. **17** U-Elisha wasesithi, "Vula iwindi elisempumalanga." Yalivula, u-Elisha wathi, "Tshoka!" Yatshoka. U-Elisha wasememeza eqonqosela wathi, "Umtshoko wokunqoba kaThixo, umtshoko wokunqoba ele-Aramu! Uzabhubhisa ama-Aramu e-Afekhi." **18** Wasesithi enkosini, "Thatha imitshoko yakho," inkosi yayithatha. U-Elisha wasesithi kuyo, "Tshaya iphansi leli," inkosi yatshaya iphansi kwaze kwaba kathathu yasisima. **19** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu kwamzondisa lokho wasesithi kuyo inkosi, "Bekufanele ukuthi utshaye iphansi kahlanu loba kasithupha; ngalokho kade uzabe unqobe ele-Aramu njalo walibhubhisa. Kodwa khathesi usuzalingqoba kathathu kuphela." **20** U-Elisha wafa wangcwatshwa. Abahlaseli bamaMowabi babejayele ukungena elizweni entwsa. **21** Kwathi kwsinye isikhathi abako-Israyeli bengcwaba indoda ethile, babona nampa abahlaseli; basebalhlela isidumbu leso ethuneni lika-Elisha. Kuthe isidumbu leso sithinta amathambo ka-Elisha, indoda leyo yavuka yasukuma yama ngezinyawo zayo. **22** UHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu wancindezela abako-Israyeli ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaJehowahazi. **23** Kodwa uThixo waba lomusa kubo waba lozwelo watshengisela ukubakhathalela ngenxa yesivumelwano sakhe lo-Abrahama, u-Isaka loJakhobe. Kuze kuge lamuhla kathandi ukubabhubhisa loba ukubalhla basuke phambi kwakhe. **24** UHazayeli inkosi yama-Aramu wafa, uBheni-Hadadi indodana yakhe wabuswa esikhundleni sakhe. **25** Ngakho ujowashi indodana kaJehowahazi wabuya wathumba njalo amadolobho embusweni kabheni-Hadadi indodana kaHazayeli ayethunjwe empini kayise uJehowahazi. Ujowashi wamnqoba kathathu, ngakho wawabuyisa amadolobho abako-Israyeli.

**14** Ngomnyaka wesibili kajowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Amaziya indodana kajowashi inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. **2** Wayelemnyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhanu equalisa ukubusa, njalo wabuswa ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Unina kwakunguJehowadani, owayevela ejerusalem. **3** Yena wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, kodwa kwakungafanani lokukayise uDavida. Kukho konke ayekwenza walandelu inyathelo likayise ujowashi. **4** Kodwa izindawo ezipifikemeyo zokukhonzela azizange zisuswe; abantu baqhubeqa benikela imihlatshelo lokutshisa impepha kulezondawo. **5** Kuthe umbuso usuqinile ezandleni zakhe, wabulala izikhulu ezazibulele uyise

owayeyinkosi. **6** Kodwa kasabulalanga amadodana alabo ababulala uyise inkosi, njengokulotshiweyo eNcwadini yoMthetho kaMosi lapho uThixo alaya khona wathi: "Abazali abayikufela abantwabobo, loba abantwana bafele abazali babo; ngulowo lalowo wabusa okweminyaka engamatshumi amane uzafela isono sakhe." **7** Nguye owanqoba ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, eSigodini seTswai kazange atshiye lasinye sezono zikaJerobhowamu waze wathumba iSela empini, wayibiza ngokuthi yijokitheli, okulibizo layo kuze kuge laalamuhla. **8** azenze. **25** Nguye owabuyisela imingcele yako-Israyeli Ngakho u-Amaziya wathumela izithunywa kujowashi indodana kajehahazi, indodana kajehu, inkosi Araba, njengelizwi likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-yako-Israyeli emqophqa esithi, "Woza, uqondane lami Israyeli, alikhulumu ngenceku yakhe uJona indodana ubuso ngobuso." **9** Kodwa ujowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli waphendula u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda wathi, "Isihlahlana sameva saseLebanoni sathumela umsedari eLebanoni ilizwi sathi, 'Yendisela indodakazi yakho endodaneni yami.' Kwavela isilo eLebanoni eseza safika sagxobagxboda isihlahlana sameva ngamasondo aso. **10** Ngempela uyinqobile i-Edomi ngakho khathesi usuziqhenya. Ziqhenye ekunqobeni kwakho, kodwa uhlale ekhaya! Kungani uzibizela uhlupho uzibangela ukulwa kwakho njalo lokukuda na?" **11** Loba kunjalo, u-Amaziya, lokuthi wathumba njani wabuyisela embusweni kazange alalele, ngakho ujowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wahlasela. Yena waqondana lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda bakhangelana ubuso ngobuso eBhethi-Shemeshi koJuda. **12** UJuda wachithwa ngu-Israyeli, khathi amadoda wonke abalekela emizini yawo. **13**

UJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wathumba u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kajowashi, eyindodana ka-Ahaziya, eBhethi-Shemeshi. Ngakho ujowashi wasesiya ejeruselema wayadiliza umduli wejeruselema kusukela esangweni lika-Efrayimi kusiya eSangweni lejiko, isibanga esingaba yizingalo ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ubude. **14** Wathatha lonke igolide lesiliva lazozonke ezinye impahla ezatholakala zisethempelini likaThixo lasezindlini zenotho esigodlweni waphinda wathumba labantu wahamba labo eSamariya. **15** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kajowashi, lakho konke lokuphumelela kwakhe, lempo ayilwa lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, lokhu akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **16** UJowashi waphumula laboyise, njalo wembewla eSamariya lamakhosi ako-Israyeli. Ujerobhowamu indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. **17** U-Amaziya indodana kajowashi inkosi yakoJuda waphila okweminyaka elitshumi lemihlanu ngemva koufuka kukajowashi indodana kajehahazi inkosi yako-Israyeli. **18** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso ka-Amaziya azilotshwanga na egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda? **19** Bamenzela icebo ejeruselema, wasebalekela eLakhishi, kodwa bathumela amadoda amlandela ayambulalela khonale. **20** Bamthwala ngebhiza bamletha ejeruselema lapha angcwatshwa khona labokhokho bakhe, eMzini kaDavida. **21** Ngakho abantu bonke koJuda bathatha u-Azariya, owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa yokuzalwa bamgoba ubukhosu bukayise u-Amaziya. **22** Nguye owakha kutsha i-Elathi walibuyisela koJuda ngemva

kokuphumula kukayise labokhokho bakhe. **23** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu ka-Amaziya indodana kajowashi inkosi yakoJuda, uJerobhowamu indodana lanye. **24** Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo njalo azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, eSigodini seTswai kazange atshiye lasinye sezono zikaJerobhowamu waze wathumba iSela empini, wayibiza ngokuthi yijokitheli, okulibizo layo kuze kuge laalamuhla. **25** Nguye owabuyisela imingcele yako-Israyeli Ngakho u-Amaziya wathumela izithunywa kujowashi kusukela eLebho Hamathi kusiya eLwandle lwasen-ndodana kajehahazi, indodana kajehu, inkosi Araba, njengelizwi likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-yako-Israyeli umphrofethi owayevela eGathi-Heferi. **26** UThixo wayekubonile ukuthi kwakubuhlungu kanganani kubo bonke abako-Israyeli, izigqili loba ababekhululekile, ukuhlupheka ababekukho; kungekho labani owayengabasiza. **27** Kanti njengoba uThixo wayengatshongo ukuthi uzakwesula ibizo lika-Israyeli ngaphansi kwamazulu, wabahlenga ngesandla sikajerobhowamu indodana kajowashi. **28** Mayelana lezinye izehlakalo zombuso kajerobhowamu, konke akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **29** UJerobhowamu waphumula laboyise, amakhosi ako-Israyeli. UZakhariya indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe.

**15** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa kajerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli, u-Azariya indodana ka-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda waqaliswa ukubusa. **2** Wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha yokuzalwa esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa ejeruselema okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lambili. Ibizo likanina lalingujekholiya; evela ejeruselema. **3** Wenza ukulunga phambi kukaThixo, njengaloku okwakwenzwi nguyise u-Amaziya. **4** Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonzela, azidilizwanga; abantu baqhube ka benikela imihlatshele kanye lokutshiselu impepha kuzo. **5** UThixo wehlisela inkosi u-Azariya ubulephero eyabugula yaze yafa, njalo yayihlala yodwa endlini yayo. UJothamu indodana yakhe wayegcina isigodlo senkosi, ephethe labantu belizwe. **6** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso ka-Azariya, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **7** U-Azariya wafa walala kuboyise njalo wangcwatshwa phansi kwabo eMzini kaDavida. UJothamu indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosu. **8** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amatthathu leminyaka efica mibili ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uZakhariya indodana kajerobhowamu waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, njalo wabusa okwenzinanga eziyisithupha. **9** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenzwi ngoyise. Kazange atshiye izono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, yena owabangela ukuba u-Israyeli azenze. **10** UShalumi indodana kajabhesi wenza amacebo okususa uZakhariya wamhlasela phambi kwabantu, wambulala wahle wathatha ubukhosu waba yinkosi. **11**

Ezinye izechlakalo ngombuso kaZakhariya zilotshwe egwalwени lwembali yombuso wamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **12** Ngakho kwagcwalseka ilizwi likaThixo kujehu elathi: "Abendlu yakho bazabusa u-Israyeli kuze cube yisizukulwane sesine." **13** UShalumi indodana kajabheshi waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye ka-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda, yena wabusa eSamariya okweminyaga eyodwa. **14** Ngakho uMenahemu indodana kaGadi wehla esuka eThiza esiya eSamariya. Wahlasel aShalumi indodana kajabheshi eSamariya, wambulala wasethatha ubukhosи. **15** Ezinye izechlakalo ngombuso kaShalumi, lamacebo okuhlamuka lawokukhkhela kwakhe, kulotshiwe egwalwени lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **16** Ngalesosikhathi uMenahemu, wathi esuka eThiza wahlasel uThifisa laye wonke umuntu owatholakala esedolobheni lababeseduzane lalo, ngoba bala ukuvula amasango abo. Wasuka uThifisa waqhaqha wonke amanina ayezithwele. **17** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lasificamunwemunye ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uMenahemu indodana kaGadi waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli, wabusa eSamariya okweminyaka elitshumi. **18** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo. Ekubuseni kwakhe konke kazange atshiyane lezonzo zikajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele ukuba u-Israyeli azenze. **19** Ngakho uPhili inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasel ilizwi, njalo uMenahemu wamnika amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuze azuze ukusekelwa lokuqinisa umbuso wakhe. **20** UMenahemu wathelisa bonke abako-Israyeli. Wonke umuntu onothileyo kwakumele athele ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlalu ukuze aphiwe inkosi yase-Asiriya. Ngakho inkosi yase-Asiriya yasuka elizweni, ayizange ibe isahlala khona. **21** Ezinye izechlakalo ngombuso kaMenahemu, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalwени lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **22** UMenahemu waya ekuphumulen i kubokhokho bakhe. UPhekhhahiya indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosи. **23** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlalu ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uphekhhahiya indodana kaMenahemu waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, yena wabusa okweminyaka emibili. **24** UPhekhhahiya wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo. Kazange atshiyane lezonzo zikajerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi, ayebangele u-Israyeli ukuba azenze. **25** Omunye wezikhulu zakhe, uPekha indodana kaRemaliya wabumba amacebo okumsusa. Wathatha amadoda angamatshumi amahlalu aseGiliyadi, wayabulala uPekhhahiya, kanye lo-Aghobi lo-Ariye enqaben yesigodlo eSamariya. Ngakho uPekha wabulala uPekhhahiya njalo wahrathatha ubukhosи. **26** Ezinye izechlakalo ngombuso kaPekhhahiya, lakho konke akwenzayo, kultotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **27** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amahlalu lambili ka-Azariya inkosi yakoJuda, uPekha indodana kaRemaliya waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, njalo wabusa okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili. **28** Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo. Kazange atshiyane lezonzo zikajerobhowamu indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli, uThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya weza wathumba i-Ijoni, le-Abheli-Bhethi-Mahakha, lejanowa, leKhedeshi kanye leHazori. Wathumba iGiliyadi kanye leGalile, kubalwa lelizwe lonke likaNafithali njalo waxotshela abantu e-Asiriya. **30** Ngakho uHosheya indodana ka-Ela wenza amacebo okususa uPekha indodana kaRemaliya. Wamhlasela wambulala, wasethatha umbuso waba yinkosi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili kajothamu indodana ka-Uziya. **31** Ezinye izechlakalo ngombuso kaPekha, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalwени lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli na? **32** Ngomnyaka wesibili kaPekha indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli, uJothamu indodana ka-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda waqalis ukuwusa. **33** Waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhanu ubudala bakhe, njalo wabusa ejerusalema okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Ibizo likanina kwakunguJerusha indodaka kaZadokhi. **34** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziziwe nguyise u-Uziya. **35** Kodwa izindawo eziphakemeyo zokukhonza kazisuswanga; abantu baqhubea benikela imihlatshelo lokutshisa impepha khonale. UJothamu wavuselela iSango laNgapbezulu lethempeli likaThixo. **36** Ezinye izechlakalo ngombuso kajothamu, kanye lakwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda na? **37** (Ngalezonsuku uThixo waqala ukuthuma uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu kanye loPekha indodana kaRemaliya ukumelana loJuda.) **38** UJothamu waya ekuphumulen i kubokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa labo eMzini kaDavida, okwakulidolobho likayise. U-Ahazi indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosи.

Israyeli, amakhosi angihlaselayo.” 8 Ngakho u-Ahazi kaHosheya, inkosi yase-Asiriya yathumba iSamariya wathatha isiliva legolide elafunyanwa ethempelini yaxotshela abako-Israyeli e-Asiriya. Yabahlalisa eHala, likaThixo lasezindlini zenotho zesigodlwani senkosi ngaseGozani eMfuleni uHabhoru lasemizini yamaMede. wakuthumela kwaba yisipho senkosi yase-Asiriya. 9 Konke lokhu kwenzakala ngenxa yokona kwabako-Inkosi yase-Asiriya yahle yamhlomulela ngokuhlasela Israyeli phambi kukaThixo, owabakhupha eGibhithe iDamaseko yayithumba. Yakhupha ababehlala khona emandleni kaFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe. Bakhonza yabaxotshela eKhiri njalo uRezini yahle yambulala. abanye onkulunkulu 8 belandela lemikhuba yezzizwe 10 Ngakho inkosi u-Ahazi yasisiya eDamaseko uThixo ayezixotshile phambi kwabo kanye lemkhuba ukuze ibonane loThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya. Yabona i-alithari eDamaseko yasithumela amakhosi ako-Israyeli ayeseyingenisile. 9 Basebesenza Asiriya. Yabona i-alithari eDamaseko yasithumela ngasese izinto ezazingalunganga kuThixo. Kusukela umdwebo walelo alithare ku-Uriya umphristi emphongolweni wesilindo kusya enqabeni yomuzi lengcazelog eweleyo yokwakhiwa. 11 Ngakho u-Uriya umphristi wasesakha i-alithari ngomdwebo Bazimisesi amatshe okukhonzela lezinsika zika-Ashera owawuvela enkosini u-Ahazi eDamaseko waliqedu kuwo wonke amaqqa aphakemeyo langaphansi kwazo inkosi u-Ahazi ingakaphenduki. 12 Inkosi ithe isivela zonke iziqlihla eziyizithingithingi. 11 KuZozonke eDamaseko yabona i-alithari yahle yayanikela kulo. izindawo zokukhonzela batshisa impepha, njengaloku 13 Inkosi yanikela umnikelo wokutshisa lomnikelo okwakusenzi yizizwe uThixo ayezixotshile phambi wamabele, yathela okunathwayo komnikelo, yachela kwabo. Benza okubi okwathukuthelisa uThixo. igazi lomnikelo wobudlelwano e-alitharen. 14 I-alithari 12 Bakhonza izithombe, lanxa uThixo wayethe, lethusi elalimi phambi kukaThixo yaliletha livela “Lingabokwenza lokhu.” 13 UThixo wayebaxwayisile ngaphambili ethempelini, phakathi kwe-alithari elitsha abako-Israyeli kanye labakoJuda ngabaphrofethi bakhe lethempeli likaThixo, yalifaka ngenyakatho ye-alithare bonke lezanuse wathi: “Tshiyani izindlela zenu ezimbi. elitsha. 15 Inkosi u-Ahazi yasilaya u-Uriya umphristi Gcinani imithetho yami lezimiso zami ezisemlayweni yathi, “Phezu kwe-alithari elikhulu elitsha, nikela engalaya okhokho benu ngawo lengawuthumela umnikelo wokutshisa wekuseni kuthi ntambama kini ngezincke zami abaphrofethi.” 14 Kodwa kuge umnikelo wokutshisa kanye lemihlatshelo. Kodwa labokhokho babo lezixwayiso ayebanike zona. Balandela ngizasebeniza i-alithari lethusi ukucela iziqondiso.” 15 Bahalha izimiso zakhe lesivumelwano asenza leminikeloyokutshisa kanye lemihlatshelo. Kodwa labokhokho babo lezixwayiso ayebanike zona. Balandela ngizasebeniza i-alithari lethusi ukucela iziqondiso.” 16 Bayephula uLwandle phezu kwenkabi zethusi ezazingaphansi yonke imilayo kaThixo wabo, bazenzela izithombe kwalo, yalubeka phezu kwesisekelo selitshe. 18 Yasusa ezikhandiweyo ezamathole amabili, benza insika ku-isembeso seSabatha esasakhie ethempelini, yavala Ashera. Bakhothamela zonke izinkanyezi zezulu, njalo intuba yokungena inkosi eyayiphandle kwethempeli bakhonza uBhali. 17 Benza umhlatshelo ngamadodana likaThixo, ivumela okwakufunwa yinkosi yase-Asiriya. lamadodakazi abo emlilweni. Babevumisa njalo besenza 19 Ezinye iezhlakalo ngombuso ka-Ahazi, kanye lokunye ubuthakathi, bazinikela ekwenzeni okubi phambi akwenzayo, akulotshwanga egwalweni lwembali kukaThixo bamthukuthelisa. 18 Ngakho uThixo yamkhosi ajoJuda na? 20 U-Ahazi waya ekuphumulen kubokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavid. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhos.

**17** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokubusa kuka-Ahazi inkosi yakoJuda, uHosheya indodana ka-Ela waba yinkosi yako-Israyeli eSamariya, njalo wabusia iminyaka eyisificamunwemunye. 2 Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo, kodwa akubanga njengkwamakhosi ajo-Israyeli amandulelayo. 3 UShalimanieser inkosi yase-Asiriya weza wahlasela uHosheya, oyawekade eyisichaka sakhe esasithela kuye. 4 Kodwa inkosi yase-Asiriya yafumana ukuthi uHosheya ngumhlamuki, ngoba wayekade ethumele amanxusa enkosini yaseGibhithe uSo, njalo engasatheli imithelo enkosini yase-Asiriya njengalokhu ayekwenza minyaka yonke. Ngakho uShalimanieser wambamba wamfaka entolongweni. 5 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yasilhlasela ilizwe lonke, yangena eSamariya yalivimbezela okweminyaka emithathu. 6 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye

emizini yeSamariya endaweni eyayingeyabako-Israyeli. engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Ibizo 25 Ekuqaleni kokuhlala kwabo khona, babengamkhonzi likanina lalingu-Abhija indodakazi kaZakhariya. 3 uThixo; ngakho uThixo wathumela izilwane phakathi Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, njengalokho kwabo, zabulala abanye babo. 26 Kwabikwa okwakwensiwe nguyise uDavid. 4 Wadiliza izindawo enkosini yase-Asiriya kwathiwa, "Abantu obaxotshele zokukhonza, wabhdiliza amatshe ababewakhonza eSamariya wabahlalisa emizini yakhona abakwazi njalo wagamulela phansi insika zika-Ashera. Watshaya ukuthi unkulunkulu walelolizwe ufunani. Usethumele wenza izicucu inyoka yethusi eyayenziwe ngulMosi, izilwane phakathi kwabo, ezibabalalayo zibaqedza, ngoba kuze cube yilesosikhathi abako-Israyeli ngoba abantu abakwazi ukuthi ufunani." 27 Inkosi babelokhu beyitshisela imphepa. (Yayibizwa ngokuthi yase-Asiriya yakhupha isiqondiso yathi, "Thuma Nehushithani.) 5 UHezekhiya wayethembele kuThixo, omunye wabaphristi owabathumbayo eSamariya, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Kakho owayerjengaye kuwo abuye ayohlala labantu njalo abafundise ukuthi wonke amakhosи akoJuda, loba kulabo abamandulelayo unkulunkulu walelolizwe ufunani." 28 Ngakho omunye kumbe labo abamlandelayo ekubuseni. 6 Wabambelela wabaphristi ababethunjwe eSamariya weza wayahlala kuThixo kazange ekele ukumlandela, wagcina eBhetheli wabafundisa ukuthi uThixo ukhonzwa njani? imilayo uThixo ayeyinike uMosi. 7 UThixo wayelaye; 29 Loba kunjalo, yileloqembu ngobuzwe balo lenza onkulunkulu balo emadolbheni wonke ababehlalise inkosi yase-Asiriya kasabanga ngaphansi kwayo. 8 khona, bababeka ezindaweni zokukhonza ezazakhwi Kusukela emphongolweni wesilindo kusiya emzini ngabantu beSamariya. 30 Abantu ababevela eBhabhiloni oyinqaba, wanqoba amaFilistiya, kuze kuyefika babumba uSukhothi-Bhenothi, kwathi ababevela eKhutha benza uNerigali, ababevela eHamathi benza u-Ashima, 31 ama-Avi enza uNihazi kanye loTharithaki, lamaSeFavi enza umhlatsheло ngokutshisa abantwabobo emilifewi benikela ku-Adrameleki lo-Anameleki, wayahlasela iSamariya wayivimbezela. 10 Ngomnyaka onkulunkulu bamaSefavayimi. 32 Bamkhonza uThixo, kweminyaka emithathu ama-Asiriya alithumba. kodwa basebezikhethela phakathi kwabo inhlobo Ngakho iSamariya yathunjya ngomnyaka wesithupha zonke zabantu ukuthi babe ngabaphristi ezindaweni wokubusa kukaHezekhiya, okwakungumnyaka eziphakemeyo zokukhonza. 33 Bamkhonza uThixo, wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kukaHosheya inkosi kodwa babekhonza labonkulunkulu babo belandela yako-Israyeli. 11 Inkosi yase-Asiriya yaxotshela abako-imikhuba yezizwe ababevela kizo. 34 Kuze cube Israyeli e-Asiriya yahahlala eHala ngaseGozani lamuhla balokhu bekwenza lokhu belandela imikhuba emfuleni uHabhoru lasemizini yamaMede. 12 Lokhu emidala. Abamkhonzi uThixo njalo abalandeli izimiso leziqondiso, imithetho lemilayo uThixo ayeyiphe abantwana bakajakhobe, lo ambiza ngokuthi ngu-Israyeli. 35 UThixo wathi esenza isivumelwano labako-Israyeli, wabala ya wathi, "Lingakhonzi abanye onkulunkulu loba ukubakhothamela, lingabenzi inkosi yase-Asiriya wahlasela wonke amadolobho lutho loba ukubenzela umhlatsheло. 36 Khonzani avikelweyo akoJuda wawathumba. 14 Ngakho kuphela uThixo, yena ovalikhuphula walisa uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wathumela ilizwi enkosini eGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu langesandla somusa yase-Asiriya eLakhishi esithi, "Ngiphambanisile. esivulekileyo, nguye yedwa okumele limkhonze. Kuye Suka kimi, mina ngizakubhadala konke okufunayo lizakhothama njalo kuye lizanikela imihlatshelo. 37 kimi." Inkosi yase-Asiriya yathi uHezekhiya inkosi Linanzelele ngezikathathi zonke ukulondoloza izimiso, yakoJuda kayinike amathalenta esiliva angamakhulu leziqondiso, imithetho lemilayo alilobelona yona. amathathu kanye legolide elingamatthalenta Lingabokhonza abanye onkulunkulu. 38 Lingakhohlwa angamatshumi amathathu. 15 Ngakho uHezekhiya isivumelwano engasenza lani, njalo lingakhonzi abanye wamnika sonke isiliva esatholakala ethempelini onkulunkulu. 39 Kodwa, khonzani uThixo uNkulunkulu likaThixo lasezindlini zenotho yesigodlweni senkosi. wenu, nguye ozalikhulula ezandleni zezitha zenu 16 Ngalesisikhathi uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda zonke." 40 Loba kunjalo, kabazange balalele kodwa baqhubeka belandela imikhuba yabo yakuqala. 41 Lanxa babemkhonza uThixo, babelandela izithombe zabo. Lalamuhla abantwabobo labantwana babantwabobo balokhu besenza khonkho okwakusenziwa ngoyise.

**18** Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaHosheya indodana ka-Ela inkosi yako-Israyeli, uHezekhiya indodana ka-Ahazi inkosi yakoJuda waqalisa ukubusa. 2 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlau esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa ejerusalem okweminyaka

ka-Asafi umbhali. **19** Umlawuli webutho wathi kubo, “Tshelani uHezekhiya ukuthi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asirya ithi: Uthembeni ngalesisibindi sakho na?’ **20** Uthi ulamaqhinga lamandla ebutho, kodwa ukhuluma amazwi ayize. Uthembe bani uze ungihamukele nje? **21** Khangela, ngiyazi uthembe iGibhithe, yona enjengomhlanga ozimvava osika isandla somuntu umlimaze nxa eweyamile. Unjalo uFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe kubo bonke abathembe kuye. **22** Njalo nxa lisithi kimi, “Thina sithembe uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu”: kasuye yini uHezekhiya asusa izindawo zakhe ezipakemeyo lama-alithare akhe, esithi kujudha leJerusalem, “Kumele likhonze phambi kwaleli i-alithari elsejerusalem?” **23** Khathesi woza wenze isivumelwano lenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asirya: Ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili nxabekhona abazawagada! **24** Pho ungayehlula njani induna yezikhulu ezincane zenkosi yami eyodwa, lanxa uthembele eGibhithe ekutholeni izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza na? **25** Phezu kwalokho, kanti ngizehlasela lokuzochitha lindawo ngaphandle kwelizwi elivelu kuThixo na? UThixo uqobo nguye othe ngizohlasela ilizwe leli ngilichithe.” **26** Ngakho u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya, loShebhina loJowa bathi kumlawuli webutho, “Ake ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramayikhi, ngoba siyasizwa. Ungasikhulumisi ngesiHebheru lababantu abasemdluni besizwa.” **27** Kodwa umlawuli webutho waphendula esithi, “Inkosi yami ingithume ukuba izinto lezi ngizitsho kuphela enkosini yenu lakini, hatshi ebantwini abahlezi emdulini, okuzakuthi labo, njengani badle ubulongwe babo banathe lomchamo wabo na?” **28** Umlawuli webutho wasukuma wasememeza ngesiHebheru esithi, “Zwanini ilizwi lenkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asirya! **29** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yinkosi: Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya ukuba alikhohlise. Angeke alikhulule. **30** Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya elincenga ukuba lithembe kuThixo lapho esithi, ‘Ngempela uThixo uzasikhulula; idolobho leli kalyikuphiwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asirya.’ **31** Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya. Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi yase-Asirya: Yenza isivumelwano sokuthula lami, uphume uze kimi. Lapho-ke omunye lumunye uzakudla esivinini sakhe lasemkhiweni wakhe anathe lamanzu emthonjeni wakhe, **32** ngize ngifike ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana relakini, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini, ilizwe lezihlahla zama-oliva loluju. Khethani impilo hatshi ukufa, Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya, ngoba uyalikhohlis nxa esithi, ‘UThixo uzasikhulula.’ **33** Kambe ukhona onkulunkulu wesinye isizwe osewake wakhulula ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi yase-Asirya na? **34** Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseHamathi le-Ariphadi na? Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseSefavayimi labaseHena labase-Iva na? Bayikhululile iSamariya esandleni sami na? **35** Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe la oke wenelisa ukukhulula ilizwe lakhe kimi na? Pho uThixo angayikhulula njani iJerusalem esandleni sami na?” **36** Kodwa abantu bathula kabazange batsho lutho, ngoba inkosi yayilaye yathi, “Lingamphenduli.” **37** U-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo loShebhina umabhalane loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhali, bayu kuHezekhiya izigqoko zabo zidabukile batmshela okwakutshiwo ngumlawuli webutho.

**19** Kwathi lapho uHezekhiya, inkosi, esezwe lokhu, wadabula izigqoko zakhe wagqoka amasaka, wasesiya ethempelinli likaThixo. **2** Wathuma u-Eliyakhimu umphathi wesigodlo, uShebhina umabhalane labaphristi abangabakhokheli, bonke begqoke amasaka, bayu kumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. **3** Bathi kuye, “UHezekhiya uthi: ilanga lanamhla lusuku losizi lokusolwa kanye lehlazo njengalapho abantwana sekufike isikhathi sokuthi bazalwe kodwa amandla okubeletha engekho. **4** Mhlawumbu uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho izawewza wonke amazwi omlawuli webutho, onkosi yakhe, inkosi yase-Asirya, emthume ukuba athuke uNkulunkulu ophilayo, lokuthi uzamthuka ngenxa yamazwi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho awazwileyo. Ngakho-ke khulekela insali elokhu iphila.” **5** Kwathi izithunywa zenkosi uHezekhiya sezfikile ku-Isaya, **6** u-Isaya wathi kuzo, “Tshelani inkosi yenu lithi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ungeabi lokhu okuzwileyo, amazwi lawana izinceku zenkosi yase-Asirya ezingithuke ngawo. **7** Lalela! Ngizafaka umoya ozamenza athi nxa esizwa umbiko othile, afune ukubuyela elizweni lakhe, athi angafika khonale ngenze ukuba abulawe ngenkemba.’” **8** Kwathi lapho umlawuli webutho esezwile ukuthi inkosi yase-Asirya yayisisukile eLakhishi, laye wasuka wayathola inkosi isilwa leLibhina. **9** USenakheribhi wemukela umbiko othi uThirihaka, inkosi yaseKhushi, wayesiza ukuba amhlasele. Ngakho wathumela njalo izithunywa kuHezekhiya lombiko othi: **10** “Tshela uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuthi: Ungavumi ukuthi unkulunkulu omthembileyo akukhohlise esithi, ‘IJerusalem kalyikunikelwa enkosini yase-Asirya.’ **11** Ngempela usukuzwile okweniwa ngamakhosи ase-Asirya emazweni wonke, ewabhidliza okupheleleyo. Wena-ke uzaphepha na? **12** Onkulunkulu bezizwe ezatshabalalisa ngokhokho bami bake bazikhulula na onkulunkulu beGozani, leHarani, leRezefi kanye labantu base-Edeni ababeseThelasari? **13** Ingaphi inkosi yaseHamathi, inkosi yase-Ariphadi, angaphi amakhosи aseLayiri leSefavayimi, lobu eyaseHena kumbe eyase-Iva?” **14** UHezekhiya warukela incwadi eyeza lezithunywa wayibalu. Emva kwalokho waya ethempelinli leNkosi, wayichaya phambi kukaThixo. **15** UHezekhiya wakhuleka kuThixo esithi: “Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, osebukhosini phakathi kwamaKherubhi, wena kuphela nguwe onguNkulunkulu wemibuso yonke yasemhlabeni. Nguwe owenza izulu lomhlaba. **16** Beka indlebe, Thixo, uwze; vula amehlo akho Thixo, ubone. Lalela uwze amazwi uSenakheribhi awathumele ukuzathuka uNkulunkulu ophilayo. **17** Kuliqiniso, Thixo, ukuthi amakhosи ase-Asirya azitshabalala lezizizwe kanye lamazwe azo. **18** Aphosele onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni abatshabalalisa,

ngoba kungesibo onkulunkulu kodwa yizigodo kwasekuyizidumbu kuperha! **36** Ngakho uSenakheribhi lamatshe kuperha, okubunjwe ngezandla zabantu. **19** inkosi yama-Asirya wasuka ezhonqweni wahamba. Khathesi, Thixo, Nkulunkulu wethu, sikhulule esandleni sakhe, ukuze imibuso yonke emhlabeni ibekwazi, ukuthi wena wedwa, Thixo, unguNkulunkulu.” **20** U-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathumela ilizwi kuHezekhiya elithi: “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho mayelana loSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asirya. **21** Nanti ilizwi uThixo aselikhulume ngaye: ‘Ndodakazi eGcweleyo iZiyoni iyakwewisa njalo iyakuklolodela. Ndodakazi ijerusalemina ineqeku ikhanda layo lapho wena ubaleka. **22** Ngubani lowo omthukileyo wamhlazisa? Ngubani lowo omphakamisele ilizwi lakho wamphakamisela lamehlo akho ngokuzigqajana? NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli! **23** Ngezithunywa zakho umthukile uThixo. Utshilo njalo ukuthi, “Ngezinqola zami ezinengi ngikhwile eziqongweni zezintaba, iZiqongo eziphezulu kakhulu zaseLebanoni. Sengigamule ngawisa izihlahla ezinde zemisedari, izihlahla ezikhethiwayo zamaphayini. Ngifikile eziqongweni zalo ezikhathshana, emaguswini alo amahle kakhulu. **24** Ngigebhile imithombo ezizweni nganatha amanzi khona. Ngezinyawo zami ngomisile zonke izifula zaseGibhithe.”” **25** “Kawuzwanga na? Lokhu ngakumisa endulo. Ngakuceba ensukwini zasendulo; khathesi sengenye ukuba kufezeke, ukuthi usudilize amadolobho avikelweyo aba yizinqwaba zamatshe. **26** Abantu bakhona, abangaselandla, badanglele njalo bayangekile. Banjengezilimo ensimini, njengamahlumela aluhlaza, lanjengotshani obuhluma ephahleni lwendlu bubuye butshe bungakkhuli. **27** Kodwa ngiyakwazi lapho okhona, lalapho usiza uphinde uhambe; kanye lokuthi ungithukuthelela kangakanani. **28** Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho langenxa yokuthi ubuqholo bakho sebufikile ezindlebeni zami ngizafaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho lamatomu ami emlonyeni wakho, njalo ngizakwenza ubuyele ngendlela oze ngayo.” **29** Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe, Hezekhiya: Lonyaka lizakudla okuzikhulela kodwa, ngomnyaka wesibili lidle umkhukhuzela wakhona. Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu hlanyelani livune, hlanyelani izivini lidle izithelo zazo. **30** Futhi insali yendlu kajuda izagxilisa njalo impande phansi ithele izithelo ngaphezulu. **31** Ngoba ejerusalemia kuzavela insali, kuthi entabenzi iZiyoni kuphume ixuku labasindayo. Ukutshiseka kukaThixo uSomandla kuzakwenza ukuba lokhu kufezeke. **32** Ngakho-ke mayelana lenkosi yase-Asirya uThixo uthi: “Kasoze angene kulelidolobho loba atshoke umtshoko lapha. Kasoze eze kulo elehawu kumbe akhe umduli wokulivimbezela. **33** Uzabuyela ngendlela eza ngayo, kasoze angene kulelidolobho, kutsho uThixo. **34** Idolobho leli ngizalivikela ngililhenge, ngenxa yami langenxa kaDavid ainceku yami.”” **35** Ngalobobusuku ingilosu kaThixo yasuka yayabulala abantu abalikhulu elilamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlani lezinkulungwane ezhonqweni zama-Asirya. Kwathi lapho abantu bevuka ekuseni kwakhona bonke Wabuyela eNiniva wahlala khona. **37** Kwathi ngolunye usuku ekhonza ethempelini likaNisiroki unkulunkulu wakhe, amadodana akhe u-Adrameleki loShareza ambulala ngenkemba asebalekela elizweni lase-Ararthi. U-Esarihadoni indodana yakhe yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

**20** Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula, eselengela ekufeni. Umphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi waya kuye wathi: “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Lungisa indlu yakho, ngoba uzakufa; awuyikusila.” **2** UHezekhiya waphendula ubuso bakhe wakhangela emdulini wakhuleka kuThixo esithi, **3** “Khumbula, Thixo, ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngokuthembeka langokuzinikela ngenhliziyo yami yonke, njalo ngenze okuhle emehlwani akho.” UHezekhiya wakhala kabuhlungu. **4** U-Isaya engakasuki egumeni elingaphakathi, kwafika ilizwi likaThixo kuye lisithi: **5** “Buyela uyetshela uHezekhiya, umkhokheli wabantu bami uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavid. Uthi: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho njalo ngizibonile lezinyembezi zakho; ngizakusilisa. Ngosuku lwestithathu kusukela khathesi uzakhwela uye ethempelini likaThixo. **6** Ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlani empilweni yakho. Ngizakukhulula wena kanye ledolobho leli ezandleni zenkosi yase-Asirya. Ngizavikela idolobho leli ngizenzela mina njalo ngisenzela inceku yami uDavid.”” **7** U-Isaya wathi: “Lungisani isigaqa semikhwa.” Bakwenza lokho basebethoba ngaso ithumba, wasesila. **8** UHezekhiya wayebuze u-Isaya wathi, “Kuyini okuzakuba yisibonakaliso sokuthi uThixo uzakwensha akuthembisayo. Kambe isithunzi sizakuya phambili amanyathelo alitshumi kumbe sizabuyela emuva amanyathelo alitshumi na?”” **9** U-Isaya waphendula wathi, “Nansi isibonakaliso sikaThixo kuwe, esokuthi uThixo uzakwensha akuthembisayo. Kambe isithunzi sizakuya phambili amanyathelo alitshumi, kodwa kasiyi emuva amanyathelo alitshumi.”” **10** Ngakho umphrofethi u-Isaya wacela kuThixo, uThixo wenza ukuthi isithunzi sibuye emuva okwezinyathelo ezelitshumi esasehle ngawo ezikhwelelweni zika-Ahazi. **12** Ngalesosikhathi uMerodakhi-Bhaladani indodana kaBhaladani inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wabhalela uHezekhiya izincwadi wamthumela lesipho ngoba wayezwile ngokugula kukaHezekhiya. **13** UHezekhiya wazamukela izithunywa wazitshengisa konke okwakusendlini yakhe yokucirela impahla, isiliva, igolide, iziyoliso kanye lamafutha acengkileyo, izikhali zakhe lakho konke okwakukhona enothweni yakhe. Akulalutho esigodlweni sakhe loba embusweni wakhe wonke uHezekhiya angazitshengisanga lona. **14** Ngakho u-Isaya umphrofethi waya kuHezekhiya inkosi wambuza

wathi, "Atheni amadoda lawana njalo avela ngaphi?" yakoJuda wenzile wonke amanyala la. Wenzile UHezekhiya waphendula wathi: "Avela elizweni izono lezi ezenyanyekayo. Usenze ububi obukhulu elikhatshana. Avehle ebhabhiloni." **15** Umphrofethi obedlula obama-Amori ayekhona ngaphambi kwakhe, wabuza wathi: "Aboneni esigodlweni sakho?" njalo usekhokhelele uJuda esonweni ngezithombe UHezekhiya wathi, "Abone konke okusesigodlweni zakhe, **12** ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, sami. Akulalutho phakathi kwempahla zami eziligu uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukuthi, Ngizakwehlisela phezu engingawatshengisanga khona." **16** Ngakho u-Isaya kwejerusalema loJuda incithakalo ezakwenza indebe wasesithi kuHezekhiya, "Zwana ilizwi likaThixo lithi: zakhe wonke oyizwayo zinkenteze. **13** Ngizakwelula **17** Isikhathi sizafika sibili lapho konke okusesigodlweni phezu kwejerusalema intambo eyasetshenziswa sakho lakho konke oyihlo abakugcinayu kusiyafa ekulahlensi iSamari, lentambo eyasetshenziswa lolosku, kuzathwalelu eBhabhiloni. Akyikusalala ekulahlensi indlu ka-Ahabi. Ngizakwesula ijerusalema lutho, kutsho uThixo. **18** Njalo abanye besizukulwane njengomuntu oewesula umganu, awesulo awumbokothe. sakho, abenyama legazi lakho, abazalalwa nguwe, **14** Ngizalahlha insalela yabantu bami, ngibanikele bazathathwa bayekuba ngabathenwa esigodlweni ezitheni zabo. Bazathunjwa babe yimpango yezitha senkosi yaseBhabhiloni." **19** UHezekhiya waphendula zabo zonke, **15** ngoba benzile okubi phambi wathi: "Ilizwi likaThixo olirkhulumileyo lilungle." kwami, bangithukuthelisa, kusukela ekuphumeni Ngoba wayenakana esithi: "Kambe kakuyikuba kwabokhokho babo eGibhithe kuze kuge lamuhla." lokuthula lokuvikeleka ekuphileni kwami na?" **20** **16** Futhi uManase wachitha igazi elinengi kakhulu Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso kaHezekhiya, konke ukuphumelela kwakhe lokwakha kwakhe ichibi ekuqaleni kwalo kuze kuge sekucineni, ngaphandle kanye lomgelo owaletha amanzi phakathi komuzi, kwesono ayebangele uJuda ukuba asenze, ngakho akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi benza isono emehlwani kaThixo. **17** Ezinye izehlakalo akoJuda na? **21** UHezekhiya waya ekuphumulenengokubusa kukaManase, lakho konke akwenzayo, kubokhokho bakhe. Indodana yakhe uManase yathatha ubukhos.

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kanye loMoleki oyisinengiso wama-Amoni. **14** Asirya. Inkosi uJosiya wamhlangabeza empini kodwa UJosiya wabhidiza amatshe okukhonza, waquma uNekho waqondana laye wambulala eMegido. **30** izinsika zika-Ashera, wafaka amathambo abantu Izisebenzi zikajosya zaletu isidumbu sakhe ngenqola abanengi endaweni yazo. **15** Le-alithari elaliseBhetheli yokulwa zisuka eMegido zisija ejerusalem njalo indawo yokukhonza eyayenziwe ngujerobhowamu zamgcwabela ethuneni lakhe. Ngakho abantu elizweni indodana kaNebhathi owenza ukuba u-Israyeli one, bathatha ujehowahazi indodana kajosya bamgoba lalelo-alithare lendawo yokukhonza, wakubhidiza. ubukhosu bukayise. **31** Ujehowahazi wayeleminyaka Watshisa indawo yokukhonza wayichola yaba engamatshumi amabili lantathu ubudala bakhe esiba yimpuphu njalo watshisa insika ka-Ashera. **16** yinkosi, njalo wabusu ejerusalem inyanga ezintathu. UJosiya wathalaza ngapha langapha, kwathi ebona Ibizo likanina kwakunguHamuthali indodakazi amangcwaba amanengi ayelapho ewatheni loqaqa kajeremiya njalo wayevela elThixa. **32** Wenza ububi wathi kawasuswe, atshiswe e-alitharen ukulingcolisa emehlwensi kaThixo njengabokhoko bakhe. **33** mayelana lelizwi likaThixo elamenyezelwa ngumuntu Inkosi uFaro Nekho wambopha ngamaketani eRibhila kaThixo owaziphrofethayo lezizinto. **17** Inkosi elizweni lamaHamathi ukuze angabusi ejerusalem, yabuza yathi, "Ilitshe lesikhumbuzo sengcwaba wamthelisa kakhulu uJuda amathalenta alikhulu leliyana engilibonayo ngelani?" Abantu bomuzi esiliva, lethalenta legolide. **34** UFaro Nekho wabeka ubathi, "Liphawule ingcwaba lenceku kaNkulunkulu Eliyakhimi indodana kajosya esihlalweni sobukhosu eyavela koJuda, yaqalekisa i-alithari laseBhetheli esikhundleni sikayise uJosiya waseguqula ibizo lakhe ngalezizinto ozenze kulo." **18** Yena wasesithi, wathi ngujeyahkimi. Kodwa wathatha ujehowahazi "Liyekeleni lingavumeli muntu awathinte amathambo waya laye eGibhithe, wafela khonale. **35** Ujehoyahkimi akhe." Ngakho bawayekela amathambo akhe kanye wathela ngenani lesiliva legolide elalifunwa nguFaro lalawo awomphrofethi owavela eSamariya. **19** Nekho. Ukuze akwenelise lokho wayethelisa abantu UJosiya wasusa amathempeli ezindawo zokukhonza elizweni ngesiliva legolide ngesilinganiso ayebona ezisemizini yaseSamariya ayekade akihiwe ngamakhosi sibalingene. **36** Ujehoyahkimi wayeleminyaka ako-Israyeli, ethukuthelisa uThixo, wenza kiwo engamatshumi amabili lanhlalu ubudala bakhe lokho ayekwenze eBhetheli. **20** UJosiya wabulalela ethatha ubukhosu, yena wabusu ejerusalem iminyaka abaphristi bezindawo zokukhonza phezu kwama alithare, watshisela amathambo abantu phezu kwavo. Ibizo likanina lalinguZebhuda indodakazi kaPhedaya owayevela eRuma. **37** Wenza Wasebuyela ejerusalem. **21** Inkosi uJosiya yalaya bonke abantu yathi, "Ligcine iPhasika likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, njengoba kulotshiwe eGwalweni LweSivumelwano." **22** Lalingagcinwa iPhasika elinjalo kusukela ensukwini zabebluleli abaphatha u-Israyeli, lakuza zonke insuku zamakhosi aka-Israyeli lezamakhosi akaJuda. **23** Kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wenkosi uJosiya, lagcinwa iPhasika likaThixo ejerusalem. **24** Wakwenza njalo uJosiya ukususa izangoma, labahlahluli, labonkulunkulu basezindlini, lezithombe kanye lazozonke izinto zamanyala ezazikhona koJuda lasejerusalem. Lokhu kwakuyikugcwalisia izimiso zomlayo owawulotshwe encwadini umphristi uHilikhiya ayithola ethempelini likaThixo. **25** Ngaphambi kwakhe noma ngemva kwakhe uJosiya kakubanga khona inkosi eyafanana laye eyaphendukela kuThixo njengalokhu akwenzayo ngenhliziyo yakhe langomphefumulo wakhe wonke njalo langamandla akhe wonke mayelana lawo wonke uMthetho kaMosi. **26** Kanti uThixo kadedanga ekuvutheni kolaka lwakhe olwavutha kakhulu koJuda ngenxa yazo zonke izinto uManase amthukuthelisa ngazo. **27** Ngakho uThixo wathi, "Ngizamsusa phambi kwami uJuda njengoba ngasusa u-Israyeli, ngiwlulahle lumuzi waseJerusalem engawukhethayo, lethempeli leli engathi ngalo, 'Ibizo lami lizakuba kulo.'" **28** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kajosya, lakho konke akwenzayo, akulotshwanga yini egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akaJuda na? **6** Wafa uJehoyahkimi waya ekuphumulen kubokhoko bakhe. UJehoyahkini indodana yakhe yathatha ubukhosu. **7** Inkosi yaseGibhithe ayizange ihlasele futhi iphuma elizweni layo, ngenxa yokuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayisithethe ingxenyel yelizwe layo enkulu kakhulu, kusukela eSihotsheni seGibhithe kuze kuyefika eMfuleni uYufrathe. **8** Ujehoyahkini wayeleminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusu ejerusalem okwenzinyanga ezintathu. Ibizo likanina lalinguNehushita indodakazi ka-Elinathan; evela ejerusalem. **9** Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwensiwe nguyise. **10**

Ngalesosikhathi amabutho kaNebhukhadineza inkosi lwasikhombisa ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngomnyaka yaseBhabhiloni afika ejerusalem, awuvimbezela wetshumi lasificamunwemunye kaNebhukhadineza umuzi, **11** uNebhukhadineza yena ngokwakhe inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wazafika amabutho akhe esewuvimbezele umuzi. **12** wabalindi besikhosini, owayesebenzela inkosi UJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda wazinikela enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, wafika ejerusalem. **9** Wathungela yaseBhabhiloni, yena lonina lezincekuzakhe kanye ithempeli likaThixo ngomlilo, lesigodlo senkosi labathenwa bakhe. Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemibili lezindlu zonke zasejerusalem. Zonke izindlu wokubusa kwenkosi yaseBhabhiloni uNebhukhadineza eziqakathekileyo wazitshisa. **10** Wonke amabutho wathumba uJehoyakhini. **13** Njengelizwi aseBhabhiloni, ekhokhelwa ngumlawuli wamabutho likaThixo, uNebhukhadineza wabutha yonke inotho okulinda umndlunkulu, adilulu imiduli ehonqoloze yasethempelini likaThixo lenotho yesigodlo senkosi, ijerusalem. **11** UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi wathatha bonke abantu ababesele edolobheni wabasa likaThixo, ezazeniye nguSolomoni inkosi yakoIsrayeli, njengokutsho kukaThixo. **14** Wathumba abasebeye enkosini yaseBhabhiloni. **12** Kodwa umlawuli wamabutho watshiya inengi labantu amadoda empi lazozonke izingcitshi ezileminwe, ababengabayanga bokucina elizweni ukuba basebenze abantu abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Kwasala ezivinini lasemasimini. **13** AbeBhabhiloni baphahlaza abantukazana kuphela elizweni. **15** UNEbhukhadineza izinsika zethusi lezinti zezibane loLwandle lwethusi, wamthatha uJehoyakhini wayamqilaza eBhabhiloni. okwakusethempelini likaThixo. Bathwalela ithusi lelo Wathumba njalo ejerusalem unina wenkosi labafazi eBhabhiloni. **14** Bathatha njalo imbiza, lamafotsholo, bayo lezikhulu zayo lamadoda aziwayo elizweni. lezindlawu, lezinditshi lazozonke izitsha zethusi **16** Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yathumbela eBhabhiloni ezazisetshenziswa enkonzweni yasethempelini. **15** wonke amadoda angamaqhawe, azinkulungwane Umlawuli wabalindi besigodlo wathatha indengezi eziyisikhombisa, aqinileyo ayengaphuma impi, lemiganu yokuchela, konke okwakwenziwe ngeglolide kanye lezingcitshi ezileminwe eziyinkulungwane. elicengekileyo loba isiliva. **16** Ithusi elalivela **17** Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabeka uMathanani ensikeni ezimbili, loLwandle kanye lelezidindi isinini sikajehoyakhini waba yinkosi esikhundleni ezsusekayo, konke okwakwenzelwe ithempeli likaThixo sikajehoyakhini, yasimupha ibizo elitsa lokuthi nguSolomoni, kwakulesisindo esasingelinganiswe. nguZedekhiya. **18** UZedekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye, njalo wabus ajerusalem okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. Ibizo likanina lalinguHamuthali indodakazi kajeremiya, waselLibhina. **19** Wenza okubi emehlwani kaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguJehoyakhimi. **20** Kwakungenxa yokuthukuthela kukaThixo ukuze kwenzakale konke lokhu ejerusalem lakoJuda, njalo ekucineni kwabangela ukuthi uThixo abachithe. Ngalokho uZedekhiya wayihlamukela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.

**25** Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kukaZedekhiya, ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga yetshumi, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waya ejerusalem lebutho lakhe lonke, wayivimbezela; wayakhela imiduli yokuvimbezela inxa zonke. **2** Idolobho lavinjezelwa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya inkosi. **3** Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga yesine indlala yayisinzima edolobheni, abantu bengaselakudla. **4** Umduli wedolobho wafohlwa, ibutho lonke labaleka. Basuka edolobheni bephuma ngesango eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili, phansi kwsivande senkosi, lanxa nje amaBhabhiloni ayeiligombozole idolobho. Babaleka beqonde e-Arabha. **5** Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana lenkosi layamfica emagcekeni asejeriko. Wonke amabutho akhe ehlukana laye njalo ahlakazeka, **6** yena wathunjwa. Wasiwa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila, lapho afika wagwetshelwa khona. **7** Babulala amadodana kaZedekhiya ekhangale. Basebemkhupha amehlo, bambopha ngamaketane ethusi bamusa eBhabhiloni. **8** Ngosuku

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kuzalilungela.” **25** Kodwa ngenyanga yesikhombisa u-ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, indodana kaElishama, owayezalwa esikhosini, weza lamadoda alitshumi bafika babulula uGedaliya lamadoda akoJuda kanye laweBhabhiloni ayekade elaye eMizipha. **26** Ngenxa yalokhu, abantu bonke kusukela kubantukazana kusiya kwabaphakemeyo, kanye lezikhulu zamabutho, babalekela eGibhithe ngokwesaba abeBhabhiloni. **27** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, ngomnyaka u-Evili-Merodakhi aba yinkosi eBhabhiloni, wakhulula uJehoyakhini entolongweni ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga yetshumi lambili. **28** Wakhuluma laye ngomusa, wamnika isihlalo esihloniphekayo esasingaphezu kwezamanye amakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni. **29** Ngakho uJehoyakhini wakhupha izigqoko zakhe zasentolongweni, wadla lenkosi izikhathi zonke okwempilo yakhe yonke. **30** Nsuku zonke inkosi yayinika uJehoyakhini isabelo esimisiweyo malanga wonke, empilweni yakhe yonke.

# 1 Imilando

**1** U-Adamu, u-Sethi, u-Enoshi, **2** u-Khenani, u-Mahalaleli, u-Jaredi, **3** u-Enoki, u-Methuzel, u-Lameki, u-Nowa. **4** Amadodana kaNowa ayeyila: u-Shemu, u-Hamu lo-Jafethi. **5** Amadodana kaJafethi ayeyila: u-Gomeri, u-Magogi, u-Madyai, u-Javani, u-Thubhali, u-Mesheki lo-Thirasi. **6** Amadodana kaGomeri ayeyila: u-Ashikhenazi, u-Rifathi kanye lo-Thogarima. **7** Amadodana kajavani ayeyila: u-Elisha, u-Hashishi, u-Khithimi lo-Rodanimu. **8** Amadodana kaHamu ayeyila: u-Khushi, u-Mizirayimi, u-Phuthi lo-Khenani. **9** Amadodana kaKhushi ayeyila: u-Sebha, u-Havila, u-Sabhittha, u-Rahama lo-Sabhittheka. Amadodana kaRahama ayeyila: u-Shebha lo-Dedani. **10** UKhushi wayenguyise kaNimrodi, owakhula waba liqhawе elilamandla emhlabeni. **11** UMizirayimi wayenguyise wamaLudi, ama-Anami, amaLehabhi, amaNaithuhi, **12** amaphathrosi, lamaKhasiluhi (okwadabuka khona amaFilistiya) lamaKhafithori. **13** UKhenani wayenguyise kaSidoni izibulo lakhe, amaHithi, **14** amajebusi, ama-Amori, amaGigashi, **15** amahivi, ama-Arikhi, amaSini, **16** am-Avadi, amaZemari kanye lamaHamathi. **17** Amadodana kaShemu ayeyila: u-Elamu, u-Ashuri, u-Afazadi, u-Ludi lo-Aramu. Amadodana ka-Aramu ayeyila: u-Uzi, u-Huli, u-Getha lo-Mesheki. **18** U-Afazadi wayenguyise kaShela, u-Shela wazala u-Ebha. **19** Amadodana amabili ayezalwa ngu-Ebha ayeyila: Omunye wayenguPhelegi, ngoba ngezinsuku zakhe umhlaba wawudabuke phakathi; umfowabo kwakuthiwa nguJokithani. **20** UJokithani wayenguyise ka-Alimodadi, uShelefi, u-Hazarimavethi, u-Jera, **21** u-Hadoramu, u-Uzali, u-Dikila, **22** u-Obhali, u-Abhimayeli, u-Shebha, **23** u-Ofiri, u-Havila kanye lo-Jobhabhi. Bonke laba babengamadodana kajokithani. **24** UShemu, u-Afazadi u-Shela, **25** u-Ebha, u-Phelegi, u-Rewu **26** u-Serugi, u-Nahori, u-Thera **27** lo-Abhraama (u-Abhraama). **28** Amadodana ka-Abhraama ayeyila: u-Isaka lo-Ishumayeli. **29** Laba babeyinzalo yabo: u-Nebhayothi izibulo lika-Ishumayeli, u-Khedari, u-Adibheli, u-Mibhisamu, **30** u-Mishima, u-Duma, u-Masa, u-Hadadi, u-Thema, **31** u-Jethuri, u-Nafishi kanye lo-Khedema. La yiwo ayengamadodana ka-Ishumayeli. **32** Amadodana azalwa nguKhethura, umfazi ka-Abhraama oweceleni, ayeyila: u-Zimirani, u-Jokishani, u-Medani, u-Midiyani, u-Ishibhaki lo-Shuwa. Amadodana kaJokishani ayeyila: u-Shebha lo-Dedani. **33** Amadodana kaMidiyani ayeyila: u-Efa, u-Eferi, u-Hanokhi, u-Abhida lo-Elida. Bonke laba babeyizizukulwane zikaKhethura. **34** U-Abhraama wayenguyise ka-Isaka. Amadodana ka-Isaka ayeyila: u-Esawu lo-Israyeli. **35** Amadodana ka-Esawu ayeyila: u-Elifazi, u-Ruweli, u-Jewushi, u-Jalamu lo-Khora. **36** Amadodana ka-Elifazi ayeyila: u-Themani, u-Omari, u-Zefi, u-Gathamu lo-Khenazi; ekaThimina kunguAmaleki. **37** Amadodana kaRuweli ayeyila: u-Nahathi, u-Zera, u-Shama lo-Miza. **38** Amadodana kaSeyiri ayeyila: u-Lothani, u-Shobhali, u-Zibhiyoni, u-Ana, u-Dishoni, u-Ezeri lo-Dishani. **39** Amadodana kaLothani ayeyila: u-Hori lo-Homami. UThimina wayengudadewabo kaLothani. **40** Amadodana kaShobhali ayeyila: u-Alivani, u-Manahathi, u-Ebhali, u-Shefo lo-Onami. Amadodana kaZibhiyoni ayeyila: u-Ayiya lo-Ana. **41** Indodana ka-Ana yayingu: u-Dishoni. Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila: u-Hemirani, u-Eshibhani, u-Ithirani lo-Kherani. **42** Amadodana ka-Ezeri ayeyila: u-Bhilihani, u-Zavani lo-Akhan. Amadodana kaDishoni ayeyila: u-Uzi lo-Arani. **43** La ayengamakhosи abusa e-Edomi kungakabusи inkosi yako-Israyeli: u-Bhela indodana kaBheyori, idolobho lakhe labizwa ngokuthi yiDinhabha. **44** UBhela esefile, uJobhabhi indodana kaZera waseBhözira wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **45** UJobhabhi esefile, uHushamu waselizweni lamaThemani wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **46** UHushamu esefile, uHadadi indodana kaBhedadi owanqoba uMidiani elizweni laseMowabi, wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe labizwa ngokuthi yi-Avithi. **47** UHadadi esefile, uSamila waseMasirekha wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **48** USamila esefile, uShawuli waseRehobhothi phezu komfula wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **49** UShawuli esefile, uBhali-Hanani indodana ka-Akhibhori wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. **50** UBhali-Hanani esefile, uHadadi wathatha umbuso waba yinkosi. Idolobho lakhe labizwa ngokuthi yiPawu, njalo ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabeli indodakazi kaMathiredi, indodakazi kaMe-Zahabhi. **51** UHadadi laye wafa. Izinduna zase-Edomi kwakuyilezi: uThimina, u-Aliva, u-Jethethi, **52** u-Oholibhama, u-Ela, u-Phinoni, **53** u-Khenazi, u-Themani, u-Mibhizari, **54** u-Magidiyeli lo-Iramu. Lezi kwakuzinduna ze-Edomi.

**2** Amadodana ka-Israyeli ayeyila: u-Rubheni, u-Simiyoni, u-Levi, u-Juda, u-Isakhari, u-Zebuluni, **2** u-Dani, u-Josefa, u-Bhenjamini, u-Nafithali, u-Gadi lo-Asheri. **3** Amadodana kaJuda yila: ngu-Eri, lo-Onani kanye lo-Shela. Laba bobathatu wabazala lowesifazane ongumKhenani, indodakazi kaShuwa. U-Eri, izibulo likaJuda, wayeyisigangi phambi kukaThixo, ngalokho u-Thixo wambulala. **4** UThamari, umalukazana kaJuda wamzalela u-Pherezi lo-Zera. UJuda wayelamadodana amahlanu. **5** Amadodana kaPherezi yila: ngu-Hezironi lo-Hamuli. **6** Amadodana kaZera yila: ngu-Zimri, lo-Ethani, lo-Hemani, lo-Khalikholi kanye lo-Darida. Bonke babebahlanu. **7** Indodana kaKhami yile: ngu-Akhari, owaletha inhlupheko ko-Israyeli ngesiphambeko asenza ngalokho okungcwelisiweyo. **8** Indodana ka-Ethani yile: ngu-Azariya. **9** Amadodana azalwa ngu-Hezironi yila: ngu-Jeramel, lo-Ramu kanye lo-Khalebi. **10** URamu wayenguyise ka-Aminadabi, njalo u-Aminadabi enguyise ka-Nahashoni, umkhokheli wabantu bakoJuda. **11** UNahashoni wayenguyise kaSalimoni, u-Salimoni enguyise ka-Bhowazi. **12** UBhowazi enguyise ka-Obhedi, u-Obhedi enguyise kajese. **13** UJese wayenguyise ka-Eliyahi izibulo lakhe; indodana yesibili kungu-Abhinadabi, yesithathu kunguShimeya, **14** eyesine kunguNethaneli, eyesihlanu kunguRadayi, **15** eyesithupha kunguOzemu, eyesikhombisa kunguDavid. **16** Odadewabo kwakunguZeruya lo-Abhigeli. Amadodana amathathu

kaZeruya kwakungu-Abhishayi, loJowabi kanye lo-Asaheli. **17** U-Abhigeli wayengunina ka-Amasa, oloyise okwakuthiwa ngujetha um'Ishumayeli. **18** UKhalebi indodana kaHezironi wayelabantwana abazala kumkakhe u-Azubha (lakuJeriyothi). Amadodana ka-Azubha ayeyila: ngujesheri, loShobhabi, kanye lo-Adoni. **19** Ekufeni kuka-Azubha, uKhalebi wathatha u-Efrathi, owamzalela uHuri. **20** UHuri wayenguyise ka-Urni, njalo u-Uri enguyise kaBhezaleli. **21** Muva, uHezironi wembatha lendedakazi kaMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi (ayemthethe eselemiyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha ubudala bakhe), yena wamzalela uSegubi. **22** USEgubi wayenguyise kajayiri, owayephethe imizi engamatshumi amabili lantathu eGiliyadi. **23** (Kodwa uGeshuri lo-Aramu bathumba iHavoth-Jayiri, kanye leKhenathi lezindawana eziyimizana eseduzane, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha.) Bonke laba babeyisizukulwane sikaMakhiri uyise kaGiliyadi. **24** Ngemva kokufa kukaHezironi eKhalebi-Efratha, u-Abhija umkaHezironi wamzalela u-Ashuri uyise kaThekhowa. **25** Amadodana kajeramel izbulo likaHezironi yila: nguRamu izibulo lakhe, loBhuna, lo-Oreni, lo-Ozemu kanye lo-Ahija. **26** Ujerameli wayelomunye umfazi owayethiwa ngu-Athara unina ka-Onami. **27** Amadodana kaRamu izibulo likajeramel iyla: nguMazi, loJamini kanye lo-Ekheri. **28** Amadodana ka-Onami yila: nguShamayi loJada. Amadodana kaShamayi yila: nguNadabi lo-Abhishuri. **29** Umka-Abhishuri kwakungu-Abhijayili, owamzalela u-Ahibhani loMolidi. **30** Amadodana kaNadabi yila: nguSeledi lo-Aphayimi. USEledi wafa engelabantwana. **31** Indodana ka-Aphayimi yile: ngu-Ishi, uyise kaSheshani. USheshani wayenguyise ka-Ahilayi. **32** Amadodana kajada, umfowabo kaShamayi yila: ngujetha loJonathan. UJetha wafa engelabantwana. **33** Amadodana kajonathan yila: nguPhelethi loZaza. Laba babeyinzalo kajeramel. **34** USheshani wayengelawo amadodana, wayelamadodakazi wodwa. Wayelesisebenzi saseGibhiithe esasithiwa ngujariha. **35** USheshani wendisela isisebenzi sakhe lesi esingujariha, indodakazi yakhe eyamzalela u-Athayi. **36** U-Athayi wayenguyise kaNathani, uNathani enguyise kaZabhadji, **37** uZabhadji enguyise ka-Efilali, u-Efilali enguyise ka-Obhedi, **38** u-Obhedi enguyise kajehu, uJehu enguyise ka-Azariya, **39** u-Azariya enguyise kaHelezi, uHelezi enguyise ka-Eleyasa, **40** u-Eleyasa enguyise kaSisimai, uSisimai enguyise kaShalumi, **41** uShalumi enguyise kajekhamiya, uJekhamiya enguyise ka-Elishama. **42** Amadodana kaKhalebi umfowabo kajeramel iyla: uMesha izibulo lakhe, ongyuse kaZifi, lendodana yakhe uMaresha, uyise kaHebhroni. **43** Amadodana kaHebhroni yila: nguKhora, loThaphuwa, loRekhemu loShema. **44** UShema wayenguyise kaRahama, uRahama yena enguyise kajokheyama. URekhemu wayenguyise kaShamayi. **45** Indodana kaShamayi kunguMawoni, uMawoni wayenguyise kaBhethi Zuri. **46** Umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi u-Efa wayengunina kaHarani, loMoza kanye loGazezi. UHarani wayenguyise kaGazezi. **47** Amadodana kajahidayi yila: nguRegemi, loJothamu, loGeshani, loPhelethi, lo-Efa kanye loShafi. **48** UMahakha umfazi weceleni kaKhalebi wayengunina kaShebheri loThirihana. **49** Nguye njalo owazala uShafi uyise kaMadimana kanye loSheva uyise kaMakhikhena loGibhiya. Indodakazi kaKhalebi kwakungu-Akhisa. **50** Yibo laba abenzalo kaKhalebi. Amadodana kaHuri izibulo lika-Efrathi yila: nguShobhali uyise kaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi, **51** loSalima uyise kaBhethilehema, loHarefi uyise kaBhethi-Gaderi. **52** Inzalo kaShobhali uyise kaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi yile: nguHaro, ingxenyi yamaManahathi, **53** labosendo lukaKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi kungama-Ithira lamaPhuthi lamaShumathi lamaMishirayi. Kulapho okwakudabuka khona amaZorathi lama-Eshithawoli. **54** Abenzalo kaSalima yilaba: nguBhethilehema, umNethofa, uAthirothi-Bhethi-Jowabi, ingxenyi yamaManahathi, amaZori, **55** losendo lwabalobi ababehlala ejabhezi: AmaThirathi lamaShimeya lamaSukhathi. Laba babengamaKheni beyinzalo kaHamathi ukhokho wamaRekhabi.

**3** Nanka amadodana kaDavidia awazala eHebhroni: Izibulo lakhe lalingu-Amnoni indodana kaAhinowama owasejezerili; owesibili, uDanyeli indodana ka-Abhigeli waseKhameli; **2** owesithathu, ngu-Abhisalomu indodana kaMahakha indodakazi kaThalimayi inkosi yaseGeshuri; owesine, u-Adonija indodana kaHagithi; **3** owesihlanu, uShefathiya indodana ka-Abhithali; owesithupha, u-Ithireyamu amzuza ku-Egila, umkakhe. **4** Abayisithupha laba uDavidia wabazalela eHebhroni, lapho abusa khona okweminyaka eyisikhombisa lezinyanga eziyisithupha. UDavida wabuswa ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lemithathu, **5** njalo la yiwo amadodana awazalela khona: uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathani loSolomoni. Amadodana amane la wawazala lobhathishebha indodakazi ka-Amiyeli. **6** Njalo kwaba lo-Ibhari, u-Elishama, u-Elifelethi, **7** uNoga, uNefegi, uJafiyi, **8** u-Elishama, u-Eliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi, beyisifcamunwemunye bonke. **9** Bonke laba babengamadodana kaDavidia, ngaphandle kwamadodana akhe awazala labafazi bakhe beceleni. Udadewabo wamadodana la wayenguThamari. **10** Indodana kaSolomoni kwakunguRehobhownami, indodana yakhe kungu-Abhija, indodana yakhe kungu-Asa, indodana yakhe kungujehoshafati, **11** indodana yakhe kunguJehoram, indodana yakhe kungu-Ahaziy, indodana yakhe kunguJowashi, **12** indodana yakhe kungu-Amaziya, indodana yakhe kungu-Azariya, indodana yakhe kunguJothamu, **13** indodana yakhe kungu-Ahazi, indodana yakhe kunguHezekhiya, indodana yakhe kunguManase, **14** indodana yakhe kungu-Amoni, indodana yakhe kungujosiya. **15** Amadodana kajosya yila: ngujohananzi izibulo, uJehoyakhimi indodana yesibili, uZedekhiya eyesithathu, uShalumi eyesine. **16** Abasala behlala esikhundleni sikajehoyakhimi yilaba: ngujeckhoniya indodana yakhe loZedekhiya. **17** Abosendo lukajekhoniya owayethunjiwe yilaba: uSheyalithiyeli indodana yakhe, **18** uMalikhiramu,

loPhedaya, loShenazari, loJekhamiya, loHoshama, wamzalela uJeredi uyise kaGedoru, uHebheri uyise kanye loNedabhiya. **19** Amadodana kaPhedaya kaSokho, loJekuthiwi uyise kaZanowa. **19** Amadodana yila: nguZerubhabheli loShimeyi. Amadodana omkaHodiya, udadewabo kaNahama, uyise kaKheyila kaZerubhabheli yila: nguMeshulami loHananiya. **20** Babekhona Amadodana kaShimoni yila: ngu-Amnoni, loRina, njalo abanye abahlalu: uHashubha, u-Ohel, loBheni-Hanani kanye loThiloni. Abosendo luka-Ishi uBherkhiya, uHasadiya, loJushabi-Hesedi. **21** yilaba: nguZohethi loBheni-Zohethi. **21** Amadodana Abosendo lukaHananiya yilaba: nguPhelathiya kaShela indodana kajuda yila: ngu-Eri uyise kaLekha, loJeshaya, kanye lamadodana kaRefaya, ka-Anani, loLada uyise kaMaresha labantwana babeluki ka-Obhadaya kanye lokaShekhaniya. **22** Abosendo lukashekhaniya yilaba: nguShemeye lamadodana akhe: uHathushi, lo-Igali, loBhariya, loNeyariya kanye loShafathi, beyisithupha. **23** Amadodana kaNeyariya yila: ngu-Eliyonayi, loHezekhiya, lo-Azirikhmu, bebatathatu. **24** Amadodana ka-Eliyonayi yila: nguHodaviya, lo-Eliyshibi, loPhelaya, lo-Akhubi, loJohanani, loDelaya kanye lo-Anani, beyisikhombisa.

**4** Abosendo lukajuda kuyilaba: NguPherezi, loHezironi, loKhami, loHuri loShobhalu. **2** UREyaya indodana kaShobhalu wayenguyise kajahathi, uJahathi onguyise ka-Ahumayi kanye loLahadi. Laba babengabosendo lwamaZorathi. **3** La ayengamadodana ka-Ethamu: uJezerili, lo-Ishima kanye lo-Idibhashi. Udawabo kwakuthiwa nguHazeleiphoni. **4** UPHenuweli wayenguyise kaGedoru, lo-Ezeri uyise kaHusha. Laba kungabosendo lukaHuri, izibulo lika-Efrathi uyise kaBhethilehema. **5** U-Ashuri uyise kaThekhowa wayelabafazi abibili, uHela loNara. **6** UNahara wamzalela u-Ahuzami, loHeferi, loThemeni kanye loHahashithari. Laba kwakungabosendo lukaNara. **7** Amadodana kaHela yila: nguZerethi, loZohari, lo-Ethinani, **8** loKhozi owayenguyise ka-Anubi loHazobhebba kanye labosendo luka-Ahareheli indodana kaHarumi. **9** UJabhezi wayelodumo kulabafowabo. Unina wayemuphe lelibizo lokuthi Jabhezi, ngoba esithi "Ngamzala kabuhlungu." **10** UJabhezi wakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeri wathi: "Sengathi ungangibusisa uqhelise ilizwe lami! Isandla sakho kasibe lami, ungivikele ebubini, ngingehlelwa yibuhlungu." UNkulunkulu wamnika lokho ayekucela. **11** UKhelubi, umfowabo kaShuha, wayenguyise kaMehiri, owayenguyise ka-Eshithoni. **12** U-Eshithoni wayenguyise kaBhethi-Rafa, loPhaseya kanye loThehina uyise ka-Iri Nahashi. Laba babengabantu bakaRekha. **13** Amadodana kaKhenazi yila: ngu-Othiniyeli loSeraya. Amadodana ka-Othiniyeli yila: nguHathathi loMeyonothayi. **14** UMeyonathayi wayenguyise ka-Ofira. USeraya wayenguyise kajowabi, owayengukhoko wesizwe samaGe-Harashimi. Babizwa ngalelibizo ngoba babezingcitsi. **15** Amadodana kaKhalebi indodana kajefune yila: ngu-Iru, lo-Ela kanye loNamu. Indodana ka-Ela yile: nguKhenazi. **16** Amadodana kajehalelei yila: nguZifi, loZifa, loThiriyu kanye lo-Asareli. **17** Amadodana ka-Ezra yila: nguJetha, loMeredi, lo-Eferi kanye loJaloni. Omunye wabafazi bakaMeredi wazala uMiriyemu, loShamayi kanye lo-Ishibha uyise ka-Eshithemowa. **18** Laba kwakungabantwana bakaBhithiya indodakazi kaFaro, eyayendele kuMeredi. Umkakhe ongumJudakazi

**5** Amadodana kaRubheni izibulo lika-Israyeli ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu (wayelizibulo, kodwa kwathi esengcolise umbheda labobabhemi abazinkulungwane ezimbili. Bathumba kayise owomtshado, amalungelo akhe njengezibulo njalo abantu abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu, 22 aphiwa amadodana kajosefa indodana ka-Israyeli, abanye abanengi babulawa, ngoba le kwakuyimpi ngakho kasalotshwanga emibhalweni yosendo kaNkulunkulu. Bona bahlala kulelolizwe kwaze kwaba njengelungelo lokuzalwa kwakhe, 2 lanxa ujuda yisikhathi bethunjwa. 23 Abantu ababeyingxene wayelamandla amakhulu kulabo bonke abafowabwo yesizwana sikaManase babebanengi; bahlala elizweni njalo enguye owazala umbusi, ilungelo lobuzibulo kusukela eBhashani kusiya eBhali-Hemoni, kusitsho laya kujosefa). 3 Amadodana kaRubheni izibulo lika-iSeniri (iTaba yaseHemoni). 24 Laba yibo Israyeli ayeyle: nguHanokhi, loPhalu, loHezironi kanye ababezinhloko zezimuli: u-Eferi, lo-Ishi, lo-Eliyeli, lo-loKhami. 4 Abenzalo kajoweli yilaba: nguShemaya Aziriyeli, loJeremiyi, loHodaviya, kanye loJahidiyeli. indodana yakhe, loGogi indodana yakhe, loShimeyi Babengamadoda empi alezibindi, amadoda adumileyo, indodana yakhe, 5 loMikha indodana yakhe, loReyaya njalo bezinhloko zezimuli zabo. 25 Kodwa indodana yakhe, loBhali indodana yakhe, 6 kanye bona babengathembekanga kuNkulunkulu waboyise loBhera indodana yakhe, lowo uThigilathi-Philesa basebekhonza onkulunkulu bezizwe uNkulunkulu wabo inkosi yase-Asiriya eyamthumba yamusza ezizweni. ababhubhisa kulawomazwe bengakahlahi khona. 26 UBhera wayengumkhokheli wabakoRubheni. 7 Ngakho uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli wadunga umoya Izihlobo zabo ngosendo lwabo, njengokulotshwe kaPhuli inkosi yase-Asiriya (okuyikuthi, Thigilathi-embihalweni yosendo yilezi: nguJeyiyeli induna, loZakhariya, kanye 8 loBhela indodana ka-Azazi, indodana kaShema, indodana kajoweli. Bakha bahlala labakoGadi kanye lengxene yesizwana sikaManase. 9 Empumalanga babeleze emangweni ofika emaphethelweni enkangala etshaya khonale eMfuleni uYufrathie, ngoba izifuyo zabo zasezandile eGiliyadi. 10 Ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaSawuli balwa impi lamaHagari; bawanqoba basebehlahemizanen yawo emangweni wonke ongempumalanga yeGiliyadi. 11 AbakaGadi babehlala phansi kwabo eBhashani, kuze kuyefika eSalekha: 12 Ujoweli wayeyinduna, uShafamu emlandela, besekusiza ujanayi loShafathi, ngaseBhashani. 13 Izihlobo zabo, ngokuzalana kwabo, yilezi: nguMikhayeli, loMeshulami, loShebha, loJorayi, loJakhani, loZiya kanye lo-Ebha, beyisikhombisa sebendawonye. 14 Laba babengamadodana ka-Abhiahayili indodana kaHuri, indodana kajarowa, indodana kaGiliyadi, indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kajeshishayi, indodana kajahido, indodana kaBhuzi. 15 U-Ahi indodana ka-Abhidiyeli, indodana kaGuni, wayeyinhloko yemuli yakwabo. 16 AbakaGadi babehlala eGiliyadi, eBhashani lemizaneni yakhona, kanye lasemadlewensi aseSharoni kuze kuyefika emaphethelweni awo. 17 Bonke laba balotshwa emibhalweni yosendo ngezinsuku zokubusa kukaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda loJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli. 18 AbakoRubheni, labakoGadi lengxene yesizwana sakoManase babelamadoda ayeselungele ukubuthwa azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayistupha amadoda ayeseqwahele esenelisa ukuphatha ihawu ahlome ngenkemba, atshoke ngemitshoko, ayevele afundela ukulwa empini. 19 Bahlasela uHagari loJethuri loNafishi loNodabi. 20 Bahlonyulelw ekulweni kwabo labo, njalo uNkulunkulu wanikela uHagari labanye bakhe ezandleni zabo, ngoba bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu empini. Wayiphendula imikhuleko yabo, ngoba bamethemba. 21 Bathumba izifuyo zakoHagiri ezibalisa amakamel azipikulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, izimvu eziyizinkulungwane

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**6** Amadodana kaLevi yila: nguGeshoni, loKhohathi, kanye loMerari. 2 Amadodana kaKhohathi yila: ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli. 3 Abantwana baka-Amramu yilaba: ngu-Aroni, loMosi kanye loMiriyemu. Amadodana kaAroni yila: nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu lo-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari. 4 U-Eliyazari wayenguyise kaFinehasi, uFinehasi enguyise ka-Abhishuwa, 5 u-Abhishuwa enguyise kaBhukhi, uBhukhi enguyise ka-Uzi, 6 u-Uzi enguyise kaZerahiya, uZerahiya enguyise kaMerayothi, 7 uMerayothi enguyise ka-Amariya, u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi, 8 u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadokhi, uZadokhi enguyise ka-Ahimazi, 9 u-Ahimazi enguyise ka-Azariya, u-Azariya enguyise kajohanani, 10 uJohanani enguyise ka-Azariya; nguye loowayengumphristi ethempelini elakhiwa nguSolomonijeJerusalema. 11 U-Azariya enguyise ka-Amariya, u-Amariya enguyise ka-Ahithubi, 12 u-Ahithubi enguyise kaZadokhi, uZadokhi enguyise kaShalumi, 13 uShalumi enguyise kaHilikhiya, uHilikhiya enguyise ka-Azariya, 14 u-Azariya enguyise kaSeraya, uSeraya enguyise kajozadaki. 15 UJozadaki wathunjwa lapho uThixo athumba abakoJuda labaseJerusalemengesandala sikaNebhukhadineza. 16 Amadodana kaLevi yila: nguGeshoni, loKhohathi kanye loMerari. 17 Nanka amabizo amadodana kaGeshoni: nguLibhini shimeyi. 18 Amadodana kaKhohathi yila: ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni kanye lo-Uziyeli. 19 Amadodana kaMerari yila: nguMahili loMushi. Laba babelusendo lwabaLevi behlelw ngoluhlu lwaboyise: 20 AbakaGeshoni yilaba: nguLibhini indodana yakhe, loJahathi indodana yakhe, loZima indodana yakhe, 21 loJowa indodana yakhe, lo-Ido indodana yakhe, loZera indodana yakhe kanye loJeyatherayi indodana yakhe. 22 Abosendo lukaKhohathi yilaba: nguAminadabi indodana yakhe, loKhora indodana yakhe, lo-Asiri indodana yakhe, 23 lo-Elikhana lo-Ebhuiyasafi

indodana yakhe lo-Asiri indodana yakhe, **24** loThahathi indodana yakhe, **53** loZadokhi indodana yakhe kanye indodana yakhe, lo-Uriyeli indodana yakhe, lo-Uziya indodana yakhe kanye loShawuli indodana yakhe. **54** Imizi ababehlezi kiyo indodana yakhe kanye loAhimazi indodana yakhe. **55** Babephiwe iHebhroni kuselizweni ababeliphwiye (yimizi eyayiphwiye abosendo luka-Aroni beyinzalo kaKhohathi, ngoba isabelo Ahimothi, **25** Abosendo luka-Elikhana yilaba: ngu-Amasayi, lo-kojuda lamadlelo akhona. **56** Kodwa amasimu lemizana Ahimothi, **26** lo-Elikhana indodana yakhe, loZofayi sakuqala sasingesabo yile: **57** Ngakho abosendo luka-Aroni baphiwa indodana yakhe, loNahathi indodana yakhe, **27** lo-kojuda lamadlelo akhona, eyayiseduzane ledolobbo kwaphiwa uKhalebi indodana Eliyabi indodana yakhe, loJerohamu indodana yakhe, lo-Elikhana indodana yakhe kanye loSamuyeli indodana kajefune. **58** Amadodana kaSamuyeli ayeyila: uVashini iHebhroni (umuzi wokuphephela), leLubbina, leJathiri, izibulo lo-Abhija indodana yesibili. **29** Abosendo le-Eshithemowa, **59** leHileni, leDebhiri, **59** le-Ashani, lukaMerari yilaba: nguMahili, loLibhini indodana yakhe, loShimeya indodana yakhe, loUza indodana yakhe, **60** Esizwaneni sikaBhenjamini baphiwa iGibhiyon, **30** loShimeya indodana yakhe, loHagiya indodana yakhe kanye lo-Asaya indodana yakhe. **31** Laba yibo akhona. Imizi eyaphiwa amaKhohathi yayilitshumi abakhethwa nguDavidka ukuphatha ukuhlabelela endlini lantathu. **61** Abaseleyo bamaKhohathi baphiwa imizi kaThixo ngemva kokubekwa kwebhokisi lesivumelwano elitshumi beyingxene yendlu yesizwana sikaManase. khona. **32** Bakhonza ngokuhlabelela phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, iThente lokuHlanganelu, uSolomoni waze wakha ithempeli likaThixo ejerusalem. Benza inkonzo yabo ngendlela okwakuqoqwe ngayo. **33** Bona ababekhethelwe lowomsebenzi kanye lamadodana abo yilaba: Kwabendlu kaKhohathi yilaba: nguHeman umhlabeleli, indodana kaJoweli, indodana kaSamuyeli **62** Abosendo lukaGeshoni, indlu ngendlu, baphiwa imizi **34** indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJerohamu, kaZufi, indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaMahathi, kaZumi, indodana ka-Amasayi, **35** indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJoweli, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana ka-Zefaniya **63** Abosendo lukaMerari, **36** indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana ka-Asiri, indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi, indodana kaKhora, **37** indodana ka-Tahathathi, indodana ka-Shimeya, **38** indodana kaMikhayeli, indodana kaBhaseya, indodana kaMalikhija, **39** U-Asafi umkhula kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli. **40** kanti njalo kubakhula babo **64** Ngakho yiyo imizi lamadlelo ayo eyaphiwa abaLevi ngama-Israyeli. **65** Esizwaneni sakoJuda, lesakoSimiyoni loBhenjamini baphiwa imizi esike yaqanja. **66** Amanye amaKhohathi aphiwa imizi indodana ka-Amasayi, **41** indodana ka-Elikhana, indodana kaJoweli, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana ka-Zefaniya **67** Elizwani elizewen lesizwana sika-Efrayimi. **42** **72** esizwaneni sika-Isakhari bazuza iShekhemu (umuzi wokuphephela) leGezeri, **68** leJokhimeyamu, leBhethiHoroni, **69** le-Ayijalon leGathi-Rimon, kanye lamadlelo indodana ka-Izihari, indodana kaKhohathi, indodana kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli. **43** **73** leRamothe le-Anema lamadlelo sokudla: U-Asafi indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana kaShimeyi, **44** kanti njalo kubakhula babo **74** esizwaneni sika-Asher Bazuza iMashali, leAbhidoni, **45** indodana kaHashabhiya, indodana ka-Maluki, **46** indodana ka-Amaziya, indodana ka-Hilikhija, **47** indodana ka-Amizi, indodana kaBhani, indodana kaShemer, **48** **75** leHukhokhi leRehobhi, kanye lamadlelo amar Merari kwasenxele isandla sakhe yilaba: ngu-Ethani indodana kaKhishi, indodana ka-Abhidi, indodana kaMaluki, **49** indodana kaNkulunkulu. **50** Laba u-Aroni labosendo Iwakhe yibo ababesethula iminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni kanye lase-alithareni lempepha lakho konke okwakusenziwa eNdaweni eNgcwele kakhulu, becelela u-Israyeli umusa, njengaloku uMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu yayitshilo. **51** Kodwa u-Aroni labosendo loBhukhi indodana yakhe, lo-Uzi indodana yakhe, loZerahiya indodana yakhe, **52** loMerayothi indodana yakhe, lo-Amariya indodana yakhe, lo-Ahithubi **76** esizwaneni sikaNafithali bazuza iKhedeshi akhona; **77** AmaMerari (insalela yabaLevi) aphiwa kanje: esizwaneni sikaZebhuluni azuza ijokhiniyamu, iKhathha, iRimoni leThabhor, kanye lamadlelo akhona; **78** esizwaneni sikaRubbeni ngaphetsheya kweJodan ngempumalanga yeJerikho azuza iBhezeri enkangala, leJahazi, **79** leKhedemothi kanye leMefahathi lamadlelo akhona; **80** lasesizwaneni sikaGadi azuza iRamothe eGilyadi, leMahanayimi, **81** leHeshibhoni, leJazeri, kanye lamadlelo akhona.

**7** Amadodana ka-Isakhari yila: nguThola, loPhuwa, loJashubi loShimroni, bonke babebane. **2** Amadodana kaThola yila: ngu-Uzi, loRefaya, loJeriyeli, loJahamali, lo-Ibhisamu loSamuyeli, bonke bezinhloko zezindlu zabo. Ngezinsuku uDavida esabusa, abosendo lukaThola abangamadoda aselindele impi ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo, babengamadoda ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili

lamakhulu ayisithupha. **3** Indodana ka-Uzi kungu: Bheriya, kuyikutshengisa ukuthi kwakonakele phakathi Izrahiya. Amadodana ka-Izrahiya yila: nguMikhayeli, kwemuli. **24** Indodakazi yakhe kwakunguShera owakha lo-Obhadaya, loJoweli lo-Ishya. Ngobuhlanu babo iBhethi-Horoni yaPhansi leyaPhezulu kanye le-Uzeni-babezinduna. **4** Ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo, Sher.) **25** URefa wayeyindodana yakhe, loReshefi babelamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi indodana yakhe, loThela indodana yakhe, loThahani amathathu lesithupha ayeselungele ukuthi angaphuma indodana yakhe, **26** loLadani indodana yakhe, lo-ayekulwa impi, ngoba babelabafazi labantwana Amihudi indodana yakhe, lo-Elishama indodana yakhe, abanengi. **5** Abayizilhlobo abesilisa abasebefanele ukuthi **27** loNuni indodana yakhe kanye loJoshua indodana bangaya empini bengabosendo luka-Isakhari, ngoluhlu yakhe. **28** Amazwe lemizi yabo yayihlanganisa iBhetheli lokuzalana kwabo, sebendawonye babezinkulungwane lemizana eseduzane, iNaharani empumalanga, iGezeri ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa. **6** lemizana yayo kusuya entshonalanga, iShekhemu Amadodana kaBhenjamini amathathu yila: nguBhela, lemizana yayo kusiyafika e-Aya lemizana yayo. **29** Amadodana kaBhenjamini amathathu yila: nguBhela, lemizana yayo kusiyafika e-Aya lemizana yayo. **29** loBhekheri loJediyeli. **7** Amadodana kaBhela yila: Emingceleni yakwelakoManase kuleBhethi-Shani, ngu-Ezibhoni, lo-Uzi, lo-Uziyeli, loJerimothi lo-Iri, leThanakhi, leMegido, kanye leDori lemizana yakhona. babebahlalu bonke, bezinhloko zezindlu zabo. Bona-ka ngoluhlu losendo lwabo babelamadoda ayelungele ka-Israyeli. **30** Amadodana ka-Asher yila: ngu-ukulwa empini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi Imna, lo-Ishiva, lo-Ishivi kanye loBheriya. Udadewabo amabili lambili lamatshumi amathathu lane. **8** kunguSera. **31** Amadodana kaBheriya yila: nguHebheri Amadodana kaBhekheri yila: nguZemira, loJowashi, loMalikhiyeli uyise kaBhirizayithi. **32** UHebheri lo-Bhekheri loJediyeli, lo-Eliyeneri, lo-Eliyonayi, lo-Omri, loJerimothi, lo-Abhija, lo-Anathothi kanye lo-Alemethi. Wonke la kwakungamadodana kaBhekheri. **9** Imbalu yoluhi yila: nguPasaki, loBhimihali kanye lo-Ashivathi. Iwezimuli zababezinhlоко zemindenibala ukuthi Laba kwakungamadodana kaJaflethi. **34** Amadodana babengabantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu amabili amadoda empi. **10** Indodana kaShomeri yila: ngu-Ahi, loRohiga, loHubha kanye kajediyeli kwakunguBhilihani. Amadodana kaBhilihani lo-Aramu. **35** Amadodana omfowabo uHelemu yila: yila: ngujewushi, loBhenjamini, lo-Ehudi, loKhenana, nguZofa, lo-Imna, loSheleshi kanye lo-Amali. **36** loZethani, loThashishi kanye lo-Ahishahari. **11** Wonke Amadodana kaZofa yila: nguSuwa, loHarineferi, lamadodana kajediyeli ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zavo. loShuwal, loBheri, lo-Imra, **37** loBhezeri, loHodi, loShama, loShilisha, lo-Ithirani kanye loBhera. **38** Kwakulamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa ayekulwa Amadodana kajetha yila: ngujefune, loPhisiphempini azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesikhombisa, kanye lo-Ara. **39** Amadodana ka-Ula yila: ngu-lamakhulu amabili. **12** AmaShuphimu lamaHuphimu Ara, loHaniyeli kanye loRizya. **40** Bonke laba ayengawosendo luka-Iri, lamaHuphimu engawosendo babengabosendo luka-Asher kanye loBheriya. **13** Amadodana kaNafithali yila: nguJazyeli, ngendlu, amadoda akhethiweyo, amabutho alesibindi loGuni, loJezeri kanye loShalumi, abosendo lukaBhiliha. **14** Abosendo lukaManase yilaba: ngu-Asiriyeli njalo bengabakhkheli abalokuhlakanipha. Inani amzala lomfazi weceleni ongum'Aramu. Wazala lamadoda ayesefanele ukubuthwa aye empini, kusuya umfazi ozalwa ngamaHuphimu lamaShuphimu. umgoluhlu losendo lwakwabo, kwakuzinkulungwane uMakhiri uyise kaGilyadi. **15** UMakhiri wathatha ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha.

**8** UBhenjamini wayenguyise kaBhela izibulo lakhe, loAshibheli indodana yesibili, lo-Ahara eyesithathu, **2** loNoha eyesine loRafa indodana yesihlanu. **3** Amadodana kaBhela ayeyila: u-Adari, uGera, u-Abbihudi, **4** u-Abhishuwa, uNamani, u-Ahowa, **5** uGera, uSheufani kanye loHuramu. **6** Laba ngabosendo luka-Ehudi, ababezinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala eGebha abaxotshelwa eManahathi: **7** KunguNamani, lo-Ahija, kanye loGera owabaxotshayo njalo enguyise ka-Uza, lo-Ahitudi. **8** Kulamadodana azalwa nguShaharayimi eMowabi ngemva kokwehlukana labafazi bakhe oHushimi loBhara. **9** Emfazini wakhe uHodeshi wayelabantwana laba: uJobhabhi, loZibhiya, loMesha, loMalikhami, **10** loJewuzi, loSakhya kanye loMirima. Yiwo amadodana akhe, ayeyizinhloko zezindlu zavo. **11** KuHushimi wazala u-Abhithubi lo-Eliphali. **12** Amadodana ka-Eliphali ayeyila: u-Ebheri, uMishami, uShemedi (nguye owakha i-Ono leLodi lemizana eseduzane layo), **13** kanye loBheriya loShema, bona bezinhloko zezindlu zalabo ababehlala e-Ayijalonni abayibo njalo abaxotsha ababehlala eGathi. **14** U-Ahiyo,

uShashaki, uJeremothi, **15** uZebhadiya, u-Aradi, u-Ederi, Ibhineya indodana kaJerohamu; lo-Ela indodana ka-**16** uMikhayeli, u-Ishiphia kanye lojoha bengamadodana Uzi, indodana kaMikhiri; loMeshulami indodana kaBheriya. **17** UZebhadiya, uMeshulami, uHizikhi, kaShefathiya, indodana kaRuweli, indodana ka-lbhinjia. uHebheri, **18** u-Ishimerayi, u-Iziliya, loJobhabhi **9** Abantu bakoBhenjamini, ngoluhlu lokuzalana kungamadodana ka-Eliphali. **19** UJakhimi, uZikhiri, kwabo njengokulotshiweyo, babengamakhulu uZabhidi, **20** u-Eliyenayi, uZilethayi, u-Eliyeli, **21** u- ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu Adaya, uBheraya kanye loShimirathi kungamadodana lesithupha. Bonke laba kwakungamadoda ayizinhloko kaShimeyi. **22** U-Ishiphani, u-Ebheri, u-Eliyeli, **23** zezindlu zawo. **10** Abaphristi yilaba: nguJedaya; u-Abhidoni, uZikhiri uHanani, **24** uHananiya, u- loJehoyaribhi; kanye loJakhini; **11** lo-Azariya indodana Elamu, u-Anithothija, **25** u-Ifideya loPhenewu kaHilikhiya, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana bengamadodana kaHashashi. **26** UShamisherayi, kaZadokhi, indodana kaMerayothi, indodana ka-uShehariya, u-Athalinya, **27** uJareshiya, u-Elija, kanye loZikhiri kungamadodana kaJerohamu. **28** Bonke laba babezhinko zezindlu, izinduna kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala ejerusalem. **29** indodana kaJahizer, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana UJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyoni wayehlala eGibhiyon. Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, **30** njalo indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-Abhidoni, eselanya wa nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, **31** loGedor, lo-Ahiyo, loZekheri **32** kanye loMikhilothi, owayenguyise kaShimeya. Laba labo babehlala ejerusalem eduze lezihlobo zabo. **33** UNeri wayenguyise kaKhishi, uKhishi enguyise kaSawuli, uSawuli enguyise kajonathani, loMalikh-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali. **34** Indodana kajonathani: kwakunguMeri-Bhali yena: enguyise kaMikha. **35** Amadodana kaMikha ayeyila: uPhithoni, uMeleki, uThareya kanye lo-Ahazi. **36** U-Ahazi wayenguyise kajehoyada, uJehoyada enguyise kaAlemethi, lo-Azimavethi loZimri, njalo uZimri enguyise kaMoza. **37** UMoza wayenguyise kaBhineya, loRafa eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe kanye lo-Azeli indodana yakhe. **38** U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila: u-Azirikhmu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishumayeli, loSheyariya, lo-Obhadaya kanye loHanani. Wonke la ayengamadodana ka-Azeli. **39** Amadodana omfowabo u-Eshekhi ayeyila: u-Ulamu izibulo lakhe, uJewushi indodana yesibili kanye lo-Elifelethi eyesithathu. **40** Amadodana ka-Ulamu ayengamaqhawe alezibindi ayezintshantshu zemitshoko. Babelamadodana amanengi lamadodana amadodana abo, babelikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu sebendawonye. Bonke laba babeyinzalo kaBhenjamini.

**9** Bonke abako-Israyeli babelotshiwe eluhlwinilogwalo lokuzalana kwabo lwamakhosi aka-Israyeli. AbakoJuda bathunjwa basiwa eBhabhiloni ngenxa yokungathembeki kwabo. **2** Abokuqala ukwakha kutsha elizweni labo bahlala emizini yabo babengabantu bako-Israyeli, abaphristi, abaLevi lezinceku zethempelini. **3** AbakoJuda, abakoBhenjamini kanye labako-Efrayimi loManase ababehlala ejerusalem yilaba: **4** Ngu-Uthayi indodana ka-Amihudi, indodana ka-Omri, indodana ka-Imri, indodana kaBhani, owosendo lukaPherezi indodana kajuda. **5** KwabakoShilo ngu-Asaya izibulo lamadodana akhe. **6** KwabakoZera: nguJuweli. Abantu bakoJuda babengamakhulu ayisithupha alamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **7** KwabakoBhenjamini: nguSalu indodana kaMeshulami, indodana kaHodaviya, indodana kaHasenuwa; **8** lo-

ibhineya indodana kaJerohamu; lo-Ela indodana ka-**16** uMikhayeli, u-Ishiphia kanye lojoha bengamadodana Uzi, indodana kaMikhiri; loMeshulami indodana kaBheriya. **17** UZebhadiya, uMeshulami, uHizikhi, kaShefathiya, indodana kaRuweli, indodana ka-lbhinjia. uHebheri, **18** u-Ishimerayi, u-Iziliya, loJobhabhi **9** Abantu bakoBhenjamini, ngoluhlu lokuzalana kungamadodana ka-Eliphali. **19** UJakhimi, uZikhiri, kwabo njengokulotshiweyo, babengamakhulu uZabhidi, **20** u-Eliyenayi, uZilethayi, u-Eliyeli, **21** u- ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amahlanu Adaya, uBheraya kanye loShimirathi kungamadodana lesithupha. Bonke laba kwakungamadoda ayizinhloko kaShimeyi. **22** U-Ishiphani, u-Ebheri, u-Eliyeli, **23** zezindlu zawo. **10** Abaphristi yilaba: nguJedaya; u-Abhidoni, uZikhiri uHanani, **24** uHananiya, u- loJehoyaribhi; kanye loJakhini; **11** lo-Azariya indodana Elamu, u-Anithothija, **25** u-Ifideya loPhenewu kaHilikhiya, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana bengamadodana kaHashashi. **26** UShamisherayi, kaZadokhi, indodana kaMerayothi, indodana ka-uShehariya, u-Athalinya, **27** uJareshiya, u-Elija, kanye loZikhiri kungamadodana kaJerohamu. **28** Bonke laba babezhinko zezindlu, izinduna kusiya ngoluhlu losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala ejerusalem. **29** indodana kaJahizer, indodana kaMeshulami, indodana UJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyoni wayehlala eGibhiyon. Ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, **30** njalo indodana yakhe elizibulo kwakungu-Abhidoni, eselanya wa nguZuri, loKhishi, loBhali, loNeri, loNadabi, **31** loGedor, lo-Ahiyo, loZekheri **32** kanye loMikhilothi, owayenguyise kaShimeya. Laba labo babehlala ejerusalem eduze lezihlobo zabo. **33** UNeri wayenguyise kaKhishi, uKhishi enguyise kaSawuli, uSawuli enguyise kajonathani, loMalikh-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali. **34** Indodana kajonathani: kwakunguMeri-Bhali yena: enguyise kaMikha. **35** Amadodana kaMikha ayeyila: uPhithoni, uMeleki, uThareya kanye lo-Ahazi. **36** U-Ahazi wayenguyise kajehoyada, uJehoyada enguyise kaAlemethi, lo-Azimavethi loZimri, njalo uZimri enguyise kaMoza. **37** UMoza wayenguyise kaBhineya, loRafa eyindodana yakhe, lo-Eleyasa indodana yakhe kanye lo-Azeli indodana yakhe. **38** U-Azeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha, amabizo awo eyila: u-Azirikhmu, loBhokheru, lo-Ishumayeli, loSheyariya, lo-Obhadaya kanye loHanani. Wonke la ayengamadodana ka-Azeli. **39** Amadodana omfowabo u-Eshekhi ayeyila: u-Ulamu izibulo lakhe, uJewushi indodana yesibili kanye lo-Elifelethi eyesithathu. **40** Amadodana ka-Ulamu ayengamaqhawe alezibindi ayezintshantshu zemitshoko. Babelamadodana amanengi lamadodana amadodana abo, babelikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu sebendawonye. Bonke laba babeyinzalo kaBhenjamini.

kaMeshilemithi, indodana ka-Imeri. **13** Abaphristi ababezinhloko zezindlu zabo babeyinkulungwane eyodwa elamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha. Babengamadoda alolwazi, belomlandu wokuphatha umsebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu. **14** AbaLevi yilaba: nguShemaya indodana kaHashubhi, indodana ka-Azirikhmu, indodana kaHashabhiya, ongum'Merari; **15** loBhakhibhakhari, loHereshi, loGalali loMalikh-Shuwa, lo-Abhinadabi kanye lo-Eshi-Bhali. kanye loMathaniya indodana kaMikha, indodana kaZikhiri, indodana ka-Asafi; **16** lo-Obhadaya indodana kaShemaya, indodana kaGalali, indodana kaJeduthuni, kanye loBherekhiya indodana ka-Asa, indodana ka-Elikhana, owayehlala emizini yamaNethofa. **17** Abalindi bamasango yilaba: nguShalumi, lo-Akhubi, loThalimoni, lo-Ahimani labafowabo loShalumi induna yabo, **18** eyayilinda iSango leNkosi empumalanga, kuze kube lamuhla. Abalindi bamasango bakoLevi yilaba: **19** nguShalumi indodana kaKhore, indodana ka-Ebhiyasafi, indodana kaKhora, lababelinda amasango ndawonye bengabendlunye (amaKhora) beyibo ababefanele bananjele iminyango yeThempeli njengoba oyise babevele belinda iminyango yendlu kaThixo. **20** Ekadeni owayephethe abalindi bamasango kwakunguFinehasi indodana ka-Eliyazari njalo uThixo wayelaye. **21** UZakhariya indodana kaMeshelemya wayengumlindisango lokungena eThenteni lokuHlanganelia. **22** Sebebonke labo ababekhethiwe ukuba ngabalindimasango ezindaweni eziqakathekileyo babengamakhulu amabili aletshumi lambili. Babelotshiwe ngoluhlu lokuzalana kwabo emizini yabo. Abalindi bamasango babefakwe kulezizindawo zokwethembeka nguDavida loSamuyeli umboni. **23** Bona kanye lenzalo yabo babephethe ukugcinakala kwamasango endlu kaThixo indlu ethiwa iThente. **24** Abalindimasango laba babesenhlangothini zoxyne: empumalanga, entshonalanga, enyakatho laseningizimu. **25** Abafowabo ababehlezi labo emizini yabo babefanele babefelinda labo bezophisana okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ihlandla ngalinye. **26** Abalindimasango abakhulu, abangabaLevi, ngobune labo babefanele bagcine izindlu lenotho esendlini kaNkulunkulu. **27** Babelala belindile ubusuku bonke besendlini kaNkulunkulu, ngoba babefanele bayilinde; njalo yibo ababelezihluthulelo beyivila ngokusa

insuku zonke. **28** Abanye babo babegcina izitsha basebefile, batshiya imizi yabo babaleka. AmaFilistiya zenkonzo ezazisetshenziswa ethempelini; babezibala afika ahlala kuyo. **8** Ngelanga elalandelayo, amaFilistiya zingena babuye bazibale njalo seziphuma. **29** esefikile ukuba akhuthuze abafileyo, afica uSawuli Abanye njalo babegcine impahla yendlini lakho lamadodana akhe befile eNtabeni yase Gilibhowa. **9** konke okwakusendlini engcwele, kanye lokugcina Bamkhuthuza baze bamquma ikhanda lakhe balithatha ifulawa lewayini, lamafutha, impepeh leziyoliso. **30** kanye lezikali zakhe, basebethuma izithunywa Kodwa abanye abaphristi babesebenza ukuhlanganisa kulolonke ilizwe lamaFilistiya ukuthi zimemezele iziyoliso. **31** UmLevi obizwa ngokuthi nguMathithiya, lindaba ezithombeni zabo lebantwini bakibo. **10** indodana elizibulo likaShalumi umKhora, wayephiwe Abeka izikhali zakhe ethempelini labonkulunkulu babo umlandu wokubumba isinkwa somnikelo. **32** kwathi ikhanda lakhe balibeka ethempelini likaDagoni. Abanye abazalwane bamaKhhathhi babephethie **11** Abantu bonke baseJaheshi Giliyadi sebezwile umsebenzi ngamaSabatha wonke owokubumba isinkwa ngokwakwenziwe ngamaFilistiya kuSawuli, **12** wonke esokubekwa etafuleni. **33** Labo ababengabahlabelei, amaqhawe alezibindi ahamba ayathatha isidumbu bezinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi, babehlala ezindlini sikaSawuli lezamadodana akhe aya lazo ejabheshi. phakathi kwethempeli bengaphiwanga emirye Basebengcwaba amathambo abo ngaphansi kwesihlahla imisebenzi ngoba babephathkile kowabo emini lebusuku. **34** Bonke laba babezinhlоко zezindlu esikhulu ejabheshi, bazila insuku eziyisikhombisa. **13** zenzalo kaLevi, izinduna njengokulotshiweyo eluhlwini losendo lwabo, njalo babehlala ejerusalema. **35** uJeyiyeli uyise kaGibhiyon wayehlala eGibhiyon. USawuli wafa ngoba wayengathembekanga kuThixo; ibizo lomkakhe lalinguMahakha, **36** njalo indodana kaligcinanga ilizwi likaThixo wakhe waze wayadinga ukuqondisa yizangoma, **14** esikhundleni sokukhuleka ukhoso wabunika uDavida indodana kajese.

**10** **11** Bonke abako-Israyeli baya kuDavida eHebhroni bafika bathi: "Thina siyinyama yakho legazi lakho. **2** Esikhathini esedlulayo, lanxa uSawuli eseseyinkosi, wena nguwe owawukhkhela u-Israyeli emkhankasweni wezimpi. Njalo uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wathi kuwe, 'Wena uzakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo uzakuba ngumbusi wabo.'" **3** Kwathi abadala bonke bako-Israyeli sebefikile enkosini uDavida eHebhroni, wenza isivumelwano labo eHebhroni phambi kukaThixo, basebegcoba uDavida ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli, njengesithembiso sikaThixo asenza ngoSamuyeli. **4** UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli baya ejerusalema (kusitsho ijebusi). Amajebusi ayeahlala khona **5** athi kuDavida, "Kawuyikungena lapha." Kodwa lanxa kunjalo, uDavida wayithumba inqaba yaseZiyoni, uMuzi kaDavida. **6** UDavida wayethe, "Ozakhokhela ekuhlaseleni amajebusi uzakuba nguMlawuli omkhulu wempi." UJowabi indodana kaZeruya nguye owaqala ukuya khona, ngakho wazuza ubukhkheli. **7** UDavida wasehlala enqaben, yikho yathiwa ibizo lokuthi nguMuzi kaDavida. **8** Wakha idolobho inxa zonke kusukela emadundulwini kuze kuyefinyelela emidulini ehonqolozeleyo, ngalesosikhathi uJowabi esakha evuselela umuzi. **9** UDavida waqhubeja njalo esiba lamandla, ngoba uThixo uSomandla wayelaye. **10** Lezi zinduna zamaghawea kaDavida ezazimsekele ngokucinileyo embusweni kanye laye wonke u-Israyeli, ukuba abe yinkosi, njengokuthembisa kukaThixo. **11** Lolu yiluhlu lwalawo maghawea kaDavida: UJashobheyamu, umHakkimon, wayengumlwuli wezikhulu; waphakamisela amadoda angamakhulu amathathu umkhonto wakhe, ababalaylo ekuhlaseleni kunye. **12** Yena elandewa ngu-Eliyazari indodana kaDodo um'Ahoji omunye wamaqhawea amathathu. **13** WayeloDavida ePhasi Damimi, ekuhlomeni kwamaFilistiya elongiselela ukudibana empini. Endaweni ethile kwakulensimu

yebhali, amabutho abalekela amaFilistiya. indodana ka-Uri, **36** uHeferi indodana kaMekherathi, **14** Kodwa bona bema bajama phakathi kwensimu. u-Ahija umPheloni, **37** uHeziro umKhameli, uNarayi Bayivikela bawabulala amaFilistiya, uThixo wabapha ukunqoba okukhulu. **15** Izinduna ezintathu kwezingamatshumi amathathu zaya edwaleni kuDavida ebhalwini lwase-Adulami, ngalesosikhathi amanye zikajowabi indodana kaZeruya, **40** u-Ira um'Ithira, amaFilistiya ayebuthene eSigodini saseRefayi. **16** uGarebbi um'Ithiri, **41** u-Uriya umHithi, uZabhadi Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, iviyo indodana ka-Ahilayi, **42** lo-Adina indodana kaShiza lamabutho amaFilistiya laliseBhethilehema. **17** owakoRubheni, owayeyinduna yakoRubheni, kanye UDavida womela amanzi wasesithi, "Oh, sangathi labangamatshumi amathathu ababelaye, **43** loHanani kungaba lomuntu ongangikhela amanzi okunatha indodana kaMahakha, loJoshafati um'Mithini, **44** lo-emthonjeni oseduze lesango laseBhethilehema!" **18** Ngakho abathathu laba badabula phakathi kweviyo lamaFilistiya bayakukha amanzi eduzane lesango laseBhethilehema bayawanika uDavida. Kodwa wala ukuwanatha, wakhetha ukuwathululela phambi kukaThixo. **19** Wasesithi, "UNKulunkulu kangangivumeli ukukwenza lokhu! Kufanele yini ukuthi nginginthe igazi lalabantu abanikele impilo yabo engozini bewaletha?" Ngoba babeka impilo zabo engozini bewaletha, uDavida kawanathanga. Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zalawomabutho womathathu. **20** U-Abhishayi umfowabu kajowabi wayeyinduna yabaThathu labo. Waphakamisela umkhonto wakhe phezu kwabangamakhulu amathathu, ababulayo, ngakho waba lodumo njengabaThathu. **21** Waba lodumo oluphindwe kabili phezu kwalaba abaThathu waze waba ngumlwani wabo, loba engazange abe phakathi kwabo. **22** UBhenya indodana kajehoyada wayeliqhawe elilesibindi laseKhabhizeli, elena izenzo zobuqhawe obukhulu. Wabulala amaqhawe amaMowabi amabili ayezintshantshu ekulweni. Wake wangena emgodini wabulala isilwane mhla kulongqwaqwane. **23** Wabulala umGibhithe owayemude okwezingalo eyisikhombisa njalo eqatha. Lanxa umGibhithe wayephethu umkhonto esandleni kwakungani uphethe umkhonto onjengogodo lomaluki, uBhenayiya waqondana laye ngenduku. Wahluthuna umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe wambulala ngawo umkhonto wakhe. **24** Lezi zaziyizenzo zobuqhawe zikaBhenaya indodana kajehoyada, laye futhi wayedume njengamaqhawe amathathu. **25** Wayehlonitshwa kakhulu ukwedlula bonke abangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa wayengabalwa kanye labaThathu. UDavida wambeka ukuba abe ngumphathi wabalindi bakhe. **26** Amaqhawe ayelamandla ayeyila: u-Asaheli umfowabu kajowabi, u-Elihanani indodana kaDodo waseBhethilehema, **27** uShamothi umHarori, uHelezi umPheloni, **28** u-Ira indodana ka-ikhesi waseThekhowa, u-Abhiyezeri wase-Anathothi, **29** uSibhekayi umHushathi, u-Ilayi um'Ahohi, **30** uMaharayi umNethofathi, uHeledi indodana kaBhana umNethofa, **31** u-Ithayi indodana kaRibhayi owaseGibhiya koBhenjamini, uBhenaya umPhirathonii, **32** uHurayi wasezindongeni zaseGashi, u-Abhiyeli um'Aribhathi, **33** u-Azimavethi umBhaharumi, u-Eliyaba umShalibhorni, **34** amadodana kaHashemi umGizoni, uJonathanii indodana kaShageye umHarari, **35** u-Ahiyamu indodana kaSakhari umHarari, u-Elifali indodana ka-Uri, **36** uHeferi indodana kaMekherathi, **14** Kodwa bona bema bajama phakathi kwensimu. u-Ahija umPheloni, **37** uHeziro umKhameli, uNarayi Bayivikela bawabulala amaFilistiya, uThixo wabapha ukunqoba okukhulu. **15** Izinduna ezintathu kwezingamatshumi amathathu zaya edwaleni kuDavida ebhalwini lwase-Adulami, ngalesosikhathi amanye zikajowabi indodana kaZeruya, **40** u-Ira um'Ithira, amaFilistiya ayebuthene eSigodini saseRefayi. **16** uGarebbi um'Ithiri, **41** u-Uriya umHithi, uZabhadi Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wayesenqabeni, iviyo indodana ka-Ahilayi, **42** lo-Adina indodana kaShiza lamabutho amaFilistiya laliseBhethilehema. **17** owakoRubheni, owayeyinduna yakoRubheni, kanye UDavida womela amanzi wasesithi, "Oh, sangathi labangamatshumi amathathu ababelaye, **43** loHanani kungaba lomuntu ongangikhela amanzi okunatha indodana kaMahakha, loJoshafati um'Mithini, **44** lo-emthonjeni oseduze lesango laseBhethilehema!" **18** Ngakho abathathu laba badabula phakathi kweviyo lamaFilistiya bayakukha amanzi eduzane lesango laseBhethilehema bayawanika uDavida. Uziya um'Ashtitherathi, loShama loJeyiyeli amadodana kaHothamu um'Arwieri, **45** loJediyeli indodana kaShimiri, umfowabu ujoha umThizi, **46** lo-Eliyeli um'Mahavi, loJeribhayi loJoshihaviya amadodana kaElinamu, lo-Ithima waseMowabi, **47** lo-Eliyeli, lo-Obhedi kanye loJasiyeli waseMezobha.

**12** La ngamabutho ayeloDavida eZikhilagi, ngesikhathi engavunyelwa ukubonakala kuSawuli indodana kaKhishi (kwakungamaqhawe ayemhlomulele empini; **2** ayehlome ngemitshoko, ezingcitshi ekutshokeni lokutshaya ngezavutha loba ejikijela ngesokudla loba ngesenxele; ayeyizihlobo zikaSawuli engawesizwe sikaBhenjamini); **3** U-Ahiyezeri induna yayo loJowashi amadodana kaShemaha owaseGibhiya; loJeziyeli loPhelethi amadodana ka-Azimavethi; loBherakha, loJehu um'Anathothi, **4** kanye lo-Ishimaya umGibhiyon, indoda eyayilamandla amakhulu kwabangamatshumi amathathu, engumkhokheli wabangamatshumi amathathu, loJeremiya, loJahaziyeli, loJohanani, loJozabhadi umGederathi, **5** lo-Eluzayi, loJerimothi, loBheliya, loShemariya kanye loShefathiya umHarufi, **6** lo-Elikhana, lo-Ishiya, lo-Azareli, loJowezeri loJashobheyamu amaKhora; **7** kanye loJowela loZebhadiya amadodana kajerohamu waseGedorji. **8** Abanye abakoGadi babalekela kuDavida enqabeni yakhe enkangala. Babengabutho alezibindi, belungele ukulwa njalo bekwazi ukuphatha ihawu lomkhonto. Ubuso babo babungobezilwane, njalo belesiqubu njengamagogo ezintabeni. **9** U-Ezeri wayeyinduna, u-Obhadaya engumsekeli womlawuli, u-Eliyabi engowesithathu, **10** uMishimana engowesine, uJeremiya engowesihlanu, **11** u-Athayi engowesithupha, u-Eliyeli engowesikhombisa, **12** uJohanani engowesificaminwembili, u-Elizabethi engowesificamunwemunye, **13** uJeremiya engumsekeli wetshumi kanye loMakhhabanayi owayengowetshumi lanye. **14** Amadoda akoGadi ayengabalawuli bamabutho, kuthi omncinyane wabo wayengamelana labalikhulu kodwa omkhulu wabo engamelana labayinkulungwane. **15** Wiyo la amadoda achapha uJodani ngenyanya yakuqala umfula ugcewele uphuphuma emakhunjini awo wonke, yibo njalo abaxotsha bonke ababehlala ezihotsheni, empumalanga kanye lasentshonalanga. **16** Amanye amadoda akoBhenjamini lamanye ayevela koJuda lawo alandelu uDavida khonale enqabeni yakhe. **17** UDavida waphuma ukuba ayewahlangabeza wathi kuwo: "Nxa lingilandela ngokuthula, lizongiphathisa njengabangane, ngizimisele ukuhlanganyela kanye

lani. Kodwa nxa lidinga ukunginikela ezitheni zami, ayephethe amahawu lemikhonto ayezinkulungwane mina ngimsulwa, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho kakubone ezingamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; **35** lokho, alijezise.” **18** Ngakho uMoya wasesehlela ku Amasayi, umlawuli wabangamatshumi amaThathu, empini, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili wathi: “Singabkho thina, wena Davida! Sikanye lesificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha; **36** lawe wena ndodana kajese! Impumelelo, impumelelo amadoda ayvela ko-Asher, amabutho ayevele kuwe, njalo impumelelo kulabo abaphathisana lawel ekwejayele ukulwa empini njalo ezimisele ukulwa, Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho uzakusiza.” Ngakho ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane; **37** njalo uDavida wabamukela wabenza abakhkheli bamaviyo ngempumalanga yeJodani, amadoda akoRubheni, amabutho ayeblasela. **19** Amanye amadoda akoManase koGadi lakungxene yesizwana sikaManase, ayejhume abalekela kuDavida ekuhambeni kwakhe lamaFilistiya, ngemihlobohlobo yezikhali, ayezinkulungwane esiyahlasela uSawuli. (Yena kanye lamabutho akhe kasazange ancedise amaFilistiya, ngoba ngemva kokubuzisisana, ababusi bawo bathi kaxotshwe. Bathi bona: “Uyingozi kithi, ngoba angasiphendukela abayule enkosini yakhe uSawuli.”) **20** UDavida wathi esiya eZikhilagi, nanka amadoda abaleka koManase amlandela: ngu-Adina, loJozabhadi, loJediyeli, loMikhayeli, loJozabhadi, lo-Elihu kanye loZilethayi ababengabalawuli benkulungwane koManase. **21** Bancedisa uDavida ekulweni lamaviyo abahlaseli, kude khonale ku-Isakhari, loZebhuluni lakuNafithali ngoba bonke babengamabutho alezibindi, njalo beza bethwele ukudla ngabobabbhemi, amakamela, basebengabalawuli phakathi kwamabutho akhe. **22** imbongolo langenkabi. Kwakulefulawa enengi, Insuku zonke, ukusa kwamalanga, kwakutheleka abantu bezoncedisa uDavida, waze waba lebutho elikhulu, njengebutho likaNkulunkulu. **23** Nanka amanani amadoda ayejhumele impi eza kuDavida eHebhroni ezomnedisa ukuthatha umbuso kaSawuli, njengokutsho kukaThixo: **24** amadoda ayvela koJuda ehlome ngamahawu lemikhonto ayezinkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili ehlomele ukulwa impi; **25** abakaSimiyoni, amabutho ayejhumele ukuhlasela babezinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lekhulu, **26** amadoda akoLevi ayezinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha, **27** kubalwa loJehoyada, umkhokheli wabendlu ka-Aroni babezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisikhombisa zamaddoda **28** kanye loZadokhi, ibutho elaliseselijaha lilesibindi, lilezikhulu zendlu yakwabo ezingamatshumi amabili lambili; **29** amadoda akoBhenjamini, labakibo kaSawuli babezinkulungwane ezintathu, ababesele bethembekile kuSawuli kuze kufike lesisikhathi yibo ababebanengi kulelonani; **30** amadoda ako-Efrayimi, amadoda ayelezibindi, edumile ezizwanenii zavo, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili, **31** amadoda ayvela kungxene yesizwana sikaManase, ekhethwe ngamabizo awo ukuba azobeka uDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi, ayezinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili; **32** amadoda ayvela ko-Isakhari, ayezwisisa umumo walesosikhathi njalo esazi ukuthi u-Israyeli kumele enzeni. Kwakuzinduna ezingamatshumi amabili kanye lezhilobo zazo ezazingaphansi kwazo; **33** amadoda ayvela koZebhuluni, amabutho ayezingwazi empini, ngezikhali zemihlubo etshiyeneyo, eza ukuzandesa uDavida ngokuzinikela okungalakuthandabuza, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlani; **34** amadoda ayvela koNafithali kwakuyizikhulu eziyinkulungwane eyodwa, kanye lamadoda amadoda ayvela koDani, ezimisele ukulwa, empini, ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili wathi: “Singabkho thina, wena Davida! Sikanye lesificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha; **36** lawe wena ndodana kajese! Impumelelo, impumelelo amadoda ayvela ko-Asher, amabutho ayevele kuwe, njalo impumelelo kulabo abaphathisana lawel ekwejayele ukulwa empini njalo ezimisele ukulwa, Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakho uzakusiza.” Ngakho ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane; **37** njalo uDavida wabamukela wabenza abakhkheli bamaviyo ngempumalanga yeJodani, amadoda akoRubheni, amabutho ayeblasela. **19** Amanye amadoda akoManase koGadi lakungxene yesizwana sikaManase, ayejhume abalekela kuDavida ekuhambeni kwakhe lamaFilistiya, ngemihlobohlobo yezikhali, ayezinkulungwane esiyahlasela uSawuli. (Yena kanye lamabutho akhe kasazange ancedise amaFilistiya, ngoba ngemva kokubuzisisana, ababusi bawo bathi kaxotshwe. Bathi bona: “Uyingozi kithi, ngoba angasiphendukela abayule enkosini yakhe uSawuli.”) **20** UDavida esihlalweni sobukhosii abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli. Abanye bonke abako-Israyeli babengqondonye befisa ukwethesa uDavida ubukhosii. **39** Wonke lamadoda athatha insuku ezintathu eloDavida, esidla njalo enatha, njengoba izimuli zavo zaziwalungisele abeke uDavida esihlalweni sobukhosii abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli.

**13** UDavida wacebisana lezikhulu zakhe zonke, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu. **2** Wasesithi kuwo wonke umbuthano wako-Israyeli: “Nxa likubona kulungile njalo nxa kuyintando kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, asthumeleni ilizwi eduze lkhathshana kubo bonke abafowethu kuwo wonke amazwe ako-Israyeli, kanye lakubaphristi labaLevi abalabo khonale emadolobheni abo lasemadelwени abo, sibanxusa ukuthi beze bazohlanganyela kanye lathi. **3** Asibuyiseni ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wethu kithi, ngoba asizangze sibuze kulo ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaSawuli.” **4** Bonke ababebuthene bavumelana ukukwenza lokho, ngoba bonke abantu bakubona kufanele ukukwenza lokho. **5** Ngakho uDavida wahlanganisa ama-Israyeli wonke, kusukela eMfuleni uShihori eGibhithe kusiya eLebho Hamathi, ukuyathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi. **6** UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababelaye baya eBhala yakoJuda (iKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi) ukuthi baye khonale bayebuya lebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu, osesihlalweni sobukhosii ephahlwe ngamaKherubhi, ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo elibizwa ngaleloBizo. **7** Balisusu ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu endlini ka-Abhinadabi ngenqola entsha, eyayiqondiswa ngu-Uza lo-Ahiyo. **8** UDavida labo bonke abako-Israyeli babejabula bezithokozisa ngamandla abo wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngezingoma betshaya lamachacho, lezingungu, lezigubhu, lamacilongo. **9** Bathi befiha esizeni sokubhulela eKhidoni, u-Uza welula isandla sakhe ezama ukuzinzisa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, ngoba inkabi zazikhubekile. **10** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Uza, wamtshaya wafa

ngoba wayebeke isandla sakhe phezu kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, walimisela ithente lesivumelwano sikaThixo. Ngakho wahle wafa kuleyondawo. **2** UDavida wasesithi: "Kakho ozathwala khonapho phambi kukaThixo. **11** Ngakho uDavida wathukuthela ngoba ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha ku-Uza, njalo kuze kube lalamuhla indawo leyo ibizwa ngokuthi yiPherezi Uza. **12** UDavida wamesaba uNkulunkulu ngalolosuku waze wabuza wathi: "Pho ngingaliletha njani kimi ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu?" **13** Kasazange alithathe ibhokisi lesivumelwano ukuze libe kuye eMzini kaDavida Kodwa-ke walisa eceleni endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi umGithi. **14** Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lahlala kwabendlu ka-Obhedi-Edomi endlini yakhe okwezinyanga ezintathu, yikho uThixo wabusisa indlu yakhe lakho konke okwakungokwakhe.

**14** Ngalesosikhathi uHiram inkosi yaseThire wathumela izithunyuwa kuDavida, ndawonye lezigodo zomsedari, ababazi batatshe kanye lababazi ukuthi bayemakhela isigodlo. **2** UDavida wahle wakwazi ukuthi uThixo usembekile ukuba abe yinkosi ka-Israyeli lokuthi umbuso wakhe uphakanyisiwe kakhulu ngenxa yabantu bakhe bako-Israyeli. **3** Ejerusalem uDavida wathatha abanye abafazi wazala amanye amadodana lamadodakazi. **4** Nanka amabizo abantwana abazalelwu khona: uShamuwa, uShobabi, uNathanii, uSolomoni, **5** u-Ibhari, u-Elishuwa, u-Eliphelethi, **6** uNoga, uNefegi, uJafiya, **7** u-Elishama, uBheyeliyada kanye lo-Elifelethi. **8** AmaFilistiya athi esizwa ukuthi uDavida usegcotshwe ukuba yinkosi yalo lonke elako-Israyeli, aphuma wonke ehlome ephellele esiyamzingela, kodwa uDavida wakuzwa lokho wahle waphuma yena ukuyawahlangabeza. **9** AmaFilistiya ayesefikile njalo ukuyahlasela eSigodini saseRefayi; **10** ngakho uDavida wabuza uNkulunkulu wathi: "Ngihambe ngiyewahlasela amaFilistiya na? Uzawanikelu kimi na?" UThixo wampendula wathi, "Hamba, ngizawanikelu kuwe." **11** Ngakho uDavida lamabutho akhe aya eBhali Pherazimi lapho awhelulu khona. Wathi: "Njengamanzi efohla, uNkulunkulu ufohlele ezitheni zami ngesandla sami." Ngakho leyondawo yasibizwa ngokuthi yiBhali Pherazimi. **12** AmaFilistiya ayebareke atshiya onkulunkulu bawo khonale, uDavida wathi kabatshiswe ngomlilo. **13** AmaFilistiya aphinda njalo ukuhlasela isigodi, **14** ngakho uDavida wabuza uNkulunkulu njalo, uNkulunkulu wampendula wathi, "Ungasuki uqonde phambili kodwa bazingeleze ubusubahlasela uvelela ezhilahleni zebhalisamu. **15** Kuzakuthi lapho usizwa izisinde zabahambayo ezhilahleni zebhalisamu, uphume uhlasele, ngoba lokho kuzabe kusitsku ukuthi uNkulunkulu usehambe phambi kwakho ukuyanqoba amabutho amaFilistiya." **16** Ngakho uDavida wenza njengokulawywa kwakhe nguNkulunkulu, njalo bwacakazelha phansi amaFilistiya umango wonke kusukela eGibhiyon kusiya eGezeri. **17** Yikho udumo lukaDavida lwanda lwafinylela kuwo wonke amazwe, uThixo wenza izizwe zonke zimesabe.

**15** Ngemva kokuba uDavida esakhile ezakhe izindlu eMzini kaDavida, wakha indawo yebhokisi

lo-Elikhana babengabalindi bamasango ebhokisi zakhe zigcwele wonke umhlaba. **15** Uyakhumbula lesivumelwano, **24** loShebhaniya, loJoshafathi isivumelwano sakhe nini lanini, ilizwi lomlayo wakhe, loNethaneli, lo-Amasayi, loZakhariya, loBhenaya kanye okwezizukulwane ezizinkulungwane, **16** isivumelwano lo-Eliyezari bengabaphristi bokuvuthela icilongo asenza lo-Abhraham, isifungo asenza lo-Isaka, **17** phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. wasiqinisa kujakhobe saba yisimiso, laku-Israyeli saba U-Obhedi-Edomi loJehiya labo babengabalindi yisivumelwano esingapheliyo, **18** wathi "Ngizalinika beminyango yebhokisi lesivumelwano. **25** Ngakho ilizwe laseKhenani njengesabelo selifa lenu." **19** uDavida labadala bako-Israyeli labalawuli bamaxuku Kwathi lisesebalutshwana, bebalutshwana kakhulu, enkulungwane bahamba ukuyathatha ibhokisi beyizihambi kulo, **20** bezula kuzizwe ngezizwe besuka lesivumelwano sikaThixo endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi, komunye umbuso besiya komunye. **21** Kavumelanga bahamba ngokujabula. **26** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayebasizile abakoLevi ababethwele ibhokisi ngenxa yabo, **22** "Lingabahinti abagcotshiweyo bami; lesivumelwano sikaThixo, benza umhlatsheho lingahlukuluzi abaphrofethi bami." **23** Hlabelani wenkunzi ezyiyisikhombisa lenqama ezyiyisikhombisa. kuThixo lina, mhlaba wonke, limemezele insindiso **27** UDavida labo bonke abaLevi ababethwele ibhokisi yakhe insuku ngezinuku. **24** Fakazani ngobukhosи lesivumelwano sikaThixo labahlabelelo loKhenaniya bakhe eziweni zonke, lemisebenzi yakhe emangalisayo umkhokheli wabahlabelelo babegqoke izigqoko phakathi kwabantu bonke. **25** Ngoba umkhulu uThixo, zelembu lelineni elihle, uDavida wayegqoke lesigqoko ufanele ukudunyiswa ngokuphindiweyo; kumele semahlombe selineni elihle. **28** Ngakho abako-Israyeli kuphambi Kwakhe Amandla lentokozo kusendaweni ngobunengi babo baletba ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo ngomdumo omkhulu, bevuthela impondo zenzama betshaya lamacilongo, lezigubhu lamachacho lemihibhe. **29** Ekungeneni kwebhokisi lesivumelwano lemihibhe. **29** Ekungeneni kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo eMzini kaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wayebukele elunguze ngefasitela. Wathi ebona inkosi uDavida izithokozisa igida, wayeyisa ngenhliziyo yakhe.

**16** Balithwala ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu bayalingenisa ethenteni uDavida ayelilungisele lona, banikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leyobudelwano phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **2** UDavida eseqedile ukunikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa langeyobudelwano, wabusisa abantu ngebizo likaThixo. **3** Wababela bonke abako-Israyeli, abesilisa labesifazane, yilovo larovo isinkwa, lekhekhe lezithelo kanye lekhekhe lamavini awonyisiweyo. **4** Wakhetha abanye abaLevi ukukhonza phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo bedumisa uThixo, bebonga uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: **5** Induna kwakungu-Asafi, uZakhariya engumsekeli, kulandela uJeyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loMathithiya, loEliyabi, loBhenaya, lo-Obhedi-Edomi kanye loJeyiyeli. Babezatshaya amachacho lemihibhe, u-Asafi etshaya izigubhu, **6** abaphristi uBhenaya loJahazyeli bengabokuvuthela amacilongo phambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **7** Ngalolosuku uDavida wamisa ukuba u-Asafi labanye bakhe bahlabelele lelihubo bebonga uThixo: **8** Bongani uThixo, memezani ibizo lakhe, lizazise phakathi kwabantu izendo zakhe. **9** Hlabeledani kuye, hlabeledani indumiso kuye; likhulume ngezenzo zakhe zonke ezmangalisayo. **10** Jabulani ebizweni lakhe elingcwele; kazithokoze inhliziyo zabo abamdingayo uThixo. **11** Dingani uThixo lamandla akhe, limdinge yena njalonjalo. **12** Khumbulani izendo zakhe ezmangalisayo azenzayo, izimangaliso azenzayo, lezahluulelo azikhulumayo, **13** lina zizukulwane zika-Israyeli inceku yakhe, lina madodana kajakhobe, abakhethiweyo bakhe. **14** Yena unguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu; izahlulelo

zakhe zigcwele wonke umhlaba. **15** Uyakhumbula Kwathi lisesebalutshwana, bebalutshwana kakhulu, enkulungwane bahamba ukuyathatha ibhokisi beyizihambi kulo, **20** bezula kuzizwe ngezizwe besuka lesivumelwano sikaThixo endlini ka-Obhedi-Edomi, komunye umbuso besiya komunye. **21** Kavumelanga loba ngubani ukubancindezel; wawakuza amakhosi ngokujabula. **26** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayebasizile abakoLevi ababethwele ibhokisi ngenxa yabo, **22** "Lingabahinti abagcotshiweyo bami; lesivumelwano sikaThixo, benza umhlatsheho lingahlukuluzi abaphrofethi bami." **23** Hlabelani kuThixo lina, mhlaba wonke, limemezele insindiso yakhe insuku ngezinuku. **24** Fakazani ngobukhosи bakhe eziweni zonke, lemisebenzi yakhe emangalisayo phakathi kwabantu bonke. **25** Ngoba umkhulu uThixo, ufanele ukudunyiswa ngokuphindiweyo; kumele esatshwe ngapezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **26** Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe; kodwa uThixo wadala amazulu. **27** Inkazimulo lobukhosи kuphambi Kwakhe Amandla lentokozo kusendaweni kuphambi Kwakhe Amandla lentokozo kusendaweni yakhe yokuhlala. **28** Mnikeni uThixo, lina zizukulwane zezizwe. Mnikeni uThixo ubukhosи lamandla. **29** Mnikeni uThixo udumo olufanele ibizo lakhe. Lethani umnikelo libuye phambi kwakhe. Mkhonzeni uThixo enkazimulwene yobungcwele bakhe; **30** thuthumelani phambi kwakhe mhlaba wonke! Umhlaba ugxitile, ngege ugudluzwe. **31** Amazulu kawathokoze, lomhlaba ujabule, kabathi phakathi kwabeszizwe, "UThixo uyabusa." **32** Ulwandle kaluhlokome lakho konke okukulo, amasimu kawathakazele lakho konke okukulo. **33** Lapho-ke izihlahla zonke zeganga zizahlabela ngentokozo phambi kukaThixo, ngoba uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba. **34** Bongani uThixo ngoba ulngile. Uthando lwakhe olungapheliyo lumi kokuphela. **35** Celani lithi: "Sisindise, Oh Nkulunkulu Mkhululi wethu, usiqoqe usikhulule phakathi kwezizwe, ukuze silibonge ibizo lakho elingcwele, sijabule ekukudumiseni." **36** Kabongwe uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kusukela endulo kuge kuge nininini. Bonke abantu bathi: "Ameni. Kabongwe uThixo!" **37** UDavida wasetshiya o-Asafi labakhula bakhe ukuba bagcine ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, bakhonze njalo benze konke okufanele kwenzizwe lapho ngezinuku zonke. **38** Abanye abatshiya lapho ukuze bakhonze labo ngo-Obhedi-Edomi labakhula bakhe, ababengamatshumi ayisithupha lasificaminwembili. U-Obhedi-Edomi indodana kajeduthuni, kanye loHosa babengabalindi bamasango. **39** UDavida watshiya uZadokhi umphristi kanye labanye abaphristi phambi kwethabanikeli likaThixo endaweni ephakemeyo yokukhonzela eGibhiyon. **40** ukunikela kuThixo iminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni ngezikhathi zonke, ekuseni lantambama, njengokulotshiweyo eMthethwensi kaThixo, awupha abako-Israyeli. **41** Abanye abasala labo babengohemani loJeduthuni labanye bonke balabo ababekhethiwe beganjwa ngamabizo ukuba badumise uThixo, "ngoba

uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini.” **42** Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, kungathi ngingomunye UHemani lojeduthuni babengabokuvuthela amacilongo lokutshaya izigubhu lamanye amachacho ezingoma ezingcwele. Amadodana kajeduthuni ayehlala esangweni. **43** Abanye bonke basuka, ngulowo lalowo waqonda emzini wakhe, uDavidia wabuyela emzini wakhe ukuyabusisa abendlu yakhe.

**17** UDavida esehlezi esigidlweni sakhe wasesithi kuNathani umphrofethi, “Uyabona, mina nighlezi esigidlweni esakhwiha ngomsedari, kodwa ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lingaphansi kwethente.” **2** UNathani wathi kuDavidia, “Korke okusengqondweni yakho, kwenze, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe.” **3** Ngalobobusuku ilizwi likaNkulunkulu leza kuNathani, lisithi: **4** “Hamba uyetshela inceku yami uDavidia uthi, ‘Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: Ayisuwe ozangakhela indlu yokuhlala kuyo. **5** Angikahlali endlini kusukela mhla ngakhulula abako-Israyeli eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla. Sengibhode ngisuka kulelithente ngaya kuleliyana, ngisuka endaweni ethile yokuhlala ngisiya kweyinye. **6** Konke lapho engihambe khona labako-Israyeli, kambe kukhona lapho engike ngathhi kubakhokheli babo engabalaya ukuthi beluse abantu bami, ‘Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu yemisedari na?’” **7** Ngakho tshela inceku yami uDavidia ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla: Ngakuthatha emadlelweni ekweluseni izimvu, ukuze ube ngumbusi wabantu bami abako-Israyeli. **8** Ngibe ngilawe lapho obuhamba khona, ngizinqobile zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Ngakoho ibizo lakho ngizalenza libe lodumo olufana lamabizo amadoda adume kakhulu emhlabeni. **9** Njalo ngizalungisela abantu bami bako-Israyeli indawo engeyabo ngibafake khona labo babe lekhaya labo lapho abangayikuuhluthsha khona. Abantu abagangileyo abasayikubancindezelu futhi, njengalokhu abakwenza kuqala **10** lalokhu asebephikelele ukukwenza kusukela esikhathini engamisa ngaso abakhokheli ebantwini bami u-Israyeli. Ngizazinqoba zonke izitha zakho. Ngiyaqinisa kuwe ukuthi uThixo uzakwakhela indlu: **11** Kuzakuthi nxax insuku zakho seziphelile ususya kubokhokho bakho, ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ithathe isikhundla sakho, omunye wamadodana akho, njalo ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe. **12** Lovo nguye ozangakhela indlu yami, ngakho ngizamisa isihlalo sombuso wakhe kuze kube nininini. **13** Ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami. Angiyikususa uthando lwami kuye, njengalokhu engakwenza kulowo owakwanduleloyo. **14** Ngizambeka yena endlini yami lasembusweni wami kuze kube nininini, lombuso wakhe uzakuma kokuphela.” **15** UNathani wabikela uDavidia amazwi wonke esambulelo. **16** Ngakho inkosi uDavidia wangena wahlala phambi kukaThixo, wasesithi, “Ngingubani mina, awu Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, bayini abendlu yami, lokho okwenzewaze wangibeka kulesi isimo? **17** Kanti njalonje lakho kubuye kukhanye kungathi kakwenelanga emehlwensi akho, Oh Nkulunkulu, usukhulume ngelizayo ngendlu yenceku yakho. Ungiphethe Nkulunkulu wami, awu

wabaphakemeyo kakhulu. **18** Kambe kuyini okunye uDavidia angakutsho kuwe ngokuhlonipha okwenze encekwini yakho? Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho, **19** Oh Thixo. Ngenxa yenceku yakho, njalo langentando yakho, uyenzile into le enkulu, waziveza obala lezizithembiso ezinkulu kangaka. **20** Kakho ofanana lawe, Oh Thixo, njalo kakho omunye uNkulunkulu kodwa ngewe kuphela, njengoba sesizwile ngezethu indlebe. **21** Njalo ngubani ongafanana labantu bakho bako-Israyeli esiyiso sodwa isizwe emhlabeni esilonNkulunkulu owayazikhululela abantu, lokuzenzela ibizo, lokwenna imimangaliso enzima ngokuxotsha izizwe phambi kwabantu bakho, owabakhulula eGibhithe? **22** Wabenza abantu bakho u-Israyeli baba ngabantu bakho kuze kube nini lanini, njalo wena, Thixo, usunguNkulunkulu wabo. **23** Lakhathesi, Thixo akuthi lesosithembiso owasenza encekwini yakho labendlu yayo sigcwaleseke kuze kube nininini. Yenza njengokuthembisa kwakho, **24** kuze kubonakale ukuthi ibizo lakho lizaphakanyiswa kuze kube nininini. Ngakho abantu bazakuthi, ‘UTHixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngoka-Israyeli uNkulunkulu!’ Kuthi indlu yenceku yakho imiswe phambi kwakho. **25** Wena Nkulunkulu wami ukuveze obala encekwini yakho ukuthi uzayakhela indlu. Ngakoho inceku yakho isithole isibindi sokukhuleka kuwe. **26** Oh Thixo, unguNkulunkulu wena! Usuthembe lezizinto ezinhle encekwini yakho. **27** Ngakho kukuthokozisile ukubusisa indlu yenceku yakho, ukuthi ibe khona phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini ebusweni bakho; ngoba wena, Oh Thixo, uyibusile, njalo izabusiswa nini lanini.”

**18** Ngokuqhube kaesikhathi uDavidia wahlasela amaFilistiya wawanqoba, wathumba iGathi lemizana eseduzane layo eyayiphethwe ngamaFilistiya. **2** UDavida wanqoba njalo amaMowabi aba ngaphansi kwakhe athela kuye. **3** Kanti njalo, uDavidia walwa loHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, kwaze kwafika eHamathi, esiyamisa umbuso wakhe emangweni olandela uMfula iYufrathe. **4** UDavida wathumba izingola zakhe zokulwa eziyinkulungwane, abatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba phansi azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. Wawaquma imisila wonke amabhiza ezingola zokulwa kwasala alikhulu kuphela. **5** Kwathi amaAramu aseDamaseko ezoncedisa uHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, uDavidia wawatshaya wawabhuqa amaAramu kwafa azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lambili. **6** Wenza izinqbaba e-Aramu embusweni waseDamaseko, ama-Aramu aba ngaphansi kombuso wakhe athela kuye. UThixo wanapi uDavidia ukunqoba kuzozonke izindawo ayezihlasela. **7** UDavida wathatha amahawu egolide ayepethwe yizikhulu zikaHadadezeri wawathwalela ejerusalem. **8** Kusukela eThebha laseKhuni, imizi eyayingekaHadadezeri, uDavidia wathatha khona ithusi elinengi kakhulu, lelo uSolomoni enza ngalo uLwandle lwethusi, izinsika lezinye impahla ezabunjwa ngethusi. **9** Kuthe lapho Towu inkosi yaseHamathi isizwe ukuthi

uDavida usenqobe lonke ibutho likaHadadezeri inkosi yaseZobha, **10** wathumela indodana yakhe uHadoramu enkosini uDavida ukuthi iyembingeela emenzela amhlophe ngokunqoba uHadadezeri owayekade esilwa impi loTowu. UHadoramu wayethwele imihlobohlobo yezimpahla zegolide lesiliva kanye lezethusi. **11** Inkosi uDavida yazahlukanisela kuThixo, lezo zinto njengaloko eyayikwenze impahla zegolide lesiliva ezazithunjwe kulezozizive zama-Edomi lamaMowabi, lama-Amoni, lamaFilistiya lama-Amaleki. **12** U-Abhishayi indodana kaZeruya watshaya wabhuqa ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificamiwembili eSigodini seTswayi. **13** Wabeka inkamba zamabutho okulinda e-Edomi, bonke abase-Edomi babangaphansi kombuso kaDavida. UThixo wapha uDavida ukunkqoba kuzozonke izindawo ayesiya kuzo. **14** UDavida wabusu kulolonke elako-Israyeli, esenza okuqdileyo lokulungele abantu bakhe bonke. **15** UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wayephethe amabutho; uejhoshafathi indodana ka-Ahiludi engumlobi, **16** uZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari babengabaphristi; uShavisha wayengumabhalane; **17** uBhenaya indodana kajehoyada wayephethe amaKherethi lamaPhelethi, lamadodana kaDavida ayeyizikhulu ayeseduzane lenkosi embusweni.

**19** Kwathi emva kjesikhathi, uNahashi inkosi yama-Amoni wafa, ngakho indodana yakhe yathatha isikhundla yaba yinkosi. **2** UDavida wacabanga wathi, "Ngizakuba lomusa kuHanuni indodana kaNahashi ngoba uyise wayelomusa kimi." Ngakho uDavida wathuma izithunywa ukuyakhalela uHanuni ngoyise. Izithunywa zikaDavida zithe zifika kuHanuni ukuthi zimkhalele elizweni lama-Amoni, **3** izikhulu zama-Amoni zathi kuHanuni, "Wena nkosi unakana ukuthi uDavida uhlonipha uyihlo ngokuthuma izithunywa zokukuhalela na? Amadoda akhe la kawasizinhloli ezithunywe ukuzahlola umumo welizwe ukuze ahluthune umbuso na?" **4** Ngenxa yalokho uHanuni wabamba izithunywa zikaDavida, waziphuwa, waquna iiziqoko zazo zafika ezbunu, wasezixotsa. **5** Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile lokho wathuma izithunywa ukuba zihlangabezi izithunywa, njengoba zazihlukuluzwe zayangiswa kakhulu. Inkosi yathi, "Lina hlalanji ejerikho indevu zenu zize zikhule, libe selisiza ngapha." **6** Kwathi ama-Amoni esebonile ukuthi asenuka emakhaleni kaDavida, uHanuni lama-Amoni bathumela amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane okuqhatsha izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo e-Aramu Naharayimu, le-Aramu-Mahakha laseZobha. **7** Baqhatsha izinqola zokulwa labatshayeli bazo abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, banxusa lenkosi uMahakha lamabutho akhe, yona eyeza yazakarisa eMedebha labantu bayo, ama-Amoni lawo eqoqana emadolobheni awo aphuma ukuya empini. **8** Uthe ekuzwa lokho uDavida, wathumela uJowabi kanye lamabutho akhe wonke. **9** Ama-Amoni asondela esehlome aphelela emangenelweni edolobho lakibo, kanti amakhosi ayenxusiwe ayejamile lawo wodwa

egangeni. **10** UJowabi wabona ukuthi kwakulamaviyo amabutho phambi kwakhe langemva kwakhe, ngakho wakhetha amanye amaqhawe athenjiwego ko-Israyeli wabahlela ukuba bamelane lama-Aramu. **11** Amanye amabutho ayesele wathi kawalawulwe ngu-Abhishayi umfowabo, wona-ke ajamelana lama-Amoni. **12** UJowabi wasesithi, "Nxa ama-Aramu ezangikhulela, wena uzangihlomulela; kanti-ke nxa ama-Amoni ezakukhulela lami ngizakuhlomulela. **13** Qina, kasilwe ngesibindi silwela abantu bakithi lemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu. UThixo uzakwenza lokho okufaneleyo njengokubona kwakhe." **14** Ngakho uJowabi lamabutho ayelawo wasuka ukuyakulwa lama-Aramu, wona ahle abaleka phambi kwakhe. **15** Kuthe ama-Amoni ebona ukuthi ama-Aramu ayabaleka, abaleka lawo phambi kuka-Abhishayi umfowabo kajowabi, abuyela phakathi kwedolobho. Ngakho uJowabi wasebuyela ejerusalem. **16** Kwathi ama-Aramu esebonile ukuthi ehlulwe ngama-Israyeli, athuma izithunywa zayaphendula ama-Aramu ayengaphetsheya koMfula, kanye loShofaki umlawuli wamabutho kaHadadezeri lamabutho ayekhokhele. **17** Kwathi uDavida esekutsheliwe lokhu, waqqo bonke abako-Israyeli, wachapha uJodani, wajamelana labo ngamaviyo ayeqondene laye. UDavida walungiselela amaviyo akhe ukudibana lama-Aramu empini, lakanye alwa lawo. **18** Abaleka ebona u-Israyeli, ngakho uDavida wabulala abatshayeli bezinqola zokulwa abazinkulungwane ezyisikhombisa lamabutho ahamba ngezinyawo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane. Waze wabulala loShofaki umlawuli wamabutho akhona. **19** Kwathi izinceku zikaHadadezeri zibona ukuthi zehlulwe ngabako-Israyeli, zaxolisana loDavida, zathela kuye. Ngakho ama-Aramu awathandanga ukunceda ama-Amoni kusukela lapho.

**20** Kwathi entwasa, ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwezimpi zamakhosi ukuyakulwa, uJowabi wakhokhela amabutho ayeohlomile. Watshaya wabhuqa ilizwe lama-Amoni waze wayavimbezela ilizwe laserabha, kodwa uDavida wasala ejerusalem. UJowabi wahlasela iRabha wayitshiya ingamanxiwa. **2** UDavida wathatha umqhele owawusekhandha lenkosi yabo isisindo sawo sasilithalenta legolide, uceciswe ngamatsho aligugu, umqhele wasufakwa ekhanda likaDavida. Wathatha impango enengi kakhulu kulelodolobho, **3** njalo abantu ababelapho wabasusa wabasa lapho ababezasebenza khona gadalala ngamasaha, ngamapiki ensimbi kanye lamahloka. Lokhu uDavida wakwenza kuwo wonke amadolobho ama-Amoni. Kwathi uDavida ngokwakhe kanye lamabutho akhe wonke babuyela ejerusalem. **4** Ngokuqhube kaesikhathi, kwaqhamuka impi yamaFilistiya, eGezeri. Ngalesosikhathi uSibhekhayi umHushathhi wabulala uSiphayi, omunye wabosendo IwamaRefayi kwaba yikwehlulwa kwamaFilistiya. **5** Kweyinje impi lamaFilistiya, u-Elihanani indodana kajayiri wabulala uLahimi umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi, owayelomkhonto ololuthi olunjelomolueluki.

**6** Kanti njalo kwenye impi, eyalwelwa eGathi, wahle wakuza ingilosи eyayizabhubhisa abantu kwakulendoda enku lu kakhulu ileminwe eyisithupha wathi, "Kwanele! Susa isandla sakho." Ingilosи esandleni ngasinye, lamazwane ayisithupha enyaweni sanganalye, sekubalwa konke ndawonye kungamatshumi amabili lane. Laye wayengowosendo lukaRafa. **7** Ngokuchothoza kwakhe abako-Israyeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabо kaDavida, wambulala. **8** Laba ngabosendo lukaRafa eGathi, njalo bafela ezandleni zikaDavida lamabutho akhe.

**21** USathane wasemelana labako-Israyeli njalo wafuqela uDavida ukuba abale abantu bako-Israyeli. **2** Ngakho uDavida wathi kujowabi kanye labalawuli bamabutho, "Hambani liyebala u-Israyeli kusukela eBherisheba kusiya koDani. Beseliphenduka lizongitshela ukuze ngazi ukuthi bangaki khonale." **3** Kodwa uJowabi waphendula wathi, "Sengathi uThixo angandisa amabutho akhe ngokuphindwe okwedlula ikuhlu. Mhlekazi wami nkosi, kambe kabasabantu benkosi yami bonke laba? Inkosi yami ifunelani ukukwenza lokhu? Kungani ithanda ukwehlisela icala phezu kwabako-Israyeli?" **4** Loba kwakunjalo, uJowabi wakhuelwa yilizwi lenkosi, ngakho uJowabi walibhoda lonke elako-Israyeli wasebuyela ejerusalem. **5** UJowabi wafika wabikela uDavida inani lamadoda ayengalwa empini: Kulolonke elako-Israyeli kwakulamadoda ayisigidi lezinkulungwane ezilikihulu ayelakho ukuthi angayiphatha inkemba, kubalwa labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane alamatshumi ayisikhombisa koJuda. **6** Kodwa ekubaleni kwakhe uJowabi kazange ahlanganise abaLevi labakaBhenjamini, ngoba umlayo wenkosi wawumnenga. **7** Kanti njalo lowomlayo wawuyisono phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lakanye wamjezisa u-Israyeli. **8** Ngakho uDavida wasesithi kuNkulunkulu, "Ngonile kakhulu phambi kwakho ngokwenza lokhu. Ngakho, ngiyakuncenga, susa umlandu lo encekwini yakho. Ngenze ubuwula obukhulu kakhulu." **9** UThixo wakhulumu loGadi, umboni kaDavida, wathi: **10** "Hamba uyetshele uDavida ukuthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ngikuni ka ukuthi ukhetho phakathi kokuthathu. Khetha okukodwa okumele ngikwehlisele khona mina.'" **11** Ngakho uGadi waya kuDavida wathi kuye, "Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: 'Zikhethelo wena okufunayo: **12** iminyaka emithathu yendlala, loba izinyanga ezintathu zokududulwa uxitshwa yizitha zakho, ngenkemba zazo zikukhulela, loba insuku ezintathu zokumelana lenkemba kaThixo, kuyikuthi kuyabe kuyisifo elizweni, ingilosи kaThixo iletha incithakalo kulolonke elako-Israyeli.' Ngakho, khathesi khetha ukuthi ngifike ngithini kulo ongithumileyo." **13** UDavida wathi kuGadi, "Ngisisinizi olukhulu kakhulu; kungangcono ngizinikele ezandleni zikaThixo, ngoba umusa wakhe mkhulu kakhulu; kodwa unganginikeli ezandleni zabantu." **14** Ngakho uThixo wathumela isifo ko-Israyeli, kwafa amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ko-Israyeli. **15** Njalo uNkulunkulu wasethumela ingilosи ukuba iyechitha ejerusalem. Kodwa ingilosи ithe isakwenza lokho, uThixo wazisola ngencithakalo eyayizakwenzakala

kaThixo ngelesosikhathi yayisimi esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi. **16** UDavida wakhangela phezelu wabona ingilosи kaThixo imi phakathi kwezelu lomhlabo, iphethe inkemba esandleni sayo phezu kwejerusalem. Ngakho uDavida labadalа, begqoke amasaka, bawa phansi ngobuso. **17** UDavida wathi kuNkulunkulu, "Angithi yimi engithe akubalwe amadoda okulwa na? Yimi engonileyo ngadala isono. Laba abasilutho yizimvu ezilandelayo. Benzeni? Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, isandla sakho asiwele phezu kwami labendu yami, kodwa akuthi isifo singasali ebantwini bakho." **18** Ngakho ingilosи kaThixo yathuma uGadi ukuthi ayetshela uDavida ukuthi ayeckwakha i-alithari likaThixo esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi. **19** Lakanye uDavida walalela ilizwi elakhitshwa nguGadi ngebizo likaThixo. **20** U-Onani esabhula ingqoloyi, wanyemukula wabona ingilosи; amadodana akhe amane ayelaye acatsha. **21** Kwasekufika uDavida, kuthe u-Onani embona, watshiya ukubhula wayakhothamela uDavida elokhu ebuso bukhothamele phansi. **22** UDavida wathi kuye, "Ake ungiyumele ngibone isiza sakho sokubhulela amabele ukuze ngakhe i-alithari likaThixo, ukuze isifo esisebantwini simiswe. Ngithengisela sona ngentengo yaso egcweleyo." **23** U-Onani wathi kuDavida, "Sithathe! Inkosi yami kayenze lokho ebona kuyithokozisa. Khangela, mina ngizaletha inkabi zomnikelo wokutshiswa, lembihulo yokubhulu izakuba zinkuni, ingqoloyi izakuba ngumnikelo wamabele. Konke lokhu ngiyakunika." **24** Kodwa inkosi uDavida yathi ku-Onani, "Hayi, ngifuna ukuthenga ngentengo egcweleyo. Angiyukuthatha okuya kuThixo okungokwakho, angiyunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa engingawuthenganga." **25** Ngakho uDavida wanika u-Onani amashekeli egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha ethenga leyondawo. **26** UDavida wakhela uThixo i-alithari kuleyondawo wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudelwano. Wakhuleka kuThixo, uThixo wamphendula ngomlilo uvela ezelwini phezu kwe-alithari lomnikelo wokutshiswa. **27** Ngakho uThixo wakhulumu lengilosи, yona yasibuyisela inkemba yayo esikhwameni sayo. **28** Ngelesosikhathi, uDavida esebonile ukuthi uThixo wayempendule esizeni sika-Onani umJebusi, wanikela iminikelo kuleyondawo. **29** Ihabanikeli likaThixo, elalakhwiе nguMosi enkangala, kanye le-alithari leminikelo yokutshiswa ngelesosikhathi kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo eGibhiyon. **30** Kodwa uDavida wehluleka ukuya khona ukuze abuze kuNkulunkulu ngoba wayesesaba inkemba yengilosи kaThixo.

**22** UDavida wasesithi, "Indlu kaThixo uNkulunkulu izakuba khonapha, kanye le-alithari lomnikelo yokutshiswa ka-Israyeli." **2** Ngakho uDavida wakhupha ilizwi lokuthi bonke abezizweni abahlala ko-Israyeli babuthaniswe, kwathi phakathi kwabo wakhetha ababazi bamatshe ukuze balungise babaze amatshe okwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu. **3** Wabuthanisa insimbi enengi kakhulu yokwenza izipikili zezivalo

lezinsimbi zokuhlanganisa, wabuthanisa lethusi amathathu kusiya phezulu babalwa, inani lamadoda elinengi elingelakulinganiswa. **4** Wadinga lezigodo laba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu zomsedari ezinengi ezingelakubalwa, ngoba amaSidoni lasificaminwembili. **4** UDavida wasesithi: "Phakathi labaseThire bailetha inani lazo elikhulu kakhulu kwalaba, abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili kuDavida. **5** UDavida wasesithi, "Indodana yami lane bazakhangela ukuq hutshwa komsebenzi uSolomoni isengumntwana njalo ayikabi lolwazi, ngoba wethempeli likaThixo kuthi abazinkulungwane phela indlu ezakwakhelwa uThixo kumele ibe yindlu eziyisithupha bazakuba yizikhulu labahluleli. **5** ebukekayo kakhulu ibe lodumo lesithunzi emehlweni Abazinkulungwane ezine bazakuba ngabalindi eziwze zonke. Ngakho ngizalungiselela ukwakhwa bamasango kuthi abazinkulungwane ezine badumise kwayo." Yikho uDavida walungiselela ngokujulileyo uThixo ngamachacho lezigubhu engizigcinele esaphila. **6** Wasebiza uSolomoni indodana yakhe, lowmesebenzi." **6** UDavida wehlukanisa abaLevi wamlaya ukuthi akhele uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka ngamaxuku kusiya ngamadodana kaLevi: uGeshoni, Israyeli indlu. **7** UDavida wathi kuSolomoni: "Ndodana loKohathhi kanye loMerari. **7** Exukwini labakaGeshoni yami, ngangizimisele ukwakhela iBizo likaThixo, yilaba: uLadani loShimeyi. **8** Amadodana kaLadani uNkulunkulu wami indlu. **8** Kodwa ilizwi likaThixo yila: ngujejiyeli owokuqala, loZethami kanye lafika kimi lisithi: 'Wena uchithe igazi elinengi, walwa loJoweli, bonke bebatthathu. **9** Amadodana kaShimeyi izimpi ezinengi. Kawuyikwakhela iBizo lami indlu, yila: nguShelomothi, loHaziyeli kanye loHarani, ngoba uchithe igazi elinengi kakhulu emhlabeni. **9** bonke bebatthathu. Laba babezinhlоко zezindlu Kodwa, uzazala indodana ezakuba ngumuntu othanda zenzalo kaLadani. **10** Lamadodana kaShimeyi yila: ukuthula; ngizayiphu muza ezitheni zayo inxa zonke. ngujahathi, loZiza, loJewushi kanye loBheriya. Laba Izathiwa nguSolomoni, njalo ngizanika u-Israyeli kwakungamadodana kaShimeyi, bonke babebane. **11** ukuthula ensukwini zokubusa kwakhe. **10** Nguye UJahathi engowakuqala loZiza engowesibili, kodwa ozakwakhela iBizo lami indlu. Uzakuba yindodana yami, uJewushi loBheriya abazange babelamadodana mina ngizakuba nguyise. Njalo ngizaqinisa ubukhosи amanengi, ngakho babalwa njengemuli yinye bahle bakhe ko-Israyeli kuze kuge nininini.' **11** Ndodana baphiwa umsebenzi bendawonye. **12** Amadodana yami, uThixo kabe lawe ukuze uphumelele ukwakha kaKhohathi yila: ngu-Amramu, lo-Izihari, loHebhroni indlu kaThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kanye lo-Uziyeli, bonke babebane. **13** Amadodana kwakhe ngawe. **12** Sengathi uThixo angakunika ka-Amramu yila: ngu-Aroni loMosi. U-Aroni ukuhlakanipa lokuedisida, ukuze kuthi lapho ekunika wehlukaniselwa ukunikela izinto ezingcwele kakhulu amandla ko-Israyeli, uwulondolozе umlayo kaThixo kuThixo, ukuze yena lamadodana akhe batshise uNkulunkulu wakho. **13** Uzaphumelela nxa unanzela impepha phambi kukaThixo lokumkhonza lokubusisa ukugcina izimiso lemithetho uThixo ayinika u-Israyeli ngebizo lakhe kuze kuge nininini. **14** Amadodana ngoMosi. Qina, ube lesibindi. Ungesabi utshaywe kaMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu abalwa ndawonye luvalo. **14** Ngayo yonke imizamo yami ngilungisele labesizwana sikaLevi. **15** Amadodana kaMosi yila: indlu kaThixo amathalenta egolide azinkulungwane nguGeshomu lo-Eliyezari. **16** Abosendo lukaGeshomu: ezilikhulu, lamathalenta esiliva ayisigidi, lethusi nguShubhayeli engowakuqala. **17** Abosendo luka- kanye lensimbi okulesisindo esingelakubalwa, lezigodo Eliyezari: nguRehabhiya engowakuqala. U-Eliyezari kanye lamatshe. Lawe ungengezelela kulokho. **15** kazange abe lamanye amadodana kodwa amadodana Ulezisebenzi ezinengi, ababazi bamatshe, labakha kaRehabhiya ayemanengi kakhulu. **18** Amadodana ngamatshes, lababazi, lezingcitshi zemisebenzi yonke, ka-Izihari yila: nguShelomithi engowokuqala. **19** **16** eyegolide, isiliva, ithusi kanye lensimbi, izingcitshi Amadodana kaHebhroni yila: nguleriya engowokuqala, ezingelakubalwa. Qalisa-ke umsebenzi, uThixo abe lo-Amariya engowesibili, loJahaziyeli engowesithathu lawe." **17** UDavida waselaya bonke abakhokhelii bako- kanye loJekhameyamu owesine. **20** Amadodana Israyeli ukuba basize uSolomoni indodana yakhe. ka-Uziyeli yila: nguMikha engowakuqala lo-Ishya **18** Wathi kubo, "uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu kakhoo owesibili. **21** Amadodana kaMerari yila: nguMahili kini na? Kalinikanga ukuthula inxa zonke na? Ngoba loMushi. Amadodana kaMahili yila: ngu-Eliyezari unikele abantu belizwe esandleni sami, lelizwe loKhishi. **22** U-Eliyezari wafa engelamadodana: libuswa nguThixo labantu bakhe. **19** Ngakho nikelani wayelamadakazi wodwa. Amadodakazi endela inhlizyo zenu ekufuneni uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. kubafowabo, amadodana kaKhishi. **23** Amadodana Qalisan iukwakha indlu kaThixo uNkulunkulu, ukuze kaMushi yila: nguMahili, lo-Ederi kanye loJerimothi, ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo lezitsha zikaThixo bonke bebatthathu. **24** Laba kwakungabosendo lukaLevi ezingcwele kungeniswe ethempelini elizakwakhelwa ngezindlu zabo, abazinhloko zezindlu njengokulotshwa iBizo likaThixo." **20** Amadodana ukuthi, abasebenzayo abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu ababesebenza ethempelini likaThixo. **25** Ngoba uDavida wathi: "Njengoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, enike abantu bakhe ukuthula lokuthi bazahlala ejerusalemka kuze kuge nininini, **26** abaLevi akusafanele bathwale ithabanikeli

**23** Kwathi uDavida esemdala eseluphele, wabeka uSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuba abe yinkosi ko-Israyeli. **2** Wasehlanganisa bonke abakhokhelii bako-Israyeli, labaphristi kanye labaLevi. **3** AbaLevi abaleminyaka esukela kwengamatshumi

loba kuyini okusetsheziswa ezinkonzweni zalo." eyetshumi lesikhombisa yadla uHeziri, eyetshumi 27 Njengeziyalezelo zikaDavida zokucina, abaLevi lasificaminwembili mibili yadla uHapizezi, 16 eyetshumi babalwa kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi lesificamunwemunye yadla uPhethahiya, eyamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu. 28 Umsebenzi wabaLevi amabili yadla uHezekhiyeli, 17 eyamatshumi amabili wawungowokuncedisa inzalo ka-Aroni emsebenzini lanye yadla uJakhini, eyamatshumi amabili lambili wethempeli likaThixo: ukugcina amaguma akhona; yadla uGamuli, 18 eyamatshumi amabili lantathu izindlu ezesemaceleni, ukuhlambulula zonke izinto yadla uDelaya, eyamatshumi amabili lane yadla ezingcwele lokwenza yonke imisebenzi endlini uMaziya. 19 Yizo lezi izigaba ababehlukaniswe ngazo kaNkulunkulu. 29 Babephethet umsebenzi wesinkwa ukuze benze umsebenzi wokukhonza ekungeneni sokwahlukanisela ethaleni, ifulawa yomnikelo kwabo ethempelinli likaThixo, ngezimiso ezenzelwa wamabele, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, ukuxuba ukhokho wabo u-Aroni, njengokulawa kwakhe lokupheka isinkwa, lezilinganiso zonke zezisindo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. 20 Kwathi-lobukhulu bakhona. 30 Njalo babemele beme ke ababesele abosendo lukaLevi: emadodaneni kangezinyawo ekuseni nsuku zonke ukubonga lokudumisa Amramu: uShubbayeli; emadodaneni kaShubbayeli: uThixo. Kwakufanele benzenjalo lantambama, njujehideya. 21 Kuvela kuRehabhiya, amadodana 31 lalapho kuniikelwa iminikelo yokutshisa akhe yila: ngu-Ishiya engowokuqala. 22 KumakuThixo ngamaSabatha, emadilini okuThwasa Izihari: nguShelomothi; emadodaneni kaShelomothi; kweNyanga, lakuyo yonke imikhosi emisiweyo. nguJahathi. 23 Amadodana kaHebhroni yila: Babefanele bamsebenzele uThixo ngazozonke izikhathi ngenani elilingeneyo langendlela ababeyimiselwe. 24 Indodana ka- 32 Ngakho abaLevi bawenza umsebenzi wabo Uziyeli: nguMikha; emadodaneni kaMikha nguShamiri. weThenteni lokuflanganelu, laseNdaweni eNgewe, 25 Umfowabo kaMikha: ngu-Ishiya; emadodaneni ngaphansi kwabafowabo abayisizukulwana sika-Aroni, ka-Ishiya: nguZakhariya. 26 Amadodana kaMerari: emsebenzini wethempeli likaThixo.

**24** Lezi yizo izigaba zamadodana ka-Aroni: Amadodana ka-Aroni nguNadabi, lo-Abhihu, lo-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ithamari. 2 Kodwa uNadabi lo-Abhihu bafa uyise engakafi, njalo babengelamadodana; ngakho u-Eliyazari lo-Ithamari yibo ababa ngabaphristi. 3 Ngokuphthisana loZadokhi owosendo luka-Eliyazari kanye lo-Ahimeleki owosendo luka-Ithamari, uDavida wabehlukanisa ngezigaba kusiya ngemisebenzi ababemele bayenze. 4 Babebanengi abosendo luka-Eliyazari abakhokheli kulabosendo luka-Ithamari ngakho behlukaniswa bamiwa njengalokhu: kwakusiba ngabalitshumi lesithupha kwabosendo luka-Eliyazari abazinhloko labayisificaminwembili kusendo luka-Ithamari. 5 Babakhetha kungelkubandlulu ngokuphosa inkatho, ngoba zazikhona izikhulu zendawo yokuphephela lezikihu zikaNkulunkulu phakathi kwabosendo luka-Eliyazari laphakathi koluka-Ithamari. 6 Umlobi uShemaya indodana kaNethaneli, umLevi, waloba amabizo abo phambi kwenkosi kanye lezikihu: uZadokhi umphristi, lo-Ahimeleki indodana ka-Abhiyathari kanye lenhloko zezimuli zabaphristi labaLevi, kuthathwa imuli eyodwa ku-Eliyazari kuphinde kuthathwe imuli eyodwa ku-Ithamari. 7 Inkatho yakuqala yadla ujehoyaribhi, eyesibili yadla ujedaya, 8 eyesithathu yadla uHarimu, eyesine yadla uSeworimi, 9 eyesihlanu yadla uMalikhija, eyesithupha yadla uMijamini, 10 eyesikhombisa yadla uHakhozi, eyesificaminwembili yadla u-Abhija, 11 eyetshumi lesithupha yadla uShekhaniya, 12 eyetshumi lanye yadla uEliyashibi, eyetshumi lambili yadla uJakhimi, 13 eyetshumi lantathu yadla uHupha, eyetshumi lane yadla ujeshebhayabi, 14 eyetshumi lanhanlu yadla uBhiliga, eyetshumi lesithupha yadla u-Imeri, 15 UNkulunkulu wapha uHemani amadodana alitshumi

lane lamadodakazi amathathu. **6** Wonke lamadoda wayelamadodana ahlanganisa uZakhariya ayephethwe ngoyise emsebenzini wokuhlabela eyakuqala lojedyeli eyesibili, loZebhadiya ethempelini likaThixo, ngezigubhu, amachacho eyesithathu, lojathiinyeli eyesine, **3** lo-Elamu lemihubhe enkonzweni endlini kaNkulunkulu. U-eyesihlanu, loJehohanani eyesithupha kanye lo-Asafi, loJeduthuni kanye loHemani babengaphansi Eliyehonayi eyesikhombisa. **4** U-Obhedi-Edomi kwenkosi. **7** Bona kanye lezihlobo zabo zonke laye wayelamadodana: kunguShemaya eyakuqala, babewufundele umsebenzi wokuhlabela njalo loJehozabhadi eyesibili, loJowa eyesithathu, loSakhari bengamagabazi okuhlabela uThixo, babengamakhulu eyesine, loNethaneli eyesihlanu, **5** lo-Amiyeli amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili labantu eyesithupha, lo-Isakhari eyesikhombisa, kanye abayisificaminwembili. **8** Abatsha labadala loPhewulethayi eyesificaminwembili. (Ngoba ngokufanayo, abafundisayo lababefunda, baphosa uNkulunkulu wayembusile u-Obhedi-Edomi.) **6** inkatho. **9** Inkatho yakuqala eyayingeka-Asafi yawela Indodana yakhe uShemaya layo yayilamadodana, kujosefa lamadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe, ayengabakhokheli kwabendlu kayise ngoba belitshumi lambili; eyesibili yawela kuGedaliya, yena babengamadoda enelisayo. **7** Amadodana kaShemaya kanye lezihlobo lamadodana akhe belitshumi lambili; wona yila: ngu-Othini, loRafayeli, lo-Obhedi kanye **10** eyesithathu yawela kuZakhuri, lakumadodana lo-Elizabhadi; izihlobo zakhe u-Elihu loSemakhiya akhe lezihlobo zakhe, belitshumi lambili; **11** eyesine lazo zazingamadoda ayesenelisa. **8** Bonke laba yawela ku-Iziri, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo babengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi; bona kanye zakhe belitshumi lambili; **12** eyesihlanu yawela lamadodana abo lezihlobo zabo babengamadoda kuNethaniya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo zakhe enelisayo belamandla okwenza umsebenzi, belitshumi lambili; **13** eyesithupha yawela kuBhukhiya, bengabosendo luka-Obhedi-Edomi, babengamatshumi lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **14** ayisithupha lambili sebendawonye. **9** UMeshelemyia eyesikhombisa yawela kujesarela, lamadodana akhe wayelamadodana lezihlobo, amadoda ayekhaliphile lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **15** eyesificaminwembili ayelitshumi lasificaminwembili esendawonye. **10** yawela kujeshayiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, UHosa ongum'Merari wayelamadodana: uShimiri belitshumi lambili; **16** eyesificamunwemunye engowakuqala (loba wayengasuye izibulo, uyise yawela kuMathaniya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, wayemebe kulesosikhundla sokuba ngowokuqala), **11** belitshumi lambili; **17** eyetshumi yawela kuShimeyi, loHilikhiya engowesibili, loThabhaliya engowesithathu lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **18** kanye loZekhariya engowesine. Amadodana lezihlobo eyetshumi lanye yawela ku-Azareli, lakumadodana zikaHosa sebendawonye babelitshumi lantathu. **12** akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **19** eyetshumi Izigaba zabalindi bamasango, kusuya ngabakhokheli lambili yawela kuHashabhiya, lakumadodana bazo, zazilomlandu wokwenza umsebenzi akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **20** eyetshumi ethempelini likaThixo, njengokwakusenziwa yizihlobo lantathu yawela kuShubhayeli, lakumadodana akhe zabo. **13** Benza inkatho isango lilinye, kusuya lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **21** eyetshumi lane ngemuli, abatsha labadala kufanana. **14** Inkatho yawela kuMathithiya, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, yeSango langaseMpumalanga yawela kuShelemyia. belitshumi lambili; **22** eyetshumi lanhlanu yawela Basebesenzela inkatho indodana yakhe uZakhariya kujerimothi, lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi owayengumcebisi okhaliphileyo, inkatho yeSango lambili; **23** eyetshumi lesithupha yawela kuHananiya, langaseNyakatho yawela kuye. **15** Inkatho yeSango lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **24** langaseZansi lawela ku-Obhedi-Edomi, amadodana eyetshumi lesikhombisa yawela kuJoshihekhasha, akhe kwathiwa kawalinde isipala. **16** Inkatho yeSango lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; langaseNtshonalanga kanye leSango leShalekhethi **25** eyetshumi lasificaminwembili yawela kuHanani, emgwaqweni ongaphezulu laya kuShuphimu loHosa. lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **26** Kwalinda abalindi ngabalindi: **17** Kwakusiba labaLevi eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye yawela kuMalothi, abayisithupha ngelangga empumalanga, abane ngelangga lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; enyakatho, abane ezansi ngelangga kuthi esiphalen **27** eyamatshumi amabili yawela ku-Eliyatha, kube lababili lakhona ngazozonke izikhathi. **18** lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; Phambili ngentshonalanga, kwakulabane emgwaqweni, **28** eyamatshumi amabili lanye yawela kuHothiri, ababili besegumeni uqobo. **19** Lezi yizigaba lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; zabalindi bamasango ababengabosendo lukaKhora **29** eyamatshumi amabili lambili yawela kuGidalithi, loMerari. **20** Abanye babaLevi babephatha inotho lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **30** yethempeli likaNkulunkulu leziligugu ezingcwele. **21** eyamatshumi amabili lantathu yawela kuMahaziyothi, Abosendo lukaLadani, ababe ngamaGeshoni ngoLadani lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili; **31** njalo ababezinhloko zabakaLadani umGeshoni, eyamatshumi amabili lane yawela kuRomamthi-Ezeri kwakungujehiyeli, **22** amadodana kajehiyeli, loZethami lakumadodana akhe lezihlobo, belitshumi lambili. lomfowabo uJoweli. Laba yibo ababephethethe inotho yethempeli likaThixo. **23** Kuma-Amramu, ama-Izihari, lamaHebhroni lama-Uziyeli babemi ngalindlela: **24** uShubhayeli, owosendo lukaGeshomu indodana kaMosi,

**26** Izigaba zabalindi bamasango: KwabakoKhora: kunguMeshelemyia indodana kaKhora, omunye wamadodana ka-Asafi. **2** UMeshelemyia

wayeyisikhulu esasiphethe ezenotho. **25** Izihlobo zakhe yakhe u-Amizabhadi yayiphethe iviyo lakhe. **7** ngo-Eliyezari yilezi: nguRehabhiya indodana yakhe, Owesine, ovezopho lenyanga yesine, kwakungulojeshaya indodana yakhe, loJoram indodana yakhe, Asaheli umfowabo kajowabi; indodana yakhe loZikhiri indodana yakhe loShelomithi indodana uZebhadiya wasala esethatha isikhundla sakhe. yakhe. **26** (UShelomithi lezihlobo zakhe babephethe Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi zonke ezenotho ezingwele ezazinikelwe yinkosi amabili lane eviyeweni lakhe. **8** Owesihlanu, ovezopho uDavid, labayizinhloko zezindlu ababengabalawuli lenyanga yesihlanu, kwakungumlawuli uShamihuthi bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, langabanye owako-Izira. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane abalawuli bamabutho. **27** Eyinte impango eyayithunje ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyeweni lakhe. **9** ekulweni bayinikela ekulungisweni kwethempeli Owesithupha, ovezopho lenyanga yesithupha, likaThixo. **28** Lakho konke okwakunikelwe nguSamuyeli kwakungu-Ira indodana ka-Ikhesi waseThekhowa. umboni loSawuli indodana kaKhishi, lo-Abhineri Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi indodana kaNeri lojowabi indodana kaZeruya, amabili lane eviyeweni lakhe. **10** Owesikhombisa, lazozonke ezinte ezazinikelwe zazisesandleni umPheloni, kwakunguHelezi beyizikhulu labehluleli kwabako-Israyeli. **30** lenyanga yesificaminwembili, kwakunguSibhekhayi KwabakaHebhroni yilaba: UHashabhiya lezihlobo umHushathi wakoZera. Kwakulamadoda zakhe, amadoda enelisayo ayengamakhulu alitshumi azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane baphiwa umsebenzi ngaphandle kwethempeli, eviyeweni lakhe. **11** Owesificaminwembili, ovezopho entshonalanga yejodani kuwo wonke umsebenzi beyizikhulu um'Anathothi owakoBhenjamini. Kwakulamadoda kaThixo lokuba yizinceku zenkoski. **31** AmaHebhroni wona, umkhokheli wawo kwakungujeriya kusya ngokulotshwa koluhlu lokuzalana kwezimuli zawo. Kwathini ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane wokubusa yetshumi, kwakunguMaharayi umNethofa wakoZera. kukaDavidka khawholisiswa kuloluluhlu lwemibhalo, Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi kwafunyanya ukuthi amadoda akhaliphileyo phakathi amabili lane eviyeweni lakhe. **12** Owesificaminwemunye, kwamaHebhroni ayesejazeri ngaseGiliyadi. **32** Ujeriya wayelezihlobo ezingamakhulu angamatshumi amabili umPhirathoni wako-Efrayimi. Kwakulamadoda lesikhombisa, ezazikhophile njalo zizinhloko zezimuli azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane zazo, ngakho inkosi uDavid waizibeka ukuthi ziphathe eviyeweni lakhe. **13** Owetshumi lambili, ovezopho abakoRubheni, abakoGadi lengxene yesizwana lenyanga yetshumi lambili, kwakunguHelidayi sikaManase kukho konke okwakungokukaNkulunkulu umNethofa, owemuli ka-Othiniyeli. Kwakulamadoda lokuyizindaba zenkoski.

**27** Nantu uluhlu Iwabako-Israyeli, inhloko zezimuli, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, ababesebenzela inkosi kulkohokuqondane lamavijo empi ayefanele ukuzophisana ngenyanya kuze kuyephela umnyaka. Iviyo liliyane lalilamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **2** Owayephethe iviyo lakuqala, ngenyanya yakuqala, kwakungujashobheyamu indodana kaZabhidheli. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane esigabeni sakhe. **3** Yena wayengowosendo lukaPherezi njalo eyinduna yezikhulu zonke zamabutho okwenyanya yakuqala. **4** Owayephethe iviyo ngenyanya yesibili kwakunguDodayi wako-Ahohi; uMikhilothi engumkhokheli weviyo lakhe. Kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane eviyeweni lakhe. **5** Umlawuli wamabutho wesithathu, ovezopho lesithathu, kwakunguBhenaya indodana kajehoyada umphristi. Wayeyinduna, njalo esigabeni sakhe kwakulamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. **6** Nguyenalo uBhenenya owayeliqhawe phakathi kwamaTshumi amaThathu njalo eyinduna yamaTshumi amaThathu. Indodana yilezi: KwabakoRubheni: ngu-Eliyezari indodana kaZikhiri; kwabakoSimiyoni, nguShefathiya indodana kaMahakha; **17** kwabakoLevi: nguHashabhiya indodana kaKhemuweli; kwabako-Aroni: nguZadokhi; **18** kwabakoJuda: ngu-Elihu, umfowabo kaDavid; kwabaka-Isakhari: ngu-Omri indodana kaMikhayeli; **19** kwabakoZebuluni: ngu-Ishimaya indodana ka-Obhadaya; kwabakoNafithali: nguJerimothi indodana ka-Aziriyeli **20** kwabako-Efrayimi: nguHosheya indodana ka-Azaziya; kwabayingxene yesizwana sikaManase: nguJoweli indodana kaPhedaya; **21** kwabayingxene yesizwana sikaManase eGiliyadi: ngu-Ido indodana kaZakhariya; kwabakoBhenjamini: nguJasiyeli indodana ka-Abhineri; **22** kwabakoDani: ngu-Azareli indodana kajerohamu. Laba babeyizikhulu eizizwaneni zako-Israyeli. **23** UDavida kazange abhale phansi inani lamadoda ayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lababengaphansi kwaley, ngoba uThixo wayethembise ukuthi wayezakwandisa u-Israyeli abe njengezinkanyezi emkhathini. **24** UJowabi indodana kaZeruya waqalisa ukubala amadoda kodwa kaqedanga. Ulaka lwehlela u-Israyeli ngenxa yalokho kubalwa ngakho inani lelo alibhalwanga

encwadini yezindaba zeNkosi uDavid. **25** U-Azimavethi uNkulunkulu, laphambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu: indodana ka-Adiyeli wayephethe iziphala zesikhosini. gcinani linanzelele imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, UJonathani indodana ka-Uziya wayephethe iziphala emaphandleni ezabelweni, emadolobheni, emizini kube yilifa lazo kuze cube nininini. **9** Njalo wena kanye lasezilindweni. **26** U-Eziri indodana kaKhelubi wayephethe izisebenzi emaphandleni ezazilima kayihlo, umkhonze ngokuzinikela ngenhlizyo yakho amasimu. **27** Ushimeyi um'Ramathi wayephethe yonke langengqondo yokuvuma, ngoba uThixo izivini. UZabhidi waseShefama wayephethe uyihlola yonke inhlizyo kanti uyayazi iminakano izithelo zevivini zokwenza iwayini. **28** UBhal-Hanani umGederi wayephethe izihlahla zama-oliva lomkhiane wesikh amore emawatheni ezintatshana zasentshonalanga. Ujowashi wayephethe amafutha e-oliva. **29** UShithirayi umSharoni wayephethe imihlambi eyasemadelweni aseSharoni. UShafathi indodana ka-Adilayi, wayephethe imihlambi ezihotsheni. **30** U-Obhili owako-Ishumayeli wayephethe amakamela, uJehideya owakoMeronothi ephethe ezabobabbemi. **31** UJazizi umHagari wayephethe ezemihlambi yezimvu. Bonke laba babeyizikhulu ezaziphethe impahla zenkosi uDavid. **32** UJonathani, isihlobo sikaDavid, wayengumcebisi, indoda ehlakaniphileyo njalo engumbhali. UJehiyeli indodana kaHakhimoni wayephethe amadodana enkosi. **33** U-Ahithofeli wayengumcebisi wenkosi. UHushayi owako-Arikhi wayengumngane wenkosi. **34** UJehoyada indodana kaBhenaya nguye owathatha isikhundla sika-Ahithofeli kwalabela u-Abhiyathari. UJowabi wayengumlawuli webutho lenkoski.

**28** UDavida wamema zonke izikhulu zako-Israyeli zabuthana ejerusalem: izikhulu zeziwana, abalawuli bamaviyo emsebenzini wenkosi, abalawuli bezirkulungwane kanye labalawuli bamakhulu, lezikhulu ezaziphethe ezezimpahla lezifuyo zenkosi lamadodana ayo, kanye lezikhulu zesigodlweni, amaqhawe labo bonke ababelezibindi empini. **2** Inkosi uDavid yauskuma yathi: "Lalelani, zihlubo labantu bami, bengizimisele ukwakhela ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, indlu yokuhlala njalo kuyisenabelo sikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngaze ngenza amalungiselelo okukufenza lokho. **3** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kimi: 'Awuyikulakhela indlu iBizo lami, ngoba wena ungowempi njalo usuchithe igazi.' **4** Kodwa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, wakhetha mina kuyo yonke indlu yakwethu ukuba yinkosi yak-Israyeli kuze cube nininini. Wakhetha ujuda ukuba abe ngumkhokheli, kwathi khona endlini kajuda wakhetha imuli yakwethu, kwazakuthi emadodaneni kababa kumthokozisile ukungibeka ngibe yinkosi kulolonke elako-Israyeli. **5** Kuwo wonke amadodana ami njengoba uThixo engiphe amanengi, umkhethile uSolomoni indodana yami ukuba ahiale esihlalweni sobukhos esikhosini sombuso kaThixo ko-Israyeli. **6** Wathi kimi: 'uSolomoni indodana yakho yiyo ezangakhela indlu yami ilungise lamaguma ami, ngoba ngimkhethile ukuba abe yindodana yami, lami ngizakuba nguyise.

**7** Ngizawuqinisa umbuso wakhe kuze cube nininini nxa eqina ekugcineni imilayo yami lemithetho yami njengaloku okwenzakalayo lamuhla.' **8** Ngakho-ke phambi kwakhe wonke u-Israyeli, lebandla likaThixo

uNkulunkulu, laphambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu: indodana ka-Adiyeli wayephethe iziphala zesikhosini. gcinani linanzelele imilayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze libe lelizwe elihle elizalitshiyela izizukulwane ndodana yami, Solomon, mamukele uNkulunkulu wayephethe izisebenzi emaphandleni ezazilima kayihlo, umkhonze ngokuzinikela ngenhlizyo yakho amasimu. **9** Njalo wena kanye lasezilindweni. **10** Nanzelela-ke ngoba uThixo lezenzo zonke. Nxa umdinga uThixo, uzamthola wena, kodwa nxa umfulathela, uzakufulathela yena kuze cube nininini. **10** Nanzelela-ke ngoba uThixo ukukhethile ukuba umakhele ithempeli libe yindawo yokukhonzela. Qina wenze umsebenzi." **11** Ngakho uDavid wasenika uSolomoni indodana yakhe umdwebo wesakhiwo sethempeli, lowezindlu zalo, lowezindlu U-Obhili owako-Ishumayeli wayephethe amakamela, zenotho, lowezindlu zangaphezulu, lowezindlu sikaDavid, wayengumcebisi, indoda ehlakaniphileyo njalo engumbhali. UJehiyeli indodana kaHakhimoni wayephethe amadodana enkosi. **12** Wamnika umdwebo wakho konke ayekutshengiswe nguMoya engqondweni yakhe ngamaguma ethempeli likaThixo, lowezindlu eziwazingelezeleyo, lowendlu yenothe yethempeli, lowendlu yenothe yezinto ezingcwele. **13** Wamtshele langesimo sezigaba zabaphristi lezabaLevi, langawo wonke umsebenzi wasethempelini likaThixo, langezitsha zonke zenkonzo, **14** langesisindo segolide lazozonke izitsha zegolide zaleyo laleyo nkonzonzo, langesisindo sezitsha zesiliva zaleyo laleyo nkonzonzo: **15** langesisindo sezintza zesibane zegolide kanye lezibane zazo, langesisindo segolide salolo lalololuthi lwestibane lezibane zalo, lobunzima besiliva balolo lalololuthi lwestibane lezibane zalo, njengokusetshenziwa kwazo enkonzweni; **16** langesisindo segolide saleyatofula lezinkwa ezaahlukaniselwe uNkulunkulu lesisindo sesiliva esamatatafula enziwe ngesiliva; **17** isisindo segolide elicengekileyo lezinti, imiganu yokuchelisa lezinkezo zakhona, lesisindo saleso lalesositsha segolide, kanye lesaleso lalesositsha sesiliva. **18** Wamtshele langesimo se-alithare lempepha elenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo lesisindo salo, langomfanekiso wesilalo esingamakherubhi egolide achaye amaphiko awo egubuzele ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo. **19** UDavida wasesithi: "Konke lokhu ngilakho kolutshwe ngesandala sikaThixo phezu kwami, njalo wanginika ukuzwisa kukho konke lokhu langokuphelela kwesimo sakbona." **20** Okunye okwatshiwo nguDavid uSolomoni indodana yakhe yikuthi, "Qina ube lesibindi, njalo uwenze lumsebenzi. Ungesabi njalo ungalahli ithembala ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wami, ulawe. Kawuyikwehluleka njalo kayikufulathela kuze cube sekupheleni komsebenzi wethempeli likaThixo. **21** Izigaba zabaphristi labaLevi sebelindele wonke umsebenzi wethempeli likaNkulunkulu, njalo kuzakuthi bonke abazinikeleyo bakuphathise ngobungcitsi babo obupheleleyo kuyo yonke imisebenzi. Izikhulu labantu bonke zizayamukela yonke imilayo yakho."

**29** Inkosi uDavid yathi ebandleni lonke: "Indodana yami uSolomoni, yena kanye osekhethe we nguNkulunkulu, usesengumfana njalo usesemutsha. Umsebenzi mkhulu, ngoba lesisakhiwo sobukhos

ayisiso esomuntu kodwa ngesikaThixo uNkulunkulu. Iakho eliNgcwele, kuvela esandleni sakho, njalo 2 Sengilungiselele ngayo yonke inzuzu engilayo konke kuvele kungokwakho. 17 Ngiyazi, Nkulunkulu ukwakhwiwa kwethempeli likaNkulunkulu wami, wami, uhlola inhliziyo njalo uyabuthanda ubuqotho. igolide lokwenza izinto zegolide, isiliva sokwenza Zonke lezizinto ngizinikele ngokufisa langenhliziyo izinto zesiliva, ithusi lokwenza izinto zethusi, yobuqotho. Khathesi ngikhangle gentokozo abantu lensimbi yokwenza izinto zensimbi, lezigodo zokwenza bakho abalapha ukuthi banikele ngesifiso kuwe. 18 izinto zezigido, kanye lohlolo lwamatshe e-onikisi, Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wabobaba o-Abhrahamo, lolamatshe okubekwa, lamatshe okucecisa, lalemibala, Isaka lo-Israyeli, yenza inhliziyo zabantu bakho zime lenhlobonhlobo zonke zamatshe amahle lamatshe ngalokhu kulangatha, njalo inhliziyo zabo zibe kuwe alukhuni amanengi, konke lokhu ngikubuthelele kuze kube nininini. 19 Phana uSolomoni, indodana ngakunengi. 3 Ngaphandle kwalokho, ngenxa yami, inhliziyo epheleyo ukuze agcine imilayo yokutshisekela kwami ithempeli likaNkulunkulu yakho lemithetho yakho lezimiso zakho, lokuthi akhe wami, manje senginkelika inotho yami yegolide lesisakhiwo esiyisigodlo mina esengisilungiselele.” lesiliva ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami ngaphezu 20 UDavida wasesithi kulolonke ibandla, “Dumisani kwakho konke engikulethileyo ethempelini leli uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” Ngakho bonke bamdumisa elingcwele: 4 ngamathalenta egolide azinkulungwane ezintathu egolide (igolide lase-Ofiri) lamathalenta esiliva esicengekileyo azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa okokugudula ngalo imiduli yezindlu, 5 okomsebenzi wegolide lokomsebenzi wesiliva lokwawo wonke lenqama eziyinkulungwane lamazinyane amaduna umsebenzi ozakwensiwa yizingcitshi. Ngakho, ayinkulungwane, leminikelo yokunathwayo, layo ngubani ofuna ukuzinikela kuThixo lamuhla?” 6 yonke eminye imihlatshelo banikela ngokunengi Abazinhloko zezindlu, izikhulu zezizwana zako- benikelela bonke abako-Israyeli. 22 Badla banatha Israyeli, abalawuli bezinkulungwane labalawuli ngokujabula okukhulu ngalolosuku phambi kukaThixo. bamakhulu, lezikhulu ezazikhangle ngokuqhutshwa Basebememukela okwesibili uSolomoni indodana komsebenzi wenkosi bapha ngokuzinikela. 7 kaDavida, bamgcoba phambi kukaThixo ukuthi abe Banikela emsebenzini wethempeli likaNkulunkulu ngumbusi, kuthi uZadokhi abe ngumphristi. 23 amathalenta azinkulungwane ezhinhanu lezinhlamu ngokuhulu wasebusa embuswemi kaThixo esikhundleni zegolide eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta sikayise udavida. Waphumelela njalo wonke u-Israyeli esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lasificaminwembili ndawonye lamadodana eNkosi uDavida bazinikela mibili, lamathalenta azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ngaphansi kombuso weNkosi uSolomoni. 25 UThixo ensimbi. 8 Loba ngubani owayelamatshie aligugu wamphakamisa kakhulu uSolomoni wamnika isithunzi wawanikela endlini yenotho yethempeli likaThixo phezu kwabo bonke abako-Israyeli, njalo wamnika yona eyayiphethwe nguJehiyeli umGeshoni. 9 ubukhosu obungazange bube khona esikhosini kwabako- Abantu baba lokujabula okukhulu bebona ukuzinikela Israyeli. 26 UDavida indodana kajese wayeyinkosi kwabakhkheli babo, ngoba banikela kuThixo yabo bonke abako-Israyeli. 27 Wabusu kwabako- ngokukhululeka langezinhliziyo zabo zonke. UDavida Israyeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane, eyisikhombisa inkosi laye wajabula kakhulu. 10 UDavida eHebhroni kwathi engamatshumi amathathu lantathu wamdumisa uThixo phambi kwebandalonke esithi: ejerusalem. 28 Wafa eseluphele eseleminyaka “Kawudunyiswe, Wena Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli eminengi kakhulu lenotho lodumo; uSolomoni ukhokho, kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini. 11 indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. Bungobakho, Oh Thixo, ubukhulu lamandla lodumo 29 Izehlakalo zombuso weNkosi uDavida kusukela lobukhosu lenkazimulo, ngoba konke okusezulwini ekuqaleni kuze kube sekuphele, zilotshiwe egwalweni lokusemlabeni kungokwakho. Bungobakho, Oh Thixo, Iwembali kaSamuyeli umboni, egwalweni Iwembali ubukhosu; uphakeme wena phezu konke. 12 Inotho kaNathanji umphrofethi kanye lasegwawalweni kaGadi umboni. 30 Kubalwa ukubusa kwakhe Esandleni sakho kukhona ukujina lamandla. Kukuye lakwabako-Israyeli leminye imibuso yawo wonke Siyakubonga khathesi, Nkulunkulu wethu, silidumisa ibizo lakho elilodumo. 14 Kodwa mina ngyini, bayini abantu bami, ukuthi sinikele ngenhliziyo yonke na? Konke kuvela kuwe, thina sikunike kuphela lokho okuvele esandleni sakho. 15 Singabezirweni lezethekeli emehlwani akho, njengoba labokhkhoo bethu bonke babenjalo. Insuku zethu emhlabeni ziyanafana lesithunzi, asisilutho, kalikho ithemba. 16 Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu, lokhu esesikunikele ngobunengi bakho ekwakhwiwi kwethempeli eliyindawo yeBizo

## 2 Imilando

**1** USolomoni indodana kaDavid waqina embusweni wakhe, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe wayelaye njalo wamenza waba mkhulu kakhulu.

**2** Kwathi uSolomoni wakhulumu kubo bonke abako-Israyeli kusukela kubalawuli bezirkungwane labalawuli bamakhulu, kusiya kubahluleli lakubo bonke abakhokheli bako-Israyeli, abazinhloko zezimuli **3** kwaze kwathi yena uSolomoni lebandla lonke bayo endaweni ephakemeyo yokukhonza eGibhiyon, njengoba ithente lokuhlanganelo likaNkulunkulu, elalenziwe nguMosi inceku kaThixo enkangala lalikuleyondawo. **4** UDavida wayeselethe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu lisuka eKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi elisa endaweni ayelilungisele yona, ngoba wayeselimisele ithente ejerusalem. **5** Kodwa i-alithari lethusi elalakhwi nguBhezaleli indodana ka-Uri, indodana kaHuri, laliseGibhiyon phambi kwethabanikeli likaThixo; ngakho uSolomoni lebandla lonke bahamba ukuyafuna intando yakhe khona.

**6** USolomoni wasesiya e-Alithareni lethusi phambi kukaThixo ethenteni lokuhlanganelo wafika wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane phezu kwalo. **7** Ngabalobusuku uNkulunkulu wabonakala kuSolomoni wathi kuye: "Cela loba kuyini okufunayo ukuze ngikuniwe khona." **8** USolomoni ephendula uNkulunkulu wathi: "Utshengisile umusa omkhulu kakhulu kubaba uDavida njalo mina usungibekе ngaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **9** Khathesi, Thixo Nkulunkulu, gwalisa isithembiso owasenza kubaba uDavida, ngoba ungenze inkosi phezu kwabantu abanengi okothuli lomhlabathi. **10** Nginika ukuhlakanipha lolwazi, ukuze ngikhokhele lababantu, ngoba ngubani ongabusa abantu bakho abanengi kangaka?" **11** UNkulunkulu wathi kuSolomoni, "Njengoba lesi kuyisifiso somoya wakho njalo kawucelanga impahla lenotho lodumo, lokubhubha kwalabo abakuzondayo, lokuthi awucelanga impilo ende kodwa ucele inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuze ubuse phezu kwabantu bami engikwenze waba yinkosi yabo, **12** ngenxa yalokho ngizakunika inhlakanipho lolwazi. Njalo ngizakunika impahla, lenotho lodumo, okungakaze kwenzakale emakhosini akwandulelayo njalo akuyikwenzakala lakumakhosi alandelayo."

**13** Ngakho uSolomoni waya ejerusalem esuka endaweni yokukhonza eGibhiyon, evela phambi kwethente lokuhlanganelo. Wabusa phezu kuka-Israyeli. **14** USolomoni wabuthanisa izinqola zokulwa lamabhiza; wayelezingqola zokulwa ezingamakhulu alitshumi lane lamabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitsumi lambili, ayeugcina emizini yezinqola zezimpi okunye ekugcina yena ejerusalem. **15** Inkosi yandisa isiliva legolide ejerusalem kwangani ngamatshe, lezihlahla zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla zomkhwiwa wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba. **16** Amabhiza kaSolomoni ayethengwe eGibhithe laseKhuwe, abathengi besikhosini babewathenga eKhuwe. **17**

Bathenga inqola yempi eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha kanye lebhiza ngamashekeli alikhulu elilamatshumi amahlanu. Babuya bawedlulisa wonke bayawathengisela amakhosi amaHithi kanye lawama-Aramu.

**2** USolomoni wathi akwakhiwe ithempeli leBizo likaThixo kanye lesigodlo sakhe. **2** Wabutha amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa awokuthwala imithwalo, lamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili awokubaza amatshe emaqaqeni, lazinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha ayezakhangela abasebenzayo. **3** USolomoni wakhupha ilizwi elalisiya kuHiramu inkosi yaseThire lisithi: "Ngithumela izigodo zomsedari njengalokhu owakwenza kubaba uDavida owawumthumela umpsedari ukuthi azakhele isigodlo ayezahlala kuso. **4** Senglungiselela ukwakha ithempeli leBizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wami lokulinikela kuye ukutshisela impepha eloqhatshi olumannid phambi kwakhe, lokunikela isinkwa esingcwele ngezikathhi zonke, lokunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa ekuseni lantambama langeSabatha langokuThwasa kweziNyanga kanye lasemikhosini emisiweyo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. Lokhu ngokumiselwe u-Israyeli ngokungapheliyo. **5** Ithempeli engizalakha lizaqakathea, ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu mkhulu kulabo bonke onkulunkulu. **6** Ngubani ozamakhela ithempeli, njengoba lamazulu, kanye lamazulu aphezelu engqongeni, angeke amanele. Pho ngingubani mina ukuba ngimakele ithempeli, ngaphandle kwendawo yokutshisela imihlatshelo phambi kwakhe? **7** Ngakho, ngithumela indoda eyingcitsi keusebenzeni ngegolide langesiliva, ithusi lensimbi, langamalembu ayibubende labomvu laluhla, ekwaziyo ukubala, ukuthi izosebenzela koJuda laseJerusalem labami abazingcitsi emisebenzini yezandla, labo abaletwa ngubaba uDavida. **8** Ngithumela izigodo zomsedari lezephayin lezaligumi ezivela eLebanoni, ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi abantu bakho bazingcitsi ekugamulen izigodo khonale. Abantu bami bazasebenza labakho **9** bengilethela izigodo ezinengi, ngoba ithempeli engilakhayo kufanele libe ngelikhulu njalo elibukekayo. **10** Ngizanika izinceku zakho, abagamuli bezigodo, ingqoloyi ecolekileyo eyizilinganiso ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, izilinganiso zebhalii ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, amatshumi amabili ezinkulungwane zezilinganiso zewayini kanye lezilinganiso zezithelo ze-oliva eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili."

**11** UHiramu inkosi yaseThire waloba incwadi ephendula uSolomoni wathi: "Kungenxa yokuthi uThixo uyabathanda abantu bakhe, kungakho ukwenze waba yinkosi yabo." **12** UHiramu wabuye wengezelela wathi: "Udumo kuye uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena owadala izulu lomhlaba! Unike inkosi uDavida indodana ehlakaniphileyo, egcwele ukukhalipha lombono, ezakwakhela uThixo ithempeli njalo izakhele layo isigodlo sayo. **13** Ngikuthumela uHuramu-Abhi, indoda eyingcitsi

kakhulu, **14** unina wayo wayedabuka koDani loyise lusingalo ezinhlanu, luthinta uphiko lwelinye evela eThire. Wafundela ukusebenza igolide lesiliva, ikherubhi. **12** Ngokufananayo uphiko lwekherubhi ithusi lensimbi, ilitshe lezigodo, kanye lamalembu ayibubende, aluhlaza labomvu lelineni elicolekileyo. Ulobuciko kukho konke ukubalaza lokulungisa amise izimo zezifanekiso aziphiewyo. Uzasebenza lezingcitsi zakho lalaba abenkosy yami, enguyihlo uDavid. Amaphiko amakherubhi ayechaye okuzingalo **15** Ngakho inkosi yami kayithumele izinceku zayo ezingamatshumi amabili. Ayemi ngezinyawo zawa, ingqoloyi lebhalu lamafutha e-oliva kanye lewayini ekhangale indlu enku. **14** Wenza ikhetheni ngelembu njengokuthembisa kwayo. **16** Thina sizagamula eliluhlaza, leliyibubende lelibomvu, langelineni zonke izigodo zeLebanoni ozifunayo, sizenze elicolekileyo, welukela imifanekiso yamakherubhi iminyaya ezandenda olwandle igelezele ejophya. Wena uiyihlangabeze uiyithwale ejerusalem. " **17** USolomoni wasebala bonke abezizweni ababeko-Israyeli, ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, ngalinye ngemva kokubalwa okwakwenziwe nguyise uDavid; kwatholakala kuyikuthi babezinkulungwane ezinkulungwane **18** Wasesithi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ababengabokuthwala, kuthi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili babengabokubaza amatshe emaqaqeni, abazinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha babengabokuhangela abasebenzayo.

**3** USolomoni waseqalisa ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo eJerusalema eNtabeni yaseMoriya, lapho uThixo wayeke waziveza khona phambi kukayise uDavid. Kwakusesizeni sokubhulela amabele sika-Onani umJebusi, indawo eyayilungiselelwe nguDavid. **2** Waqalisa ukwakha ngosuku lwasibili lwenyanya yesibili ngomonyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. **3** Isisekelo sesakhiwo sethempeli likaNkulunkulu esasimiswe nguSolomoni sasizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha ubude baso njalo sibanzi okwezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili (kuyisilinganiso sezingalo zakudala). **4** Umkhandlwana owawuphambi kwethempeli wawubanzi okwenzigalo ezingamatshumi amabili ulingana lowethempeli njalo umude ukuyaphezulu lakho kuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. Ngaphakathi wagudula ngegolide elihle. **5** Wabethela indlu yalo enku ngamapulanka ephayini wasehuqa ngegolide elicengekileyo wacecisa ngokucomba amalala lemiceco yamaketane. **6** Wagqizisa ithempeli ngamatshe aligugu. Igolide alisebenzisayo kwakuligolide lePharivayimu. **7** Wasegudula ingaphakathi yophahla lemijabo yakhona, imigubazi, imiduli lezivalo zethempeli ngegolide, njalo wabazelamakherubhi emidulini. **8** Wakha inDawo eNgcwelengcwele, ubude bayo bulingana lobubanzi bethempeli, izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude njalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi bayo. Wagudula ngaphakathi ngamathalenta angamakhulu ayisithupha egolide elicengekileyo. **9** Izipikili zegolide zilesisindo samashekeli angamatshumi amahlanu. Wabuye wagudula ngegolide izindawo ezingaphezulu. **10** ENdaweni eNgcwelengcwele wenza amakherubhi abaziwego wawahuqa ngegolide. **11** Amaphiko amakherubhi nxo evulekile eyizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili. Uphiko olulodwa lwekherubhi lakuqala lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu ubude balo njalo luthinta kukaHiramu umsebenzi ayezinikele ukuwenzela umduli wethempeli, kusithi olunye uphiko, lalo inkosi uSolomoni ethempelinli likaNkulunkulu:

**4** Wenza i-alithari lethusi elizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ubude balo, lezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi njalo izingalo ezilitshumi ukuyaphezulu. **2** Wasesenza uLwandle ngethusi elincibilikisiwego, luyisizingelezi, lusingalo ezilitshumi ukusuka okhunjini kusiya kolunye ukhumbi njalo lusingalo ezinhlanu ukuyaphezulu. Isilinganiso sokuluzingezelela sizingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu. **3** Ngaphansi komphetho, kulenkunzi eziluzingezeleyo, ingalo nganye iletshumi. Inkunzi zazibunjelwe emizileni emibili ndawonye loLwandle. **4** ULwandle lwalumi phezu kwenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili, ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, ezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga, ezintathu eningizimu kanye lezintathu zikhangele empumalanga. ULwandle lwalumi phezu kwazo, izinqe zazo zazifulatthele ngaphakathi. **5** Uhlonzi lwalungangobubanzi besandla, umphetho walo unjengomphetho wenkomitsho njengeluba liqhakaza. Lwaluthwala amatanka azinkulungwane ezintathu. **6** Wasesenza izinditshi zokugezela ezilitshumi, ezinhlanu wazifaka eceleni laseningizimu ezinye ezinhlanu wazifaka enyakatho. Zazingezokuhlambululela izinto zokusetshenziswa eminikeweni yokutshiswa, kodwa uLwandle lwalungolokugezela abaphristi. **7** Wenza izinti zezibane zegolide ezilitshumi elandela isilinganiso sazo, wazifaka ethempelinli, ezinhlanu zazo eceleni leningizimu ezinye ezinhlanu ngenyakatho. **8** Wenza amatafula alithumi wawafaka ethempelinli, amahlanu ngeningizimu kwathi amahlanu ngenyakatho. Njalo wenza imiganu elikhulu eyegolide eyokuchela. **9** Wenza iguma labaphristi, leguma elikhulu kanye lezivalo zeguma, wasehuqa izivalo ngethusi. **10** Wafaka uLwandle eceleni leningizimu ejikweni leningizimu yempumalanga. **11** Wenza njalo lezimbiza lamafatsholo lemiganu yokuchela. Kwaba yikuqed ayezinikele ukuwenzela inkosi uSolomoni ethempelinli likaNkulunkulu:

**12** izinsika ezimbili; iziduku eziyingubhe phezu lo-Israyeli sebephumile eGibhithe. **11** Abaphristi kwezinsika; okwelukiwego kungakubili kucecise iziduku basebesuka eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele. Bonke eziyingubhe phezu kwezinsika; **13** amaphomegranathi abaphristi abalapho babezingcwelisile, kungananzwa angamakhulu amane ezalukweni zombili (imizila ixuku labo). **12** Bonke abaLevi ababengabahlabeleli, emibili yamaphomegranathi esalukweni ngasinye, u-Asafi, uHemanu, ujeduthuni lamadodana abo kucecisa iziduku eziyingubhe phezu kwensika); **14** lezhlobo zabo bamela ngempumalanga kweizingodlana ezilenkonxa phezulu; **15** ulwandle alithari, begqoke ilineni elihle njalo betshaya lenkunzi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kwalo; **16** izigubhu, amachacho lemiqangala. Babephelekezelwa imbiza, amafotsholo, izinti zenyma lakho konke ngabaphristi abalikhulu lamatshumi amabilibekhalisa okuhambelana lalokho. Zonke izinto uHuramu-Abhi amacilongo. **13** Abatshayi bamacilongo labahlabeleli azenzela inkosi uSolomoni ezethempeli likaThixo bahlanganyela ndawonye, kungathi yiliwzilinye, zazingezethusi eliolongiwego. **17** Inkosi yabumbela ukuba badumise njalo bebonga uThixo. Sekuhlangene lezozinti ngebumba emagcekeni aseJodani phakathi amacilongo lezizubhu lokunye okukhaliswayo, kweSukhotti leZereda. **18** Zonke lezizinto ezenziwa baphakamisa amazwi abo bedumisa uThixo behlabeleda nguSolomoni zazinengi okukuthi isisindo sethusi lazo endlini engaphakathi njengokumisiwego, **21** lamaluba, lezibane lezindlawu (zazeniwi ngegolide elihle); **22** izihlokoko zezibane ezezogolide, imiganu yokuchela, lezindengezi zokuthwala umlilo, lezivalo zethempeli ezeligolide, izivalo zangaphakathi eNdaweni eNgcwele Kakhulu lezivalo zendlu enku.

**5** USolomoni eseqedile wonke umsebenzi wethempeli likaThixo ayewenzile, waletha zonke izinto ezazinikelwe nguyise uDavid, isiliva legolide lempahla wazibeka endaweni yezenotho ethempelini likaNkulunkulu. **2** USolomoni wasebiza abadala bako-Israyeli ebanxusela ejerusalem, lezinhloko zezizwana kanye lezinduna zezimuli zako-Israyeli ukuthi bathathe ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo eZiyoni, balise eMzini kaDavid. **3** Wonke amadoda ako-Israyeli ahlangana ndawonye enkosini ngesikhathi somkhosi ngenyanga yesikhombisa. **4** Kwathi bonke abadala bako-Israyeli sebefikile, abaLevi bathatha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, **5** babalithwala kanye lethente lokuhlanganelo lazoonke izinto ezingcweli ezaziphakathi kwalo. Abaphristi, ababengabaLevi, bazithwala; **6** njalo iNkosi uSolomoni kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli ababebuthene kuye babephambi kwebhokisi lesivumelwano, benikela imihlatshelo eminengi yezimu lenkomo ezazingeke zilotshwe loba zibalwe. **7** Abaphristi basebeletha ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo endaweni yalo engcweli engaphakathi ethempelini, iNdawo eNgcwele Kakhulu, balifaka ngaphansi kwamaphiko amakherubhi. **8** Amakherubhi avula amaphiko phezu kwendawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo, amboza ibhokisi lesivumelwano kanye alithari likaThixo phambi kwalo lonke ibandla lakolemijabo yalo yokulithwala. **9** Imijabo yayimide kakhulu okukuthi izihloko zayo, zisuka ebhokisini, sethusi, ubude baso buzingalo ezinhlanu, lobubanzi zazibonakala endlini engcweli yangaphakathi, baso buzingalo ezinhlanu njalo buzingalo ezintathu kodwa hatshi eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele; zisekhona ukuyaphezulu, sona wayesimise phakathi laphakathi lanamhlanje. **10** Kwakungelalutho ebhokisini ngaphandle kwezibhebhedu zombili uMosi azifaka kulo eHorebhi, lapho uThixo enza khona isivumelwano

wesegwa phambi kwalo lonke ibandla lako-Israyeli. **11** Abaphristi uzetshilo ukuthi uzahlala eyezini elimnyama, **2** sengikwakhele ithempeli elimangalisayo, indawo yakho ozahlala kuyo kuze kuge nininini.” **3** ibandla lonke lako-Israyeli lisemi khonapho, inkosi yaphenduka yababusisa. **4** Yasisithi: “Kadunyiswe uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, yena osegcwaliwe ngezandla zakhe ayekuthembise ubaba uDavid ngomlomo wakhe. Ngoba wathi, **5** ‘Kusukela ngelanga engakhupha ngalo abantu bami eGibhithe, akuladolobho engalikhethayo laloba kusiphi isizwana sako-Israyeli, ukuba iBizo lami lakhelwe ithempeli khona, njalo angikhethanga loba ngubani ukuba abe ngumkhoheli wabantu bami bako-Israyeli.’ **6** Kodwa khathesi sengikhetho ijerusalem ukuba iBizo lami libe khonale, njalo sengikhetho uDavid ukuba abuse abantu bami bako-Israyeli.’ **7** Ubaba uDavid wayetshiseka enhliziwyeni yakhe ukuba akhele iBizo likaThixo ithempeli, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **8** Kodwa uThixo wathi kubaba uDavid, ‘Wenza kuhle ngokuba lesifiso sokungakhela ithempeli leBizo lami enhliziwyeni yakho.’ **9** Lanxa kunjalo, kayisuwe ozakwakha ithempeli, kodwa indodana yakho eyinyama yakho legazi lakho, yiyo ezaqwakhela iBizo lami ithempeli.’ **10** UTHixo usigcinile isithembiso asenzayo. Sengiyinkosi esikhundleni sikababa uDavid njalo khathesi sengihlezi esihllalweni sobukhosu sika-Israyeli njengokuthembisa kukaThixo, njalo sengakhele iBizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ithempeli. **11** Kulapho engibeke khona ibhokisi, phakathi kwalo kulesivumelwano sikaThixo asenza labantu bako-awo phezu kwendawo yebhokisi lesivumelwano Israyeli.’ **12** USolomoni wasesima phambi kwe-sikaThixo, amboza ibhokisi lesivumelwano kanye alithari likaThixo phambi kwalo lonke ibandla lakolemijabo yalo yokulithwala. **13** Wayenze isitubhu Israyeli welula izandla zakhe. **14** Wasesithi: “Kwakungelalutho ebhokisini kweguma elingaphandle. Wema phezu kwestibhu waseguqa phambi kwalo lonke ibandla lako-Israyeli waphakamisela izandla zakhe ezulwini. **15** Wasesithi:

"Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kakho uNkulunkulu ofanana lawe ezulwini lasemhlabeni, wena ogcina isivumelwano sakho sothando lezinceku zakho eziqhubeka endleleni yakho ngezinhliziyo ezipheleleyo. **15** Usigcinile isithembiso sakho encekwini yakho uDavida ongubaba; ngomlomo wakho uthembisile njalo ngesandla sakho ukugcwalsile lokho njengoba kunjalo lamuhla. **16** Ngakho Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida ubaba isithembiso owasenza kuye usithi, 'Kawuyikuswela umuntu ozakuma phambi kwami esihllaweni sobukhosи buka-Israyeli, nxa amadodana akho ezahamba ngokomthetho wami phambi kwami, njengalokhu okwenzileyo wena.' **17** Ngakho khathesi, Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kaligcwalseke ilizwi lesithembiso ovalikhuluma kuDavida inceku yakho. **18** Kambe uNkulunkulu uzahlala labantu emhlabeni na? Amazulu, kanye lamazulu aphezulu kakhulu, kawakulingani. Pho lisilela kanganani lelithempeli engilakhileyo! **19** Kodwa-ke akuzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho lokucela kwayo umusa, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami. Zwana ukukhala lokukhuleka kwenceku yakho phambi kwakho. **20** Ebusuku lemimi amehlo akho kakhangele lindlu, yona eyindawo owathi iBizo lakho lizakuba kuyo. Akuzwe umkhuleko wenceku yakho ngalindawo. **21** Akulalele ukucela kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho bako-Israyeli nxa behkuleka bekhangale kule indawo. Akuzwe ezulwini, lona eliyindawo yakho yokuhlala; ukuze uthi ungezwa, uthethele. **22** Nxa umuntu angonela umakhelwane wakhe, afungiswe, abesefunga isifungo phambi kwe-alithari lakho kulelithempeli, **23** zwana usezulwini, uthethele. Zahlulele izinceku zakho, uyigwebe leyo elecalo ngalokho ekwenzileyo, njalo uyidedele engonanga uyiphe umvuzo ofanele ukuba msulwa kwayo. **24** Kuthi lapho abantu bakho bako-Israyeli behlulwe yizitha ngoba bonile kuwe, akuthi lapho bephenduka befakaza ibizo lakho, behkuleka njalo becela phambi kwakho kulelithempeli, **25** zwana usezulwini uthethele izono zabantu bakho bako-Israyeli ubabuyisele elizweni owabapha lona kanye laboyise. **26** Akuthi nxa emazulwini kuvalekile lingasani izulu ngoba abantu bakho bonile kuwe, njalo bathi nxa behkuleka bekhangale kulinidawo befakaza ibizo lakho betshya izono zabo ngoba ubajezisile, **27** zwana usezulwini uthethele izono zenceku zakho, abantu bakho u-Israyeli. Bafundise indlela eondileyo yokuphila uthumele izulu elizweni ovalinika abantu bakho ukuba libe yilifa labo. **28** Nxa kufika indlala loba isifo elizweni, loba ingumane loba isikhwekhwe, intethe loba isikhongwane, loba izitha zibavimbezela loba kukuyiphii imizi yabo, loba kufika incithakalo kumbe umkhuhlane bani, **29** kuthi lanxa umkhuleko kumbe isicelo sisensiwa ngomunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli, ngulowo lalowo ebona inhlupheko lezinsizi zakhe njalo ephakamisela izandla zakhe kulelithempeli, **30** lalela usezulwini, okuyindawo yakho yokuhlala. Thethelela, wenzele umuntu munye ngamunye lokho okuhambelana lezenzo zakhe, ngoba wena uyazazi inhliziyo zabantu), **31** ukuze bakwesabe bahambe ezindleleni zakho besaphila elizweni ovalipha okhokho bethu. **32** Akuthi ovezizweni ongasuye omunye wabantu bakho bako-Israyeli kodwa evela elizweni elikhatshana ngenxa yodumo lwebizo lakho lesandla sakho eslamandla lengalo yakho elukeleyo, nxa esiza ekhuleka ekhangale kulelithempeli, **33** umuzue usezulwini, lona eliyindawo yakho yokuhlala, umenzele ovezizweni loba kuyini akucela kuwe, ukuze kuthi abantu bonke emhlabeni balazi ibizo lakho bakwesabe, njengalokhu abantu bakho bako-Israyeli bekwenza, ukuze bazi ukuthi lindlu engiyakhileyo ngeyeBizo lakho. **34** Nxa abantu bakho bephuma besiya empini ukuyakulwa lezitha zabo, loba kungaphi lapho obathuma khona, njalo kuthi nxa behkuleka kuwe bekhangale lelidolobho olkhethileyo kanye lalelithempeli engilakhеле iBizo lakho, **35** uwze usezulwini imikhuleko yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubamele wena. **36** Nxa bonile phambi kwakho, ngoba kakho ongoniyo njalo uze ubathukuthelele ubanikele ezitheni zabo ezibathumba zibase elizweni elikhatshana loba eliseduzane, **37** kuthi nxa bengaguquka ezinhilizyweni zabo besemazweni abayabe bethunjelwe kuwo, baphenduke bakuncenge besemazweni abathunjelwa khona bathi, 'Sonile, senza okungalunganga lokubi,' **38** loba nxa bephendukela kuwe ngezinhliziyo zabo zonke langemiphefumulo yabo elizweni njalo behkuleka bekhangale elizweni ovalinika oyise, edolobheni ovalikhethayo lasethempelin engilakhеле iBizo lakho; **39** ngakho wena osezulwini, endaweni yakho yokuhlala, akuzwe imikhuleko yabo lokuncenga kwabo, ubamele. Njalo ubathethelle abantu bakho, bona abakoneleyo. **40** Ngakho-ke, Nkulunkulu wami sengathi amehlo akho angavuleka lezindlebe zakho zilalele imikhuleko eyenziwa kule indawo. **41** Ngakho phakama, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu, **42** Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu, ungafulatheli ogcotshiweyo wakhra.

**7** Kwathi uSolomon eseqedile ukukhuleka, kwehla umlilo uvela ezulwini, waqhunqisa umnikelo wokutshiswa lemhlatshelo, inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwalisla ithempeli. **2** Abaphristi behluleka ukungena ethempelinli likaThixo ngoba laligcwele inkazimulo kaThixo. **3** Kwathi lapho bonke abako-Israyeli bebona umlilo usehla lenkazimulo kaThixo ethempelinli, bathi mbo ngobuso phansi embundwini weguma, badumis bebonga uThixo besithi: "Yena ulungile; uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini." **4** Inkosi labantu bonke banikela imihlatshelo kuThixo. **5** Ngakho inkosi uSolomon yanikela umhlatshelo wenkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili kanye lezimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili. Ngakho inkosi labantu bonke banikela ithempeli likaNkulunkulu. **6** Abaphristi bema ngezindawo zabo, njengoba labaLevi labo bema ngamachacho lawo inkosi uDavida eyayivele iwenzele ukudumisa uThixo njalo ayevele esetshezniswa nxa ebonga, esithi, "Uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube nininini." Maqondana labaLevi, abaphristi babevuthela amacilongo abo, njalo bonke abako-Israyeli

babemi. **7** USolomoni wahlukanisela uThixo indawo imizi uHiramu ayemnike yona, wahlalisa abako-Israyeli yaphakathi laphakathi kweguma phambi kwethempeli kuyo. **3** USolomoni wayahlasela iHamathi-Zobha likaThixo, njalo kulapho anikelela khona iminikelo wayithumba. **4** Wakha njalo leThamari enkangala yokutshiswa lamafutha eminikelo yobudlelwano, ngoba layo yonke imizi yeziphala ayakha eHamathi. **5** i-alithari lethusi ayelelenze lalingeke lenele iminikelo Wavusa iBhethi-Horoni elingaphezu kanye leBhethi-yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele kanye lamafutha. Horoni elingaphansi, imizi ebiyelweyo elemithangala **8** Ngakho ngalesiskhathi uSolomoni wathakazelela lamasongo alemigoqo, **6** kanye leBhalathi lamadolobho umkhosi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, labo bonke akhe wonke ayeziziphala lemizi yezinqola zakhe abako-Israyeli ababelaye, ababelibandla elikhulu, zempi kanye lamabhiza akhe lakho konke nje abanye bevela eLebho Hamathi kusiya eSihotsheni ayengafisa ukukwakha ejerusalema leLebanoni saseGibhithe. **9** Ngosuku lwsificaminwembili benza kanye lakulo lonke ilizwe ayelibus. **7** Abantu umhangano, ngoba babekhonze ngokunikelka i-alithari, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lomkhosi wezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa phezulu. **10** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lantathu lwenyanga yesikhombisa wakhulula elizweni, labo abangabhujswanga ngama-Israyeli, abantu ukuthi babuyele emakhaya abo bethokoza njalo uSolomoni wababutha baba yizigqili: njengoba kunjalo bejabula ngenhlizyo ngenxa yezinto ezinhle uThixo kuze kube lanamhla. **9** Kodwa abako-Israyeli ayezenzele uDavida loSolomoni kanye labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli. **11** Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ithempeli likaThixo lesigodlo, esenelisile lokwenza konke zebutho, labalawuli bezinqola zokulwa labokulwa ayekunakana ngethempeli likaThixo kanye lesigodlo ngezingqola zokulwa. **10** Njalo babeyizikhulu zenkos sakhe, **12** UThixo wabonakala kuye ebusuku wathi: uSolomoni, bengamakhulu amabili alamatshumi “Ngiwuwlile umkhuleko wakho njalo sengizikhethole amahlanu ababephethethe abantu. **11** USolomoni wasusa indawo le ukuba ibe lithempeli lemhlatshelo. **13** Nxa indodakazi kaFar oMzini kaDavida wayisa esigodlweni ngivala iphezulu ukuze kungabi lezulu, loba ngithumela asakhela yona, ngoba wathi, “Umkami kamelanga ahiale intethi ukuchitha ilizwe, ingabe ngithumela isifo esigodlwensi sikaDavida inkosi yako-Israyeli, ngoba phakathi kwabantu bami, **14** nxa abantu bami, ababizwa izindawo esezike zangena ibhokisi lesivumelwano ngebizo lami, bezazithoba bakhuleke badinge ubuso sikaThixo zingcwele.” **12** USolomoni wasenikela bami njalo batshiye izindlela zabo ezimbi, kulapho kuThixo umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwe-alithari ngizakuzwa khona ngisezulwini ngithetholele izono likaThixo ayelakhele phambi komkoto, **13** kulandelwa zabo njalo ngiphephise ilizwe labo. **15** Ngalokho amehlo umkhuba wemihla ngemihla njengokulaya kukaMosi ami azavuleka, lezindlebe zami zizalalela imikhuleko eqakathekisa iSabatha, lokuThwasa kweNyanga eyenziwa kulindawo. **16** Ngilikhetile ngizahlukanisela kanye lokwemikhosi emithathu yomnyaka, uMkholi lelithempeli ukuze iBizo lami libe kulo kuze kube lokuphathisa abaphristi kusya ngemfanelo yemihla izimiso lemithetho yami, **18** ngizaqinisa isihlalo sakho sobukhos, njengesivumelwano engasenza loyihlo ukulinda amasango ehlukeneyo ngoba yikho uDavida ngisithi: ‘Kawuyikuswela umuntu ozabusa okwakutshiso rguDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu. u-Israyeli.’ **19** Kodwa ungafulathela utshiye izimiso **15** Kabaphambukanga kulokho inkosi uDavida lemilayengikunika yona usuke uyekhothamela abanye eyayikutshilo mayelana labaphristi labaLevi kanye onkulunkulu ubakhonze, **20** kulapho ngizakhucula lezindlu zerotho. **16** Wonke umsebenzi kaSolomoni abako-Israyeli elizweni lami, engabanika lona, kuthi wenziwa, kusukela ngosoku lokubekwa kwestisekelo lelithempeli engilahlukanisele iBizo lami ngilichithe, sethempeli likaThixo kwaze kwaba sekupheleni kwavo. ngilenzie libe yinto ekhohlakeleyo into eyinhlekisa Kwaba yikuphela kokwakhiwa kwethempeli likaThixo, kubo bonke abedlula lapha bazamangala bathi, ‘Kanti **17** Ngakho uSolomoni wasesiya e-Eziyon-Gebheri amehlo, bonke abedlula lapha bazamangala bathi, ‘Kanti lase-Elathi ngasemakhunjini ase-Edomi. **18** UHiramu kungani uThixo ekwenzile lokhu okunje kulelilizwe wathumela kuye imikhumbi eyayiphethwe yizinduna kanye lakulelithempeli?’ **22** Abantu bazaphendula zakhe, amadoda ayelwazi ulwandle. Zona, kanye bathi, ‘Ngoba bamfulathele uThixo, uNkulunkulu lezinceku zikaSolomoni zaya e-Ofiri, zayathwala igolide wabokhokho babo, owabakhupha eGibhithe, basuka elingamathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi bayabambelela kwabanye onkulunkulu, bebakhonza amahlanu, zayalethula enkosini uSolomoni. njalo bebakhothamela, yikho ebehlisele incithakalo yonke le.’”

**8** Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi amabili, leyo uSolomoni akha ngayo ithempeli likaThixo ngemibuzo enzima. Yayiphelekezelwa ludwende kanye lesigodlo sakhe, **2** uSolomoni wabuye wavusa olukhulu, amakamela ayethweli iziyoliso, igolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu, yafika kuSolomoni

yaxoxa laye ngakho konke eyayikumumeth. segolide esasixhunywe kuso. Emaceleni esihlalo 2 USolomoni wayiphendula yonke imibuzo kwakulezeyamelo zengalo, yileso laleso kumi isilwane yayo, akubanga lalutho olwaba nzima ukuthi eceleni kwaso. 19 Izilwane ezilitshumi lambili aluchasisele yona. 3 Inkosikazi yaseShebha isibonile zazimi kulawomakhwelelo ayisithupha, sisinye simi konke ukuhlakanipha kukaSolomoni, lesigodlo nganxanye kwekhwelelo ngalinye. Kakukho okunjalo ayesakhile, 4 lokudla kwakhe, lokaahliswa okwakuke kwenzekala loba kuwuphi umbuso. 20 Zonke kwezinduna zakhe, lokaahllewa kwezincke zakhe inkezo zenkos uSolomoni zazinegezolide, lazononke lezizqoko zazo, labaphathi benkezo lezizqoko zabo, izitsha zeSigodlwani saseGuswini laseLebanoni leminikelokotshiswa ayeyinikela ethempelini likaThixo, kwayiqeda amandla. 5 Yathi enkosini, ngesiliva ngoba ngensuku zikaSolomoni igugu "Imibiko ebifika ezindlebeni zami elizweli lami ngengqubelaphambili langenhlakanipho yakho iqotho. 6 Ngibe ngingayikhola leyo mbiko ngaze ngazibonela ngawami amehlo. Ngeqiniso, akufiki kohambo lweminyaka emithathu, iphenduka ithwele engxenyeni engikuzwileyo ngokujula kwenhlakanipho yakho; engikubonileyo kwedlula engakuzwayo ngawe 22 Inkosi yayilodibi ngokuphindwe kanengi. 7 Yeka ukujabula kwabantu omhlaba ngenotho langenhlakanipho. 23 Amakhosi bakhol! Yeka ziadelu izikhulu zakho, ezhlezi zimi wonke omhlaba eza kuSolomoni ukuzokuzwa phambi kwakho zizizwela inhlakanipho yakho! 8 inhlakanipho uNkulunkulu ayeyifake enhiliziwene Udumo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, obe lokuthokoza yakhe. 24 Minyaka yonke amlethela izipho zesiliva ngawe wakufaka esihlalwene sakhe sobukhosu ukuba zamabhiza lezezingola zokulwa ezizinkulungwane Israyeli, lokuzimisela ukubamelu kuze kuge nininini, ezzine, kanye lamabhiza azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ukubekile waba yinkosi phezu kwabo, ukuze ulondoloze lambili, ayekugcina emizini yezincola zokulwa okunye ukwahlulela ngemfanelo langokulunga." 9 Indlovukazi njalo kukuye khonapho ejerusalem. 26 Wabus wonke yasinika uSolomoni amathalenta egolide alikhulu elilamatshumi amabili, iziyoliso ezinengi, lamatshe lanafiliisti, lasemgceleni weGibhithe, 27 Inkosi aligugu. Kwakungakaze kuge lezijoliso ezzinegalezo yandisa isiliva kwangani ngamatshe ejerusalem, ezaphiwa inkosi uSolomoni yindlovukazi yaseShebha. lezihlahla zomsedari zanda kwangani yizihlahla 10 (izincke zikaHiram lezikaSolomoni zaletu zomkhiwa wesikhamore emawatheni ezintaba. 28 igolide livela e-Ofiri; zaletu lezigodo zom'algumu USolomoni wayezuza amabhiza ayevela eGibhithe lamatshe aligugu. 11 Inkosi yasebenzisa izigodo lakuwo wonke amanyi amazwe. 29 Ezinye izehlakalo zom'algumu ukwakha inyathelo lethempeli likaThixo ezenzakala ekubuseni kukaSolomoni kazilotshwanga lenyathelo lesigodlo sesikhosini, kanye lokwenza yini kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kuge sekucineni, imihubhe lemiqangala yabahlabeleli. Kwakungakaze zabindabeni zomlandu kaNathani umphrofethi, kubonakale okunjengalokhu kwelakoJuda). 12 Inkosi lasesiphofethini sika-Ahija waseShilo, lasembonweni uSolomoni yapha inkosikazi yaseShebha okwedlula ka-Ido umboni emayelana lojerobhowamu indodana lokho eyayikucelile, kwakukunengi kugabhela lokho kaNebhathi? 30 USolomoni wabus u-Israyeli wonke ayekuphatelwe yinkosikazi. Yavalelisa-ke inkosikazi ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. 31 yabuyla elizweli layo lobhobo lwezindwendwe Waya kwabaphansi, wangcwatshwa emzini kaDavidia zayo. 13 Isisindo segolide elalifika kuSolomoni uyise. URehobhowami indodana yakhe waba yinkosi minyaka yonke lalingamathalenta angamakhulu esikhundleni sakhe.

**10** URehobhowami waya eShekhemu ngoba bonke abako-Israyeli babeye khona ukuze bamethese ubukhos. 2 Kwathi ujerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi ekuzwu lokhu (wayeseGibhithe lapho abuya evela khona ngoba wayebalekele inkosi uSolomoni.) 3 Abako-Israyeli basebethumela ilizwi bembiza ujerobhowamu, kwathi-ke yena kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli bayu kuRehobhowami bafika bathi: 4 "Uyihlo wasithwalisa umthwalo onzima, kodwa wena khathesi ake uphungule ubunzima asethesa bona, wethule lemithwalo yethu enzima abesithwalise yona, yikho sizakukhonza." 5 URehobhowami wabaphendula wathi: "Libobuya ngemva kwensuku ezintathu." Ngakho abantu basuka bahamba. 6 INkosi uRehobhowami yasicibiana labadala ababeloyise uSolomoni esaphila, yathi: "Lingicebisa ukuthi ngibanike mpendulo

bani lababantu?" 7 Baphendula bathi, "Ungaba leMaresha, leZifi, 9 le-Adorayimi, leLakhishi, le-lomusa kulababantu, ubathokozise, ukhulumisane Azekha, 10 leZora, le-Ayijalon, kanye leHebhroni. labo kuhle, bazahlala bezinceku zakho." 8 Kodwa Le kwakuyimizi ebiyelweyo kojuda lakoBhenjamini. uRehobhowami kazange akwamukele ukucebisa 11 Waqinisa izinqaba zayo wabeka abalawuli bempa kwabadala wakhetha ukudinga ulwazi kwabayintanga kuyo, wabuthela ezingqabeni ukudla lamafutha om'oliva yakhe ababekhule bonke njalo kuyibo abasebezinceku lewayini. 12 Wafaka izihlangu lemikhonto kuyo zakhe. 9 Wababuza wathi, "Seluleko bani elilaso? yonke imizi, wayiqinisa kakhu. Ngakho-ke wabusa Singabaphendula sithini lababantu abathi kimi, kojuda lakoBhenjamini. 13 Abaphristi labaLevi 'Ake uphungle ubunzima esabtheswa nguyihlo?" kulezozabelo kulolon elako-Israyeli bamsekela. 14 10 Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe amphendula athi, AbaLevi bahle batshiya amadlebo lempahla, "Batshe lababantu abathi kuwe, 'Uyihlo wasethesa bayo kojuda laseJerusalema, ngoba uJerobhowamu ubunzima, akusiphungule lobubunzima' uthi kubo, lamadodana akhe wala ukuthi bangabaphristi 'Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa. 11 bakaThixo. 15 Wasekhetha abakhe abaphristi Ubaba waletwesa ubunzima, mina ngizabungezelela. wababeka ezindaweni zokukhonza, labezithome Ubaba walitshaya ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa zembuzi lezamatole ayezenzile. 16 Abezizwana ngenkume." 12 Ujerobhowamu labo bonke abantu zonke zako-Israyeli ababemisile ukukhonza uThixo babuyela kuRehobhowami ngosuku Iwesithathu uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, balandela abaLevi ejerusalema njengokutsho kwakhe ukuthi, "Phendukani lize ukuyanikela imihlatsheyo kuThixo, uNkulunkulu kimi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu." 13 Lakanye wabokhokho babo. 17 Baqinisa umbuso kajuda inkosi yaphendula abantu ngolaka, yalahla iseluleko basekela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni sabadala, 14 yalandela iseluleko samajaha yathi, iminyaka emithathu, belandela indlela kaDavida "Ubaba waletwesa ubunzima, mina ngizakwengezelela lekaSolomoni ngalesosikhathi. 18 URehobhowami kubo. Walitshaya ngezaswebhu, mina ngizalilumisa wathatha uMahalathi, indodakazi kajerimothi indodana ngezinkume." 15 Ngakho inkosi kayibalalelanga kaDavida, leka-Abhihayili indodakazi ka-Eliyabi abantu, ngoba lokhu kwensiwa nguNkulunkulu, ukuze kugcwalseike ilizwi likaThixo ayelikhulume ngo-Ahija amadodana kaJese, waba ngumkakhe, 19 wamzalela kugcwalseike ilizwi likaThixo ayelikhulume ngo-Ahija amadodana la: uJewushi loShemariya loZahamu. 20 waseShilo kuJerobhowamu indodana kaNebhathi. 16 Wasethatha njalo uMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu Kwathi bonke abako-Israyeli bebona ukuthi inkosi owamzalela o-Ahija lo-Athayi loZiza loShelomithi. iyala ukubalalela bayiphendula bathi: "Silesabelo WaseShilo njalo uMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu waqhubeka ebabuswa abako-Israyeli ababehlala emizini kajese na? Yanini emizini yenu lina bako-Israyeli! Sala lendlu yakho, David!" Ngakho bonke abako-Israyeli babuyela emakhaya. 17 Kodwa uRehobhowami Kwasethatha njalo uMahakha indodakazi ka-Abhisalomu waqhubeka ebabuswa abako-Israyeli ababehlala emizini yakoJuda. 18 Inkosi uRehobhowami yasithuma u- Adoniram owayengumphathi wezibhalwa, kodwa abako-Israyeli bamkhanda ngamatshe wafa. Kodwa inkosi uRehobhowami yaphanga yakhwela enqoleni yayo yokulwa, yabalekela ejerusalema. 19 Kusukela ngalesosikhathi abako-Israyeli bayihlamukela indlu kaDavida kuze kuge lamuhla.

20 11 Kwathi uRehobhowami esefike ejerusalema, wabuthanisa abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini, amadoda empi azinkulungwane ezilikulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili ukuba bayekulwa labako-Israyeli ukuze babuyisele uRehobhowami embusweni. 2 Kodwa ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu lisithi: 3 "Tshela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni inkosi yakoJuda, labo bonke abako-Israyeli kojuda lakoBhenjamini uthi, 4 'Nanku okutshio nguThixo: Lingaphumi ukuthi liyekulwa labafowenu. Buyelani emizini yenu, lina lonke, ngoba lokhu kuyikwenza kwami.'" Ngakho balalela ilizwi likaThixo, babuyela emizini yabo, kabasayang kulwa loJerobhowamu. 5 URehobhowami wahlala ejerusalema njalo wakha imizi eyizinqaba kojuda: 6 iBhethilehema, le-Ethamu, leThekhowa, 7 leBhethi Zuri, leSokho, le-Adulami, 8 leGathi,

12 Ngemva kokuba uRehobhowami eselamandla, lombuso wakhe usuqinile, yena kanye labo bonke abako-Israyeli bawudela umlayo kaThixo. 2 Kodwa ngoba bona kuThixo, uShishakhi inkosi yaseGibhithe wahlasela ejerusalema ngomnyaka wesihlanu wokubusa kwenkosi uRehobhowami. 3 Wahlasela ngezincola zokulwa ezingamakhulu alitshumi lambili labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, labantu abangelakubalwa ubunengi babo abanye begabeLibhiya, lamaSukhi labaKhushi abeza laye bevelela ngaseGibhithe, 4 wathumba imizi yakoJuda ebiyelweyo waze wayafika leJerusalema. 5 Ngakho uShemaya umphrofethi waya kuRehobhowami kanye lakubakhokheli bakoJuda ababebuthene ejerusalema ngokwesaba uShishakhi, wafika wathi kubo, "Nanku okutshio nguThixo uthi, 'Lingilahlile lina; ngakho sengilinikela kuShishaki.'" 6 Abakhokheli bako-Israyeli lenkosi yabo bazithoba batsho bathi, "uThixo ulungile." 7 Kwathi uThixo esebonile ukuzithoba kwabo ilizwi lakhe lafika kuShemaya

lisithi: "Njengoba bezithobile, kangisayikubabhubhisa, ukumelana lombuso kaThixo, ophethwe ngamadodana kodwa ngizabakhulula emva kwasikhatsana, lolaka kaDavida ngoba libona libanengi kakhulu, lilamathole lwami kalusayikwehliselwa ejerusalema ngesandla sikaShishakhi. **8** Kodwa bazakuba yizinceku zakhe ukuze bazi umahluko phakathi kokungikhonza lokukhonza amakhosi amanye amazwe." **9** UShishakhi inkosi yaseGibhithe wasehlasela ijerusalema, wabutha yonke inotho yasethempelini likaThixo kanye lenotho yasesigodlweni sesikhosini. Wathatha konke waze wathatha lezihlangu zegolide ezazenziwe okungayisikho onkulunkulu. **10** Kodwa thina, ngusolomoni. **10** Ngakho inKosi uRehobhowami yasisensa izihlangu zethusi endaweni yalezo njalo yazibeka ngaphansi kwabalawuli babalindi bamasango asesigodlweni sesikhosini. **11** Kwakusithi lapho inkosi isiya ethempelini likaThixo, abalindi babehamba layo bephethe izihlangu, kuze kuthi emva kwasikhathi bazibuyisele endlini yabalindi. **12** Ngenxa yokuthi uRehobhowami wazithoba, ulaka lukaThixo lwadeda kuye, kasazange abe esabhujiwa. Ngempela kwakukhona okuhle koJuda. **13** Inkosi uRehobhowami yaqinisa umbuso wayo ejerusalema njalo yaqhubeka ibusa. Ekugcotshweni kwakhe ubukhosu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye, wabusu okweminyaka ayewukhethile phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli ayekweli uBizo lakhe. Ibizo likanina linguNaHama, engowako-Amoni. **14** Wenza okubi wona ngoba engazang abe inhliziyo yakhe ekumdingeni uThixo. **15** Okumayelana lokubusa kukaRehobhowami, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kuge sekupheleni, akulotshwanga na emibhalweni kaShemaya umphrofethi leka-Ido umboni mayelana lokuzalana kwabantu? Kwaba lempi njalo phakathi kukaRehobhowami loJerothowamu. **16** UREhobhowami wakhothama, wangcwatshwa labokhokho bakhe eMzini kaDavida. U-Abhija, indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosu waba yinkosi ngemva kukayise.

**13** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukajerobhowamu, u-Abhija waba yinkosi yakoJuda, **2** njalo wabusa ejerusalema okweminyaka emithathu. Ibizo likanina lalinguMikhaya, indodakazi ka-Uriyeli waseGibhiya. Kwaba lempi phakathi kuka-Abhija loJerothowamu. **3** Bathi behlangana ekulweni, u-Abhija wayelamadoda aqinileyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane, kanti uJerothowamu wahlangabezana laye elamadoda azinkulungwane ezificaminwembili. **4** U-Abhija wema phezu kweNtaba iZemarayimu, elizweni lamaqaqa lako-Efrayimi, wathi: "Wena Jerothowamu kanye laye wonke u-Israyeli, lalelani kimi, lizwe! **5** Alikwazi na ukuthi uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, unikele ubukhosu bako-Israyeli kuDavida lenzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini ngesivumelwano setswai na? **6** Kukanti uJerothowamu indodana kaNebhathi, isikhulu sikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida, uhlamukele inkosi yakhe. **7** Abantu ababi bamlandela behlamukela uRehobhowami indodana kaSolomoni esesemncinyane engakaqedisisi njalo engakabi lamandla okumelana labo. **8** Khathesi licabanga

ukumelana lombuso kaThixo, ophethwe ngamadodana eGolide elawenzelwa ngujerobhowamu ukuba abe ngonkulunkulu. **9** Kalibaxotshanga yini abaphristi bakaThixo, amadodana ka-Aroni, kanye labaLevi, lazibekela abenu abaphristi njengalokhu okwensiwa inkosi ngabantu bamanye amazwe na? Kuthi lowo ofika ahlukaniselwe uThixo waba ngumphristi walokho uThixo uNkulunkulu ngowethu, asimdelanga. Thina abaphristi esilabo ngamadodana ka-Aroni, amkhonzayo uThixo, njalo baphathiswa ngabaLevi. **11** Bayanikela kuThixo ekuseni lantambama insuku zonke iminikelo yokutshiswa lemppeha elephunga elihle. Bayalungisa izinkwa ezaHLukaniselwe uThixo etafuleni legolide elihle, balumathise izibane oluthini Iwegolide ntambama nsuku zonke. Thina siyawulalela umlayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. Kodwa lina limdelile. **12** uNkulunkulu ulathi, nguye osikhokhelayo. Abaphristi bakhe abaphethe amacilongo bazawavuthela besibizela ekulweni lani. Madoda ako-Israyeli, lingabokulwa loThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, ngoba aliyikuphumelela." **13** Ujerobhowamu wayesethumele eliriny iviyo lamabutho akhe ngemva ukuze athi yena ejamelane labakoJuda phambil lona licathamele ngemva kwabo. **14** AbakoJuda bafulatheila kodwa babona ukuthi babehlaselwa inxa zonke phambil langemva kwabo. Bakhala kuThixo. Abaphristi bevuthela amacilongo abo **15** kwathi abakoJuda bakhwaza ngephimbo lokuhlasela empini. Kuthe kuzwakala ukukhwaza ngephimbo lokuhlasela, uNkulunkulu wabhuqa uJerothowamu labo bonke abako-Israyeli phambi kuka-Abhija labakoJuda. **16** Abako-Israyeli babalekela abakoJuda njalo uNkulunkulu wabaniKela ezandleni zabo. **17** U-Abhija lamabutho akhe babulala amadoda amanengi kakhulu, kwafa amadoda ako-Israyeli aqinileyo empini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **18** Amadoda ako-Israyeli aqinileyo ngalesosikhathi anqotshwa, kwathi abakoJuda baphumelela ngoba babethembele kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. **19** U-Abhija waxotshana loJerothowamu wamthathele amadolobho ebhetheli, leleJeshana kanye lele-Efroni, lemizi eyasiduzane khonapho. **20** Ujerobhowamu kazange abuse futhi kusabusa u-Abhija. UThixo wantshaya wafa. **21** Kodwa u-Abhija waqina waba lamandla embusweni. Wathatha abafazi abalitshumi lane waba lamadodana angamatshumi amabili lamadodakazi alitshumi leithupha. **22** Ezinye izehlakalo ekubuseni kuka-Abhija, akwenzayo lakutshoyo, kuletshiwe ezindabenzi zomphrofethi u-Ido.

**14** Ngakho u-Abhija waya kubokhokho bakhe wembelwa eMzini kaDavida. Indodana yakhe u-Asa wathatha isikhundla sakhe waba yinkosi, njalo ngezinsuku zokubusa kwakhe kwaba lokuthula elizweni okweminyaka elitshumi. **2** U-Asa wenza okuhle lokulungileyo phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu

wakhe. **3** Wasusa wonke ama-alithare ezizweni kwezizwe, kwakungelula ukuhambahamba. **6** lezindawo zokukhonzela, wadiliza izinsika zakhona Kwakulencithakalo isizwe sichithwa ngesinye, umuzi lezithombe zikankulunkulkazi u-Ashera. **4** Walaya uchithwa ngomunye, ngoba uNkulunkulu wabehlisela abakoJuda ukuba bakhonze uThixo, uNkulunkulu zonke inhlobonhlobo zosizi. **7** Kodwa wena, qina wabokhokho babo, balandele yonke imithetho ungayekethisi, ngoba owakho umsebenzi uzakuba lemilayo yakhe. **5** Wawa izindawo zokukhonzela lomvuzo.” **8** U-Asa wathi ewewza lamazwi lesiphrofethi lama-alithare empepha kuwo wonke amadolobho sika-Azariya indodana ka-Odedi umphrofethi, waqina akoJuda, ngakho kwaba lokuthula ekubuseni waba lesibindi. Wasusa zonke izithombe ezinengisayo kwakhe. **6** Wakha imizi ebiyelweyo koJuda, kulolonke ilizwe lakoJuda lelakoBhenjamini lasemizini njengoba kwakulokuthula elizweni. Kakho ovalwa ayeyithumbile emaqaqeni aka-Efrayimi. Wavuselela i-impi laye ngaleyominyaka, ngoba uThixo wamnika alithira likaThixo elaliphambi komkoto wethempeli ukuphumula. **7** Wathi kwabakoJuda, “Kasakheni likaThixo. **9** Wasebuthanisa bonke abakoJuda imizi le siyizingezelele ngemiduli, lemiphotshongo, labakoBhenjamini kanye labantu abavebla kolamasango leminxibo. Ilizwe lilokhu lingelethu, ngoba Efrayimi, lakoManase kanye lakoSimiyoni ababehlez simtholile uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu; simkhonzile phakathi kwabo, ngoba babebanengi kakhulu usesilethele ukuthula inxa zonke.” Basebesakha abako-Israyeli ababethe ngokubona ukuthi uThixo njalo baphumelela. **8** U-Asa wayelamabutho uNkulunkulu wayelaye bathutha beza ngakuye. empi azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu **10** Babuthana ejerusalema ngenyanga yesithathu koJuda, ayejhlope ngamahawu amakhulu lemikhonto, ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kuka-lamanye azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili Asa. **11** Ngalesosikhathi benza imihlatshelo kuThixo alamatshumi ayisificaminwembili koBhenjamini, eyezinkomo ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lezimvu ayejhlope ngezihlangu ezincinyane lamadandili. Kanye lembuzi ezyizinkulungwane ezyisikhombisa Wonke kungamaddoda alezibindi zokulwa. **9** UZera kulezo ababezithumbe babuya lazo. **12** Benza umKhushi waphuma ebathukuthellele ephelekezelwa isivumelwano sokuba bandinge uThixo, uNkulunkulu libutho elikhulu lezinqola zokulwa ezingamakhulu wabokhokho babo, ngezinhliziyo zabo ezipheleleyo amathathu, waze wayafika eMaresha. **10** U-Asa langomoya. **13** Bonke ababengayi kumdinga waphuma laye ukuyamjamela, bafika bajama eSigodini uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, babefanele saseZefatha phansi kweMaresha. **11** U-Asa wasekhuleka babulawe, loba bebancinyane loba bebakhulu, loba kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi: “Thixo, kakho kungowesilisa kumbe owesifazane. **14** Benza isifungo omunye onjengawe ongavikela ababuthakathaka kuThixo ngokuvungama, bememeza njalo bevuthela kwabalamanndla. Sisize, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu, lamacilongo lempondo. **15** AbakoJuda bathokoza bonke ngoba thina sithembele kuwe, ngebizo lakho siphumile ngesifungo ngoba babesenze ngenhliziyo yabo yonke, ukuba silwe lalelibutho lempi elikhulu kangaka. Oh Bampinga uThixo ngokulangatha, wabavumela ukuthi Thixo, unguNkulunkulu wethu; umuntu angezake bamthole. Ngakho uThixo wabanika ukuthula inxa amelane lawe.” **12** UThixo wawatshaya wawabhuqa zonke. **16** Inkosi u-Asa yasusa ugogo wayo uMahakha amaKhushi phambi kuka-Asa labakoJuda. AmaKhushi esikhundleni sokuba yindlovukazi ngoba wayenze abaleka, **13** kodwa u-Asa lamabutho akhe waxotshana insika yokukhonzela unkulunkulkazi u-Ashera lawo waze wayawafikisa eGerari. Kwafa amaKhushi oyisengiso. U-Asa wayidiliza insika, wayiqumaquma amanengi okokuthi kasazange azame ukuoqana wayitshisela eSigodini saseKhidironi. **17** Lanxa kutsha; abhuqwaa phambi kukaThixo laphambi engasusanga izindawo zokukhonzela ko-Israyeli, u-kwamabutho akhe. Amadoda ajoJuda atshuquliza Asa wayezinikele kuThixo ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke impango enengi kakhulu. **14** Atshabalalisa yonke empilweni yakhe yonke. **18** Wangenisa ethempelini imizi yaseGerari, ngoba ukuthukuthela kukaThixo likaNkulunkulu isiliva legolide lezinto lezo yena kanye kwakuphezu kwayo. Atshuquliza yonke imizi ngoba loyise ababeahlukanisele uThixo. **19** Akusazange impango yainengi kuyo. **15** Ahlasela izhonqo kube lempi kwaaze kwaba ngumnyaka wamatshumi zabelusi njalo abutha imihlambi yezimvu, imbuzi kanye amathathu lanhlanu wokubusa kuka-Asa. lamakamela. Asebuyela ejerusalema.

**15** Umoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela phezu kuka-

Azariya indodana ka-Odedi. **2** Waphuma ukuba Ayehlangabezana lo-Asa wasesithi kuye, “Lalela kimi, Asa labo bonke abakoJuda labakoBhenjamini. UThixo ulawe nxa wena ukuye. Nxa umfuna, uzamthola, yakoJuda. **3** Ngakho u-Asa wathatha isiliva legolide kodwa nxa umlahla uzakulahla. **3** Okwesikhathi eside abako-Israyeli babengelaye uNkulunkulu weqiniso, esigodlweni sakhe wakuthumela kuBheni-Hadadi bengelaye umphristi wokufundisa njalo bengelawo inkosi yase-Aramu, owayebusa eDamaseko. **3** Wathi, umthetho. **4** Kodwa osizini lwabo baphendukela kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, bampinga bamthola. **5** Ngalezonsuku, ngenxa yokuxokozela okukhulu mina ngikuthumele isiliva legolide. Wena yesula

**16** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesthupha wokubusa kuka-Asa uBhasha inkosi yako-

Israyeli wasuka wayavimbezela uJuda wakhela iRama inqaba ukunqabelo loba ngubani ukuthi angaphumi loba angangeni elizweni lika-Asa inkosi yase-Aramu, owayebusa eDamaseko. **3** Wathi, okwakwenziwe ngubaba loyiilo. Uyabona, nanku Kasenze isivumelwano mina lawe njengalokho mina ngikuthumele isiliva legolide. Wena yesula

isivumelwano sakho loBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli yikho uShemaya loNethaniya, loZebhadiya, lo-Asaheli, ezahlehlia angiyekele.” **4** UBheni-Hadadi wavumelana loShemiramothi, loJehonathani, lo-Adonija, loThobhija lenkosi u-Asa wahle wathumela abalawuli bamabutho akhe ukuba bayehlasela imizi yako-Israyeli. Banqoba elako-Ijoni, lelakoDani le-Abheli-Mayimi kanye layo kanye loThobhi-Adonija lo-Elishama loJehoram abaphristi. **9** Bafundisa kulolonke elakoJuda, bethwele uGwalo lwemiTheetho kaThixo; babboda yonke imizi yonke imizi yeziphala zakoNafithali. **5** UBhasha yakoJuda befundisa abantu. **10** UKumesaba uThixo wathi ekuzwa lokhu wema ukwakha iRama wahle kwagcwala kuyo yonke imibuso yamazwe akhelane wayekela umsebenzi wakhe. **6** Ngakho inkosi u-Asa loJuda, ngakho abasayanga empini loJehoshafathi yaletha wonke amadoda akoJuda athutha amatshe lezigodo eRama okwakusetshenwisa nguBhasha. **11** Amanye amaFilistiya alethela uJehoshafathi izipho lesiliva njengomthelo, lama-Arabhu aletha Wakha ngakho iGebha leMizipha. **7** Ngalesosikhathi imihlambi yezimvu: izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa uHanani umboni wafika ku-Asa inkosi yakoJuda wathi kuye: “Ngenxa yokuthi wethembele enkosini yase-Aramu wadela ukwethembela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ibutho lenkosi yase-Aramu seliphunyukile esandleni sakho. **8** Kanti amaKhushi lamaLibhiya babengelabutho eliamandla amakhulu lamanani amanengi ezinqola zokulwa lamadoda alwa ngamabhiza na? Kodwa-ke kwathi usuthembele kuThixo, wabanikela esandleni sakho. **9** Ngoba amehlo kaThixo athungatha umhlaba wonke ukuze aqinise labo abanhliziyo zabo zizimisele kuye. Usuwenze ubuwula, ngakho kusukela khathesi uzahlala usempini.” **10** U-Asa wazondele umboni ingenxa yalokho; wathukuthela wahle wamfaka entolongweni. Kusenjalo u-Asa waphatha abanye babantu ngochuku. **11** Izehlakalo zombuso ka-Asa, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, zilotshwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawako-Israyeli. **12** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu layisificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe u-Asa wahlasewla ngumkuhlane ezinyaweni zakhe. Loba umkuhlane wakhe wawubuhlungi kakhulu, kazange adinge usizo kuThixo, kodwa wayesiya ezinyangeni. **13** Kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane lowodwa u-Asa wafa walala kуне laboyise. **14** Bamngcwaba ethuneni ayezenzele lona eMzini kaDavida. Bambeka phezu kwethala elaligcwele amakha enhlobo ngenhlobo ayexutshwe ngokuhlanipha kwezingcitshi zamakha, babasa umlilo omkhulu wokumhlonipha.

**17** UJehoshafathi indodana ka-Asa waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe; wazilungiselu ukumelana lo-Israyeli empini. **2** Wabeka amabutho emizini ebiyelwego yakoJuda wafaka amaviyo koJuda kanye lasemizini yako-Efrayimi eyayithunjwe nguyise u-Asa. **3** UThixo wayelaye uJehoshafathi ngoba ngeminyaka yakuqala wayehamba ngezindlela ezalandelwa nguyise uDavida. Kabadinganga oBhali, **4** kodwa wadinga uNkulunkulu kayise njalo walalelila imilayo yakhe kazange alingisele okwakusenwiza ngabako-Israyeli. **5** UThixo wawuqinisa umbuso wakhe, bonke abakoJuda baletaha izipho kuJehoshafathi, ngakho wanotha kakhulu njalo wahlonitshwa kakhulu. **6** Inhliziyio yakhe yati kuThixo ngokuzinikela okukhulu ezindleleni zakhe; njalo wasusa zonke izindawo zokukhonzela wadiliza lezinsika zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera koJuda. **7** Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wathuma izikhulu zakhe oBheni-Hali, lo-Obhadaya, loZakhariya, loNethaneli kanye loMikhaya ukuba ziyefundisa emizini yakoJuda. **8** Ndawonye lazo kwakulabanye abaLevi uShemaya loNethaniya, loZebhadiya, lo-Asaheli, loShemiramothi, loJehonathani, lo-Adonija, loThobhija kanye loThobhi-Adonija lo-Elishama loJehoram abaphristi. **9** Bafundisa kulolonke elakoJuda, bethwele uGwalo lwemiTheetho kaThixo; babboda yonke imizi yonke imizi yeziphala zakoNafithali. **5** UBhasha yakoJuda befundisa abantu. **10** UKumesaba uThixo kwagcwala kuyo yonke imibuso yamazwe akhelane wayekela umsebenzi wakhe. **6** Ngakho inkosi u-Asa loJuda, ngakho abasayanga empini loJehoshafathi yaletha wonke amadoda akoJuda athutha amatshe lezigodo eRama okwakusetshenwisa nguBhasha. **11** Amanye amaFilistiya alethela uJehoshafathi izipho lesiliva njengomthelo, lama-Arabhu aletha Wakha ngakho iGebha leMizipha. **7** Ngalesosikhathi imihlambi yezimvu: izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **8** UJehoshafathi waba lamandla amakhulu angezelwelwoyo, wakha izinqaba lamadolobho esandleni sakho. **9** Ngoba amehlo kaThixo athungatha umhlaba wonke ukuze aqinise labo abanhliziyo zabo zizimisele kuye. Usuwenze ubuwula, ngakho kusukela khathesi uzahlala usempini.” **10** U-Asa wazondele umboni ingenxa yalokho; wathukuthela wahle wamfaka entolongweni. Kusenjalo u-Asa waphatha abanye babantu ngochuku. **11** Izehlakalo zombuso ka-Asa, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekupheleni, zilotshwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawako-Israyeli. **12** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu layisificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe u-Asa wahlasewla ngumkuhlane ezinyaweni zakhe. Loba umkuhlane wakhe wawubuhlungi kakhulu, kazange adinge usizo kuThixo, kodwa wayesiya ezinyangeni. **13** Kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane lowodwa u-Asa wafa walala kуне laboyise. **14** Bamngcwaba ethuneni ayezenzele lona eMzini kaDavida. Bambeka phezu kwethala elaligcwele amakha enhlobo ngenhlobo ayexutshwe ngokuhlanipha kwezingcitshi zamakha, babasa umlilo omkhulu wokumhlonipha.

**18** Ngakho uJehoshafathi wayenothe kakhulu njalo ehnlopheka, waba lobunini lo-Ahabi ngokwendiselana. **2** Ngemva kweminyaka ethile wayakwetekela u-Ahabi eSamariya. U-Ahabi wamhlabela izimvu ezinengi lenkomo yena kanye labantu ayelabo njalo wamkuthaza ukuba ahlasele iRamothi Giliyadi. **3** U-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli yabuza uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wathi: “Uzahamba lami na ukuyahlasela iRamothi Giliyadi?” UJehoshafathi waphendula wathi, “Mina nginjengawe, abantu bami banjengabantu bakho; sizakuba lawe empini.” **4** Kodwa uJehoshafathi waphinda wathi enkosini yako-Israyeli, “Akubuze kuThixo kuqala.” **5** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yasibuthanisa abaphrofethi, amadoda angamakhulu amane, yababuza yathi, “Siphume impi siyehlasela iRamothi Giliyadi, loba ngizithibe na?” Bayiphendula bathi, “Hamba, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayinikela esandleni senkos.” **6** Kodwa uJehoshafathi wabuza wathi, “Kambe kakusela mphrofethi kaThixo lapha esingabuza kuye na?” **7** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, “Ukhona oyedwa esingabuza uThixo ngaye kodwa ngiyamzonda ngoba kakaze aphrofethe okuhle ngami, uhlala ekhuluma okubi. Ibizo lakhe nguMikhaya indodana ka-Imla.” UJehoshafathi wathi, “Inkosi kayimelanga itsho njalo.” **8** Ngakho

inkosi yako-Israyeli yabiza esinye sezikhulu zayo UMikhaya waqonqosela wathi: "Nxa ungaphenduka yathi kuso, "Ngibizela uMikhaya indodana ka-kuhle, uThixo uyabe engakhulumanga ngami." Imla khathesi." **9** Bembethe izembatho zabo zoBukhos, inkosi yako-Israyeli lojehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi ezhilalweni zabo zobukhos esizeni sokubhulela amabele esangweni laseSamariya labo **29** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi: "Mina bonke abaphrofethi bephrofetha phambi kwabo. ngizakuya empini ngizazifhila ngokulahlisa isimo sami, **10** UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana wayekhande impondo zensimbi, wasesithi, "Nanku okutshivo yako-Israyeli yazifhila ngokulahlisa isimo sayo yangena nguThixo, uthi: 'Ngempondo lezi uzagwaza ama-Aramu uwabhubhise.'" **11** Bonke abaphrofethi babeveli, bephrofetha okufananay besithi, "Hlasela iRamothi Giliyadi unqobe, ngoba uThixo uyinikile esandleni senkosi." **12** Isithunywa esasithunywe ukuyabiza uMikhaya sathi kuye, "Khangel, abanye abaphrofethi inkosi yako-Israyeli." Ngakho bamphendukela ukuba bafakaza bengela kuthandabuza ukuthi inkosi izanqoba. Lawe vumelana labo, ukhulume okuyithokozisayo." **13** Kodwa uMikhaya wathi, "Ngeqiniso njengoba uThixo ekhona, engingamtshela khona yilokhu okutshivo nguThixo." **14** Utthe efika, inkosi yambuza yathi, besaxotshana laye. **15** Umthayeli wenqola yokulwa yathi, "Phendula inqola Inkosi yathi kuye, "Kumele ngikufungise kangaki ukuze ungangikohlisi kodwa ungitshela iqiniso ebizweni likaThixo?" **16** Ngakho uMikhaya waphendula wathi, "Ngabona abako-Israyeli bonke behlakazekile emaqaqeni njengezimu ezingelameli, uThixo wathi, 'Lababantu kabalamkhokheli. Kabazibuyele emakhaya ngokuthula.'" **17** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi, "Kangikutshelanga yini ukuthi uvele kaphrofethi lutho oluhle ngami kodwa okubi kuphela na?" **18** UMikhaya waqhubeka wathi, "Ngakho zwanini ilizwi likaThixo: Ngabona uThixo ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos lebutho lonke lasezulwini limi ngakwesokhlo. **19** Njalo uThixo wathi, "Ngubani ozakhohlisa u-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli ukuba ahlaesele eRamothi Giliyadi njalo ayofela khona na?" Omunye wabonisa lokhu, omunye laye lokhuyana. **20** Ekucineni kwavela umoya, wema phambi kukaThixo wathi: "Mina ngizamhuga. UThixo wathi kuwo: 'Ngendlela bani na?' **21** Wona wathi: 'Ngizahamba ngyiekuba ngumoya wokuqamba amanga emilonjeni yabo bonke abaphrofethi bakhe.' UThixo wathi: 'Uzaphumelela ukumhuga. Hamba-ke uyekwenza lokho.' **22** Ngakho khathesi uThixo usefaka umoya wenkohlis Emilonyeni yabaphrofethi bakho bonke laba. UThixo usekumisele ukubhujiswa." **23** Ngakho uZedekhiya indodana kaKhenana waphakama wayawakala uMikhaya ngempama ebusweni, watsho embusa wathi, "Umoya kaThixo wasuka njani kimi ukuyakhulumu kuwe na?" **24** UMikhaya waphendula wathi, "Wena ngokwakho uzakubona lokho mhla ubalekela endlini engaphakathi usiyacatsha." **25** Inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi, "Bambani uMikhaya, limbuyisele ku-Amori umbusi wedolobho lakuJowashi indodana yenkosy **26** lithi: 'Nanku okutshivo yinkosi, ithi: Valelani umuntu lo entolongweni, lingamiki lutho ngaphandile kwesinkwa lamanzi ngize ngiphenduke kukuhle.'" **27** UMikhaya waqonqosela wathi: "Lani lonke bantu abambisiseni amazwi ami!" **28** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli lojehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda baya eRamothi Giliyadi. Waqhubeka wathi, "Lani lonke bantu abambisiseni amazwi ami!" **29** Ngakho inkosi yako-Israyeli yathi kuJehoshafathi: "Mina bonke abaphrofethi bephrofetha phambi kwabo. ngizakuya empini ngizazifhila ngokulahlisa isimo sami, **30** Ngakho inkosi yase-Aramu yayiqonqosele abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa yathi, "Lingalwi lamuntu, loba ngomncinyane loba ngomkhulu, ngaphandle kwenkosi yako-Israyeli." **31** Abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa bathi bebona uJehoshafathi bathi, "Yyonale inkosi yako-Israyeli." Ngakho bamphendukela ukuba bamhlasele, kodwa uJehoshafathi wahlaba umkhosi, uThixo warmsiza. UNkulunkulu wabenza baya khatshana laye, **32** ngoba abalawuli bezinqola zokulwa bathi sebebonile ukuthi kasiyo inkosi yako-Israyeli, abazange inkosi yako-Israyeli." **33** Kodwa omunye watshoka yakhо ungisuse lapha, sengilimele." **34** Impi yalwiwa ilanga lonke, njalo inkosi yako-Israyeli yeyama enqoleni yaya yokulwa ikhangale ama-Aramu kwaze kwaba ntambama. Kuthe litshona layo yabe isifa.

**19** UJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wathi esebuyela ejerusalem esigodlwani sakhe ephephile, **2** UJehu umboni, indodana kaHanani, waphuma ukuba ayomhlangabeza wasesithi enkosini, "Kufanele yini ukuba uncidese ababi njalo uthande abamzondayo uThixo? Ngenxa yalokho, ulaka lukaThixo luphezu kwakho. **3** Kodwa-ke kukhona okuhle ngawe, ngoba uziqedile elizweni lonke izinsika zikankulunkulukazi u-Ashera, inhliziyu yakhо wayimisela ukudinga uNkulunkulu." **4** UJehoshafathi wayehlala ejerusalem, waphuma wahambela abantu kusukela eBherishebhа kusiya elizweni lamaqaqa lako-Efrayimi wabaphendula ukuba bamkhonze uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo. **5** Wakhetha abehluleli elizweni, kuwo wonke amadolobho abiyelewo akoJuda. **6** Wabatshela wathi: "Linanjelele elikwenzayo, ngoba kalehluleli umuntu kodwa lehlulela uThixo, yena uzalisiza ekwahluleni. **7** Ngakho mesabeni uThixo linanjelele elikwenzayo, yahluelani ngonanzelelo ngoba kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu kakukho ukwehlulela kubi loba ubandlululo loba ukufumbathisana." **8** Lakhona ejerusalem, uJehoshafathi wabeka abaLevi abathile labaphristi lezinlhoko zezindlu zabako-Israyeli ukuba balawule umthetho kaThixo balamule lemibango. Babehlala ejerusalem. **9** Wabanika iziqondiso ezithi: "Kumele lethembeke ngokumesaba uThixo, ngobuqotho langenhliziyu nye epheleleyo. **10** Wonke amacala eza kini ewela ezhlotsheni zenu kuwo wonke amadolobho elihlala kiwo loba kungamacala okuchitha igazi loba awokwephula umthetho, imilayo, izimiso loba iziqondiso, baxwayiseni ukuba bangoni kuThixo, funa ulaka lwakhe lwehlele phezu kwenu labafowenu.

Lingenza lokho aliyikwenza isono. **11** U-Amariya umphristi omkhulu nguye ozalikhangela emsebenzini wonke kaThixo, kuthi uZebhadiya indodana kaIshumayeli, umkhokheli wesizwe sakoJuda alikhokhele ezintweni eziqondane lenkosi, abaLevi labo bazakuba yizikhulu zenu. Yenzani ngesibindi, njalo sengathu uThixo angaba lalabo abazakwenza ngobuqotho.”

**20** Ngemva kwalokho amaMowabi lama-Amoni kanye labanye bamaMewuni baphuma impi ukuba bayehlasela uJehoshafathi. **2** Amanye amadoda ayu kujehoshafathi afika athi kuye, “Kulempu enkulu ezayo ukuzakuhlasela evela ngase-Edomi, ngaphetsheya kolwandle. IsiseHazazoni Thamari” (okuyikuthi, Eni-Gedi). **3** Ngokwethuka, uJehoshafathi wazimisela ukumdinga uThixo, wamemezela ukuba akuzilwe ukudla kulolonke elakoJuda. **4** Abantu bakoJuda baqoqana bahlangana bezodinga usizo kuThixo, lakanyi baphuma kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda. **5** Ngakho uJehoshafathi wema phambi kwebandla lakoJuda lelaseJerusalema ethempelini likaThixo phambi kweguma elitsha **6** wathi, “Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wabokhokho, kakusuwe yini uNkulunkulu osezulwini? Ubusa phezu kwemibuso yezizwe zonke. Amandala asesandleni sakho, njalo kakho ongamelana lawe. **7** Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, awubaxotshanga ababekuleli lizwe phambi kwabantu bakho bako-Israyeli wabanika ukuba libe ngelabo nini lanini abesizukulwane sika-Abrahama umngane wakho na? **8** Sebehiale kulo njalo sebakhe indawo yokukhonzela yeBizo lakho, besithi, **9** ‘Nxa sishelelwa zinhlupheko, loba yinkemba yokwahlulela, loba yizifo loba yindlala, sizakuma ngobukhona bakho phambi kwalelithempeli elileBizo lakho sikhale kuwe ekuhlukuluzweni kwethu, wena uzasizwa njalo usisindise.’ **10** Kodwa khathesi nanka amadoda ama-Amoni lamaMowabi labeNtabeni yaseSeyiri, abelizwe owalela u-Israyeli ukuba alinqobe ekuphumeni kwakhe eGibhithe; okwabangela ukuthi babatshiye abaze bababhubbisa. **11** Khangela ukuthi khathesi baphindisela ngokunganani ngokusemuka isipho owasiphra sona ukuba sibe yilifa lethu. **12** Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, awuyikubahlulela na? Ngoba asilamandla okumelana lebutho elikhulu kangaka elishlaselayo. Asikwazi esingakwenza, kodwa amehlo ethu aphezu kwakho.” **13** Wonke amadoda akoJuda, labomkabo labantwabawo lensane, bema lapho phambi kukaThixo. **14** UMoya kaThixo wehlela kujahazyeli indodana kaZakhariya, indodana kaBhenaya, indodana kajeyiyeli, indodana kaMathaniya, umLevi oyisizukulwane sika-Asafi, emi phambi kwebandla. **15** Wasesithi: “Lalela, wena Nkosi Jehoshafathi labo bonke abahlala koJuda labaseJerusalema! Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo kini: ‘Lingesabi njalo lingadedisa yibukhlu bebutho laleyompi. Ngoba ukulwa akusikwenu, kodwa ngokukaNkulunkulu. **16** Kusasa hambani liyejamelana labo. Bona bazakhwela ngokhalo IwaseZizi, lina lizabathola ekucineni kodonga eNkangala yaseJeruwelli. **17** Aliyikuyilwa limpi. Lunganini ezindaweni; lime

ngesibindi lizabona ukuhlenga kukaThixo azalenzela khona, Oh lina bakaJuda lani beJerusalema. Lingesabi, lingadangali. Phumanu kusasa liyehlasela, uThixo uzakuba lani.” **18** UJehoshafathi wakhothama ubuso buphansi kanti njalo bonke abakoJuda labaseJerusalema bawela phansi ngobuso bemkhonza uThixo. **19** Ngakho abanye abaLevi bamaKhohathi, lamaKhora bema bamdumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngelizwi eliphakemeyo okuphezelu. **20** Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu basuka baye nkangala yaseThekhowa. Bathi besuka lapho, uJehoshafathi waphakama wathi, “Lalelanu kimi, bantu bakoJuda lani baseJerusalema! Thembelani kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu uzaliphathisa; likholwe abaphrofethi bakhe, lizaphumelela.” **21** Ngemva kokubuza abantu, uJehoshafathi wakhetha amadoda okuhlabelela uThixo lokumdumisa ngenxa yenkaZimulo yobungcwele bakhe behkohhele amabutho, besithi: “Mbongeni uThixo, ngoba uthando lwakhe lumi nininini.” **22** Bathi beqalisa ukuhlabelela njalo bedumisa, uThixo wabeka abantu bokucathamelu abase-Amoni labase-Mowabi labaseNtabeni iSeyiri ababedinga ukuhlasela ujuda, behlulwa. **23** Amadoda aka-Amoni lawamaMowabi avukela amadoda ayevela eNtabeni yaseSeyiri ukuba bawabulale bawatshabalalise. Ngemva kokuba sebeqedile ukubulala abaseSeyiri, banceda ngokubulalana bodha. **24** Amadoda akaJuda athe efika endaweni emalungana lenkangala bakhangela lapho okwakulebutho elikhulu khona babona ngezidumbu zelekene phansi, kungekho loyedwa owayebalekile. **25** Ngakho uJehoshafathi lamanyi amadoda bahamba bayabutha impango, njalo phakathi kwayo bafumana impahla zokusebenzisa lezembatho lezinye njalo impahla eziligu ukwedlula lezo ababengazithwala. Impango yayanengi kwaze kwathatha insuku ezintathu beyithutha. **26** Ngosuku lwsine babuthana eSigodini saseBherakha, lapho abadumisela khona uThixo. Kungenxa yalokho yonale indawo yabizwa ngokuthi iSigodi saseBherakha kuze kube lamuhla. **27** Ngakho wonke amadoda akaJuda lawaseJerusalema abuyela ngokuthokoza ejerusalem, behkohhelwa nyehoshafathi ngoba uThixo wayebenzele lokho okwakubajabulisile phezu kwezitha zabo. **28** Bangena ejerusalemaya ethempelini likaThixo betshaya imihubhe lemiqangala lamacilongo. **29** Ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kwehlela phezu kwayo yonke imibuso emazweni besizwa ngokulwa kukaThixo esilwa lezitha zika-Israyeli. **30** Lakanyi umbuso kajehoshafathi waba lokuthula, ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe wayemniye ukuphumula inxa zonke. **31** Ngakho uJehoshafathi wabusa koJuda. Waba yinkosi yakoJuda eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanhlana, wabusa ejerusalemaya okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlana. Unina wayengu-Azubha indodakazi kaShilishi. **32** Wahamba ngezinlela zikayise u-Asa njalo kazange aphambuke kuzo; wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo. **33** Izindawo zokukhonzela kazisuswanga njalo abantu babelokhu bengazimiselanga ngezinhliyzo zabo ngokupheleleyo

kuNkulunkulu waboyise. **34** Ezinye izehlakalo usubulele abafowenu abendlu kayihlo ababengcono ngombuso kajehoshafathi kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya kulawe. **14** Ngakho-ke uThixo usezabatshaya ekucineni, zilotshiwe embalini kajehu, indodana kaHanani, yona elotshwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli. **35** Ngokuqhubeaka kwezikhathi, ujehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda waba lesibopho asenza lo-Ahaziya inkosi yako-Israyeli, owayelecalalokwenza okubi. **36** Wavumelana laye ukuba bakhe imikhumbi yokuthwala impahla zokuthengisela. Ngemwa kokuba isiyakihi e-Eziyon-Geberi, **37** u-Eliyezari indodana kaDodavahu waseMaresha wakhulumisaiphorefethi esilahla ujehoshafathi, esithi, "Ngenxa yokuthi wenza isibopho lo-Ahaziya, uThixo uzadiliza lokho okwenzileyo." Imikhumbi yahbidlikayaze yenelisa ukungena olwandle isiyathengisa.

**21** Ngakho ujehoshafathi waphumula labokhokho bakhe, wangwatshwa kanye labo emzini kaDavida uyise. Ujehoramau indodana yakhe wabusa esikhundleni sakhe. **2** Abafowabo bakaJehoramau, amadodana kajehoshafathi, babengo-Azariya, loJehiyeli, loZakhariya, lo-Azariyahu, loMikhayeli kanye loShefathiya. Bonke laba babengamadodana kajehoshafathi inkosi yako-Israyeli. **3** Uyise wayebanike izipho ezinengi zesiliva lezegolide kanye lezinye impahla eziligugu, lamadolobho abiylwego koJuda, kodwa ubukhosiyayekhundleni eyindodana yakhe yamazibulo. **4** Ujehoramau esengenile esikhundleni sikayise waqinisa umbuso wakhe, wabulala bonke abafowabo ngenkemba kanye lamanye amakhosana ako-Israyeli. **5** Ujehoramau waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, njalo wabusa ejerusalemamokweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. **6** Walandela izindlela zamakhosi aka-Israyeli, njengalokho okwakwenzive ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba wathatha indodakazi ka-Ahabi. Wenza okubi phambi kukaThixo. **7** Lanxa kunjalo, ngenxa yesivumelwano uThixo ayesenze loDavida, uThixo kathandanga ukuyidiliza indlu kaDavida. Wayethembise ukumbekela isibane yena kanye lesizukulwane sakhe nini lanini. **8** Ngensuku zikajehoramau, abase-Edomi bahlamukela uJuda babeka eyabo inkosi. **9** Ngakho ujehoramau wayakonale lezikhulu zakhe lazozonke izinqola zakhe zempi. Abase-Edomi bamhanqa kanye labalawuli bezingqola zakhe zempi, kodwa wavuka ebusuku waphunyuka. **10** Kuze kube lamhla abase-Edomi balokhu behlamukela uJuda. AbaseLibhina labo bahlamuka ngasolesi isikhathi, ngoba ujehoramau wayefulatthele uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **11** Njalo wamisa izindawo zokukhonzela emaqaqeni akoJuda, wenza abaseJerusalemaukuba bakhonze izithombe, wadukisa abakoJuda. **12** Ujehoramau wemukela incwadi eyayivela ku-Elija umphrefethi isithi: "Nanku okutshivo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavida, uthi: 'Kawuhambanga ezindleleni zikajehoshafathi uyihi lezika-Asa inkosi yakoJuda. **13** Kodwa ulandele izindlela zamakhosi aka-Israyeli, waholela abakoJuda labantu baseJerusalemaukuba ekuzingcoliseni njengalokhu indlu ka-Ahabi eyakwenzayo njalo

wamvusela ujehoramau ulaka lwamaFilistiya lamaArabhu ayehlala eduzane lamaKhushi. **17** Bahlasela koJuda, bangena khona bathutha zonke impahla ababezhitholile esigodlwensi senkosii, labantwabayolabomkayo. Akulandodana eyasalayo ngaphandle kuka-Ahaziya isicino sabo. **18** Ngemwa kwakho konke lokhu uThixo wehlisela ujehoramau isifo samathumbuseingelaphekiyo. **19** Ngokuqhubeaka kwezikhathi ekupheleni komnyaka wesibili, amathumbu akhe ahotshuka ngenxa yesifo, wafa esebehulgwinibukhulu. Abantu bakhe abazange babase umlilo wokumhlonipha njengalokhu ababekwenza kuboyise. **20** Ujehoramau waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili, njalo wabusa ejerusalemamokweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. Wafa engakhalelwamuntu, wabekwa eMzinikaDavida, kodwa kungesikho emangcwabeniamakhosi.

**22** Abantu baseJerusalemamokweminyaka eyisificaminwembili. **2** Ujehaziyalambili, njalo wabusa ejerusalemamokweminyaka owodwa. Unina wayengu-Athaliya, umntanomntanakhe ka-Omri. **3** Layengomunye owalandela izindlela zabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba unina wamkhuthaza ukwenza okubi. **4** Wona phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenzive ngabendlu ka-Ahabi, ngoba ngemva kokufa kukayise bahle baba ngabacebisibakhe, babangela ukuchitheka kwakhe. **5** Walalela ukweluksa kwabo aze ahambe loJoramau indodana ka-Ahabi inkosi yako-Israyeli empini yokuhasela uHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu eRamothe Giliyadi. Ama-Aramu alimaza uJoramau; **6** wahle wabuyela ejerzerili ukuba ayephozisamanxeba okulinayazwa kwakhe eRama ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yase-Aramu. Ngakho u-Ahaziyain dodana kajehoramau inkosi yakoJuda waya ejerzerili ukuyabona uJoramau indodana ka-Ahabi njengoba wayesilemele. **7** Ngokwethekelela kuka-Ahaziyakujoramu, uNkulunkulu wayemise ukumbhubhisa u-Ahaziy. Ngoba ekufikeni kwakhe khonale wahle waphuma loJoramau ukuyahlangabeza uJehu indodana kaNimishi owayegcotshwe nguThixo ukumbhubhisa indlu ka-Ahabi. **8** Kwathi lapho uJehu esenza lokhu okuyifaneleyo indlu ka-Ahabi, wahlangana lezikhulu zakoJuda lamadodana abafowabo baka-Ahaziyababesebenzela u-Ahaziyawababulala. **9** Wasedinga u-Ahaziyabantubakhe

bambamba esecatshile eSamariya, bamletha kujeju, wabulawa. Bamngcwaba ngoba bathi: "Wayeyindodana kaJehoshafathi owadinga uThixo ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke." Ngakho kwakungaselamuntu endlini kaAhaziya olamandla okuwumisa umbuso. **10** Kwathi u-Athalia ya unina kaAhaziya esebonile ukuthi indodana yakhe isifile, waqhubekela phambili edinga ukubhubhisa umndlunkulu wendlu yakoJuda. **11** Kodwa uJehoshabhiyathi, indodakazi yenkosu uJehoram, watshontsha uJowashi indodana kaAhaziya phakathi kwamkhosana omndlunkulu ayesezabhujiswa wamfihla endlini yakhe yokulala kanye lomlizane wakhe. Njengoba uJehosheba indodakazi yenkosu uJehoram wayengumkajeleyada umphristi njalo engudadewabo kaAhaziya, wamfihla umntwana ukuze angabulawa ngu-Athalia. **12** Wacatsha labo ethempelini likaNkulunkulu okweminyaka eyisithupa yokubusa kuka-Athalia elizweni.

enyakatho yethempeli. **11** UJehoyada lamadodana akhe basebeveza indodana yenkosu njalo baythesa umqhele; bayiqhubela lencwadi yesivumelwano bayibeka yaba yinkosi. Bayigcoba bavungama bathi: "Mpilende nkosi!" **12** U-Athalia uthe esizwa umsindo wabantu begijima njalo behalisa inkosi, wasuka waya kubo ethempelini likaThixo. **13** Lakany wayibona inkosi imi ensiken iayo ngasemangenelweni. Izikhulu labavutheli bamacilongo besekele inkosi, njalo bonke abantu belizwe bejabula bevuthela amacilongo, kanye labahlabele bephetha izinto zokuhlabele behkohkhela emkhosini wokuhaya inkosi. U-Athalia wadabula iziqqoko zakhe njalo wamezeme ethi: "Umvukela! Umvukela!" **14** UJehoyada umphristi wathumela abalawuli bamaviyo amabutho alikhulu, ababelawula amabutho, wathi: "Mkhupheleni phandle u-Athalia phakathi kwamaviyo kuthi loba ngubani omlandelayo limbulale ngenkemba." Ngoba umphristi wayethe, "Lingambulaleli ethempelini likaThixo."

**23** Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada waqunga isibindi. Wenza isivumelwano labalawuli bamakhulu embuthweni: o-Azariya indodana kaJerohamu lo-Ishumayeli indodana kaJehohanani, lo-Azariya indodana ka-Obhedi, loMaseya indodana ka-Adaya kanye lo-Elishafathi indodana kaZikhiri. **2** Bangena kulolonke elakoJuda, baqoqa abaLevi kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda labayizinhloko zezimuli zako-Israyeli. Ekufikeni kwabo ejerusalema, **3** ibandla lonke lenza isivumelwano lenkosi ethempelini likaNkulunkulu. UJehoyada wathi kubo, "Indodana yenkosu izabusa, njengoba uThixo wathembisa abayinzalo kaDavida. **4** Ngakho nanku okumele likwenze: Ingxene yeithathu yenu baphristi labaLevi abalinda ngeSabatha bafanele balinde eminyango, **5** eyinye ingxene yeithathu esigodlwani somndlunkulu kanye lenye njalo ingxene yeithathu ezalind eSangweni leSisekelo, kuthi wonke amanye amadoda abesemagumeni ethempeli likaThixo. **6** Kakho ozangena ethempelini likaThixo ngaphandle kwaphristi labaLevi abazabe besemsebenzini; labo bezangena ngoba behlanjululwe, kodwa wonke amanye amadoda azalinda lokho azabe ekutshengiswe nguThixo. **7** AbaLevi bazahonqolozela inkosi, ngulowo lalovo wabo ehlomile. Loba ngubani ozangena ethempelini kumele abulawe. Lingaxekelani lenkosi loba kungaphi lapho ezabe ikhona." **8** AbaLevi lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda benza khonokho kanye ababekutshelwe ngujeleyada umphristi. Kwaba ngulowo lalovo wathatha abantu bakhe, kulabanye ababesiyaqalisu amazopho abo ngeSabatha labanye ababetshayisa ngemva kwamazopho abo ngoba uJehoyada umphristi wayelokhu engakakhululi loba iviyo elilodwa. **9** Wasenika abalawuli bamaviyo amabutho alikhulu imikhonto lamahawu amakhulu lamancinyane ayekade engawenkosi uDavidya ayesethempelini likaNkulunkulu. **10** Wasemisa wonke amadoda, ngamunye ephethe izikhali zakhe ezandleni, ezingelezele inkosi eduze kwe-alithari lethempeli, kusukela eceleni langezansi kusiya

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**15** Ngakho bambamba esefikile emangenelweni eSango laMabhiza emagumeni esigodlo, njalo kulapho abambulalela khona. **16** UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano sokuthi yena kanye labantu lenkosi bazakuba ngabantu bakaThixo. **17** Bonke abantu baya ethempelini likaBhali, balidilizela phansi, babhidliza lama-alithare akhe lezithombe zakhe, babulala uMathanii umphristi kaBhali phambi kwamalithare. **18** UJehoyada wabeka abalindi bethempeli likaThixo ezandleni zabaphristi, ababengabaLevi, bona uDavida ayevele ebenze amazopho abo ethempelini, ukube balethe iminikelo yokutshiswa kaThixo njengokulotshwa kwayo eMthethwени kaMosi, kulokujabula lokuhlabele njengokulaya kukaDavida. **19** Wahlalisa njalo abalindiminyango emasangweni ethempeli likaThixo ukuze kungangeni loyedwa ongahlanjululwanga. **20** Wasethatha abalawuli bamabutho alikhulu, lezikhulu lababusi babantu kanye labantu bonke belizwe basebeletha inkosi ethempelini likaThixo. Bangena esigodlwani ngeSango elingaPhezulu bahlahisa khona inkosi esihlahalweni soBukhos, **21** njalo bonke abantu elizweni bajabula. Kwaba lokuthula kulolonke idolobho ngoba u-Athalia wayesebulewe ngenkemba.

**24** UJowashi waba yinkosi eleminyaka eyisikhombisa yokuzalwa, njalo wabusa ejerusalema okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. Ibizo likanina linguzibhiya owayewela eBherisheba. **2** UJowashi wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo iminyaka yonke uJehoyada engumphristi. **3** UJehoyada wamdingela abafazi ababili, wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **4** Ngemva kwasikhathi esithile uJowashi wabona kufanele ukuthi alungise kutsha ithempeli likaThixo. **5** Wabuthanisa abaphristi labaLevi wathi kubo: "Yanini emizini yakoJuda liyeqoqa imali yomnyaka ngomnyaka kuye wonke um'Israyeli, lilungiswe kutsha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wenu. Kwenzeni khathesi." Kodwa abaLevi abazange bakwenze masinyane. **6** Ngakho inkosi yabiza uJehoyada umphristi omkhulu yathi kuye, "Kungani ungatshelanga abaLevi ukuba baqoqe

koJuda laseJerusalema umthelo owabekwa nguMosi aphindisele.” 23 Ekupheleni komnyaka amabutho inceku kaThixo kanye lasebandleni lako-Israyeli ama-Aramu ahlasela uJowashi; ahlasela koJuda okweThente loBufakazi na?” 7 Amadodana ka-Athaliya umfazi oxhwalileyo adiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu abuye azisebenzisela lezinto zalo ezingcwele kubohali. 8 Ngokulaya kwenkosi, kwenziwa amalutshwana, uThixo wanikela ezandleni zavo ibutho ibhokisi labekwa phandle, esangweni lethempeli likaThixo. 9 Kwasekumenyezelwa kulolonke elakoJuda laseJerusalema ukuba kulethwe kuThixo, umthelo wehlulewa ngokufaneleyo. 10 Izikhulu ukuba uzakhitshwa ngabako-Israyeli. 11 Kwakusithi nxa ibhokisi lingalethwa ngabaLevi ezikhulhwini zenkosi zinthi zingabona ukuthi sekulemali enengi, unobhala wesigodlweni lesikhulu somphristi omkhulu bafike bathulule okwakusebhokisini babe sebelibuyiselwa endaweni yalo. Bakwenza lokho ngezikathathi zonke baze babuthelela imali enengi kakhulu. 12 Inkosi lojehoyada baholisa abantu ababesenza umsebenzi owawufanele wensiwe ethempelini likaThixo. Baqhatsha ababazi bamatshe lababazi ukuze bakhe kutsha ithempeli likaThixo, labakhandi bezinimbili kanye labakhandi bethusi besakha kutsha ithempeli. 13 Amadoda ayebona ngokuqhutshwa komsebenzi ayekhaliphile, njalo umsebenzi ayewukhangale waqhubeka kuhle. Lakhwi kutsha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu labuyla esimeni salo elaliyiso njalo baliqinisa. 14 Bathe sebeqedile, balettha imali eyasalayo enkosini lakuJehoyada, benza ngayo impahla zethempeli likaThixo: izitsa zokusebenzela kanye lezeminikelo yokutshiswa, izinditshi lezinye izitsa zegolide lezesiliva. UJehoyada esaphila, iminikelo yokutshiswa yayihlezi ikhona ethempelini likaThixo. 15 UJehoyada wayeseluphele eleminyaka eminengi, wafa eleminyaka yokuzalwa elikhulu elilamatshumi amathathu. 16 Wangcwatshwa lamakhosi eMzini kaDavida ngenxa yalokho okuhle akwenza ko-Israyeli ekwenzela uNkulunkulu ethempelini lakhe. 17 Ngemva kokufa kukajehoyada, izikhulu zakoJuda zayakhonza enkosini uJowashi, yazilalela. 18 Balidela ithempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise, basebekhonza izinsika zika-Ashera, lezithombe zakhe. Ngenxa yalesisono, ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwehlela phezu kwabakojuda laseJerusalema. 19 Lanxa uThixo wathumela abaphrofethi ebantwini ukuba bababuyisele kuye njalo lanxa bafakaza ngokungavumelani labo, abazange babalalele. 20 Ngakho uMoya kaNkulunkulu wehlela kuZakhariya indodana yomphristi uJehoyada. Wema phambi kwabantu wathi, “Nanku okutshivo nguNkulunkulu: ‘Kungani lingalaleli imilayo kaThixo? Aliyikuphumelela. Ngenxa yokumlahla uThixo elikwenzileyo, laye uselilahlile.’” 21 Kodwa bamhlamukela, kwathi ngokuqondisa kwenkosi bamkhanda bambulala ngamatshes egumeni lethempeli likaThixo. 22 INkosi uJowashi ayizange izihluphe ngomusa eyayiwenzelwe nguJehoyada uyise kaZakhariya kodwa yabulala indodana yakhe, yona yathi ekufeni kwayo, “UThixo kakubone lokhu,

aphindisele.” 23 Ekupheleni komnyaka amabutho

uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, uJowashi

eselehlela, atshiya uJowashi elimele kakhulu. Izikhulu

zakhe zamhlamukela ngokubulala kwakhe indodana

kaJehoyada umphristi, zahle zambulalela embhedeni

bakufaka ebhokisini laze lagcwala. 21 Kwakusithi nxa

wakhe. Ngakho wafa wayangcwatshwa eMzini

kaDavida, kodwa kungasikho emathuneni amakhosi. 26

Laba abacea ukumbulala kwakunguZabhadi, indodana

kaShimeyathi owesifazane wama-Amoni loJehozabadi,

indodana kaShimirithi owesifazane wamaMowabi.

27 Imbalu yamadodana akhe, iziphrofethi ezinengi

ngaye, lembali yokwakhiwa kutsha kwethempeli

likaNkulunkulu kultoshiwe egwalweni lwezindaba

zamakhosi. U-Amaziya indodana yakhe waba yinkosi

esikhundleni sakhe.

**25** U-Amaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlana ubudala ekubekweni kwakhe ukuba yinkosi, njalo wabuswa ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Ibizo likanina linguJehowadani evela ejerusalem. 2 Wenza okulungileyo emehlwani kaThixo, kodwa kakwenzanga ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke. 3 Kwathi umbuso wakhe usuqinile, wabulala izikhulu zakhe ezazibulele inkosi uyise. 4 Kodwa amadodana azo kawabulalanga, wenza okuseMthethweni, eNcwadini kaMosi, lapho uThixo wapha umlalo wathi: “Oyise kabayikubulawa ngenxa yabantwababo, labantwababo kabayikubulawa ngenxa yaboyise; ngulowo lałowo uzañela izono zakhe.” 5 U-Amaziya wabuthanisa abantu bakoJuda wabamisa ngezindlu zabo bephethwe yizinduna zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu kwelakoJuda lelakoBhenjamini. Wasebutha kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu, wathola bezinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu, amadoda akhethiweyo, angaphuma impi, angahloma ngemikhonto langezihlangu. 6 Wabuya waqhatsha ko-Israyeli amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezilikhulu ngamatthalenta esiliva alikhulu. 7 Kodwa kwafika kuye inceku kaNkulunkulu yathi: “Nkosi yami, amabutho ako-Israyeli la akufanelanaphume impi kanye lawe ngoba uThixo kakho kwabako-Israyeli, kakho lakubani ebantwini bako-Efrayimi. 8 Loba ungaze uhambe ueykulwa ngesibindi empini, uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha phambi kwesitha ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okukusiza loba ukukuchitha.” 9 U-Amaziya wasebuza inceku kaNkulunkulu wathi, “Pho ngizakuthini ngamatthalenta alikhulu engiwabhadalele amabutho ako-Israyeli?” Inceku kaNkulunkulu yaphendula yathi, “UThixo angakuniaka okunengi kakhulu kulalokho.” 10 U-Amaziya wawakhulula amabutho ayevela ko-Efrayimi wathi kawabuyele kibo. Lokhu amabutho abazondele

abakoJuda abuyela kibo ngokufuthelana okukhulu. **11** kukaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yak-U-Amaziya wasequnga isibindi, waphuma lamabutho Israyeli. **12** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaakhe, waya eSigodini seTswayi, lapho abulala khona amadoda aseSeyiri azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **13** Kwathi amabutho ayebuyiselwe emuva ngu-Amaziya ngoba engasafuni ukuthi amlwele impi, ahamba ehlasel imizi yaseSamariya laseBhethi-Horoni kwelakoJuda. Abulala abantu abazinkulungwane ezintathu njalo athutha impango enengi kakhulu. **14** U-Amaziya wathi esevela bulala ama-Edomi wabuya ethwele onkulunkulu babantu baseSeyiri. Wabamisa baba ngonkulunkulu bakhe wakhothama kubo wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa. **15** Ulaka lukaThixo lwavutha wathukuthelela u-Amaziya, wasethuma umphrofethi owafika wambuza wathi, “Kungani udinga uncedo kubonkulunkulu balabantu na, abehluleka ukuvikela abantu babo ekubahlaseleni kwakho?” **16** Wathi esakhuluma, inkosi yathi kuye, “Sikubekile yini ukuba ngumcebisi wenkosi na? Thula! Kungani udinga ukubulawa na?” Ngakho umphrofethi wema kodwa wasesithi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu uizimisele ukuthi akubhubhise, ngoba lokhu akwenzisleyo kutsho ukuthi awuzange ulalele ukucebisa kwami.” **17** Ngemva kokuba u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda eseko wabuza abacebisi bakhe, wathumela ilizwi kujowashi indodana kaJehowahazi, indodana kajehu, inkosi yako-Israyeli wathi: “Woza, siqondane ubuso ngobuso.” **18** Kodwa ujowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli waphendula u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda wathi: “Isihlahla sameva saseLebhanoni sathumela umbiko kwesomsedari waseLebhanoni sathi: ‘Yendisela indodakazi yakho endodaneni yami ibe ngumkayo.’ Ngakho kwavela isilo saseLebhanoni sanyathela safohloza isihlahla sameva. **19** Uzitshela ukuthi usuyinqobile i-Edomi, khathesi usuziqhenya. Kodwa hlala ekhayal! Kungani uzibangela uhlupho oluzakuchitha luze luchithe loJuda na?” **20** Kodwa u-Amaziya kazange alalele ngoba uNkulunkulu wayekumisile ukuthi uzabaniKela kujowashi, ngenxa yokukhonza kwabo onkulunkulu bama-Edomi. **21** Ngakho uJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wasehlasela. Yena kanye lo-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda baqondana ubuso ngobuso ebhethi-Shemeshi koJuda. **22** UJuda wachithwa ngu-Israyeli, kwathi amadoda wonke abalekela emizini yawo. **23** UJowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli wathumba u-Amaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kajowashi indodana ka-Ahaziyi, eBhethi-Shemeshi. Ngakho uJowashi waya laye ejerusalem njalo wadiliza umduli weJerusalem kusukela eSangweni lika-Efrayimi kusiya eSangweni laseJikweni isibanga esingaba ngamanyathelo angamakhulu ayisithupha ubude baso. **24** Wasethatha lonke iglide lesiliwa lazozonke impahla azithola ethempelini likaNkulunkulu ezazilindwe ngu-Obhedi-Edomi, kanye leziliguzenotho yesigodlweni lezithunjwa, wasebuyela eSamariya. **25** U-Amaziya indodana kajowashi inkosi yakoJuda waphila okweminyaka elitshumi lemihlanu ngemva kokufa

**26** Ngakho bonke abantu bakoJuda bathatha u-Uziya, owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha ubudala, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise u-Amaziya. **2** Nguye owakha kutsha umuzi we-Elathi wawubuyisela koJuda ngemva kokufa kwenkosi u-Amaziya owangcwatshwa kubokhokho bakhe. **3** U-Uziya wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha ubudala ekubeni kwakhe yinkosi njalo wabusa ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlalu lambili. Ibizo likanina lingujekholiya; evela ejerusalem. **4** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, njengaloku okwakwenzewiye nguyise u-Amaziya. **5** Wazimisela ukumdinga uNkulunkulu ngezinsuku zikaZakhariya, owamfundisa ukumesaba uNkulunkulu. Esamlandela uThixo, uNkulunkulu wamphumelelisa. **6** Waphuma impi wayakulwa lamaFilistiya wadiliza imiduli yaseGathi, laseJabhine lase-Ashidodi. Wasesakha kutsha imizi eseduzane le-Ashidodi leminye kwezinye iziqinti phakathi kwamaFilistiya. **7** UNkulunkulu wayelaye ekuhlaseleni kwakhe amaFilistiya kanye lama-Arabhu ayehlala eGuri Bhali kanye lekuhlaseleni amaMewuni. **8** Ama-Amoni aletha umthelo wawo ku-Uziya, udumo lwakhe lwanda lasemingceleni kusiyafika eGibhithe, ngoba wayeselamandla amakhulu. **9** U-Uziya wakha imiphotshongo ejerusalem ngaseSangweni leNgozi langaseSangweni leSigodi langasengosini yomduli, wayivikela ngezinqaba. **10** Wakha njalo imiphotshongo enkangala, wemba imithombo eminengi, ngoba wayefuyile elemihlambi yezifuyo emawatheni amaqqaq lasemagcekeni. Wayelabantu bukolima lababesezivinini emaqqaqeni lasemhlabeni ovundileyo, ngoba wayethanda ukulima. **11** U-Uziya wayelamabutho ayekwazi ukulwa ebuthwe ngamaviyo ayeqqwe nguJeyiyeli umabhalane loMaseya isikhulu esasiqondiswa nguHananiya, omunye wezikhulu zomndlunkulu. **12** Inani labakhokheli lonke ngezimuli emadoden'i okulwa lalizirkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha. **13** Babelawula ibutho elilamadoda abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amatathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlalu ayefundele ukulwa, amaviyo alamandala okuhlomule inkosi ezitheni zayo. **14** U-Uziya wahломisa amabutho akhe wonke ngezihlangu, imikhonto, ingowane zensimbi lamabhatshi ensimbi, lemitshoko lamatshe ezavuttha. **15** Ejerusalem wakhandisa imitshina yokufutha imitshoko leyokujikijela amatshe amakhulu ayikhandisa emadoden'i ayezingcitshi eyayisetshenziswa emiphotshongweni esemajikweni. Udumo lwakhe lwanda lwayafika kude, ngoba

wancediswa kakhulu waze waba lamandla amakhulu kakhulu. **16** Kodwa kwathi u-Uziya eselamandla amakhulu, ukuziqhenya kwakhe kwamlethela incithakalo. Kazange athembeke kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe, waze wangena ethempelini likaThixo, ukuba ayetshisa impepha e-alithareni lempisha. **17** U-Azariya umphristi labanye abaphristi bakaThixo yinkosi. abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili abalezibindi bamlandela phakathi ethempelini. **18** Bajamelana laye bathi kuye, "Akulunganga ukuthi wena, Uziya, utshisele uThixo impepha. Lokho ngokwabphristi, abenzalo ka-Aroni, abehlukaniselwa ukutshisa impepha. Phuma kulindawo engcwele, ngoba awuzange wethembeke, njalo awuyikuphakanyiswa nguThixo uNkulunkulu." **19** U-Uziya owayephethet udenegezi lokutshisa impepha esandleni sakhe, wathukuthela. Uthe elokhu esakhwazela abaphristi ngoba kwabo phambi kwe-alithari lempisha ethempelini likaThixo, kwaqalisa ubulephero ebnunzini lobuso bakhe. **20** Kwathi u-Azariya umphristi omkhulu labanye abaphristi bemkhangela, babona eselobulephero ebnunzini lakhe, ngakho baphanga bamkhuphela phandle. Lakanye yena ngokwakhe wayevele esefisa ukuphuma, ngoba uThixo wayesemtshayile. **21** U-Uziya inkosi waba lobulephero kwaze kwaba lilanga lakte lokufa. Wayesehlala endlini yakhe eyayimi yodwa ngoba elobulephero njalo engasavunyelwa ethempelini likaThixo. UJothamu indodana yakhe yaphatha isigodlo njalo yaphatha abantu bonke belizwe. **22** Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso ka-Uziya, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni, zilotshwe ngumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. **23** U-Uziya waphumula labokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa eduze kwabo ensimini yokungcwaba eyayingeyamahosi ngoba abantu bathi, "Wayelobulephero." Ngakho uJothamu indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla sakhe waba yinkosi.

**27** UJothamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala equalisa ukubusa, njalo wabuswa ejerusalemwa okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Ibizo likanina lalinguerusha indodakazi kaZadokhi. **2** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo njengalokhu okwenziwa nguyise u-Uziya kodwa yena kasanganaga ethempelini likaThixo njengoyise. Lanxa kunjalo, abantu baqhubeka besenza okubi. **3** UJothamu wakha wavuselela iSango langaPhezulu lethempeli likaThixo wenza njalo umsebenzi omkhulu emdulini ngapha ngaseqaqeni lwe-Ofeli. **4** Wakha amadolobho emaqaqeni aseJuda lemiphotsongo ezindaweni ezenileyo. **5** UJothamu wahlasela inkosi yama-Amoni wawanqoba. Ngalowomnyaka ama-Amoni athela kuye ngamatthalenta esiliva alikhulu, lezilinganiso zezilimo zengqoloyi ezizinkulungwane ezilitschumi lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zebhali. Ama-Amoni amlethela inani elifananayo ngomnyaka wesibili langomnyaka wesithathu. **6** UJothamu waba lamandla amakhulu ngoba waqina kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **7** Ezinye izehlakalo embusweni kajothamu, kanye lezimpi azilwayo lokunye ayekwenza, kolutshiwe

egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi ako-Israyeli lakoJuda. **8** Waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, njalo wabuswa okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha ejerusalemwa. **9** UJothamu waphumula labokhokho bakhe, wangcwatshwa eMzini kaDavid. U-Ahazi indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba

**28** U-Ahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili ubudala nyakana esiba yinkosi, njalo wabuswa ejerusalemwa okweminyaka elitshumi lesithupha. Kenzanga njengoyise uDavid, kazange enze okulungileyo emehlwani kaThixo. **2** Wahamba ngezindlela zamakhosi ako-Israyeli njalo wabaza izithombe zokukhonza oBhali. **3** Watshisa imihlatshelo eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu wanikela amadodana akhe emililweni, elandela izindlela ezenyanyekayo zezizwe uThixo ayezikotshe mandulo kokufika kwabako-Israyeli. **4** Wanikela imihlatshelo njalo watshisa impepha ezindaweni zokukhonza phezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwazo zonke izizlahla ezyizithingithingi. **5** Ngakho uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe wamnikela esikosini yama-Aramu. Ama-Aramu aminqoba athumba abantu bakhe abanengi abaletha eDamaseko. Yena njalo wanikela ezandleni zenkosi yako-Israyeli, yona eyambulalela abantu abanengi kakhulu. **6** Kwathi ngelanga eliodwa uPhekha indodana kaRemaliya wabulala amabutho azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili koJuda ngoba abakoJuda babemfulathele uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **7** UZikhiri ibutho lako-Efrayimi, wabulala uMaseya indodana yenkosi, lo-Azirkhamu isikhulu somndlunkulu, kanye lo-Elikhana, owayengumsekeli wenkosi. **8** Abako-Israyeli bathumba ezhilotsheni zabo zakoJuda omkabo, lamadodana lamadakazi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili. Babutha njalo impango enengi kakhulu, abayithwala babuyela layo eSamariya. **9** Kodwa umphrofethi wenkosi okwakuthiwa ngu-Odedi wayekhonale, ngakho waphuma ukuyahlangabeza ibutho ekuphendukeni kwalo eSamariya. Wathi kulo, "Ngexa yokuthi uThixo, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo wayethukuthelele abakoJuda, wabanikela ezandleni zenu. Kodwa lina selibabhubhise ngolaka oluze lwayathinta ezulwini. **10** Khatthesi selfuna ukuthi amadoda labesifazane bakoJuda laseJerusalem babe yizigqili zenu. Kodwa lina ngokwenu kalonanga yini kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu na? **11** Lalelani kimi! Buyiselani amadoda akini eliwenze izibotshwa, ngoba ulaka lukaThixo olwesabekayo luphezu kwenu." **12** Abanye babakhokheli bako-Efrayimi u-Azariya indodana kajejhohanani, loBherekhiya indodana kaMesilemothi, lojehizikhya indodana kaShalumi, kanye lo-Amasa indodana kaHadilayi bamelana labalo abavevela empini bathi kubo, **13** "Lingalethi lezozibotshwa lapha, ngoba kungenzeka sibe lecalia phambi kukaThixo. Selidiga ukuthi lengezelele lelocala phezu kwesono sethu na? Ngoba icala lethu livele likhulu, njalo lentukuthelo yakhe eyesabekayo iphezu kwabako-Israyeli." **14**

Ngakho amabutho akhulula ababebotshiwe asebuyisela kimi, lina baLevi! Zihlambululen i khathesi njalo lempahla ezaziyimpango phambi kwezikhulu laphambi lihlambulule lethempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu kwebandla. **15** Amadoda ayeqanjwe ngamabizo abuyisela izibotshwa ezimpahleni zempango bagqokisa Obaba babengathembekanga; benza okubi emehlwani ababenqunu. Babanika iziqqoko lamanyathelo, ukudla kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu bamdela. Indawo lokunathwayo, kanye lomuthi wokwelapha. Bonke kaThixo bayincitsa ubuso bakhangela eceleni ababuthakathaka babagadisa obabhemti. Ngakho njalo bamfulathela uThixo. **7** Bavalal njalo izivalo babathatha bababuyisela kwabanye babo ejerikho, zomphempe bacitsha izibane. Abazange batshise iDolobho lamaLala, basebebuyela eSamariya. **16** impepha njalo kabalethanga iminikelok yokushtiswa Ngalesosikhathi inkosi u-Ahazi yacela uncedo endaweni engewe kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **8** enkosini yase-Asiriya. **17** Ama-Edomi ayesephendukile Ngakho ulaka lukaThixo selwehlele phezu kwabakoJuda ezhlasela abakoJuda njalo asuka eqhuba izibotshwa, laphezu kwabaseJerusalem; uThixo usebenze **18** kanti amaFiliysti lawo ngapha ayeshlasele besabeka, bathuthumelisa baba yinto yokweiyiswa, amadolobho angaphansi kwamaqqa kanye laseNegebi njengoba lizibonela ngawenu amehlo. **9** Lokhu yakoJuda. Bathumba basebehilala khona ebhethi-Shemesi, le-Ayjaloni leGederothi, kanye laseSokho, lokuthi amadodana lamadodakazi labomkethu babe leThimina leGimizo lemizana eyayiseduze lalapho. **10** Khathesi ngifuna ukwenza **19** UTHixo wabatshaya abakoJuda ngoba u-Ahazi isivumelwano loThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ukuze inkosi yako-Israyeli wayekhuthaze ukona kwabakoJuda ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo lusidedele. **11** Madodana ami, watshengisela ukungathembeki okukhulu kuThixo. **20** kalingabi ngabangananziyo ngoba uThixo uselkhethile UThigilathi-Philesa inkosi yase-Asiriya esikhundleni sokumsiza laye wafika wengezelala uhlupho. **21** U-Ahazi lokutshisa impepha.” **12** Ngakho laba abaLevi bahle wathatha ezinye zezimpahla zasethempelini likaThixo baqalis umsebenzi: KwabakaKhhathi, uMahathi lezinje azithatha endlini yomndlunkulu esigodlweni indodana ka-Amasayi loJoweli indodana ka-Azariya; waze wathatha lezamakhosana wayaziqhubela inkosi kwabakaMerari, uKhishi indodana ka-Abhidi lo-yase-Asiriya, kodwa lakho lokhu akumcendanga. **22** Azariya indodana kajehalelei; kwabakaGeshoni, uJowa Kwathi lanxa inkosi u-Ahazi iphakathi kobunzosi, indodana kaZima lo-Edeni indodana kajowa; **13** yandisa ukona kwayo kuThixo. **23** Yanikela imihlatshelo kwabosendo luka-Elizafani, kunguShimiri loJeyiyeli; kubonkulunkulu baseDamaseko, ababeyehlule, ngoba yakhumbula yathi, “Njengoba onkulunkulu bamakhosi **14** kwabosendo luka-Asafi, kunguZakhariya loMathaniya; ama-Aramu bewancedile, ngizanikela imihlatshelo kwabosendo lukaHemani, kunguJehiyeli loShimeyi. kubo ukuze bangisize lami.” Kodwa-ke kwahle **15** Bathi sebebuthanise abafowabo bazihlambulula kwaba yikuwa kwayo lokuchitheka kwabako- bona, bangena ukuyahlambulula ithempeli likaThixo, Israyeli. **24** U-Ahazi wabutha zonke izitsha njengokuqondisa kwenkosi, eyayilandela ilizwi ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wazisusa. Wavala likaThixo. **16** Abaphristi bangena endaweni iminyango yethempeli likaThixo wasesakha amalithare kuwo wonke amajiko ejerusalem. **25** Wakha okwakungcolile ethempelini likaThixo bakukhuphela izindawo zokukhonzela kuwo wonke amadolobho egumeni lethempeli likaThixo. AbaLevi bakuthwala akoJuda ukuze atshisele onkulunkulu imihlatshelo; bayu lakho eSigodini saseKhidironi. **17** Baqalisa wathukuthelisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho ukwahlukanisela ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga babo. **26** Ezinye izehlakalo zombuso wakhe yakuqala, kwathi ngosuku lwestificaminwembili lezindlela zakhe zonke, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kuge lwenyanga bafika emphempeni kaThixo. Ngezinsuku sekupheleni, zilotshiwe egwalweni lwembali yamakhosi akoJuda lako-Israyeli. **27** U-Ahazi waya ekuphumuleni kubokhokho bakhe wangcwatshtwa labo emzini leshitupha lwenyanga yakuqala. **18** Basebengena amakhosi aks-Israyeli. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe enkosini uHezekhiya ukuba bayembikela bathi: “Sesilhambulule lonke ithempeli likaThixo, le- alithari lommikelok wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke, kanye lethalo lokwendlalela isinkwa esingcweliwayo kanye lazozonke impahla zakhona. **19** Sesilungise sangcwelisa zonke izitsha ezasuswa yinkosi u-Ahazi ngokungathembeki kwakhe eseseyinkosi. Khathesi seziphambi kwe-alithari likaThixo.” **20** Ekuseni ngosuku olulandelayo inkosi uHezekhiya wabuthanisa izikhulu zedolobho ndawonye wasesiya ethempelini likaThixo. **21** Baletha inkunzi eziyisikhombisa, lenqama eziyisikhombisa, lamazinyane eziyimvu amaduna ayisikhombisa kanye lempongo eziyisikhombisa kungumnikelo wesono

**29** UHezekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lemihlanu ubudala ethathha ubukhosu, njalo wabusa ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye. Ibizo likanina lalingu-Abhija indodakazi Kazakhariya. **2** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe nguyise uDavida. **3** Ngenyanga yakuqala ngomnyaka wakuqala wokubusa kwakhe, wavula iminyango yethempeli likaThixo wayilungisa. **4** Wamema abaphristi kanye labaLevi, wababuthanisa egumeni eliseleli langempumalanga **5** wathi: “Lalelani

sombuso, lesendlu yokukhonzela kanye lesikajuda. Inkosi yalaya abaphristi, abenzalo ka-Aroni, ukunikela ngalokho e-alithareni likaThixo. **22** Ngakho babulala labakoManase ngezincwadi ejerusalem, ukuthi inkunzi, abaphristi bathatha igazi bachelala ngalo e- alithareni; kwalandela inqama abazibulala bachelala uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **2** Inkosi lezikhulu igazi lazo e-alithareni; basebebulala amazinyane zayo lebandla lonke ejerusalem bavumelana ezimvu bachelala igazi lawo e-alithareni. **23** Impongo ukwenza ukugcina iPhasika ngenyanga yesibili. **3** zomnikelo wesonos zaletwa phambi kwenkosi Babengenelisanga ukwenza umkhosi ngesikhathi sawo laphambi kwebandla, babele izandla zabo phezu kwazo. **24** Abaphristi basebebulala impongo balettha igazi lazo ngoba abaphristi babebalutshwana ababezingcwelisile e-alithareni kungumnikelo wesonos ukuze kwenzelwe Icebo leli lakhana lilihle enkosini lasebandleni wonke u-Israyeli indlela yokubuyisana, ngoba lonke. **5** Baquma ukuthi kukhutshwe ilizwi kulolonke inkosi yayilayekuthi kubelomnikelo wokutshiswa elako-Israyeli kusukela eBherishebha kusiyakoDani, lomnikelo wesonos kunikelelwa wonke u-Israyeli. **25** kunxuswa abantu ukuthi beze ejerusalem emkhosini AbaLevi yababeka phakathi kwethempeli likaThixo wePhasika likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. belezigubhu, lamachacho lemhube njengalokho Umkhosi lo wawungakaze wenziwe ngabanengi okwakumiswe nguDavid loGadi umberoni wenkosi kusiyago nthetho ovalotshwa phansi. **6** Ngokulaya loNathani umphrofethi; lokhu kwakungumlayo kwenkosi, izithunywa zangena kulolonke elako-kaThixo oweza ngabaphrofethi bakhe. **26** Ngakho Israyeli lelakoJuda ziphethe izincwadi ezazivela abaLevi balinda belamachacho kaDavid, abaphristi enkosini lasezikhlwini zayo, ezazilotshwe ukuthi: belamacilongo. **27** UHezekhiya wakhupha isiqondiso sokuba kwensiwe umnikelo wokutshiswa e-alithareni. Kuthe kuqalisa umnikelo, ukuhlabelela uThixo lakho kwaqalisa, kwahamba kanyekanye lamacilongo kanye lamachacho kaDavid inkosi yako-Israyeli. **28** Ibandla lonke lakkothama lakkhonza, abahlabele behlabeleda labamacilongo bewavuthela. Konke lokhu kwaqhube kaAbrahama lo-Isaka lo-Israyeli, ukuze abuyele kwaqhela umnikelo wokutshiswa. **29** Ngemva kokuphela kweminkelo inkosi labo bonke ababekhona baguqa bakhonza. **30** Inkosi uHezekhiya lezikhulu zayo yatshela abaLevi ukuba badumise uThixo ukuze ulaka lwakhe olwesabekayo lusuke kini. **9** ngamazwi kaDavid kanye laka-Asafi umberoni. Ngakho Nxa libuyela kuThixo, abafowenu labantwabenu badumisa ngokuhabelela ngenjabulo bakhothamisa bazathola umusa kulabo ababathumbayo, babuye amakhanda abo bakhonza. **31** UHezekhiya wasesithi, kulelilizwe, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ulomusa "Selizinikele kuThixo khathesi. Wozani lilethe lesihawu. Kayikulifuthela nxa libuyela kuye." **10** imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga ethempelin Ngakho izithunywa zaphuma zangena kuyo yonke likaThixo." Ngakho ibandla laletha imihlatshelo imizi lemizana ko-Efrayimi lakoManase, zayafika leminikelo, yokubonga, njalo ababelenhlizyo lakkonale koZebhuluni, kodwa abantu bazihleka ezivumayo balettha iminikelo yokutshiswa. **32** ulunya njalo baziklolodela. **11** Lanxa kunjalo, abanye Inani leminikelo yokutshiswa eyalettha libandla abantu bako-Asher labakoManase labakoZebhuluni kwakuzinkunzi ezingamatshumi ayisiskhombisa, bazithoba baya ejerusalem. **12** Njalo lakoJuda inqama ezilikhulu lamazinyane amaduna ezimvu isandla sikaNkulunkulu sasisebantwini ukubapha angamakhulu amabili, konke kungokomnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo. **33** Izifuyo ezahlukaniselwa kwakuzinkunzi ezingamatshumi ayisiskhombisa, bazithoba baya ejerusalem. **13** Kwabuthana abantu abalixuku ayisithupha lezimvu lembuzi ezipinkulungwane elikhulu ejerusalem bethakazelela uMkhosi weSinkwa ezintathu. **34** Kodwa, abaphristi babebalutshwana esingelaMvubelo ngenyanga yesibili. **14** Basusa amakhulu ekuhlizzeni ezomnikelo wokutshiswa; alithare ejerusalem bakhucula ama-alithare empepha ngakho basebenediswa ngabafowabo abaLevi bawathwala bayawaphosela eSigodini saseKhidironi. waze waphela umsebenzi njalo abanye abaphristi **15** Babulala amazinyane ezimvu awePhasika ngosuku baze bangcweliswa ngoba abaLevi babekunenzele lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yesibili. Abaphristi kakhulu ukuzingcwelisa kulabaphristi. **35** Umnikelo labaLevi bayangeka bazihlambulula balettha iminikelo wokutshiswa wawumnengi, kanye lamafutha omnikele yokutshiswa ethempelin likaThixo. **16** Basebebulyela wobudelwano kanye lomnikelo wokunathwayo ezikhundleni zabo zenjayelo njengokumisiweyo okwakuhambelana lomnikelo wokutshiswa. Ngakho emthethweni kaMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu. lokhu kwaba yikuveselela kwenkonzo ethempelin Abaphristi bachelala igazi ababeliqhutshewa ngabaLevi. likaThixo. **36** UHezekhiya labo bonke abantu jabajula **17** Njengoba babebanengi ababengazihlambululanga ngababekuphiwe nguNkulunkulu ekwenzela abantu exukwini, abaLevi bahlabla amanye amazinyane ezimvu bakhe, ngoba kwakwenzakale ngokuphangisa.

ngokomkhuba njalo bengelakho ukuzahlukanisela **4** Inkosi yathi abantu abahlala ejerusalema kumele izimvu zabo phambi kukaThixo. **18** Lanxa abantu banike abaphristi labaLevi imfanelo yabo ukuze abanengi ababevela ko-Efrayimi, koManase, ko-Isakhari lakoZebhuluni babengakazihlambululi, kodwa badla iPhasika, okwakungekho emthethweni olotshiweyo. Kodwa uHezekhiya wabakhulekela wathi: “Kungathi uThixo, olungileyo, angathethelala bonke konke okwakutholakala emasirini. Balettha okunengi **19** abamdingayo uNkulunkulu uThixo, uNkulunkulu kakhulu, okwetshumi kukho konke. **6** Amadoda wabokhoko babo loba bengahlambuluka aka-Israyeli lawakoJuda ayejhala emizini yakoJuda ngokomthetho wendawo engcwele.” **20** Lakanye lawo aletha okwetshumi kwemihlambi yenkomo uThixo wawuzwa umkhuleko kaHezekhiya wasilisa leyezimvu zavo lezinto ezingcwele zokunikela kuThixo abantu. **21** Ama-Israyeli ayeseJerusalema athakazelela uNkulunkulu wawo, azibuthelela inqwabanqwaba. uMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwensuku **7** Baqalisa ukukwenza lokhu ngenyanya yesithathu eziyisikhombisa ngokujabula okukhulu, abaLevi baze baqeda ngenyanya yesikhombisa. **8** UHezekhiya labaphristi behlabeleda kuThixo insuku zonke, lezikhulu zakhe befika bebona lezozinqwabanqwaba bephathiswa ngamachacho okudumisa uThixo. badumisa uThixo njalo babusisa abantu bakhe **22** UHezekhiya wabakhuthaza bonke abaLevi bako-Israyeli. **9** UHezekhiya wabuza abaphristi abatshengisela ukuzinikela emsebenzini kaThixo. labaLevi ngenqwabanqwaba; **10** u-Azariya umphristi Ngalezonsuku eziyisikhombisa badla leyongxenyenye omkhulu, owendlu kaZadokhi wamphendula wathi, eyayiyisabelo sabo njalo banikela umnikelo “Kusukela abantu beqalise ukuletha iminikelo yabo wobudlelwano bamdumisa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ethempelini likaThixo, sesizuze ukudla okunengi njalo waboyise. **23** Ibandla lonke laselivumelana okusalayo kunengi kakhulu, ngoba uThixo ubabusisele ukuthakazelela umkhosi lo okwezinye insuku abantu bakhe, yikho kualokhu okunengi kangaka eziyisikhombisa; ngakho umkhosi bawuqhuba okuseleyo.” **11** UHezekhiya wapha imilayo yokuba okwezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa bejabula. **24** kwakhiwe iziphala ethempelini likaThixo, lakanye UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda walethela ibandla lokho kwensiwa. **12** Ngakho baqhubeka beletha inkunzi eziyinkulungwane lezimvu ezizinkulungwane izipho ngokwethembeka, lokwetshumi kanye lezipo eziyisikhombisa lembuzi zingezebandla, kwathi eziqakathekileyo. UKhenaniya induna enkulu, umLevi, izikhulu lazo zaletha inkunzi eziyinkulungwane wayephethe lezizinto, njalo umfowabu uShimeyi lezimvu lembuzi ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi. wayengumsekeli wakhe. **13** UJehiyeli, lo-Azaziya, Abaphristi abanengi kakhulu bazihlambulula. **25** IoNahathi, lo-Asaheli, loJerimothi, loJozabhadi, loIbandla lonke lakoJuda lajabula, ndawonye labaphristi labaLevi labo bonke ababebuthene bevela ko-Israyeli, ndawonye labezizweni ababevela ko-Israyeli lababehlala koJuda. **26** Kwaba lokujabula okukhulu ejerusalema, ngoba kusukela ensukwini zikaSolomonii indodana kaDavid inkosi yako-Israyeli kwakungazange kube lomkhosi onjalo ejerusalema. **27** Abaphristi labaLevi bema babusisa abantu, uNkulunkulu wabezwa, ngoba imikhuleko yabo yafika ezelwini, endaweni yakhe engcwele ahlala kiyo.

**31** Sekuphelile konke lokhu abako-Israyeli ababesemkhosini bangena emizini yakoJuda, badiliza izinsika zokukhonzela u-Ashera. Badiliza izindawo zokukhonzela lama-alithare kulolonke elakoJuda lakoBhenjamini kanye lako-Efrayimi lakoManase. Bathe sebekudilizile konke lokhu, abako-Israyeli babuyela emizini yabo, ezindaweni zabo. **2** UHezekhiya wamisa abaphristi labaLevi ngezigaba ngamunye wabo kusiya ngemisebenzi yabo yobuphristi kumbe eyabalevi eyokunikela ngeminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yobudlelwano, ukukhonza, ukubonga kanye lokuhlabeleda indumiso emasangweni endaweni ehlala uThixo. **3** Inkosi yapha okuvela kwayayo inotho iminikelo yokutshiswa yekuseni lantambama kanye lokweminikelo yokutshiswa ngamaSabatha, leyokuThwasa kweziNyanga kanye leyemikhosi emisiweyo njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni kaThixo.

ngamabizo ukuthi babelane iziqa baze babele lalabo bonke ababelotshiwe ezingwalweni zokuzalana kwabaLevi. **20** Lokhu yikho okwenziwa nguHezekhiya kulolonke elakoJuda, esenza okufaneleyo lokulungileyo ngokwethemba kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **21** Kukho konke ayekwenza emsebenzini wethempeli likaNkulunkulu lasekulaleleni kwakhe umthetho lemilayo, wadinga uNkulunkulu njalo wasebenza ngenhlizyo yakhe yonke. Ngalokho waphumelela.

## **32** Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu uHezekhiya

ayekwenze ngokwethembeka, kweza uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asirya wahlasela elakoJuda. Wavimbezela amadolobho ayelezinqaba, edinga ukuwanqoba abe ngawakhe. **2** UHezekhiya uthé ebona ukuthi uSenakheribhi usefikile njalo uhlose ukuhlasela iJerusalema, **3** wabuza izikhulu zakhe kanye labebutho ukuthi kwakungaba njani ukuthi kuvalwe amanzi avela emithonjeni engaphandle kwedolobho, bahle bamncedisa. **4** Ixuku elikhulu lamadoda labuthana, lakanye bawavalá amanzi awemthonjeni lawesifula esasidabula phakathi kwelizwe. Bathi, “Kungani amakhosi ase-Asirya afanele afice amanzi amanengi na?” **5** Ngakho wasebenza ngamandla evuseleta umduli lokwakha imiphotshongo phezu kwavo. Wakha omunye umduli ngaphandle kwalowo waseqinisa imithangala eyayivele ingeyoMuzi kaDavid. Wenza lezikhalí lezihlangu ezinengi kakhulu. **6** Wabeka izikhulu zebutho zaphatha abantu wasezimisa phambi kwakhe egcekeni lesango elingasedolobheni wazikhuthaza ngalamazwi: **7** “Qinani libe lesibindi. Lingesabi njalo lingethuselwa libutho elikhulu kangaka lenkosi yase-Asirya ngoba kulamandla amakhulu akithi adlula akuye. **8** Yena ulengalo yenýama kuphela, kodwa thina siloThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ukusisiza lokusilwela izimpi zethu.” Abantu baba lesibindi ngenxa yalokho okwatshiwo yinkosi yakoJuda uHezekhiya. **9** Muva, uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asirya lawo wonke amabutho akhe esavimbezele eLakhishi, wathuma izikhulu zakhe ejerusalemá ziphethe lelilizwi elalisiya kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kanye labantu bonke abakoJuda abebekhona lapho wathi: **10** “Nanku okutshiwo nguSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asirya uthi: Usithatha ngaphi wena isibindi, esokuthi wale ulokhu useJerusalemá yona ivinjzelewé? **11** Nxa uHezekhiya esithi, ‘UThixo uNkulunkulu wethu uzasisindisa ezandleni zenkosi yase-Asirya,’ uyalikhohlika, ukuba life ngendlala langomhawu wamanzi. **12** UHezekhiya akasuye yini ngokwakhe owasusa izindawo zikankulunkulu lowu eziphakemeyo lama-alithare, esithi kuJuda lejerusalemá, ‘Kumele likhonzele e-alitharení elilodwa njalo litshisele kulo imihlatshelo na?’ **13** Kutsho ukuthi alikwazi yini lokho engkwenzileyo lakloko okwenziwa ngobaba eabantwini bamanye amazwe na? Kambe onkulunkulu balezozizwe benelisa yini ukukhulula ilizwe labo esandleni sami na? **14** Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe balezozizwe ezabhujswa ngobaba owake wenelisa ukukhulula abantu bakhe kimi na? UNkulunkulu wenu angalikhulula njani esandleni sami? **15** Qaphelani

lingakhohliswa nguHezekhiya limyekele elilahlekisa. Lingamethembi, ngoba kakho unkulunkulu loba ngowasiphi isizwe loba yiuphi umbuso oseke wenelisa ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami loba esandleni sabokhoko. Pho kanganani ukuba owenu unkulunkulu angalikhulula yini esandleni sami!” **16** Izikhulu zikaSenakheribzi zaqhubebekela phambili zikhuluma kubi ngoThixo uNkulunkulu langenceku yakhe uHezekhiya. **17** Inkosi yaloba lezincwadi ithuka uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, isitsho lokhu okubi ngaye: “Njengoba onkulunkulu babantu bamanye amazwe behluleka ukukhulula abantu babo esandleni sami, kuyafanana kunjalo uNkulunkulu kaHezekhiya kasoze enelise ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami.” **18** Basebememeza ngesiHebheru ebantwini basejerusalemá ababephezu komduli, bebethusela ukuze besabe babesebethumba idolobho. **19** Bakhuluma ngoNkulunkulu wejerusalemá njengalokho abakwenza ngabonkulunkulu babanye abantu bemhlabení, izinto ezibunjwe yizandla zabantu. **20** INkosí uHezekhiya lomphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi bakhala ngomkhuleko ngalokhu. **21** UThixo wathuma ingilosí, eyabhubhiisa wonke amadoda empi labakhokheli lezikhulu enkambeni yenkosí yase-Asirya. Ngakho wabuyela elizweni lakhe ngokuyangeka. Esengene ethempeliní likankulunkulu wakhe, amanye amadodana akhe amjuqa ngenkemba. **22** Ngalokho uThixo wamsindisa uHezekhiya labantu basejerusalemá esandleni sikaSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asirya lakuzo zonke ezinye izitha. UThixo wabavikela wabaphatha kuhle inxa zonke. **23** Abanengi baletela uThixo iminikelo ejerusalemá kanye lezipo eziligugu kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. Kusukela lapho waba lesithunzi wahlonitshwa yizizwe zonke. **24** Ngalezonzu uHezekhiya wagula eselengela ekufeni. Wakhuleka kuThixo, wamphendula ngokumnika isibonakaliso. **25** Kodwa inhlizyo kaHezekhiya yagcwala ngokuzikhukhumeza ngakho kazange azihluphe ngesihawu ayesitshengisíwe; ngakho intukuthelo kaThixo yehlela phezu kwakhe lasebantwini bakoJuda labaseJerusalemá. **26** Ngakho uHezekhiya waphenduka ukuzikhukhumeza ngenhlizyo yakhe, labantu baseJerusalemá labo benza njalo; ngalokho ulaka lukaThixo alasubehlelanga ngezinsuku zikaHezekhiya. **27** UHezekhiya wayelenotho enengi njalo elodumo, wasesakha izindlu zokulondolozela isoliva sakhe legolide kanye lamatshe akhe aligugu, iziyoliso, izihlangu lakho konke okunye okuligugu. **28** Wakha njalo iziphala zokugcinela amabele, iwayini elitsha lamafutha, wakha izibaya zemihlobo eyehlukaneyo yenkomó, lezibaya zemihlambi yezimvu. **29** Wakha imizi wazuza imihlambi yezimvu leyenkomó, ngoba uNkulunkulu wamnika inotho enkulu kakhulu. **30** UHezekhiya nguye owavalá amanzi entombo yangaphezulu kweGihoni wawadonsa agelezela ngenstshonalanga koMuzi kaDavid. Waphumelela kukho konke ayekwenza. **31** Ekufikeni kwamanxusa ayethunywé ngababusi beBhabhiloni bezobuza ngomangaliso owawenzakele elizweni, uNkulunkulu

wamtshiya ukuze amhlole ukuthi azi konke ayewakhele eqaqeni lwethempeli kanye laseJerusalema; okwakusenhliziyeweni yakhe. **32** Ezinye izehlakalo konke lokhu wakulahlela ngaphandle kwedolobho. ngokubusa kukaHezekhiya lemisebenzi yakhe yokuzinikela kulotshiwe embonweni womphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawako-Israyeli. **33** UHezekhiya waphumula labokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa eqaqeni lapha okulamangcwaba abosendo lukaDavida. AbakoJuda bonke labantu baseJerusalema bamhlonipha ekufeni kwakhe. Kwathi uManase indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi.

**33** UManase waba yinkosi eleminyaka elitshumi lambili ubudala njalo wabusa ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu lanhanlu. **2** Wenza ububi emehlwensi kaThixo, elandela imikhuba eyenyanyekayo yeziwe uThixo ayezixotshile phambi kuka-Israyeli. **3** Wavuselela izindawo zokukhonzela ezazibhidizwe nguyise uHezekhiya; waphinda wakhela oBhali ama-alithare kanye lezinsika zika-Ashera. Wakhothamela zonke izinkanyezi zezulu wazikhonza. **4** Wakhala ama-alithare ethempelini likaThixo, lona uThixo ayekhulume ngalo wathi: "IBizo lami lizahlala ejerusalem kuze kube nininini." **5** Emagumeni wormabili ethempeli likaThixo wakhela izinkanyezi zezulu ama-alithare. **6** Wanikela amadodana akhe emlilweni eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu, wenza imilingo, ukuvumisa, lokuthakatha njalo wayahlahlula lakwabalamadlozi. Wenza okubi kakhulu phambi kukaThixo, wamthukuthelisa. **7** Wathatha isithombe ayesbazile wasibeka ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, lelo uNkulunkulu ayethe kuDavida lasendodaneni yakhe uSolomoni, "Kulelihempeli kanye laseJerusalem, engilikhethileyo eizizwaneni zako-Israyeli, ngizafaka iBizo lami kuze cube nininini. **8** Angiyikuyekela inyawo zabako-Israyeli zisuke kulelilizwe engalabela okhokho babo, nxa bezananelela benze konke engabalaya ngakho okwemithetho, izimiso leziqondiso ezaphiwa uMosi." **9** Kodwa uManase wakhokhelela abakoJuda labaseJerusalema ekulahlekeni, benza ububi okwedulula izizwe uThixo azibhubhisa mandulo kokufika kwabako-Israyeli. **10** UThixo wakhulumu kuManase labantu bakhe, kodwa kabalalelanga. **11** Ngakho uThixo wabehlisela abalawuli bamabutho enkosi yase-Asiriya, abathumba uManase, bamfaka umkhala emakhaleni, bambophya ngamacetane ethusi bamusa eBhabhiloni. **12** Ekuhlulukelweni kwakhe wacela umusa kaThixo uNkulunkulu waboyise. **13** Ngakho uthe esekhuleka kuThixo, wezwa ukuncenga kwakhe walalela isicelo sakhe; wambuyisela ejerusalem ebukhosini bakhe. Ngalokho uManase wakwazi ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu. **14** Ngemva kwalokho wakha kutsha umduli wangaphandle owoMuzi kaDavida, entshonalanga kwentombo yesigodini seGihoni, kusya emangenelweni eSango lenNhlanzi kubhoda uqaqa Iwe-Ofeli; njalo wawakha waba ammude kulakuqala. Wafaka abalawuli bamabutho kuwo wonke amadolobho alezingqaba koJuda. **15** Wasusa bonke onkulunkulu bezizweni wasusa lesithombe empepha kulolonke elako-Israyeli aba yizicucu. ethempelini likaThixo, lawo wonke ama-alithare Wasebuyela ejerusalem. **8** Ngomnyaka wetshumi **16** Wavuselela i-alithari likaThixo wenza iminikelu yobudlelwano leminikelo yokubonga phezu kwalu njalo watshela uJuda ukumkhonza uThixo, uNkulunkulu akoJuda lawako-Israyeli. **17** Kodwa abantu baqhubeke benikela imihlatshelo ezindaweni zokukhonzela, kodwa benikela kuphela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **18** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kaManase, kanye lomkhuleko wakhe kuNkulunkulu wakhe lamazwi akhulunywa ngababoni kuye ngebizo likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kulotshiwe embalini yamakhosi aks-Israyeli. **19** Umkhuleko wakhe lokuthi uNkulunkulu wakwamukela njani ukuncenga kwakhe, lokona kwakhe konke, kanye lokungathembeki, lalezozindawo zokukhonzela ayezakhile lezinsika zika-Ashera lezithombe engakazehlisi ngokuzithoba, kulotshiwe konke emibhalweni yababoni. **20** UManase waphumula labokhokho bakhe wangcwatshwa esigodlwani sakhe. U-Amoni indodana yakhe yathatha isikhundla sakhe. **21** U-Amoni wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili ubudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa ejerusalem okweminyaka emibili. **22** Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo, njengalokhu okwakwenzive nguyise uManase. U-Amoni wakhonza njalo wanikela imihlatshelo kuzozonke izithombe ezazenzive nguManase. **23** Kodwa kenzanga njengoyise uManase, ngoba yena kazehlisanga phansi kukaThixo; u-Amoni wenza amacala ngokuphindiwego. **24** Izikhulu zika-Amoni zathama icebo zambulalela esigodlweni sakhe. **25** Kodwa abantu belizwe babulala bonke labo ababethame amacebo ngenkosi u-Amoni, babeka uJosiya indodana yakhe wathatha ubukhosu.

**34** UJosiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka eyisificaminwembili ubudala njalo wabusa ejerusalem okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lanye. **2** Wenza okulungileyo phambi kukaThixo njalo wahamba ngenyathelo likayise uDavida, kazange aphambukele kwsokudla lobu esokhohlo. **3** Ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe, elokhu esesengumntwana, waqalisa ukumdinga uNkulunkulu kakhokho wakhe uDavida. Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili waqalisa ukuhlambulula elakoJuda laseJerusalem, wawa izindawo zokukhonzela, izinsika zika-Ashera, izithombe ezibaziwego lezikhandiwego. **4** Negeziqondiso zakhe kwabhidiliza ama-alithare aboBhali; waqoba ama-alithare emphepa ayengaphezu kwavo; wahlilikza izinsika zika-Ashera, izithombe kanye lemifanekiso. Lokhu wakuvaldaza wasekuchithizela phezu kwamangcwaba alabo ababenikele imihlatshelo kulezozithombe. **5** Watshisela amathambo abaphristi ema-alitharenabo, ngalokho wahlambulula elakoJuda laseJerusalem. **6** Emizini yakoManase, lako-Efrayimi lakoSimiyoni, kuze kuyefika koNafithali, lasemanxiweni aseduzane layo, **7** wadiliza ama-alithare lezinsika zika-Ashera njalo wahlifiza izithombe zaba yimpuphu wachithiza ama-alithare izithombe empepha kulolonke elako-Israyeli aba yizicucu. Wasebuyela ejerusalem. **8** Ngomnyaka wetshumi

lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukajosiya, ukuze impepha njalo bangithukuthelisile ngakho konke ahlambulule ilizwe kanye lethempeli, wathumela abakwenze ngezandla zabo, ulaka lwami luzakwehlela uShafani indodana ka-Azaliya loMaseya umbusi phezu kwalindawo njalo aluyikutishwa.<sup>26</sup> Tshelani wedolobho, lojowa indodana kajowahazi, umlobi, ukuba inkosi yakoJuda, elithume ukuzabuza kuThixo lithi: bavuselele ithempeli likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **9** ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Baya kuHilikhiya umphristi omkhulu bamnika imali Israyeli, mayelana lamazwi owezwileyo: **27** Njengoba eyayilethwe ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, eyayiqqwe uzisolile wazehlisa ngaphansi kukaNkulunkulu ngabaLevi ababengabagcini beminyango beyiqqqa wezwa ukuthi utheni ngalindawo labantu bayo njalo ebantwini bakoManase, lako-Efrayimi layo yonke langenxa yokuthi uezhlisise wazithoba phambi kwami insalela yabako-Israyeli lakubo bonke abantu bakoJuda wadabula izembatho zakho walila phambi kwami, labakoBhenjamini lababehlala ejerusalema. **10** ngikuzwile, utsho njalo uThixo. **28** Wena ngizakususa Basebeyiqhubela amadoda ayekhethelwe ukukhangela ukuqhubeka komsebenzi wasethempelini likaThixo. Lamadoda ayeholisa ababuvuselela lokwakha kutsha ithempeli. **11** Eyiye bayiqhubela ababazi labakhi ukuze bathenge amatshe abaziwego lezigodo lezintungo zezindlu ezadilika amakhosi akoJuda enganenzele. **12** Amadoda ayisebenza imisebenzi yayo ngokwethembeka. Ayekhokhelwa njalo eqondiswa ngoJahathi lo-Obhadaya, abaLevi bosendo lukaMerari, kusiya komkhulu. Inkosi yabafundela wonke amazwi uZakhariya loMeshulami abosendo lukaKohath. ayeseGwalweni lweSivumelwano, olwatholakala AbaLevi bonke ababengamagabazi kwezamachacho ethempelini likaThixo. **31** Inkosi yema ensikenai yayo omculo, **13** babephethi izisebenzi njalo bekhangeli yavuselela isivumelwano sayo phambi kukaThixo, izisebenzi kulowo lalowo umsebenzi. Abanye abaLevi babengonobhala, labalobi kanye labalindi beminyango. **14** Besakhipha imali eyayingeniswe ethempelini likaThixo, uHilikhiya umphristi wafumana uGwalo loMthetho kaThixo owawuphiwe uMosi. **15** UHilikhiya wathi kuShafani unobhala, “Sengilutholile uGwalo loMthetho ethempelini likaThixo.” Waselunika uShafani. **16** Ngalokho uShafani waluthatha walusa umphristi usengiphe ugwalo.” Ngakho uShafani waselubala phambi kwenkosi. **19** Inkosi yonela ukuzwa amazwi oMthetho, yadabula izembatho zayo **20** yapha leziqondiso kuHilikhiya, lo-Ahikhami indodana kaShefani, lo-Abhidoni indodana kaMikha, loShafani unobhala kanye lo-Asaya inceke yenkosy yathi: **21** “Hambani liyengibuzela kuThixo lensalela yako-Israyeli labakoJuda ngalokhu okulotshwe kulologwalo olutholakeleyo. Lukhulu ulaka lukaThixo phezu kwethu ngenxa yabokhoko abangazange balilalele ilizwi likaThixo; kabenzanga ngendlela okulotshwe ngayo kulologwalo.” **22** UHilikhiya labo ayethunyw labo yinkosi bahamba ukuba bayekhulumia loHulida umphrofethikazi owayengumkaShalumi indodana kaThokhathi, indodana kaHasira, umlondolozi wezemba. UHulida wayehlala ejerusalema endaweni yeSiqinti Sesibili. **23** Wathi kubo, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Tshelani umuntu olithume kimi lithi, **24** ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uthi: Ngizakwehlisela lindawo labantu bayo incithakalo lazozonke izithuko ezilotshiweyo egwalweni olufundwe phambi kwenkosi yakoJuda. **25** Ngoba bangidelite batshisela abanye onkulunkulu

ukuze ukuthi utheni ngalindawo labantu bayo njalo langenxa yokuthi uezhlisise wazithoba phambi kwami wadabula izembatho zakho walila phambi kwami, labakoBhenjamini lababehlala ejerusalema. **29** Inkosi yasibuthanisa bonke abadala bakoJuda labaseJerusalem. **30** Yaya ethempelini likaThixo labantu bakoJuda, kanye labaseJerusalem, labaphristi kanye labaLevi labantu bonke kusukela komncinyane ukumkhonza uThixo lokwamukela imilayo yakhe, leziqondiso, lezimiso zakhe ngenhliziyo yayo yonke langomphefumulo wayo wonke, lokulalela amazwi esivumelwano esilotshiweyo ogwalweni. **32** Yasifungisa bonke ababeseJerusalem labakoBhenjamini ukuba belandela isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wabokhoko babo. **33** Ujosiya wasusa zonke izithombe enkosini wayibikela wathi: “Izikhulu zakho ziyakwenza ezenyanyekayo ezabelweni zonke ezazingezako-Israyeli, wenza bonke abako-Israyeli bamkhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. Ngezinsuku zokuphila kwakhe kazange aphambuke endleleni kaThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhoko babo.

**35** Ujosiya wenza uMkhosi wePhasika kuThixo ejerusalema, iwundlu lePhasika lahlatshwa ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala. **2** Wabeka abaphristi ngemisebenzi yabo njalo wabakhuthaza emsebenzini wethempelini likaThixo. **3** KubaLevi, ababefundisa abako-Israyeli bonke njalo ababevele behlukaniselwe uThixo wathi: “Bekani ibhokisi lesivumelwano elingcwele ethempelini elakhiwa nguSolomon indodana kaDavid inkosi yako-Israyeli. Akumelanga libe lithwalwa ngamahlombe enu. Khathesi khonzani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu labantu bakhe bako-Israyeli. **4** Hlanganani ngezindlu zenu langezibaga zenu, kusiya ngeziqondiso ezalotshwa nguDavid inkosi yako-Israyeli kanye loSolomon indodana yakhe. **5** Manini endaweni engcwele leqemu labaLevi kuzozonke izigaba ngezindlu zezihlobo zenu, kube ngabemuli. **6** Hlabani amawundlu ePhasika, lizihlambulule litungisele izihlobo zenu lenze njengokutsho kwelizwi likaThixo ngoMosi.” **7** Ujosiya wanika abantu makhaba bonke ababekhona izimvu lembuzi eziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu zomnikelo wePhasika,

kanye lenkomo eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu, zonke kazange amyekele, wazifila ukuze abe sempini. zingezayo inkosi. **8** Izikhulu zakhe lazo zapha Kazange alalele akutshelwa nguNekho kuvela ngokuzinikela ebantwini zapha labaphristi labaLevi. **9** IkuNkulunkulu kodwa laye wayakulwa emagcekeni UHilikhiya, loZakhariya loJehiyeli, abaphrofethi bethempeli likaNkulunkulu, bapha abaphristi iminikelo yePhasika engamakhulu angamatshumi amabili lesithupha lenkomo ezingamakhulu amathathu. **10** yakhe yokulwa, bamfaka kweyinye ayelayo bamusa Abanye abapha kanye loKhenaniya loShemaya, ejerusalem, lapho afela khona. Wangcwatshwa loNethaneli, abafowabo, kanye loHashabiya, loJeyiyeli, emathuneni abokhokho bakhe, bonke abakoJuda loJozahbadi, abakhokheli babaLevi, bapha okomnikelo wePhasika izinkulungwane ezinhlanu kanye lenkomo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ezabaLevi. **11** Inkonzo yalungiswa kwathi abaphristi bema ezindaweni zabo labaLevi ezigabeni zabo ngeziqondiso zenkosи. **12** Amawundlu ePhasika ahlatshwa, abaphristi bemukela igazi bachela ngalo, abaLevi ngalesosikhathi babehlinza. **13** Bosia lukaMosi. Benza okufaneleyo lasenkomensi. **14** Bosa izinyamazana zePhasika emililweni njengokulaywa kwabo, babilisa iminikelo engcwele ezimbizeni, ezindengezini lasemapaneni baphanga bakuphakela abantu. **15** Ngemva kwalokho, bazingisela okwabo ndawonye lokwabaphristi, ngoba abaphristi, abayinzalo ka-Aroni, babephathekile ngeminikelo yokutshiswa kanye leyamahwawa kwaze kwaba kusihliwa. Ngakho abaLevi bazingisela okwabo lokwabaphristi abangabendlu ka-Aroni. **16** Abahlabelei, abenzalo ka-Asafi, babesezindaweni ezaqanjiwa nguDavid, lo-Asafi, loHemani kanye loJeduthuni umboni wenkosi. Abalindi bamasango esangweni linye ngalinye akuzange kudingke ukuthi basuke ezindaweni zabo, ngoba abaLevi abayizihlobo zabo babebalungisele okwabo. **17** Ngakho ngalesosikhathi umsebenzi kaThixo wenzelwa ukugcinwa kwePhasika lokunikelwa kweminikelo yokutshiswa e-alithareni likaThixo, njengoba inkosi ujosiya yayitshilo. **18** Abako-Israyeli ababkhona bathakazelela iPhasika ngalesosikhathi njalo bathakazelela uMkhsosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **19** iPhasika lalingazange ligcinwe ngalindlela ko-Israyeli kusukela ngezinsuku zomphrofethi uSamuyeli; njalo kayikho leyodwa inkosi yako-Israyeli eyayike yathakazelela iPhasika elinjengaleli elenziwa ngujosiya, labaphristi, labaLevi labo bonke abakoJuda labako-Israyeli ababelapho labantu baseJerusalem. **20** LeliPhasika lathakazelela ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili wokubusa kukaJosya. **21** Ngemva kwakho konke lokhu ujosiya eseondisile konke ngeThempeli, uNekho inkosi yaseGibhithe wayahlasela iKharikhemishi eYufrathe, ujosiya waphuma ukuyadibana laye empini. **22** Kodwa uNekho wamthumela amanxusa esithi, "Kulokuxabana bani phakathi kwami lawe, we nkosi yakoJuda? Phela angihilaseli wena khathesi, niglihaselana laleyondlu engilwa layo impi. UNkulunkulu ungitshele ukuba ngiphangise; wena mana ungaphikisani loNkulunkulu, yena olami, funa akubhubhise." **23** Abatshoki bayiciba inkosi ujosiya yatshela izikhulu zayo yathi, "Ngisusani lapha, sengilimele kakubi." **24** Ngakho bamethula enqoleni labako-Israyeli bamlilela. **25** Ujeremiya laye waloba isililo ngoJosiya, njalo kuze kuge lamuhla abahlabelei bonke abesilisa labesifazane lokhu behaya isililo ngoJosiya. Lokhu kulila kwaba ngumkhuba ko-Israyeli njalo kubhaliwe eZililweni. **26** Ezinye izehlakalo ngokubusa kukajosiya lezinye izendo zokuzinikela kwakhe, mayelana lokulotshiweyo eMthethwени kaThixo **27** zonke izehlakalo, kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kuge sekuphetheni, kultotshiwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli lakoJuda.

**36** Abantu belizwe bathatha uJehovahazi indodana kajosiya bamenza inkosi ejerusalem esikhundleni sikayise. **2** UJehovahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu yobudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa ejerusalem okwezinyanga ezintathu. **3** Inkosi yaseGibhithe yamethula ubukhosu ejerusalem njalo yathelisa abakoJuda amathalenta alikhulu esiliva kanye lethalenta legolide. **4** Inkosi yaseGibhithe, yabeka u-Eliyakhimu, umfowabo kajehawahazi, ukuba abe yinkosi yakoJuda laseJerusalem yafiguqula ibizo lika-Eliyakhimu laba nguJehoyakhimi. Kodwa uNekho wathatha umfowabo ka-Eliyakhimu uJehovahazi wamus eGibhithe. **5** UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa ejerusalem okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **6** UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wamhlasela wambopha ngamacetane ethusi wasemusa eBhabhiloni. **7** UNebhukhadineza wasuka lezinye impahla zethempeli likaThixo wazisa ethempelin lakhe elaliseBhabhiloni. **8** Ezinye izehlakalo ngombuso kajehoyakhimi, lamanya awenzayo lakho konke okwatholakala kulihlazo ngaye, kultotshiwe egwalweni lwamakhosi ako-Israyeli lakoJuda. UJehoyakhimi indodana yakhe wathatha isikhundla waba yinkosi. **9** UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili ubudala esiba yinkosi, njalo wabusa ejerusalem okwezinyanga ezintathu lezinisu ezilitshumi. Wenza ububi phambi kukaThixo. **10** Kwathi entwasa, inkosi uNebhukhadineza yathumela ukuthi bamlethe eBhabhiloni, kanye lempahla ezeligugu ezazivela ethempelinli likaThixo, wabeka uZedekhiya isinini sikaJehoyakhimi ukuba yinkosi yakoJuda laseJerusalem. **11** UZedekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye, njalo wabusa ejerusalem okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. **12** Wenza okubi emehlwensi kaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe njalo kazange azithobe ngaphansi komphrofethi ujeremiya, owayekhulumela uThixo. **13**

Wahlamukela inkosi uNebhukhadineza, owayemfungise ngebizo likaNkulunkulu. Waba lenkani, lenhlizyo elukhumi, kazange azithobe kuThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **14** Abakhokheli bonke babaphristi lababantu baqhubeka ngokungathembeki, belandela izenso ezingamanyaala zezizwe, bengcolisa ithempeli likaThixo, ayezehlukanisele lona ejerusalem. **15** UThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho babo, wathumela ilizwi ephindaphinda ngezithunywa zakhe, ngoba wayelesihawu ebantwini bakhe kanye lendawo yakhe yokuhlala. **16** Kodwa izithunywa zikaNkulunkulu babezihleka ulunya, beseyisa amazwi akhe njalo beklolodela abaphrofethi bakhe lwaze lwavutha ulaka lukaThixo ebantwini bakhe kungasekho okunganceda. **17** Ngakho wathuma inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, yabulala amajaha akibo ngenkemba endlini engcwele, njalo akusindanga jaha loba ntombi, indoda endala loba oseluphele. UNkulunkulu wabanikela bonke esandleni sikaNebhukhadineza. **18** Wathutha zonke impahla zethempeli likaNkulunkulu wazisa eBhabhiloni, zonke ezincinyane lezinkulu, kanye lezenotho yethempelini likaThixo lezenotho yenkosи leyezikhulu zayo. **19** Batshisa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu njalo badiliza umduli wejerusalem; batshisa zonke izigodlo batshabalalisa lakho konke okwakuligugu khonapho. **20** Wathatha bonke ababesele bengadliwanga yinkemba wabasa eBhabhiloni baba yizichaka zakhe lezamadodana akhe kwaze kwangena umbuso wasePhezhiya. **21** Ilizwe lazuza ukuphumula kwalo kwamasabatha; kusosonke isikhathi salo sencithakalo laphumula kwaze kwaphela iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa ukugcwala isilizwi likaThixo elakhulunywa nguJeremiya. **22** Ngomnyaka wakuqala wenkosi yasePhezhiya ukhurosi, ukuze kugcwalseike ilizwi likaThixo elakhulunywa nguJeremiya, uThixo wathinta inhlizyo kaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya ukuba yenze isimemezelo kuwo wonke umbuso wayo, ukuthi sibhalwe phansi kuthiwe: **23** “Nanti ilizwi likaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya elithi: ‘UThixo, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini unginike yonke imibuso yomhlaba njalo ungikhethile ukuba ngimakhele ithempeli ejerusalem kojuda. Loba ngubani, wabantu bakhe phakathi kwenu sengathhi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe angaba laye, kahambe.’”

# U-Ezra

**1** Ngomnyaka wakuqala wenkosi yasePhezhiya uKhurosi, ukuze kugcwaliseke ilizwi likaThixo elakhulunywa nguJeremiya, uThixo wathinta inhliziyo kaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya ukuba yenze isimemezelo kuwo wonke umbuso wayo, ukuthi sibhalwe phansi kuthiwe: **2** “Nanku okutshivo yinkosi uKhurosi wasePhezhiya: ‘UThixo, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, ungiphile yonke imbuso yasemhlabeni njalo ungikhethile ukuthi ngimakhele ithempeli eJerusalem koJuda. **3** Loba ngubani wabantu bakhe phakathi kwenu angahamba aye eJerusalem koJuda ayekwakha ithempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uNkulunkulu oseJerusalem njalo sengathi uNkulunkulu wabo angaba labo. **4** Akuthi abantu loba ngabakuyiphi indawo lapho okungabe kuseselensalela kabamuphe isiliva legolide, impahlia lezifuyo, leminikelو yokuzithandela yethempeli likaNkulunkulu eJerusalem.”” **5** Kwasekusithi abazinhlоко zemizi yakoJuda lakoBhenjamin, kanye labaphristi labaLevi, labo bonke ababethintwe inhliziyo zabo nguNkulunkulu, bazilungisela ukuhamba ukuyakwakha indlu kaThixo eJerusalem. **6** Bonke omakhelwane babo babancedisa ukuzuza izinto zesiliva legolide, impahlia lezifuyo, leziphо eziligu g phezu kwayo yonke iminikelو yokuziwela. **7** Phezu kwalokho iNkosi uKhurosi yakhupha zonke izitsha ezazingezethempeli likaThixo ezazithunjwe nguNebhukhadineza eJerusalem zabekwa ethempelini likankulunkulu wakhe. **8** UKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya wathi kazilethwe nguMithiredathi umgcinisikhwama ongyue owazibalayo ezbalela uSheshibhazari inkosana yakoJuda. **9** Nanzi-ke lezompahlia: imiganu yegolide yayingamatshumi amathathu, imiganu yesiliva yayiyinkulungwane, amapane esiliva ayengamatshumi amabili lasificamunwemunye, **10** imiganu yegolide ezingubhe yayingamatshumi amathathu, eyesiliva efana layo yayingamatshumi amane letshumi, eziyne impahlia zaziyinkulungwane. **11** Sekukonke, kwakuyizinkulungwane ezhinlanu lamakhulu amane ezinto zegolide lesiliva. USheshibhazari weza lazonkonke lezintzo lapho izithunjwa zafika eJerusalem zivela eBhabhiloni.

**2** Manje-ke yilaba abantu bendawo ababuyayo ekuthunjweni, ababethunjiwe nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabasa eBhabhiloni (babuyela eJerusalem lakoJuda, ngulowo emzini wakibo, **2** behamba loZerubhabheli, loJeshuwa, loNehemiya, loSeraya, loRelayiya, loModekhayi, loBhilishani, loMisipa, loBhigivayi, loRehumii loBhana): Uluhlu Iwamadoda ako-Israyeli: **3** isizukulwane sikaPharoshi sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lekhulu elilamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili, **4** esikaShefathiya sasingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili, **5** esika-Ara sasingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhanu, **6** esikaPhahathi-Mowabi

(ngosendo lukaJeshuwa loJowabi) sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi lambili, **7** esika-Elamu sasiyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane, **8** esikaZathu sasingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amane lanhanu, **9** esikaZakhayi sasingamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha, **10** esikaBhani sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili, **11** esikaBhebhayi sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **12** esika-Azigadi sasiyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lambili, **13** esika-Adonikhamu sasingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lasithupha, **14** esikaBhigivayi sasizinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi amahlanu lasithupha, **15** esika-Adini sasingamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu lane, **16** esika-Atheri (ngoHezekhiya) sasingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwembili, **17** esikaBhezayi sasingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **18** esikaJora sasilikhulu letshumi lambili, **19** esikaHashumi sasingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **20** esikaGibhari sasingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhanu, **21** amadoda eBhethilehema ayengamatshumi amabili lantathu, **22** eNetho yaengamatshumi amahlanu lasithupha, **23** e-Anathothi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasificamunwembili, **24** e-Azimavethi ayengamatshumi amane lambili, **25** eKiririyathi-Jeyarimi, eKhefir leBherothi ayengamatshumi amahlanu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu, **26** eRama leGeba ayengamatshumi ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye, **27** eMikhimashi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili, **28** eBhetheli le-Ayi ayengamatshumi amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **29** eNebho ayengamatshumi amahlanu lambili, **30** eMagibhishi ayelikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lasithupha, **31** kweyinye i-Elamu ayeyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane, **32** eHarimi ayengamatshumi amathathu lamatshumi amabili, **33** eLodi, eHadidi le-Ono ayengamatshumi ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lanhanu, **34** eJeriko ayengamatshumi amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhanu, **35** eSenaya ayezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amathathu. **36** Abaphristi: esizukulwaneni sikaJedaya (ngosendo lukaJeshuwa) babengamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu, **37** kwasika-Imeri babeyinkulungwane lamatshumi amahlanu lambili, **38** kwasikaPhashuri babeyinkulungwane elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lasikhombisa, **39** kwasikaHarimi babeyinkulungwane letshumi lasikhombisa. **40** Abalabele: besizukulwane sikaJeshuwa loKhadimiyeli (abosendo lukaHodaviya) babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane. **41** Abahlabele: besizukulwane sika-Asafi babelikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasificamunwembili. **42** Abalindi bamasango: besizukulwane sikaShalumi, lo-Atheri, loThalimonii, lo-Akhubi, loHathitha loShobhayi babelikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lasificamunwemunye. **43** Izinceku

zethempelini: zesizukulwane sikaZiha, loHasufa, labaphristi ayesebenza labo kanye loZerubhabheli loThabhawothi, **44** loKherosi, loSiyaha, loPhadoni, indodana kaSheyalithiyeli labakhula bakhe baqalisa **45** loLebhana, loHagabha, lo-Akhubi, **46** loHagabi, ukwakha i-alithari likaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukwenza loShahimayi, loHanani, **47** loGideli, loGahari, loReyaya, umhlatshele womnikelo wokutshiswa kulo, mayelana **48** loRezini, loNekhoda, loGazami, **49** lo-Uza, loPhaseya, lalokho okulotshiweyo eMthethweni kaMosi umuntu loBhesayi, **50** lo-Asina, loMewunimi, loNefusimi, **51** kaNkulunkulu. **3** Lokuba babesesaba abantu bendawo, loBhakibhuki, loHakufa, loHahuri, **52** loBhaziluthi, balakha i-alithari esisekelweni salo benza iminikelo loMehida, loHasha, **53** loBhakhosi, loSisera, loTema, yokutshiswa kuThixo kulo, yomibili imihlatshelo **54** loNeziya kanye loHathifa. **55** Izizukulwane yokusa lowokuhlwa. **4** Kwathi njalo belandela zezinceku zikaSolomon: isizukulwane sikaSothayi, okulotshiweyo bwugubha uMkholi weziHonqo loHasoferethi, loPhereti, **56** loJala, loDakhoni, loGideli, besenza inani elifaneleyo leminikelo yokutshiswa **57** loShefatihi, loHathili, loPhokerethi-Hazebhayimi elungiselwe lelo lalelo ilanga. **5** Emva kwalokho kanye lo-Ami. **58** Izincku zethempelini lezizukulwane baletha iminikelo yenjayelo eyokutshiswa, iminikelo zezinceku zikaSolomon zazingamakhulu amathathu yokuThwasa kweNyanga leminikelo yayo yonke lamatshumi ayisicamunwemunye lambili. **59** imikhosi kaThixo emisiweyo engcwele, kanye Abalandelayo laba bavela emadolobheni aseTheli laleyo eyayilethwa njengeminikelo yokuzithandela Mela, eTheli Hasha, eKherubi, e-Adani, lase- eyaletwa kuThixo. **6** Ngelanga lokuqala lenyanga Imeri, kodwa behluleka ukuveza ukuthi usendo yesikhombisa baqalisa ukuletha iminikelo yokutshiswa lwabo lwaphuma ko-Israyeli: **60** abesizukulwane kuThixo, lokuba isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo sikaDelaya, loThobhiya loNekhoda babengamakhulu sasingakabekwa. **7** Basebesipha ababazi bamatshe ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlau lambili. **61** lababazi nje imali, bapha ukudla lokunathwayo Ababephuma kubaphristi kwakuyilab: Abesizukulwane lamafutha ebantwini baseThire leSidoni, ukuze balethe sikaHobhaya, esikaHakhozi lesikaBhazilayi (indoda izigodo zemisedari ngendlela yowlandle kusuka eyayithethe indodakazi kaBhazilayi umGiliyadi layo eLebhanoni kusiya ejopha njengoba kwakuvinylewe yayibizwa ngalelobizo). **62** Laba baphenya imibhalo nguKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya. **8** Ngenyanya yesibili yembali yezimuli zabo, kodwa bayiswela ngakho ngomnyaka wesibili bebuyile endlini kaNkulunkulu basuswa ebuphristini kwathiwa bangcolile. **63** Umbusi eJerusalem, uZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, wabala ukuthi bangakudli loba yikuphi ukudla lojeshuwa indodana kajozadaki labo bonke abafowabo okungcwele kuze kuge lomphristi wokubuza inkatho (abaphristi labaLevi labo bonke ababuyayo eJerusalem i-Urimi leThumimi). **64** Ixuku lonke lalilinani elifika bevela ebugqilini) bawuqalisa umsebenzi, bakhetha izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili, abaleLevi abalemintyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya lamakhulu amathathu alamatshumi ayisithupha, phezulu ukuthi baphathe umsebenzi wokwakha **65** ngaphandle kwezincku lezinecekukazi zabo indlu kaThixo. **9** UJeshuwa lamadodana akhe ezizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu labafowabo loKhadimiyeli lamadodana akhe (abazukulu amathathu alamatshumi amathathu lasikhombisa; njalo bakaHodaviya) lamadodana kaHenadadi kanye babe labahlabeleli besilisa labesifazane abangamakhulu lamadodana abo labafowabo, bonke bengabaLevi, amabili. **66** Babelambhiza angamakhulu ayisikhombisa bahlangana ndawonye ukuhangela labo ababesebenza lamatshumi amathathu lasithupha, lezimbongolo endlini kaNkulunkulu. **10** Kwathi abakhi sebesibekile ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlau isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo abaphristi bagqoka lanlanu, **67** lamakamelia angamakhulu amane izembatho zabo, baphatha amachacho, kanye labaLevi lamatshumi amathathu lanlanu kanye labbabhem (amadodana ka-Asafi) bephethe izigubhu, bonke bema abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha ezilamakhulu ezindaweni zabo ukudumisa uThixo njengokwamiswa ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili. **68** Bathi nguDavid inkosi yako-Israyeli. **11** Badumisa bebonga, ukufika kwabo endlini kaThixo eJerusalem abanye bahlabelela uThixo bathi: "Ulungle; uthando lwakhe bezinhloko zezimuli benza umnikelo wokuziwela waba ku-Israyeli lumi laphakade." Bonke abantu bamemeza ngowokwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo. bedumisa uThixo ngoba isisekelo sendlu kaThixo **69** Banikela esikhwameni esikhulu ngokwamandla sasesibekiwe. **12** Kodwa abanengi babaphristi abadala abo ukwenza umsebenzi lo banika amadrakhima labaLevi kanye lezikulu zezimuli ababelibonile azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye ithempeli lakuqala, bakhala kakhulu bebona isisekelo egolide lesiliva esifika izinkulungwane ezinhlanu saleli ithempeli sibekwa, ikanti abanye babo bamemeza samamina lezembafo zobuphristi ezilikulu. **70** ngokuthaba. **13** Kakhwo wayengawehlukanisa umpsindo Abaphristi, labaLevi, labahlabeleli, labalindi bamasango wokumemeza kokuthokoza lomsindo wokuhala ngoba kanye lezinceku zethempelini bahlala emadolobheni abantu benza umpsindo omangalisayo. Njalo umpsindo akibo, ndawonye labanye abantu, labo bonke abako- lowo wezwakala kude.

Israyeli bahlala emadolobheni akibo.

**3** Kwathi sekufika inyanga yesikhombisa, lapho abako-Israyeli sebhelezi emizini yakibo, abantu babuthana njengomuntu munye eJerusalem. **4** Kwathi lapho izitha zakoJuda lakoBhenjamini seziwile ukuthi ababeyizithunjwa basebesakha ithempeli likaThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli **2** beza **2** Kwasekusithi uJeshuwa indodana kajozadaki bathi, "Yekelani silincedise ukwakha ngoba lathi,

njengani, siyamdinga uNkulunkulu wenu njalo kukade sisenza imihlatshelo kuye kusukela esikhathini sika- Esarihadoni inkosi yase-Asiriya, onguye owasiletha lapha.” **3** Kodwa uZerubhabbeli, lojeshuwa labo bonke ababezinhloko zezimuli zako-Israyeli baphendula bathi, “Kalilani lakho ukwakhisana lathi ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wethu. Thina sodwa sizalaka, silakhela uThixo, uNkulunkulu wako- Israyeli, njengokulawa kwethu nguKhurosi, inkosi yasePhezhiya.” **4** Kwasekusithi abantu balelolizwe baqalisa ukubadondisa abantu bakoJuda babenza besaba ukuqhubeka besakha. **5** Bathenga abacebisi bokudunga umsebenzi rawunyampise ngasosonke isikhathi sokubusa kukaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukaDariyu inkosi yasePhezhiya. **6** Ekuqaleni kokubusa kuka-Ahasuweru bethesa abantu bakoJuda labaseJerusalem icala. **7** Njalo kwathi ngezinsuku zika-Athazekisisi inkosi yasePhezhiya uBhishilamu, loMithiredath loThabbeli labo bonke abangane babo baloba incwadi isiya ku-Athazekisisi. Incwadi leyo yayibhalwe ngolimi lwesi-Aramayikhi ngendlela yokuloba kwavo ama-Aramu. **8** URehumi umlawuli webuthu loShimishayi unobhala babbala incwadi isiya ku-Athazekisisi inkosi besola ijerusalem besithi: **9** URehumi umlawuli webuthu loShimishayi unobhala kanye labo bonke abahlangene labo, abehluleli lezinduna zabantu abasuka eThripholi, ePhezhiya, e-Ereki leBhabhilori lama-Elamu aseSusa, **10** kanye labanye abantu inkosi enku ehloniphekayu u-Ashuribhaniphali (u-Osinaphari) eyabaxotshayo yayabahlalisa edolobheni laseSamariya lakwezinye izindawo ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe. **11** (Nanka amazwi encwadi leyo abayibalayo.) Kuyo iNkosi u-Athazekisisi, Ivela ezincekwini zakho, abantu abangaphetsheya kweYufrathe: **12** Inkosi ifanele yazi ukuthi amajuda afikayo kithi lapha evela kuwe aseye ejerusalem njalo sebelakha kutsha idolobho lelo elihlamukayo, elibi kakhulu. Sebevusa imiduli bevuselela lezisekelo. **13** Phezu kwalokho inkosi kufanele ukuba yazi ukuthi aluba idolobho leli lingaze lakihiwe lemiduli yalo imiswe njalo, kakusayikubhadalwa imithelo lenkongozelo yenkosи, lomthetho wokungenisa impahla ezweni, besekusithi isikhwama senkosи sisilele izimali. **14** Pho njengoba thina silomlandu ophuma esigodlwensi njalo kungafanelanga ukuthi sibone inkosi idelelwu, situmela umbiko lo ukuyazisa inkosi, **15** ukuze kuhlolisiswe ezingwalweni zezindaba ezatshiywa yilabo abakwandulelayo. Kulezongwalo uzathola ukuthi idolobho leli lidolobho lokuhlamuka, liloohlupo emakhosini lakwezinye izigaba zombuso, liyindawo yokuhlamuka kulokhu kwasukela endulo. Yilokho okwabangela ukubhidlwiza kwalelidolobho. **16** Inkosi siyazisela ukuthi aluba idolobho leli lingakhiwa, imiswe njalo imiduli yalo, izakube ingasasalanga lalutho ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe. **17** Inkosi yathomela impendulo le: KuRehumi umlawuli wempi loShimishayi unobhala labo bonke abaphathisana labo abahlala eSamariya lakwezinye izindawo ngaphetsheya kweYufrathe: Ngiyalibingeleta. **18** Incwadi elasithumela yona isiguqulwe ulimi yabalwa phambi kwami. **19** Ngakhupha ilizwi kwaphenywa, kwafunyanwa ukuthi idolobho leli lilembali ende eyokuvukela amakhosi, liyindawo yokuhlamuka lokuxhwalwa. **20** Ijerusalem isike yaba lamakhosi alamandla ayebusa kulolonke elangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, kubhadalwa kuwo imithelo, inkongozelo yenkosи lemithelo yokungenisa impahla eliziveni. **21** Manje-ke khuphani umlayo kulawomadoda ukuthi kabamise umsebenzi, ukuze idolobho leli lingakhiwa ngize ngitsyo mina. **22** Nanzelelani ukuthi lingayilibali indaba le. Kuyekelelwani indaba le ikhula yona ilimaza izifiso zenkosи? **23** Incwadi yeNkosi u-Athazekisisi yonela ukubalelwu uRehumi loShimishayi unobhala lalabo ababephathisa bahle bahamba masinyane kubajuda ejerusalem bababamba ngamandla ukumisa umsebenzi. **24** Kanjalo umsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu ejerusalem wema kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaDariyu inkosi yasePhezhiya.

**5** Ngalesosikhathi uHagayi umphrofethi loZakhariya umphrofethi, umzukulu ka-Ido babephrofitha kubajuda lasejerusalem ngebizo likaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli onguye owayephezu kwabo. **2** Kwasekusithi uZerubhabbeli indodana kaShelathiyeli lojeshuwa indodana kajozadaki baqalisa ukwakha kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu babelabo bebancedisa. **3** Ngalesosikhathi uThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe loShethari-Bhozenayi labaphathisi babo baya kubo bababuza bathi, “Ngubani olivumeleyo ukwakha kutsha ithempeli leli lokuvuselela lesisakhiwo?” **4** Babuza njalo bathi, “Ngobani amabizo amadoda ayakhayo indlu le na?” **5** Kodwa ilihlo likaNkulunkulu wabo lalibalindile abadala babajuda njalo kabazange beme kuze kuyefika umbiko kuDariyu kubuye njalo impendulo yakhe ibaliwe. **6** Le yiyo incwadi eyathunyelwa nguThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe loShethari-Bhozenayi labasekeli babo, izinduna zaphetsheya kweYufrathe yaya kuDariyu iNkosi. **7** Umbiko abawuthumelayo wawubhalwe kanje: Kuyo iNkosi uDariyu: Ukubingeleta okuhle. **8** Inkosi kufanele yazi ukuthi saya esiqintini sakoJuda, ethempelinli likaNkulunkulu omkhulu. Abantu bayalakha ngamatshe amakhulu, kunqunyiwa imijabo emidulini. Umsebenzi uqutshwa ngokukhuthala, njalo uyaphambili ngokuphangisa ukhokhelwa yibo. **9** Sabuza abadala bakhona sathi, “Ngubani oliphe imvumo yokwakha kutsha leli ithempeli lokuvuselela isakhiwo lesi?” **10** Njalo sababuza amabizo abo ukuze sibhale amabizo abakhokheli babo sisenzela ukukwazisa. **11** Nansi impendulo abasipha yona: “Siyizinceku zikaNkulunkulu wezulu lomhlaba, yikho silakha kutsha ithempeli elakhiwa kudala, elakhiwa yinkosi enkuu yako-Israyeli yaliqedu. **12** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi okhokho bethu bamthukuthelisa uNkulunkulu wasezelwini, wabanikela ezandleni zikaNebhukhadineza

umKhaladiya, inkosi yaseBhabhiloni owalibhidlizayo wezulu njalo bakhulekele impilakahle yenkosи lelithempeli abantu wabaxotshela eBhabhiloni. lamadodana ayo. **11** Phezu kwalokho ngibeka **13** Kodwa ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKhrosi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, iNkosi uKhrosi wakhupha isimemezelо sokuthi kwakhiwe indlu kaNkulunkulu. **14** Wabuye wasusa ethempelini laseBhabhiloni impahla zegolide lesiliva ezendlu kaNkulunkulu ezazithethwe nguNebhukhadineza ethempelini eJerusalem waziletha ethempelini eBhabhiloni. Kwathi iNkosi uKhrosi yazinika indoda eyayithiwa ngusheshibhazari, eyamkhetha ukuba ngumbusi, **15** wantshela wathi, 'Thatha impahla lezi uhambе lazo uyezibeka ethempelini eJerusalem. Njalo yakha kakutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo.' **16** Yikho uSheshibhazari weza wabeka izisekelo zendlu kaNkulunkulu eJerusalem. Kusukela ngalelolanga kuze kube manje ibilokhu isakhiwa kodwa kayikapheli.' **17** Ngakho-ke nxa kulungile enkosini, kakudingisiswe ezincwadini zezindaba zamakhosi aseBhabhiloni kubonwe ingabe yikho na ukuthi iNkosi uKhrosi wayesenzile isimemezelо sokuthi yakhwiе indlu le kaNkulunkulu eJerusalem. Lapho-ke inkosi kayisithumele isinqumo sayo ngendaba le.

**6** INkosi uDariyu wasekhupha umlayo, basebephanya ezincwadini ezaziqoqwe ndawonye endlini yenotho yesizwe eBhabhiloni. **2** Kwafunyanwa khona umqulu womgoqwa enqabenи yase-Ekhibhathana elizweni laseMediya kultotshwe lokhu kuwo: Umphalo wesimiso: **3** Ngomnyaka wokuqala weNkosi uKhrosi, inkosi yakupha isimemezelо mayelana lethempeli likaNkulunkulu eJerusalem: Ithempeli kalakhiwe kutsha libe yindawo yokwenzela imihlatshelo, njalo izisekelo zalo kazibekwe. Kalibe yizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha ukuphakama, ububanzi bube yizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, **4** kwakhiwe imizila emithathu yamatshе amakhulu lomzila owdwa wezigodo. Izindleko zonke zizabhadalwa yisikhwama sesikhosini. **5** Akuthi njalo impahla zegolide lesiliva uNebhukhadineza azithatha ethempelini eJerusalem waziletha eBhabhiloni zibuyiselwe ezindaweni zazo ethempelini eJerusalem; zimele zibekwe endlini kaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngakho-ke wena Thathenayi, mbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, loShethari-Bhozenayi labaphathisi benu bakulowo umango, sukan iapho. **7** Lingaphazamisi umsebenzi wethempeli lelo likaNkulunkulu. Yekelani umbusi wamaJuda labadala bamaJuda bakhe kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo. **8** Njalo sengimisa umlayo walokho okumele lina likwenzela abadala bamaJuda ekwakhwiensi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu: Izindleko zala amadoda zizabhadalwa ngokugcweleyo yisikhwama senkosi, kuthathwa emithelweni yangaphetsheya kweYufrathe ukuze umsebenzi ungaze wema. **9** Loba yini efunekeyo, amajongosi, inqama, amazinyane amaduna eminikelo yokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu wezulu, lengqoloyi, itswayi, iwayini lamafutha okuyabe kucelwe ngabaphristi eJerusalem, kabakuphiwe nsuku zonke kungaphuthi, **10** ukuze benze imihlatshelo ethokozisayo kuNkulunkulu

khona, angayichitha loba yiphi inkosi loba ngabantu abaphakamisa isandla sabo ukuguqula umlayo lo loba ukudiliza ithempeli leli eliseJerusalem. Mina kaDariyu ngiwumisile umthetho lo. Kawulandelwe ngokukhuthala. **13** Kwathi-ke, ngenxa yomthetho iNkosi uDariyu eyase iwuthumele, uThathenayi umbusi wangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, loShethari-Bhozenayi labasekeli babo bakwenza lokho ngenkuthalo. **14** Yikho-ke abadala bamaJuda baqhubeka ngokwakha bephumele betshunyayezwa nguHagai umphrofethi loZakhariya, umzukulu ka-Ido. Baqeda ukulakha ithempeli belandela umlayo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli kanye lezimiso zikaKhrosi, loDariyu lo-Athazekisisi, amakhosi asePhezhiya. **15** Ithempeli laqedwa ngosuku lwesthathu enyangeni ka-Adari, ngomnyaka wesithupa wokubusa kweNkosi uDariyu. **16** Kwasekusithi abantu bako-Israyeli, abaphristi, labaLevi labo bonke ababethunjiwe benza umkhosi. **17** Ukonikela indlu kaNkulunkulu le bapha umnikelo wenkunzi ezilikhulu, inqama ezingamakhulu amabili, amazinyane amaduna angamakhulu amane njalo lempongo ezilishumi lambili njengomnikelo wesono ka-Israyeli wonke. **18** Njalo bagcoba abaphristi ezigabeni zabo labaLevi ngamaxuku abo ukwenza umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu eJerusalem, njengokulotshiweyo eNcwadini kaMosi. **19** Ngelanga letshumi lane lenyanga yokuqala, izithunjwa zathakazelela iPhasika. **20** Abaphristi labaLevi babezihlambulule behlanzekile ngokomkhuba. AbaLevi balihlabu izinyane lePhasika elabo bonke ababethunjiwe, labafowabo abaphristi njalo bezihlabela labo ngokwabo. **21** Ngakho abako-Israyeli ababebuyile ebugqilini balidla, kanye labo bonke labo abasebezelukanisile emikhutsheni engcolileyo yabomakhelwane beZizwe ukuze badinge uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **22** Bathakazelela uMkhosи weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwensku eziyiskhombisa bethokoza, ngoba uThixo wayebagcwaliye ngokuthokoza ngokuguqula ingqondo yenkosи yase-Asirya ukuthi ibancedise emsebenzini wendlu kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

**7** Ngemva kwalezizinto, ngesikhathi sokubusa kuka-Athazekisisi inkosi yasePhezhiya, u-Ezra indodana kaSeraya, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana kaHilikhya, **2** indodana kaShalumi, indodana kaZadokhi indodana ka-Ahithubi, **3** indodana ka-Amariya, indodana ka-Azariya, indodana kaMerayothi, **4** indodana kaZerahiya, indodana ka-Uzi, indodana kaBhukhi, **5** indodana ka-Abhishuwa, indodana kaAroni umphristi omkhulu, **6** u-Ezra lo weza evela eBhabhiloni. Wayeyisfundiswa esazi kakhulu ngoMthetho kaMosi,

owawuphiwe nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. Inkosi kubaphristi, labaLevi, labahlabeleli, labalindimasango, yayimuphe konke ayekucelile, ngoba isandla sikaThixo lezinceku zethempelini loba kwezinye izisebenzi uNkulunkulu wakhe sasiphezu kwakhe. **7** Abanye zale indlu kaNkulunkulu. **25** Yikho wena Ezra, abako-Israyeli, labaphristi, lamaLevi, labahlabeleli, ngokuhlakanipha olakho okukaNkulunkulu wakho, labalindi bamasango lezinceku zethempelini labo beka abathonisi labehluleli ukwahlulela kuhle babuya ejerusalemna ngomnyaka wesikhombisa bonke abantu abangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, bonke wokubusa kwenkosi u-Athazekisisi. **8** U-Ezra abayaziyo imithetho kaNkulunkulu wenu. Kumele wafika ejerusalemna ngenyanga yesihlanu ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wenkosi. **9** Wyeqalise uhumbo umthetho kaNkulunkulu wenu lomthetho wenkosi lwakhe esuka eBhabhiloni ngelanga lakuqala lenyanga yokuqala, wafika ejerusalemna ngelanga lakuqala lenyanga yesihlanu, ngoba isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwakhe. **10** Ngoba u-Ezra wayezinikele ekufundeni lokugcina uMthetho kaThixo lokufundisa izimiso zawa ko-Israyeli. **11** Nansi incwadi iNkosi u-Athazekisisi ayeyiphe u-Ezra umphristi lomabhalane, indoda eyayifundile ezindabeni zemithetho lezimiso zikaThixo ku-Israyeli: **12** Athazekisisi, nkosi yamakhosi, Ku-Ezra umphristi, umfundisi womthetho kaNkulunkulu wasezulwini: Ngiyabingeleta. **13** Manje-ke ngimisa umthetho wokuthi ingqe ngubani wako-Israyeli osebusweni wami, kugoqela abaphristi labaLevi, ofisa ukuhamba lawe ejerusalemna, kahambé. **14** Uthunywa yinkosi labacebisi bayoabayisikhombisa ukuba uyofunisia ngoJuda langeJerusalemna mayelana loMthetho kaNkulunkulu wakho, owuphetheyo. **15** Njalo ubothatha isiliva legolide elinikwe ngesihle yinkosi labacebisi bayo kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ohlala ejerusalemna, **16** kanye lesiliva legolide lonke ongalizuza elizweni laseBhabhiloni kanye leminikeloyokuziwela eyabantu labaphristi benikelela ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wabo ejerusalemna. **17** Ngaleyomali umele uthenge inkunzi, lengama, lamazinyane ezimvu amaduna, ndawonye leminikeloyabo yamabeleyokunathwayo, konke kunikelwe e-alitharen lethempeli likaNkulunkulu wenu ejerusalemna. **18** Wena labazalwane bakho abangamJuda selingenza lokho okuyabekufanele ngesiliva legolide eliseleyo, mayelana lentando kaNkulunkulu wenu. **19** HambisanikuNkulunkulu wejerusalemna zonke impahla eliziphathisiweyo ezokukhonza ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wenu. **20** Akuthi loba yini efunekeyo ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wenu elifuna ukuthi izuzakale, kayidingwe ngendleko ephuma esikhwameni senkosí. **21** Mina, iNkosi Athazekisisi ngimisa umthetho wokuthi bonke abaphathi bezikhwama abangaphetsheya kweYufrathe baphe u-Ezra umphristi, umfundisi woMthetho kaNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngokuphangisa loba yini ayicelayo kini, **22** kuze kube ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu, lamasaka alikhulu engqoloyi, imiqomo elikhulu yewayini, imiqomo elikhulu yamafutha e-oliva, letswayi elingelakulinganiswa. **23** Ingqe yini emiswe nguNkulunkulu wasezulwini, kakwenziwe ngokukhuthala kusenzelwa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu wasezulwini. Kakudingeki ukuthi ulaka luze lwehliswelophezu kwenkosi lamadodana ayo. **24** Yazini njalo ukuthi kalilamvumo yokubiza imithelo loba inkongozelo yenkosi kumbe imbadalo yokungenisa impahla elizweni

**8** Laba bazinhloko zezimuli lalabo ababhalisa kubo abea lami sisuka eBhabhiloni ngesikhathi sokubusa kweNkosi u-Athazekisisi: **2** abesizukulwane sikaFinehasi, uGeshomu; abesizukulwane sikaIthamari, uDanyeli; abesizukulwane sikaDavid, uHathushi **3** owesizukulwane sikaShekhani; abesizukulwane sikaPharoshi, uZakhariya, okwabhalisa kanye laye amadoda alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu; **4** abesizukulwane sikaPhahathi-Mowabi: kwakungu-Eliyehonayi indodana kaZerahiya oweza lamadoda angamakhulu amabili; **5** abesizukulwane sikaZathu, kwakunguShekhani indodana kajahaziyeli, oweza lamadoda angamakhulu amathathu; **6** abesizukulwane sika-Adini, kwakungu-Ebhedi indodana kajonathan, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu; **7** abesizukulwane sika-Elamu, kwakunguJeshaya indodana ka-Athaliya, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa; **8** abesizukulwane sikaShefatiya, kwakunguZebhadhi indodana kaMikhayeli, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; **9** abesizukulwane sikajowabi, kwakungu-Obhadaya indodana kajehiyeli, oweza lamadoda angamakhulu amabili aletshumi lasificaminwembili; **10** abesizukulwane sikaBhani, kwakunguShelomithi indodana kajosifiya, oweza lamadoda alikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha, **11** abesizukulwane sikaBhebbayi, kwakunguZakhariya indodana kaBhebbayi, oweza lamadoda angamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili; **12** abesizukulwane sika-Azigadi, kwakunguJohanan indodana kaHakathani, oweza lamadoda alikhulu letshumi; **13** abesizukulwane sika-Adonikhamu, abokucina, kwakungu-Elifelethi, uJuwele loShemaya, beza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha; **14** abesizukulwane sikaBhigivayi, kwakungu-Uthayi loZakhuri, abeza lamadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **15** Ngababuthanisa eMgelweni wamanzi agelezela ku-Ahava, samisa khona okwensuku ezintathu. Ngathi sengihlola phakathi kwabantu labaphristi, kangitholanga loyedwa

wamaLevi khona. **16** Yikho ngasengibiza u-Eliyezari, lo-lempahla zonke ezingcwelisiweyo sazibeka ezandleni Ariyeli, loShemaya, lo-Elinathani, loJaribi, loNathani, zikaMeremothi indodana ka-Uriya umphristi. U-loZakhariya loMeshulami ababengabakhokheli, Eliyezari indodana kaFinehasi laye wayekhona, labaLevi loJoyaribi lo-Elinathani ababengabantu abafundileyo, ojozabhadi indodana kajeshwu loNowadiya indodana **17** ngabathumela ku-Ido, lezihlobo zakhe, izinceku kaBhinuwu. **34** Konke kwakukhona ngenani lakho zethempelini eKhasifiya, ukwenzela ukuthi basilethele langesisindo, kwathi isisisindo sonke salotshwa phansi izikhonzi zendlu kaNkulunkulu. **18** Ngoba isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwethu, basilethela uSherebhiya, indoda emadodeno, owesizukulwane sikaMahili indodana kaLevi, indodana ka-Israyeli, wonke, inqama ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lamadodana kasherebhiya labafowabo, amadoda lesithupha, amawundlu amaduna angamatshumi alitshumi lasificaminwembili; **19** loHashabhiya, kanye lojeshaya owesizukulwane sikaMerari, kanye labafowabo labantwabobo, bonke babengamadoda amabilo. **20** Bona beza lezinceku zethempelini ezingamakhulu amabilo lamatshumi amabilo ezazimiswe nguDavidza lezinduna zakhe ukuncedisa abaLevi. 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Isandla sikaNkulunkulu wethu sasiphezu kwethu, wasivikela ezitheni lasezigebegwini indlela yonke. **32** Ngakho safika ejerusalem, saphumula khona okwensiku ezintathu. **33** Ngosuku Iwesine sangena endlini kaNkulunkulu salinganisa isiliva legolide **9** Sezenziwe zonke lezi izinto, abakhokheli beza kimi bathi, “Abantu bako-Israyeli bonke, labaphristi, labaLevi kabazehlukanisanga labantu bezizwe abalezenzo ezinengekayo, abanjengamaKhenani, amaHithi, amaPherizi, amajebusi, ama-Amori, amaMowabi, amaGibhithe lama-Amoni. **2** Bathatha amanye amadodakazi abo aba ngomkabo bathathela lamadodana abo, baxubanisa isizwe esingcwle labantu abahlezi labo. Njalo abakhokheli lezikhulu yibo abakhokheleyo kulokhu kungathembeki.” **3** Ngathi ngikuzwa lokho ngadabula isigqoko sami lejazi lami, ngadonsa inwele ekhanda lami lezindevu zami ngahlala phansi ngididekile. **4** Kwasekusithi wonke lowo owethuswa ngamazwi kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli waziqoqa phansi kwami ngenxa yalokhu ukona kwezithunjwa. Ngahlala khonapho ngididekile kwaze kwaba ngumhlatsheko wakusihlw. **5** Kwathi-ke ngomhlatsheko wakusihlw, ngaphakama ekuzehliseni kwami, isigqoko sami lejazi lami kudabukile, ngaguqa, izandla zami ziviluwe kuThixo uNkulunkulu wami **6** ngakhuleka ngathi: “Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyangekile kakhuu njalo ngilenhloni ukuphakamisela ubuso bami kuwe, Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba izono zethu ziphakeme kulamakhanda ethu lecalu lethu selifikile emazulwini. **7** Kusukela ensukwini zabokhokho bethu kuze kube manje, icala lethu likhulu. Ngenxa yezonu zethu, thina lamakhosi ethu labaphristi bethu sesilokhu sidili yinkemba njalo sigqilazwa, siphangwa njalo siyangiswa ngamakhosi ezizwe, njengoba kunjalo lalamuhla. **8** Kodwa khathesi, okwesikhatsana nje, uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ubo lomusa ngokusitshiyeli insalela lokusipha indawo eqinileyo endlini yakhe engcwle, okuthi ngakho uNkulunkulu wethu uletha ukukhanya emehlwani ethu lokukhululeka kancinyane ekugqilazweni kwethu. **9** Lokuba siyizigqili, uNkulunkulu wethu kasidelanga ebugqilini bethu. Usitshengise umusa emehlwani amakhosi asePhezhiya; usiphile impilo entsha ukuba sakhe kutsha indlu kaNkulunkulu wethu sivusele amanxiwa ayo, njalo usesiphile umduli wokusivikela koJuda laseJerusalem. **10** Kodwa manje, awu Nkulunkulu wethu, kuyini esingakutsho sekwenzakale

lokhu? Ngoba siyidelile imilayo **11** owayinika lengeza icala lika-Israyeli. **11** Manje-ke vumani ngezinceku zakho abaphrofethi uze uthi: ‘Ilizwe izono zenu kuThixo, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho benu, eselingena kulo ukulithatha yilizwe elingcolisiweyo ngokuxhwala kwabantu balo. Ngemikhuba yabo enengekayo sebeligcwaliwe ngamanyala abo kusukela ngapha kwalo kuze kufike ekucineni ngale. **12** “Uqondile! Kumele senze njengoba usitscho. **13** Ngakho-ke lingendiseli amadodakazi enu emadodaneni abo kumbe amadodana enu athathe amadodakazi abo. Lingadingi isibopho sobudelwano labo loba indaba le ingazake iphethwe ngosuku olulodwa nini, ukuze liqine lidle izinto ezinhle zelizwe kumbe ezimbili, ngoba sonile kakhulu ngento le. elizalitshiyela abantwabenu njengelifa laphakade.’ **14** Akuthi izinduna zethu zisimele thina sonke. **13** Osekwenzakele kitih kungumvuzo wezenzo zethu ezimbi lecalu lethu elikhulu, ikanti wena Nkulunkulu wethu usijezise okunganeno kwezono zethu wasipha abayinsaleda kanje. **14** Sizaphinda njalo sephule imilayo yakho sendiselane labantu bezizwe abagila imikhuba eyenyanekayo kangaka na? Ungaze wasizondela kakhulu na usibhubhise ungasitshiyeli lansaleda loba abasindileyo na? **15** Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ulungile! Namhlanje sisele njengensaleda. Nanku silapha phambi kwakho ngecala lethu, lokuba engekho ongema ebukhoneni bakho ngenxa yalo icala lethu.”

**10** Lapho u-Ezra wayekhuleka njalo evuma izono, ekhala eziwisela phansi phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, ixuku elikhulu labako-Israyeli kubalisa amadoda labafazi labantwana, babuthana kuye. Labo bakhala kabuhlungu. **2** Yikho uShekhaniya indodana kajehiyeli, omunye wesizukulwane sika-Elamu, wathi ku-Ezra, “Kasizange sithembeke kuNkulunkulu wethu ngoba sathatha abafazi bezizweni ebantwini esakhelene labo. Kodwa loba kunjalo ithemba lisekhona ngo-Israyeli. **3** Marie kasenzeni isivumelwano phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu ukubalahila bonke labobafazi labantwabobo njengeseluleko senkosi yami Lalabo abayesabayo imilayo kaNkulunkulu wethu. Kakwenziwe ngendlela yoMthetho. **4** Sukuma; indaba le isezandlensi zakho. Thina sizakusekela, yikho yiba lesibindi ukwenze.” **5** Ngakho u-Ezra waphakama wafungisa bonke abakhokheli babaphristi labaLevi lo-Israyeli wonke ukwenza lokho okwakumisiwe. Basenza lesosifungo. **6** U-Ezra wasesuka endlini kaNkulunkulu waya endlini kajehohanani indodana ka-Eliyashibi. Elapho kadlanga lutho njalo kazange anathe manzi, ngoba waqhubeka elilela ukungathembeki kwezithunjwa. **7** Kwasekukhutshwa isimemezelo kulolonke elakoJuda kanye lejerusalemukuthi zonke izithunjwa kaziqoqane ejerusalem. **8** Ingqe ngubani ongafikanga phakathi kwensuku ezintathu wayezathathelwa yonke impahla alayo, kulanDELWA isinqumo sezinduna labadala, kuthi yena ngokwakhe axotshwe emphakathini walabo ababethunjiwe. **9** Phakathi kwalezonuku ezintathu wonke amadoda akoJuda lakoBhenjamini ayesebuthene ejerusalem. Kwathi ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lenyanga yesificamunye bonke abantu babehlezi esigcawini phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, bekhatthazekile ngombuthano lowo njalo begxanxa lizulu elalisina. **10** Kwathi u-Ezra umphristi wasukuma wathi kubo, “Kalithembekanga; lisuke lathatha abafazi bezizweni,

lenze intando yakhe. Zahlukaniseni kulababantu elakhelene labo lasebafazini benu abezizwe.” **12** Inkundla yonke yaphendula ngelizwi elikhulu yathi: Kodwa kulabantu abanengi lapha futhi lesi yisikhathi sezulu; ngakho ngeke sime lapha phandle. Futhi abo. Akuthi izinduna zethu zisimele thina sonke. Akuthi wonkemuntu emizini yethu othethe umfazi wabebezive eze ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, eze labadala kanye labehluleli balowomuzi, luze ludede kithi ulaka olwesabekayo lukaNkulunkulu wethu.” **15** Kwaba ngujonathan kuphela, indodana ka-Asaheli loJahizeya indodana kaThikhiva, besekelwa nguMeshulami loShabbethayi umLevi abakuphikisayo lokhu. **16** Ngakho izithunjwa zenza njengokwakumisiwe. U-Ezra umphristi wakhetha amadoda ayeyizinhloko zezimuli, oyedwa emulini, bonke baqanjwa ngamabizo. Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yetshumi bahlala phansi bawahlolisisa lawomacala, **17** kwathi ngelanga lokuqala ngenyanga yokuqala baqeda ukuphatha indaba yamadoda ayethethe abafazi bezizweni. **18** Phakathi kwezizukulwane zabaphristi, laba abalandelayo yibo ababethethe abafazi bezizweni: Abesizukulwane sikaJeshuwa indodana kajozadaki labafobabo: uMaseya, u-Eliyezari, ujaribhi loGedaliya. **19** (Bonke baphakamisa izandla zabo bafunga ukubalahla abafazi babo, kwathi ngenxa yecala labo ngulowo wakhupha inqama emhlambini ukuba ngumnikelo weson.) **20** Abesizukulwane sika-Imeri: nguHanani loZebhadiya. **21** Abesizukulwane sikaHarimi: nguMaseya, lo-Elija, loShemaya, loJehiyeli lo-Uziya. **22** Abesizukulwane sikaPhashuri: ngu-Eliyonayi, loMaseya, lo-Ishumayeli, loNethaneli, loJozabhadlo lo-Eleyasa. **23** Phakathi kwabaLevi nampa: uJozabhadlo, loShimeyi, loKhelaya (kutshiwo uKhelitha), loPethethahiya, loJuda lo-Eliyezari. **24** Phakathi kwabahlabeli nampa: u-Eliyashibi. Phakathi kwabalindimasango: nguShalumi, loThelemu lo-Uri. **25** Phakathi kwabanye abako-Israyeli: Abesizwe sikaPharoshi: nguRamiya, u-Izuya, uMalikhija, uMijamini, u-Eliyezari, uMalikhija loBhenaya. **26** Abesizukulwane sika-Elamu: nguMathaniya, uZakhariya, uJehiyeli, uAbhidi, uJeremothi lo-Elija. **27** Abesizukulwane sikaZathu: ngu-Eliyonayi, u-Eliyashibi, uMathaniya, uJeremothi, uZabhadlo lo-Aziza. **28** Abesizukulwane sikaBhebhayi: nguJehohanani, uHananiya, uZabhayi loAthilayi. **29** Abesizukulwane sikaBhani: nguMeshulami, uMaluki, u-Adaya, uJashubi, uSheyali loJeremothi. **30** Abesizukulwane sikaPhahathi-Mowabi: ngu-Adina, uKhelali, uBhenaya, uMaseya, uMathaniya, uBezaleli, uBhinuwlo Manase. **31** Abesizukulwane sikaHarimi: ngu-Eliyezari, u-Ishya, uMalikhija, uShemaya, uSimiyoni, **32** uBhenjamini, uMaluki, loShemariya. **33** Abesizukulwane sikaHashumi: nguMathenayi, uMathatha, uZabhadi, u-Elifelethi, uJeremayi, uManase

loShimeyi. **34** Abesizukulwane sikaBhani: nguMadayi, u-Amramu, u-Uweli, **35** uBhenaya, uBhedeya, uKheluhi, **36** uVaniya, uMeremothi, u-Eliyashibi, **37** uMathaniya, uMathenayi loJasu. **38** Abesizukulwane sikaBhinuwi loBhani: nguShimeyi, **39** uShelemiya, uNathani, u-Adaya, **40** uMakhinadebhayi, uShashayi, uSharayi, **41** u-Azareli, uShelemiya, uShemariya, **42** uShalumi, u-Amariya loJosefa. **43** Abesizukulwane sikaNebho: nguJeyiyeli, uMathithiya, uZabhadu, uZebhina, uJadayi, uJoweli loBhenaya. **44** Bonke laba bathatha abafazi bezizweni, abanye babo bazala abantwana labafazi labo.

# UNehemiya

**1** La ngamazwi kaNehemiya indodana kaHakhaliya: Kwathi ngenyanga kaKhisilevi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili, ngisenqabeni yaseSusa, **2** uHanani, omunye wabafowethu, wafika evela kojuda elamanye amadoda, ngababuza ngamajuda lawo ayeyinsalela asinda ebugqilini, njalo ngabuza ngeJerusalema. **3** Bathi kimi, “Lubo abasindayo ebugqilini ababuyelayo elizweni baphakathi kohlupho olumangalisayo lokuyangeka okukhulu. Umduli weJerusalema wadilika lamasango ayo atshiswa ngomlilo.” **4** Ngathi sengizwile lezizinto ngahlala phansi ngakhala. Okwensuku ezithile ngalila, ngazila ukudla njalo ngikhuleka phambi kukaNkulunkulu wasezulwini. **5** Ngasengisithi: “Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wasezulwini, uNkulunkulu omkhulu ovesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando lalabo abamthandayo, abalalela imilayo yakhe, **6** ake kuthi indlebe yakho ilalele lamehlo akho avuleke ukuze uwze umkhuleko okhulekwa inceku yakho kuwe imini lobusuku, ikhulekela izinceku zakho, abantu bako-Israyeli. Ngiyazivuma izono ezenziye kuwe yithi ama-Israyeli, kugoqela mina lendlu kababa. **7** Senzile ububi kuwe. Kasilalelanga imilayo yakho, izimemezelo lemithetho owayinika inceku yakho uMosi.” **8** Khumbula umlayo ovalaya ngawo inceku yakho uMosi wathi, “Aluba lingathembekanga ngizalichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe, **9** kodwa nxa libuya kimi lilalele imilayo yami, lapho-ke loba abathunjiewo bakini besemkhawulweni womhlaba, ngizabaqqa besuka khonale ngibabuwise endaweni engiyikhethileyo ukuba likhaya leBizo lami. **10** Bazinceku zakho labantu bakho owabah lengayo ngamandla akho amakhulu lesandla sakho esilamandla. **11** Oh Thixo, akuthi indlebe yakho ilalele umkhuleko wale inceku yakho, lomkhuleko wezincku zakho ezhithokoza ekwesaben iibzo lakho. Phumelelisa inceku yakho lamuhla ngokuyipha isihawu phambi kwendoda le.” Ngangingumphathi wezitscha koudla kwenkosi.

**2** Ngenyanga kaNisani ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili weNkosi u-Athazekisisi, ngesikhathi ephiwa iwayini, ngalithatha iwayini ngalisa enkosini. Ngangingakaze ngivele kuyo ngidani; **2** ngakho inkosi yangibuba yathi, “Kungani ubuso bakho bukhanya buhlobile kanje wena ungaguli? Lokhu ngeke kuge ngokunye ngaphandle kokudana okusenhliziyeweni.” Ngezwa ngisesaba kakhulu, **3** kodwa ngathi enkosini, “Phila lanini nkosi! Ubuso bami bungayekelani na ukuhloba njengoba idolobho lapho okulele khona okhokho selingamanxiwa nje, lamasango alo atshiswa ngomlilo na?” **4** Inkosi yathi kimi, “Pho ufunani?” Ngasengikhuleka kuNkulunkulu wezulwini, **5** yikho ngasengiyiphendula inkosi ngathi, “Aluba kungaba yikuthanda kwenkosi njalo nxa inceku yakho ifumene umusa emehlwени ayo, kayingithumele kulelodolobho elikoJuda lapho okwambelwa khona okhokho ukuze ngiyolakha kakutsha.” **6** Inkosi eyayihlezi lendlovukazi eceleni kwayo yangibuba yathi, “Uhambo lwakho luzathatha isikhathi esingakanan, njalo uzabuya nini?” Inkosi yathanda ukuthi ngihamble; yikho ngamisa isikhathi. **7** Ngaphinde ngathi kuyo, “Nxa kuyikuthanda kwenkosi, ngicela izincwadi ziye kubabusi bangaphetsheya kweYufrathe, ukwenzela ukuthi bangivikeleohanjweni lwami ngize ngiyefika koJuda? **8** Njalo ngicela incwadi eya ku-Asafi, umphathi wegusu lenkosi, yikho ezanginika izigodo zokwenza izinsika zammasango esigodlo eduzane lethempeli lezomdulu wedolobho kanye lezendlu engizahlala kuyo.” Kwathi ngoba isandla somusa sikaNkulunkulu wami sasiphezu kwami, inkosi yazamukela izicelo zami. **9** Yikho ngasengisinya kubabusi bangaphetsheya kweYufrathe ngabapha izincwadi zenkosi. Inkosi yayingiphe futhi abalawuli bebutho kanye lamabutho amabhiza ukuba bangiphelekezele. **10** Kwathi ukuba uSanibhalathi umHoroni loThobhiya um’Amoni owayeyinduna bekuzwa lokhu, bakhathazeka kakhulu ukuthi ukhona owayeselande ukuzathuthukisa inhlalo yaba-Israyeli. **11** Ngaya ejerusalema, kwathi sengihlale khona insuku ezintathu **12** ngaphuma kusebusuku ngilamadoda ambalwa. Ngangingazange ngitshele mutnu ngalokho uNkulunkulu wami ayekubeke enhliziyeweni yami ngeJerusalema. Ngangingelanyamazana ngaphandle kwaleyo engangiyigadile. **13** Ebusuku ngaphuma ngeSango leSigodi ngaqonda uMthombo weKhanka leSango loBulongwe, nighlola imiduli yejerusalema, eyayibhidiziwe, kanye lamasango ayo ayetshiswe ngomlilo. **14** Ngaghube ka sengiqonde eSangweni loMthombo leSiziba Senkosi, kodwa kwakungelantshunkunshu yokudlula ubabhemti wami engangimgadile; **15** yikho ngasengikhwela ngesigodi kusebusuku, nighlola umduli. Ekucineni ngaphenduka ngangena ngeSango leSigodi. **16** Izinduna kazizange zikwazi ukuthi ngangiye ngaphi lokuthi ngangisenzani, ngoba ngangivele ngingakatsho lutho kubajuda loba kubaphristi loba ezikhulwini loba ezhinduneni loba lakubobani ababezakwenza umsebenzi. **17** Ngasengisithi kubo, “Liyalubona uhlupho esiphakathi kwalo: ijerusalema selingamanxiwa nje, lamasango alo atshiswe ngomlilo. Wozani, siwakhe kutsha umduli weJerusalema ukuze singabi silokhu sihlaziswa.” **18** Ngaphinda ngabatshela ngesandala somusa sikaNkulunkulu wami kimi lokuthi inkosi yayitheni kimi. Baphendula bathi, “Kasiqaliseni ukwakha.” Yikho bahle bawuqalisa umsebenzi lo omuhle. **19** Kodwa kwathi ukuba uSanibhalathi umHoroni, loThobhiya induna yom’Amoni loGeshemi umArabhu bekuzwa lokho, basichithoza basihleka. Babuza bathi, “Kuyini lokhu elikwenzayo. Selihlamukele inkosi na?” **20** Ngabaphendula ngokuthi, “UNkulunkulu wasezulwini uzasiphumeleisa. Thina izinceku zakhe sesiqalisa ukwakha kutsha, kodwa lina, kalilasabelo ejerusalema, loba imfanelo loba lungelo bani lomdabuko wenu.”

**3** U-Eliyashi umphristi omkhulu labanye bakhe abangabaphristi bayo emsebenzini wokwakha bavuselela iSango leZimvu. Balinikela basebemisa kuhle

izivalo zalo, bakha base bayafika eMphotshongweni owayesakhela isiqinti sakhe. **18** Kulandela yena, weKhulu, lawo abawunikelayo, baqhubeka bayafika kwakusakha amadoda akibo engaphansi kukaBhavayi eMphotshongweni kaHananeli. **2** Amadoda aseJerikho indodana kaHenadadi, umbusi wenyen ingxene wona akha isigaba esilandelayo, kwathi uZakhuri yesiqinti saseKheyila. **19** Kulandela yena, kungu-indodana ka-lmri wakha eceleni kwabo. **3** ISango Ezeri indodana kajeshuwa, umbusi waseMzipha, leNhlanzi lakkhiwa ngamadodana kaHasena. Amisa owavuselela esinye isigaba, kusukela endaweni imigubazi yalo afaka lezivalo lamabhawudo kanye eqondane lomqanso oya endlini yezikhali kwaze leminxibo yakhona. **4** UMeremothi indodana ka-Uriya, indodana kaHakozi, yena wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo. Kusukela kuye kwakha uMeshulami indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana kaMeshezelabi, Eliyashibi umphristi omkhulu. **21** Kulandela yena, kwalandela kuye uZadokhi indodana kaBhana laye esinye isigaba savuselelu nguMeremothi indodana kawayesaka. **5** Isigaba esilandelayo savuselelu Uriya, indodana kaHakozi, kusukela entubeni yakongamadoda aseThekhowa, kodwa izikhulu zakhona Eliyashibi kusiya lapho ecina khona. **22** Sekusuka zala ukusebenza ngaphansi kwabakhkheli babo. **6** lapho kwalungisa abaphristi bakulowomango. **23** ISango leJeshana lavuselelu nguJoyada indodana Ngale kwabo, kwakusakha uBhenjamini loHashubhi kaPhaseya loMeshulami indodana kaBhesodeya. Barnisa belungisa phambi kwendlu yabo; kulandela bona, imigubazi yalo bafaka izivalo lamabhawudo leminxibo ezindaweni zakhona. **7** Eceleni kwabo, kwakuvuselela kwa-Neziboni, kusiya ejikweni, **24** amadoda aseGibhiyon i lawaseMzipha, uMelathiya Kulandela yena, uBhinuwi indodana kaHenadadi waseGibhiyon lojadoni waseMeronothi, izindawo wavyesaka. **8** U-Uzizeli indodana kaHarihaya, omunye wabakhandi begolide, wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo; uHananiya, phezu kwesigodlo esingaphezulu kusiya egcekeni omunye wabenzi bamakha, laye wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo. Balivuselela ijerusalema kwaze kfafika kaPharoshi **26** lezinceku zethempelini ezazihlala eMdulini Obanzi. **9** URefaya indodana kaHuri, eqaqeni luka-Ofeli abakha baze bafika endaweni umbusi wengxene yeJerusalem, walungisa isigaba malungana leSango laManzi kusiya empumalanga esilandelayo. **10** Okumbene larapha kwavuselelu kanye lomphotshongo othutshayo. **27** Kulandela ngujedaya indodana kaHarumafi okwakumalungana bona, kwakungamadoda aseThekhowa avuselela lendlu yakhe, loHathushi indodana kaHashabhineya esinye isigaba, kusukela emphotshongweni omkhulu wavuselela eceleni kwakhe. **11** UMalikhija indodana othutshayo kusiya emdulini ka-Ofeli. **28** Ngaphezulu kaHarimi loHashubhi indodana kaPhahathi-Mowabi kweSango leBhiza, kwakusakha abaphristi, ngulowo bavuselela esinye isigaba loMphotshongo Wamaziko. **12** UShalumi indodana kaHaloheshi, umbusi wengxene yeJerusalem, wavuselela isigaba esilandelayo. **13** ISango leSigodi lezakhampi zaseZanowa. **14** Isango loBulongwe Balakha kutsha bafaka izivalo zalo lamabhawudo kanye lewakhe. **15** ISango loMthombo lavuselelu nguShaluni umduli okwezinyathelo ezingamakhu amahlanu kusiyafika eSangweni loBulongwe. **16** Ngale kwakhe, lalungiswa nguMalikhija indodana kaRekhabi, umbusi wesiqinti saseBhethi-Hakeremi. Walivuselela wafaka izivalo lamabhawudo leminxibo yakhona ezindaweni zakhona. **17** Kulandela yena, kwathi lebutho laseSamariya, “OkungamaJuda lokhuna amajuda, **2** wasesithi phambi kwabakhula bakhe lebutho laseSamariya, “OkungamaJuda lokhuna kuthi kwenzani kambe? Kungawuvusa umduli wakho na? Kuzayenza imihlatshelo na? Kuzawuqedha ngalanga linye? Kungakubuyisa na ukuphila ematsheni lawana azinqwaba zengcekeza etshe kanjeyana?” **3** UThobhiya um’Amoni, owayeseceleni kwakhe wathi, “Lokhu abakwakhayo, loba nje ikhanka lingakhwela phezu

**4** Kwathi uSanibhalathi esizwa ukuthi sasiwuvusa umduli, wazonda waze wagcwalelana. Wabahleka ulunya amajuda, **2** wasesithi phambi kwabakhula bakhe lebutho laseSamariya, “OkungamaJuda lokhuna kuthi kwenzani kambe? Kungawuvusa umduli wakho na? Kuzayenza imihlatshelo na? Kuzawuqedha ngalanga linye? Kungakubuyisa na ukuphila ematsheni lawana azinqwaba zengcekeza etshe kanjeyana?” **3** UThobhiya um’Amoni, owayeseceleni kwakhe wathi, “Lokhu abakwakhayo, loba nje ikhanka lingakhwela phezu

kwakho, lingawudiliza umduli wabo wamatshel!” iziggoko zethu; ngulowo waphatha isikhali sakhe loba  
4 Sizwe, Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba siyeysiwa. engena emanzini.

Phindisela kubo emakhanda izithuko zabo. Banikele babe yimpango elizweni lobugqili. 5 Ungaligubuzeli icala labo kumbe wesule izono zabo emehlweni akho, ngoba bebehlambaza abakhi. 6 Ngakho sawakha umduli wonke waze waphakama okufika ingxene yobude bawo, ngoba abantu basebenza ngenhliziyo yabo yonke. 7 Kodwa kwathi ukuba uSanibhalathi, loThobhiya, lama-Arabhu, lama-Amoni lamadoda ase-Ashidodi besizwa ukuthi ukuvuselela kwemiduli yaseJerusalem kwasekuqhubele njalo lezikhalu zazivalwa bazonda kakhulu. 8 Baceba ukuba beze bazohlasela ijerusalem bavuse uthuli kulo. 9 Kodwa sakhuleka kuNkulunkulu wethu sabeka abalindi emini lebusuku ukuthi balinnde lokhukuhlaselwa. 10 Kusenjalo, abantu bakoJuda bathi, “Amandla abasebenzi asededa, ikanti izibi zisezinengi okokuthi siyehluleka ukuqhubeka ngokwakha umduli.” 11 Izitha zethu lazo zathi, “Besalibele nje futhi bengakasiboni, bazaqabuka sesiphakathi kwabo sesibabulala siwuphethe lumsebenzi.” 12 Kwasekusithi amajuda ababehlala eduze labo beza bazasitshela baphindaphinda besithi, “Lingaze liqonde ngaphi bazalihlasela kuphela.” 13 Ngasengimisa abanye abantu ngezimuli zabo ezindaweni lapho umduli owawuphansi khona, ezazingeneka lula, behlomile ngezinkemba, lemikhonto langemitshoko. 14 Ngemva kokuba sengiwuhlolisisile wonke umumo, ngasukuma ngathi ezikhulwini, lezinduna lakabantu bonke jikelele, “Lingabesabi. Khumbulani uThixo, omkhulu ovesabekayo, lilwele abafowenu, amadodana lamadodakazi enu, abafazi benu lemizi yenu.” 15 Kwathi izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi sasesilazi icebo lazo lokuthi uNkulunkulu wayeselufubisile, sonke sabuyela kuwo umduli, ngulowo kowakhe umsebenzi. 16 Kusukela ngalelolanga, ingxene yamadoda engangilawo yenza umsebenzi, enye ingxene yahloma ngemikhonto, lamahawu, lemitsoko lamabhatsi ensimbi. Izinduna zazimisa ngemva kwabo bonke abantu bakoJuda 17 ababesakha umduli. Labo ababethwala izinto zokwakha babesenza umsebenzi ngesandla esisodwa ngesinye umuntu ephethe isikhali, 18 njalo ngulowo lalowo umakhi wayehlome inkemba ilengisive eceleni kwakhe nxo esezena. Kodwa indoda yokutshaya icilongo yahlala ikimi. 19 Ngasengisithi ezikhulwini, lezinduna lakabantu bonke jikelele, “Umsebenzi ubanzi usabalele, njalo sehlukene kakhulu omunye komunye kulandela umduli. 20 Lingezwa ingabe kungaphi okukhala khona icilongo, phuthumanji khona lize kithi. UNkulunkulu wethu uzasilwela!” 21 Yikho sawuqhuba umsebenzi ingxene yamadoda ihlomile ngemikhonto, kusukela emathathakusa kuze kuphume izinkanyele. 22 Ngasonaleso isikhathi ngabuye ngathi ebantwini, “Akuthi yonke indoda kanye lomsizi wayo balale ngaphakathi kweJerusalem ebusuku, ukube babengabalindi bethu ebusuku, babe ngabasebenzi emini.” 23 Mina labafowethu, lamadoda ayelami, labalindi ababelami kasizange silhulubele

5 Ngalesosikhathi amadoda labomkabo baxokozela kakhulu besola abazalwane babo bamajuda. 2 Abanye babesithi, “Thina lamadodana lamadodakazi ethu sibanengi kakhulu; ukuthi sidle ukuze siphile kumele sizuze amabele.” 3 Abanye babesithi, “Sesimbamba ngamasimu ethu, langezivini zethu kanye lemizi yethu ukuzuza amabele ngesikhathi sendlala.” 4 Abanye njalo labo babesithi, “Sesiseboleka imali ukuze sikkwazi ukubhadalala imithelo yenkosy eyamasimu ethu lezivini zethu. 5 Loba siyinyamany legazi linye labantu bakithi njalo loba amadodana ethu elingana lawabo, kodwa sizibona sesifugela amadodana lamadodakazi ethu ebugqilini. Abanye bamadodakazi ethu bavele sebegqilaziwe, kodwa kasilamandla, ngoba amasimu ethu lezivini zethu sekungokwabanye.” 6 Ngathi sengizwile ukukhala kwabo kanye lensolo yabo, ngathukuthela kakhulu. 7 Ngakuhololisa kuhle konke lokhu engqondweni yami ngasengicala izikhulu lezinduna. Ngathi, “Libhadalisa abantu bakini inzuko!” Ngasengibiza umhlangano omkhulu ukuthi ngiqondane labo, 8 ngathi, “Ngokusemandleni ethu, sesabahlenga abazalwane bethu abangamajuda ababenthengiselwe kwabeZizwe. Kodwa manje selibathengisa abafowenu, babuye bathengiselwe kithi njalo!” Bathula ngoba baswela abangakutsho. 9 Ngaqhubeka ngathi, “Elikwenzayo kakulunganga. Kungani lingahambi ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu na ukuze lingaklolodelwa yizitha zethu zabeZizwe? 10 Mina labafowethu labantu bami lathi siyabeboleka abantu imali lamabele. Kodwa ukufuna inzuko kakuphele! 11 Babuyiseleni khona manje amasimu abo, lezivini zabo, lezihlahla zabo zama-oliva kanye lezindlu zabo, njalo lenzuko yokweboleka leyo eliyithathayo kubo, ingxene eyodwa yekhulu emalini, emabeleni, ewayinini elitsha lemafutheni.” 12 Bathi, “Sizakubuyisela. Njalo kasiyikubiza lutho kubo. Sizakwenza njengoba usitsho.” Ngasengibiza abaphristi ngathi izikhulu lezinduna kabenze isifungo sokuthi bazakwenza lokho abakuthembisileyo. 13 Njalo ngathintitha amavinjo esigqoko sami ngathi, “UNkulunkulu uzamthintitha kanje emkhupha endlini yakhe laselifeni lakhe wonke umuntu ongemi ngalesi isithembiso. Kanjalo umuntu onjalo kathintithwe achithwel!” Besizwa lokho umhlangano wonke wathi, “Ameni,” badumisa uThixo. Abantu benza njengokuthembisa kwabo. 14 Kwathi njalo, kusukela ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili wokubusa kweNkosi u-Athazekisisi, sengibekiwe ukuba ngumbusi wabo elizweni lakoJuda, kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wakhe wamatshumi amathathu lambili, iminyaka elitshumi lambili, mina labazalwane bami kasizange sikuthinte ukudla okwakwabelwe umbusi. 15 Kodwa ababusi bangaphambili, labo abangandulelayo, babethwalisa nzima abantu ngokuthaththa kubo amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amane phezu kokudla lewayini. Labasekelo babo labo bathwalisa nzima abantu. Kodwa ngenxa yokumesaba uNkulunkulu

mina kangikwenzanga lokho. **16** Esikhundleni salokho, asebekwenzile; mkhumbule njalo umphrofethikazi ngazinikela emsebenzini womduli lo. Wonke amadoda uNowadiya labo bonke labobaphrofethi abebekade ayelami abuthana khona ukuzasebenza; kasizange bezama ukungethusa. **15** Ngakho umduli waphela sизиузе umhlaba. **17** Phezu kwalokho, amajuda ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili ku-Eluli, ngemva alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu kanye lezinduna kwensku ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili. **16** Izitha babesidla kwami kanye lalabo abeza kithi bevela zethu zonke sezikuzwile lokho, zonke izizwe eziseduze ezizweni eziseduze. **18** Insuku ngensuku kwakuuhlatshwa zesaba zalahla ithemba, ngoba zananzelela ukuthi inkabi eyodwa, lezimvu zekhethelo eziyisithupha, umsebenzi lo wenziwa uxhaswe nguNkulunkulu. **17** lenkuhlu, kulungiselwe mina, kuthi kuzozonke insuku Njalo, ngalezensuku izikhulu zakoJuda zazithumezela ezilitshumi kulethwe yonke imihlobo yewayini. izincwadi ezinengi kuThobhiya, lezimpendedu Phezu kwakho konke lokhu, kangizange ngikubize zikaThobhiya zabe zilokhu zifika kuzo. **18** Phela lokho kudla okwakuyisabelo sombusi, ngoba abantu laba babethewe nzima ngezinto ezifunekayo. **19** ngoba wayengumkhwenyana kaShekhaniya indodana ka-Ara, futhi indodana yakhe ujehohanani yayithethe indodakazi kaMesulami indodana kaBherekhiya.

**6** Kwathi ukuba ilizwi lifike kuSanibhalathi, loThobhiya, loGeshemi um'Arabhu lakuzo zonke izitha zethu ukuthi ngasengiwakhile kutsha umduli kungasasalanga sikhala kuwo loba nje ngalesikhathi nganginkafaki izivalo emasangweni, **2** uSanibhalathi loGeshemi bangithumela lelilizwi: "Woza, kesihlangane komunye wemizi esemagcekeni ase-Ono." Kodwa babeceba ukungenza kubi; **3** yikho ngasengithuma izithunywa kubo lale impendulo: "Ngiphezu komsebenzi omkhulu yikho ngeke ngize. Kungani umsebenzi ufanele ume ngiwtshiyela ukuba kini na?" **4** Kwaze kwaba kane bengithumela mbiko munye, lami ngala ngampendulo nye. **5** Kwathi ngesikhathi sesihlanu, uSanibhalathi wathuma inceku yakhe iphethe lona lelolizwi, ilencwadi esandleni ingavalwanga **6** ilotshwe ukuthi: "Kubikwa phakathi kwezizwe loGeshemi uthi kuliqiniso ukuthi wena lamajuda liceba ukuhlamuka, ngakho lakha umduli. Njalo, imbiko le ithi wena usufuna ukuba yinkosi yawo **7** futhi usuwe wabeka abaphrofethi ukuthi benze lesismemezelo ngawe ejerusalem esithi: 'Sekulenkoski kojudal!' Umbiko lo ungahe uyofika enkosini; yikho woza sibonisane." **8** Ngambuyisela impendulo le: "Akulantu enjalo mayelana larokho othi kuyenzakala; konke kuphumbe engqondweni yakho." **9** Bonke babezama ukusethusela, bekhumbula besithi, "Izandla zabo zizaphela amandla bangabe besasebenza, yikho umsebenzi kawuyikuphela." Kodwa ngakhuleka ngathi, "Manje qinisa izandla zami." **10** Ngeliney ilanga ngaya endlini kaShemaya indodana kaDelaya, indodana kaMehethabhel, owayezivalele endlini yakhe. Wathi, "Kasihlangane endlini kaNkulunkulu, phakathi kwethempeli, sivale iminyango yethempeli, ngoba kulamadoda abuyayo ebusuku ukuzokubulala." **11** Kodwa ngathi, "Umuntu onjengami kungamfanela ukubaleka na? Kumbe umuntu onjengami angangena ethempelini ukusiza impilo yakhe na? Kangiyi!" **12** Ngabona ukuthi wayengathunywanga nguNkulunkulu, kodwa wayenze isiphrofethi sokungilahlha ngoba oThobhiya loSanibhalathi babemthengile. **13** Wayethengwe ukuthi angethuse ukuze ngenze isono ngokwenza lokhu, ukwenzela ukuthi bangiphe ibizo elibi ngizondakale. **14** Bakhumbule oThobhiya loSanibhalathi, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngenxa yalokho

ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha, **15** akaBhinuyi loReyaya, loRezini, loNekhoda, **51** loGazami, lo-Uza, ayengamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane loPhaseya, **52** loBhesayi, loMewunimi, loNefushesimi, lasificaminwembili, **16** akaBhebhayi ayengamakhulu **53** loBhakibhuki, loHakufa, loHahuri, **54** loBhaziluthi, ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili, loMehida, loHasha, **55** loBkhosi, loSisera, loTheema, **17** aka-Azigadi ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu **56** loNeziya loHathifa. **57** Abezizukulwane zezinceu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lambili, **18** zikaSolomoni: Abesizukulwane sikaSothayi, loSoferethi aka-Adonikhamu ayengamakhulu ayisithupha loPherida, **58** loJayala, loDakhoni, loGideli, **59** lamatshumi ayisithupha lasikhombisa, **19** akaBhigivayi loShefathiya, loHathili, loPhokherethi-Hazebhayimi lo-ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi ayisithupha Amoni. **60** Izinceku zethempelini labezizukulwane lasikhombisa, **20** aka-Adini ayengamakhulu zezinceu zikaSolomoni babengamakhulu amathathu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lanhanu, lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili. **61** **21** aka-Atheri (ngoHezekhiya) ayengamatshumi Abalandelayo laba bavela emadolbheni aseThehi ayisificamunwemunye lasificaminwembili, **22** Mela, eThehi Hasha, eKherubi, e-Adoni, lase-Imeri, akaHashumi ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi kodwa behluleka ukuveza ukuthi usendo Iwabo amabili lasificaminwembili, **23** akaBhezayi Iwaphuma ko-Israyeli: **62** abesizukulwane sikaDelaya, ayengamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili loThobhiya loNekhoda babengamakhulu ayisithupha lane, **24** akaHarifi ayelekhulu letshumi lambili, **25** lamatshumi amane lambili. **63** Ababephuma akaGibhiyoni ayengamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye kubaphristi kwakuyilaba: abesizukulwane sikaHobhaya, lanhanu, **26** amadoda ayeSeBhethilehema esikaHakhozi lesikaBhazilayi (indoda eyayithethe leNethofa ayelekhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili indodakazi kaBhazilayi umGiliyadi layo yayibizwa lasificaminwembili, **27** ayeSe-Anathothi ayelekhulu ngalelobizo). **64** Laba baphenya imibhalo yembali lamatshumi amabili lasificaminwembili, **28** ayeSeBethi yezimuli zabo, kodwa bayiswela ngakho basuswa Azimavethi ayengamatshumi amane lambili, **29** ebuphristini kwathiwa bangcolile. **65** Ngakho-ke, ayeSeKhriyathi-Jeyarimi, leKhefira leBherothi umbusi wabalaya ukuthi bangakudli loba yikuphi ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane ukudu okungwele kuze kubekhona umphristi lantathu, **30** ayeSeRama leGeba ayengamakhulu wokubuza inkatho i-Urimi leThumimi. **66** Ixuku ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye, **31** lonke lalilinan elifika inkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayeSeMikhimashi ayelekhulu lamatshumi amabili amane lambili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi lambili, **32** ayeSeBhetheli le-Ayi ayelekhulu ayisithupha, **67** ngaphandle kwezinceu zabo lamatshumi amabili lantathu, **33** awakweinye ezesilisa labesifazane ezazifika inkulungwane iNebho ayengamatshumi amahlanu lambili, eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi **34** awakweinye i-Elamu ayeYinkulungwane amathathu lasikhombisa; njalo belabahlabeleli elamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane, besilisa labesifazane abafika amakhulu amabili **35** ayeSeHarimi ayengamatshulu amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhanu. **68** Kwakulamabhiza lamatshumi amabili, **36** aseJeriko ayengamatshulu ayefika amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhanu, **37** amathathu lasithupha, imbongolo ezingamatshulu ayeSeLodi, eHadidi le-Ono ayengamatshulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhanu, amakamela ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili lane, **38** angamatshulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhanu, ayeSeSenaya ayeZinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu **69** labobabhemti abazinkulungwane eziyisithupha ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu. **39** lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili. **70** Abaphristi: abesizukulwane sikaJedaya (ngosendo Ezinye inhlok zezimuli zancedisa emsebenzini. Umbusi lukajeshwu) babengamatshulu ayisificamunwemunye wanikela esikhwameni esikhulu, amadrakhima egolide lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu, **40** abaka-ayinkulungwane, imiganu engamatshumi amahlanu Imeri babeyinkulungwane elamatshumi amahlanu lezigqoko zabaphristi ezingamatshulu amahlanu lambili, **41** abakaPhashuri babeyinkulungwane lamatshumi amathathu. **71** Abanye abazinhloko lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lasikhombisa, zezimuli baphosela esikhwameni amadrakhima **42** abakaHarimi babeyinkulungwane elethsumi egolide azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lasikhombisa. **43** AbaLevi: abesizukulwane lamamina esiliva azinkulungwane ezimbili sikaJeshwu (ngoKhadimiyyeli ngosendo lukaHodaviya) lamakhulu amabili. **72** Sekukonke okwaphiwa babengamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane. **44** Abahlabeleli: ngabantu bonke kwaba ngamadrakhima egolide Abesizukulwane sika-Asafi babelikhulu lamatshumi azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, amamina amane lasificaminwembili. **45** Abalindimasango esiliva azinkulungwane ezimbili lezigqoko zabaphristi ethempeli: abesizukulwane sikaShalumi, lo-ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lasikhombisa. **73** Atheri, loThalimoni, lo-Akhubi, loHathitha Abaphristi, labaLevi, labalindimasango, labahlabeleli, loShobhayi babelikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lezinceu zethempelini, kanye labanye abantu lolasificaminwembili. **46** Izinceku zethempelini: Israyeli wonke, bahlala emadolbheni akibo. abesizukulwane sikaZiha, loHasufa loThabhawothi, **47** loKherosi, loSiya, loPhadoni, **48** loLebhana, loHagabha, **8** Kwathi sekuyinyanga yesikhombisa abako-Israyeli basebehlezzi emadolbheni akibo. Bonke abantu loShalimayi, **49** loHanani, loGideli, loGahari, **50** babuthana ngangqondo yinYe egcekeni elaliphambi

kweSango laManzi. Bacela u-Ezra umbhali ukuthi ephahleni lwezindlu zabo, emagumeni abo, emagumeni alethe iNcwadi yoMthetho kaMosi, uThixo ayelaye endlu kaNkulunkulu lasegecekeni eliseSangweni ngawo ama-Israyeli. **2** Yikho kwathi ngelanga lokuqala laManzi lalelo elaliseSangweni lika-Efrayimi. **17** Ixuku lenyanga yesikhombisa u-Ezra umphristi wawuletha lonke elavela ebugqilini lakha izihonqo lahlala kuzo. uMthetho phambi komhlangano, owawugcwele Kusukela ensukwini zikajoshuwa indodana kaNuni kuze amadoda labafazi labo bonke ababelokuzwisa. **3** kube yiilosuku, ama-Israyeli ayengazange awenze Wafunda kakhlulu kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kanjalo lowo mkhosi. Kwakukukhulu ukuthokoza kwaze kwaba semini enkuu ekhangele egcekeni kwabo. **18** Insuku ngensuku, kusukela kolokuqala leSango laManzi phambi kwamadoda, labafazi labanye kusiya kolokicina, u-Ezra wayebala eNcwadini ababelokuzwisa. Bonke abantu balalelisiza ukuzwa yoMthetho kaNkulunkulu. Bawuthakazelela lowo iNcwadi yoMthetho. **4** U-Ezra umbhali wayemi phezu kwethala eliphakemeyo elalenziwe ngezigodo lenzelwe umkholi lo. Eceleni kwakumi kwesokunene kwakumi uMathithiya, loShema, lo-Anaya, lo-Uriya, loHilikhiya, loMaseya; kwathi kwesokhohlo kunguPhedaya, loMishayeli, loMalikhija, loHashumi, loHashibhadana, loZakhariya loMeshulami. **5** U-Ezra wayivula incwadi. Bonke abantu babembona ngoba wayemi ekuphakameni ngaphezu kwabo; kwathi lapho eyivula abantu basukuma. **6** U-Ezra wamdumis uThixo, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, kwathi bonke abantu baphendula baphakamisa izandla zabo bathi, “Ameni! Ameni!” Basebekhothama bekhonza uThixo bethe mbo ngobuso phansi. **7** AbaLevi ababalisa uJeshuwa, loBhani, loSherebhiya, loJamini, lo-Akhubi, loShabhetayi, loHodiya, loMaseya, loKhelitha, lo-Azariya, loJozabhadji, loHanani loPhelaya bafundisa abantu uMthetho abantu belokhu bemi khonapho. **8** Babebala eNcwadini yoMthetho kaNkulunkulu, bewuchasisa baveze lokho okutshoyo ukuze abantu bakuzwisisa lokho okwakubalwa. **9** Kwasekusithi uNehemiya umbusi, lo-Ezra umphristi lombhalu, kanye labaLevi ababefundisa abantu bathi kubo bonke, “Lelilanga lingcwele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Lingalili kumbe likhale.” Kwakungoba bonke babekhala lapho babelalele amazwi oMthetho. **10** UNehemiya wathi, “Hambani liyozitika ngokudla okumnandi lokunathwayo okumnandi, okunye likuthumele labo abangelakho okulungisiwego. Ilanga lanamhla lingcwele kuThixo wethu. Malingadani, ngoba ukuthokoza kukaThixo kungamandla enu.” **11** AbaLevi babathulisa bonke abantu, bathi, “Thulanii, ngoba lolu lusuku olungcwele. Lingadani.” **12** Kwathi abantu bonke basebehamba bayakudlu banatha, bathumela okunye ukudlu kwabanye bazithokozisa kakhlulu, ngoba manje basebewazwisa lawomazwi abasebewazwile. **13** Ngosuku Iwesibili Iwenyanga, abazinhloko zezimuli zonke, kanye labaphristi labaLevi, babuthana ku-Ezra umbhali ukuba bahlolisise amazwi oMthetho. **14** Bakufumana kubhaliwe eMthethweni, owalaywa nguThixo ngoMosi, ukuthi ama-Israyeli babemele bahlale ezhionqwensi ngesikhathi somkhosi wenyanga yesikhombisa **15** lokuthi njalo lelilizwi babemele balimemezele liye kuwo wonke amadolobho abo laseJerusalem elithi: “Phumanii liye emaqaqeni liyokhwebula amagatsha ama-oliva lama-oliva eganga, lamamithili, lamalala lezilahlala ezilomthunzi, lenze izihonqo,” njengoba kulotshiwe. **16** Ngakho abantu baphuma babuya lamagatsha bazakhela izihonqo

**9** Ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lane aleyonyanga, ama-Israyeli ahlangana ndawonye, azila ukudla eqoke amasaka njalo bezithele uthuli emakhanda abo. **2** Labo ababengabako-Israyeli ngomdabuko bazehlukanisa kwabebizizwe. Bema ezindaweni zabo bavuma izono zabo lobubi babokhokho babo. **3** Bema khonapho ababekhona babala eNcwadini yoMthetho kaThixo uNkulunkulu wabo okwengxene ye sine yosuku, kwathi enye ingxene ye sine babevuma izono zabo njalo bekhonza uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **4** Ethaleni kwakumi abaLevi, uJeshuwa, loBhani, loKhadimiyeli, loShebhaniya, loBhuni, loSherebhiya, loBhani loKhenani, abamemeza baqongisa amazwi kuThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **5** Njalo abaLevi ababalisa uJeshuwa, loKhadimiyeli, loBhani, loHashabhineya, loSherebhiya, loHodiya, loShebhaniya, loPhethahiya bathi: “Sukumani lidumise uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, okhona kusukela phakade kuze kubepakade. Libusisiwe ibizo lakho elingcwele, sengathi lingaphakanyisa ngaphezulu kwakho konke ukubusiswa lokudunyisa. **6** Wena wedwa unguThixo. Wenza amazulu, kanye lamazulu aphezukonke, lazozonke izinkanyezi zavo, umhlabu lakho konke okukwu, inlwandle lakho konke okukozo. Uyapha ukuphila kukho konke, lamabutho wonke asezulwini ayakukhonza. **7** UnguThixo uNkulunkulu, owakhetha u-Abhraama wamkhupha e-Uri lamaKhaladiya wambiza ngokuthi ngu-Abhraama. **8** Wabona ukuthi inhliyo yakhe yayithembekile kuwe, ngakho wenza isivumelwano laye ukupha izizukulwane zakhe ilizwe lamaKhenani, lamaHithi, lama-Amori, lamaPherizi, lamaJebusi lamaGigashi. Usigcinile isithembiso sakho ngoba ulungile. **9** Wakubona ukuhlupheka kwabokhokho bethu eGibhithe; wezwa ukukhala kwabo elwandle oluBomvu. **10** Wathumela izibonakaliso ezingumangaliso lezimanga kuFaro, kuzozonke izinduna zakhe lakubo bonke abantu belizwe lakhe, ngoba wawukwazi ukuthi amaGibhithe abaphatha njani ngodlakela. Wazenzela ibizo, elimiyo kuze kubepakade. **11** Walwehlukanisa ulwandle phambi kwabo, ukuze bedlule kulo emhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa waphosela labo ababekhuma ekujenli, njengelitshe liphoselwa ethwaceni lwamanzi. **12** Emini wawubakhokhela ngensika yeyezi, ebusuku ngensika yomlilo ukubapha ukukhanya endleleni

ababehamba ngayo. **13** Wehla weza eNtabeni yaseSinayi; wakho, kodwa baqholoza kabaze baylalela imilayo wakhulumu kubo usezulwini. Wabapha izimiso yakho. Benza isono ngezimiso zakho, okuthi nxu lemithetho eqondileyo njalo elungileyo, lezimemezelo lemilayo elungileyo. **14** Wabazisa ngeSabatha lakho elingcwele njalo wabapha imilayo, lezimiso lemithetho ngenceku yakho uMosi. **15** Ngesikhathi belambile wabapha isinkwa sivela ezelwini njalo ekomeni kwabo wabalethela amanizi ephuma edwaleni; wabatshela ukuthi bangene balithathe ilizwe owarfunga uphakamisa isandla ukubapha. **16** Kodwa bona, okhokho bethu, baba yiziqholo baqinisa intamo, kabaze balalela ukukhumbula izimanga owazenzayo phakathi kwabo. Baqinisa intamo kwathi ekuhlamukeni kwabo bakhetha umkhokheli ukuze babuyebe ebugqilini babo. Kodwa unguNkulunkulu oxolelayo, olomusa lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela kodwa wandile ngothando. Ngakho kawubafulathelanga, **18** lalapho sebezibumbele isithombe sethole besithi, 'Lo ngunkulunkulu wenu ovalikhuphayo eGibhithe,' lanxa benze amanyala esabekayo. **19** Ngenxa yesihawu sakho esikhulu kawubakhala langa enkangala. Emini insika yezezi kayikhawulanga ukubakhokhela endleleni yabo, loba insika yomiloso ebusuku ukukhanyisa indlela ababemele bahamebe ngayo. **20** Wanika uMoya wakho omuhle ukubafundisa. Kawuyigodlanga imana yakho emilonyeni yabo, njalo wabapha amanzi ukucitsha umhawu wabo. **21** Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane wabagcina enkangala; kabazange baswele lutho, izembatho zabo kaziguganga lezinyawo zabo kazivuvukanga. **22** Wabapha imibuso lezizwe, wababela lemingcele ekude. Balithatha ilizwe likaSihoni inkosi yaseHeshiboni lelizwe lika-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani. **23** Wenzo amadodana abo aba manengi njengezinkanyezi zomkhathi, wabalettha elizweni owawutshele okhokho babo ukuba bangene kulo balithathe. **24** Amadodana abo angena alithatha ilizwe. Wawehlukanisa phambi kwabo amaKhenani, ababehlala phakathi kweлизве; wanikela amaKhenani kubo, ndawonye lamakhosi awo labantu belizwe, ukuba benze kubo njengokuthanda kwabo. **25** Bathumba amadolobho abiylweyo lomhlaba ovundileyo; bazithatha izindlu ezazigcwaliswe ngakho konke okuhle, lemithombo eyayivele igejiwe, izivini, lezivande zama-oliva lezihlahla ezinengi ezezithelo. Badla bazitika bakhithika imikhaha; bazithokoza ngokulunga kwakho okukhulu. **26** Kodwa kabalalelanga bakuhlamukela; umthetho wakho bawubeka ngemva kwabo. Babulala abaphrofethi bakho, ababebakhulu ukuze babuyebe kuwe; bahlambaza ngendlela eyesabekayo. **27** Ngakho wabanikela ezitheni zabo, zabancindezelza. Kodwa kwathi sebencindezelwe bakhala kuwe. Usezulwini wabezwu, kwathi ngesihawu sakho esikhulu wabapha abakhululi, ababahlengayo ezandleni zezitha zabo. **28** Kodwa bonela ukuphumula, baphinda njalo berza okubi phambi kwakho. Wase ubadela ezandleni zezitha zabo ukuthi zibabuse. Kwathi lapho sebekhala kuwe njalo, wezwa usezulwini, kwathi ngesihawu sakho wabakhulula izikhathi ngezikhathi. **29** Wabaxwayisa ukuthi babuyebe emthethwensi

wakho, kodwa baqholoza kabaze baylalela imilayo umuntu ezelalela aphile. Ngobuqholo bakufulathela, baqinisa intamo, bala ukulalela. **30** Okweminyaka eminengi wababekazelela. NgoMoya wakho wabakhulu ngabaphrofethi bakho. Kodwa kabananzanga, ngakho wabanikela ebantwini abakhelene labo. **31** Kodwa ngomusa wakho omkhulu kawubaqedanga njalo kawubadelanga, ngoba unguNkulunkulu olomusa, olozwelo. **32** Ngakho-ke manje, Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla njalo omangalisayo, ogcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando, ungadeleli bonke lobu ubunzima obuseleleyo thina laphezu kwamakhosu ethu labakhokheli, phezu kwabaphristi labaphrofethi bethu, phezu kwabobaba labantu bakho bonke, kusukela ensukwini zamakhosi ase-Asirya kuze kube lamuhla. **33** Kukho konke lokho okwenzakeleyo kithi, ubeqotho; wenze ngokuthembeka, thina sisenza okubi. **34** Amakhosi ethu, abakhokheli bethu, abaphristi bethu labobaba abawulandelanga umthetho wakho; abayinanzanga imilayo yakho izixwayiso owabapha zona. **35** Loba babesembusweni wabo, bekholisa ukulunga kwakho kubo elizweni elibanzi elivundileyo lelo owabapha lona, kabakukhonzanga futhi kabaguqkanga ezindleleni zabo ezimbi. **36** Kodwa ake ubone, siyiziqqili lamuhla, iziqqili elizweni ovalipha okhokho bethu ukuthi badle izithelo zalo lezinye izinto ezinhle eziphuma kulo. **37** Ngenxa yezon zethu, isivuno salo esinengi siya emakhosini osuwabeke phezu kwethu. Abusa phezu kwemizimba yethu laphezu kwezinkoma zethu njengokuthanda kwavo. Siphakathi kosizi olumangalisayo." **38** "Ngenxa yakho konke lokhu, sesenza isivumelwano esibophayo, sisibhala phansi, njalo abakhokheli bethu, abaLevi labaphristi bethu bafaka uphawu lwabo kuso."

**10** Labo abafaka uphawu lwabo yilaba: Umbusi: uNehemiya indodana kaHakhaliya. LoZedekhiya, 2 loSeraya, lo-Azariya, loJeremiya, 3 loPhashuri, loAmariya, loMalikhija, 4 loHathushi, loShebhaniya, loMaluki, 5 loHarimi, loMeremothi, lo-Obhadaya, 6 loDanyeli, loGinethoni, loBharukhi, 7 loMeshulami, loAbhija, loMijamini, 8 loMaziya, loBhiligayi loShemaya. Laba babe ngabaphristi. **9** AbaLevi: ujeshuwa indodana ka-Azaniya, uBhinawi owamadodana kaHenadadi loKhadiyiyeli, **10** labasekeli babo: uShebhaniya, uHodiya, uKhelitha, uPhelaya loHanani, **11** uMikha, uRehobhi, uHashabhiya, **12** uZakhuri, uSherebhiya, uShebhaniya, **13** uHodiya, uBhani loBheninu. **14** Abakhokheli babantu yilaba: uPharoshi, uPhahathimowabi, uElamu, uZathu uBhani, **15** uBhuni, uAzigadi, uBhebhayi, **16** uAdonija, uBhigivayi, uAdini, **17** uAtheri, uHezekhiya, uAzuri, **18** uHodiya, uHashumi, uBhezayi, **19** uHarifi, uAnathothi, uNebhayi, **20** uMagiphiyashi, uMeshulami, uHeziri, **21** uMeshezabeli, uZadokhi, uJaduwa, **22** uPhelathyia, uHanani, uAnaya, **23** uHosheya, uHananiya, uHashubhi, **24** uHaloheshi, uPhiliha, uShobeki, **25** uRehumi, uHashabbina, uMaseya, **26** uAhija, uHanani, uAnani, **27** uMaluki,

uHarimi loBhana. **28** Inengi labantu, abaphristi, **2** Abantu bawabonga wonke amadoda azinikelayo abaLevi, abalindimasango, abahlabeleli, lezincku ukuyahlala ejerusalema. **3** Laba yibo abakhokheli zethempeli labo bonke abazehlukanisayo ebantwini bezigodi abayahlala ejerusalema (amanye ama-Israyeli, bezizwe ngenxa yoMthetho kaNkulunkulu, kanye labaphristi, labaLevi, lezincku zethempelini kanye lamakhosikazi abo lamadodana lamadodakazi abo labezizukulwane zezisebenzi zikaSolomoni bahlala ayeseqedisa **29** bonke bahlanganyela labafowabo emadolobheni akoJuda, ngulowo esabelweni sakhe ababeyizikhulu, ukuzibopha ngesiqalekiso langesifungo emadolobheni elhlukeneyo, **4** kwathi abanye babantu ukuwulandela uMthetho kaNkulunkulu owanikwa bakoJuda lakoBhenjamini bahlala ejerusalema); ngoMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu lokulalela kuhle Abesizukulwane sikajuda: U-Athaya indodana ka-Uziya, yonke imilay, leziqondiso lezimememezo zikaThixo indodana kaZakhariya, indodana ka-Amariya, indodana iNkosi yethu. **30** Sithembisa ukuthi kasiyikwendisa kaShefathiya, indodana kaMahalaleli owosendo amadodakazi ethu ebantwini esakhelene labo loba lukaPherezi; **5** loMaseya indodana kaBharukhi, sithathelle amadodana ethu amadodakazi abo. **31** indodana kaKholi-Hoze, indodana kaHazaya, indodana Nxa labo esakhelene labo beletha impahla kumbe ka-Adaya, indodana kaJoyaribi, indodana kaZakhariya, amabele okuthengiswa ngeSabatha, kasiyikuthenga isizukulwane sikaShilo. **6** Abesizukulwane sikaPherezi kubo ngeSabatha loba ngaliphi ilanga elingcwele. ababehlala ejerusalema babefika 468, amadoda Kuwo wonke umnyaka wesikhombisa sizayekela aqinileyo. **7** Abesizukulwane sikaBhenjamini: uSalu amasimu ethu alaluke njalo sizacitsha zonke indodana kaMesulami, indodana kaJoyedi, indodana izikwelede. **32** Siyazethesa umlandu wokugcwala kaPhedaya, indodana kaKholaya, indodana kaMaseya, umlayo wokupha okwesithathu kweshekeli ngomnyaka indodana ka-Ithiyeli, indodana kajeshaya, **8** okomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu: **33** okwesinkwa labalandeli bakhe, uGabbayi loSalayi, amadoda esibekwe etafuleni; okomnikelo wenjayelo owamabele afika amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi lowokutshiswa; okweminikelo yamaSabatha, eyamadili amabili lasificaminwembili. **9** Ujoweli indodana okuThwasa kweNyanga leminye imikhosi emisiweyo; kaZikhiri wayenguye induna yabo, loJuda indodana eyimnikelo engcwele, iminikelo yesono yokubuyisana kaHasenuwa wayephethi iSiqinti seSibili sedolobho. eka-Israyeli; leyayo yonke imilandu yendlini **10** Ababesuka kubaphristi: uJedaya; indodana kaNkulunkulu. **34** Thina abaphristi, abaLevi labantu kajoyaribi; uJakhini; **11** uSeraya indodana kaHilikhiya, sesenzenkatho ukubona ukuthi yiphi imuli emele indodana kaMesulami, indodana kaZadokhi, indodana ilethe inkuni ngasiphi isikhathi endlini kaNkulunkulu kaMerayothi, indodana ka-Ahithubi, umphathi endlini ezokutshiswa e-alitharenli likaThixo uNkulunkulu kaNkulunkulu, **12** labasekeli babo, abaqhuba wethu, njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni. **35** Njalo umsebenzi wethempeli, amadoda afika amakhulu sizethesa umlandu wokuletha endlini kaThixo ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amabili lambili; u-umnyaka ngomnyaka izithelo zakuqala zamabele ethu Adaya indodana kaJerohamu, indodana kaPhelaliya, lokwezithelo zonke zezihlaha. **36** Njengoba kulotshiwe indodana ka-Amizi, indodana kaZakhariya, indodana njalo eMthethweni, sizalettha amazibulo amadodana kaPhashuri, indodana kaMalikhija, **13** labasekeli ethu, awenkomo zethu, lawemihlambi yethu yezimvu bakhe, ababe yizinhloko zezimuli, amadoda afika endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu, kubaphristi abasebenza amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lambili; u-khona. **37** Futhi njalo, sizalettha okuya eziphaleni Amashisayi indodana ka-Azareli, indodana ka-Ahizayi, zasendlini kaNkulunkulu, kubaphristi, okokuqala indodana kaMesilemothi, indodana ka-Imeri, **14** kwempuphu yethu, okweminikelo yamabele ethu, labasekeli bakhe, ababengamadoda aqinileyo alikhulu izithelo zezihlaha zethu zonke lewayini lethu elitsha kanye lamafutha. Njalo sizalettha okwetshumi labasekeli bakhe, ababengamadoda aqinileyo alikhulu lamatshumi amabili lasitshiyagalombili. Induna yabo kwakunguZabhidiyeli indodana kaHagedolimi. **15** okwamabele ethu kubaLevi, ngoba ngabaLevi abaqoqa Ababesuka kubaLevi: uShemaya indodana kaHashubhi, okwetshumi kuwo wonke amadolobho esisebenza indodana ka-Azirikhamu, indodana kaHashabhiya, kuwo. **38** Umphristi odabuka ku-Aroni kaphelekezele indodana kaBhuni; **16** uShabbethayi lojozabhadhi, abaLevi besamukela okwetshumi, njalo abaLevi bobabili bezinduna zabaLevi ababekhangele umsebenzi kumele baletthe okwetshumi okomnikelo wetshumi waphandle kwendlu kaNkulunkulu; **17** uMathaniya kuze endlini kaNkulunkulu, eziphaleni eziqondane indodana kaMikha, indodana kaZabhidi, indodana kalesikhwama. **39** Abantu bako-Israyeli, kanye labaLevi, Asafi, umqondisi owayekhkhela inkonzo yokubonga bamele baletthe iminikelo yabo yamabele, iwayini lemkhulekweni; uBhakhibhukhiya, engowesibili elitsha lamafutha eziphaleni lapho okugcinwa khona phakathi kwabasekeli bakhe; u-Abhida indodana impahla zendlu engcwele, njalo lapho okuhlala kaShamuwa, indodana kaGalali, indodana kajeduthuni. khona abaphristi abasebenzayo labalindimasango **18** AbaLevi ababesemzini ongcwele babefika amakhulu labahlabeleli. "Kasiyikuidela indlu kaNkulunkulu."

**11** Abakhokheli babantu bafika bahlala ejerusalema. Abantu bonke basebesenzisa inkatho ukukhetha oyedwa etshumini ngalinye owayermele ayeahlala ejerusalema, idolobho elingcwele, kuthi abaseleyo abayisificamunwemunye bahlale emadolobheni akibo.

ngulowo esesabelweni sakwabo esomdabuko. **21** ngujonathan; **19** abendlu kajoyeribi, nguMathenayi; Izincku zethempelini zazihlala entabeni i-Ofeli, abendlu kajedaya, ngu-Uzi; **20** abendlu kaSalu, ziphethwe nguZiha loGishipha. **22** Umlawuli wabaLevi ejerusalema waye ngu-Uzi indodana kaBhani, indodana kaHashabhiya, indodana kaMathaniya, indodana kaMikha. U-Uzi wayengomunye wabazukulu baka-Asafi, ababengabahlabeleli abakhangele inkonzo endlini kaNkulunkulu. **23** Abahlabeleri babengaphansi kwezimiso zenkosi, ezaziqondisa ababemele bakwenze insuku zonke. **24** UPHethahiya indodana kaMeshezabeli, wayengumuleki wenkosi mayelman lezindaba zonke zabantu. **25** Mayelman lemizi kanye lamasimu ayo, abanye babantu bakoJuda bahlala ekHiriyathi Aribha lakweminye imizi eseduze, eDibhoni lemizini eseduze kwayo, ejekhabhizeli lemizana yakhona, **26** ejeshuwa, eMolada, eBhethi Phelethi, **27** eHazari-Shuwali, eBherishebha lemizana yakhona, **28** eZikhilagi, eMekhona lemizana yakhona, **29** e-Eni Rimoni, eZora, ejAmuthi, **30** eZanowa, e-Adulami lemizana yakhona, eLakhishi lamasimu ayo, lase-Azekha lemizana yakhona. Yikho bablehlala yonke indawo kusukela eBherishebha kusiya eSigodini sikaHinomu. **31** Abesizukulwane sikaBhenjamini ababesuka eGebha bahllala eMikhimashi, e-Aya, eBhetheli lemizana yakhona, **32** e-Anathothi, eNobhi, le-Ananiya, **33** eHazori, eRama leGithayimi, **34** eHadidi, eZebhoyimi laseNebhalathi, **35** eLodi lase-Ono, njalo laseSigodini seZingcitshi. **36** Abanye bezigaba zabaLevi bakoJuda bahlala koBhenjamini.

**12** Laba ngabaphristi labaLevi ababuya loZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiye kanye loJeshuwa: USeraya, uJeremiya, u-Ezra, **2** u-Amariya, uMaluki, uHathushi, **3** uShekhaniya, uRehum, uMeremothi, **4** u-Ido, uGinethoni, u-Abhija, **5** uMijamini, uMowadiya, uBhiliga, **6** uShemaya, uJoyaribi, uJedaya, **7** uSalu, u-Amoki, uHilikhiya loJedaya. Laba babengabakhokheli babaphristi labakhulu babo ngezinsuku zikajeshuwa. **8** AbaLevi babe ngujeshuwa, loBhinuwi, loKhadimieli, loSherebhiya, lojuda njalo loMathaniya, okwathi yena, labakhula bakhe yibo ababekhokhela izingoma zenkonzo yokubonga. **9** UBhakhibhukhiya lo-Uni, labakhula babo, babesima ngale bakhangelane labo ezinkonzweni. **10** UJeshuwa wayenguyise kajoyakhimu, uyise ka-Eliyashibi, u-Eliyashibi uyise kajoyada, **11** uJoyada uyise kajonathan, uJonathan uyise kajaduwa. **12** Ngezinsuku zikajoyakhimu, laba babezinhlоко zezimili zabaphristi: abendlu kaSeraya, nguMeraya; abendlu kajeremiya nguHananiya; **13** abendlu ka-Ezra, nguMeshulami; abendlu ka-Amariya, nguJeohanani; **14** abendlu kaMaluki, nguJonathan; abendlu kaShebaniya, nguJosefa; **15** abendlu kaHarimi, ngu-Adina; abendlu kaMeremothi, nguHelikhayi; **16** abendlu ka-Ido, nguZakhariya; abendlu kaGinethoni, nguMeshulami; **17** abendlu ka-Abhija, nguZikhiri; abendlu kaMiniyamini lekaMowadiya, nguPhilithayi; **18** abendlu kaBhiliga nguShamuwa; abendlu kaShemaya

abendlu kaAmoki, ngu-Ebheri; **21** abendlu kaHilikhya, nguHashabhiya; abendlu kajedaya nguNethaneli. **22** Abazinhloko zezindlu zabaLevi ngezinsuku zika-Eliyashibi, loJoyada, uJohanani phansi encwadini yemilando. **24** Abakhokheli kubusa uDariyu wasePhezhiya. **23** Abakhokheli kubusa uDariyu wasePhezhiya. **23** Abakhokheli bezimuli ezizukulwaneni zikaLevi kuze kuge yisikhathi sikajohanan indodana ka-Eliyashibi babhalwa omunye wesizukulwane sikaZera indodana kaJuda, phansi encwadini yemilando. **24** Abakhokheli babaLevi babengoHashabhiya, loSherebhiya, loJeshuwa indodana kaKhadimieli, labakhula babo ababesima baqondane labo nxa bedumisa njalo besenza inkonzo yokubonga, yilabo bevumela abyanyi, njengokwamiswa umsebenzi lo ngezinsuku zikaJoyakhimu indodana kajeshuwa, indodana kajozadaki, langezinsuku zikaNehemiya umbuslo lo-Ezra umphristi Lombhal. **25** UMathaniya, umuntu kaNkulunkulu. **26** Bawenza umsebenzi lo ngezinsuku zikaJoyakhimu indodana kajeshuwa, indodana kajozadaki, langezinsuku zikaNehemiya umbuslo lo-Ezra umphristi Lombhal. **27** Ekunikelweni komduli wasejerusalema, abaLevi **28** Abahlabeleri labo balettha ndawonye besuka emangweni oseduze lejerusalema, basuka emizini yamaNethofa, **29** eBhethi Giligali, lasemangweni waseGebha le-Azimavethi, ngoba abahlabeleli basebezakhele imizi eduze lejerusalema. **30** Kwathi lapho abaphristi labaLevi sebezihambulule ngokomkhuba, bahlambulula abantu, amasango lomduli. **31** Ngathi abakhokheli bakoJuda bakhwele phezu komduli. Njalo ngamisa amaqembu amakhulu amabili awabahlabeleli ukuthi babonge. Elinye lalimele likhwele phezulu komduli kwesokunene, kusiya ngesangweni loBuLongwe. **32** UHoshayiya lengxenyebakhokheli bakoJuda babalandela, **33** kunye lo-Azariya, lo-Ezra, loMeshulami, **34** loJuda, loBhenjamini, loShemaya, loJeremiya, **35** kanye labanye abaphristi ababalamacilongo, loZakhariya indodana kajonathan, indodana kaShemaya, indodana kaMathaniya indodana kaMikhaya, indodana kaZakhuri, indodana kaAsafi, **36** labakhula bakhe oShemaya, lo-Azareli, loMilayi, loGilayi, loMayi, loNethaneli, loJuda loHanani bephethe amachacho njengokwamiswe nguDavid umuntu kaNkulunkulu. U-Ezra umbhalo nguye owayekhokhele udwendwe. **37** SebeseSangweni loMthombo baqhubeka bakhwela izinyathelo eziya eMzini kaDavid emqansweni oya emdulini bedlula ngaphezulu kwendlu kaDavid baya eSangweni laManzi ngempumalanga. **38** Iqembu lesibili labahlabeleli lona lafulathela elakuqala laya le. Ngabalandela phezu komduli ngilengxenyebantu, sedlula uMphotshongo waMaziko siqonda uMduli Obanzi, **39** sedlula isango lika-Efrayimi, leSango likaJeshana, iSango leNhlanzi, uMphotshongo kaHananeli loMphotshongo weKhulu saze sayafika eSangweni leZimvu. ESangweni laBalindi

bafika bema. **40** Amaqembu lawo abahlabelei ngaphosela phandle zonke impahla zikaThobhiya. amabili ayesipha ukubonga asesima ezindaweni **9** Ngakhupha ilizwi ukuthi kazihlanjululwe izindlu, zaho endlini kaNkulunkulu; lami ngenze njalo, ngasengibuyisela kuzo impahla zendlini kaNkulunkulu, kanye lengxene yezinduna, **41** labaphristi o ndawonye lamabele omnikele lempepha. **10** Eliyakhimu, loMaseya, loMiniyamini, loMikhaya, lo- Ngezwa njalo ukuthi abaLevi babengaphiwinga Eliyonayi, loZakhariya loHananiya belamacilongo lokho okwakuyisabelo sabo, lokuthi bonke abaLevi abo **42** njalo loMaseya, loShemaya, lo-Eliyezari, labahlabelei ababeqhuba inkonzo basebebuyele lo-Uzi, loJehohanani, loMalikhija, lo-Elamu lo- emasimini abo. **11** Ngazikhwazela izinduna Ezeri. Amaqembu abahlabelei ahlabela ekhokhelwa ngazibusa ngathi, "Kungani indlu kaNkulunkulu ngeujeziraiha. **43** Ngalelolanga banikila imihlatshelo ingasakhathalelwana?" Ngasengibabizela ndawonye emangalisayo, bethokoza ngoba uThixo wayebape ngababeka ezindaweni zemisebenzi yabo. **12** Bonke ukuthokoza okukhulu. Abesifazane kanye labantwana abakoJuda baletha okwetshumi kwamabele, iwayini labo bathokoza. Umsindo wokuthokoza ejerusalema elitsita lamafutha eziphaleni. **13** Ngasengibeka wawuzwakala kude. **44** Ngalesosikhathi kwakhethwa uShelemiya umphristi, loZadokhi umbhali, lomLevi amadoda ukugcina iziphala zalokho okwakulethwa, owayethiwa nguPhedaya ukuba baphathe iziphala, izithelo zokuqala kanye lokwetshumi. Okusuka ngenza uHanani indodana kaZakhuri, indodana emasimini aseduzane lamadolobho babemele bakulethe kaMathaniya, ukuba ngumsekeli wabo, ngoba eziphaleni lezo zilinganiso ezazivumelwa nguMthetho amadoda la kwakuthiwa athembekile. Baphiwa okwabaphristi labaLevi, ngoba ujuda wayejabuliswe umlandu wokwabela abafowabo isabelo sabo. **14** ngumsebenzi owawuqutshwa ngamaphristi lamaLevi. Ungikhumbule ngalokhu, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, **15** Ngalezonsuku ngabona abantu bakoJuda bevoxa yake uSolomoni. **46** Ngoba kudala, ensukwini izikhamele zewayini ngeSabatha njalo beletha zikaDavid lo-Asafi, kwakulabaqondisi babahlabelei amabele bewethesa kubobabhemi, kune lewayini, labezingoma zokudumisa lokubonga uNkulunkulu. **47** Yikho ngezinsuku zikaZerubhabheli loNehemiya, amalokhu babekuletha ejerusalema ngeSabatha. Ngakho-Israyeli onke apha isabelo sansukuzone esabahlabelei ke ngasengibaxwayisa ukuthi bangathengisi ukudla labalindimasango. Baphinda njalo babeka eceleni ngosuku lolo. **16** Abantu beThire ababehlala esinye isabelo esabanye abaLevi, kwathi abaLevi labo ejerusalema babletha inhlanzi lemihlobo yonke bacezula okunye kwabo kwaba ngokwabosendo luka- yezimpahla bezithengisa ejerusalema ebantwini bakoJuda ngeSabatha. **17** Ngazikhuza izikhulu zakoJuda ngathi kuzo, "Manyala bani la eliwenzayo lingcolisa usuku lweSabatha na? **18** Kakusikho yini okwenziwa ngoiyihlomkhulu, okwabangela ukuthi uThixo wethu, ehlisele kithi laphezu kwalelidolobho lobubunzima na? Manje selibuye lisandisa ulaka ku-Israyeli ngokugcolisa iSabatha." **19** Kwathi nxo selimathunzi emasangweni asejerusalema kungakabi yiSabatha, ngalaya ukuthi iminyango kayivalwe ingaze yavulwa iSabatha ize idlu. Ngamisa emasangweni abanye abantu bami ukuze kungangeni mthwalo ngosuku lweSabatha. **20** Okwezikhathi ezipalmbwa abathengi labathengisi bezinhlobo zonke zezimpahla balala ngaphandle kwejerusalema. **21** Kodwa ngabaxwayisa ngathi, "Lenzelani ukulala phansi komduli na? Lingakuphinda lokhu kuzakuba lokuxabana." Kusukela kulesosikhathi kabasaphindanga beza ngeSabatha. **22** Ngasengilaya abaLevi ukuthi bazihlambulule besebesiyalinda amasango ukuze kugcinwe usuku lweSabatha lungcwele. Ungikhumbule langalokhu njalo, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, njalo utshengise umusa kimi mayelana lothando lwakho olukhulu. **23** Phezu kwalokho, ngalezonsuku ngabona amadoda akoJuda ayethethe abafazi base-Ashidodi, le-Amoni laseMowabi. **24** Ingxene yabantwababo babekhuluma ulimi lwase-Ashidodi kumbe ulimi lwabanye abantu, bengakwazi ukukhuluma isiHebheru. **25** Ngabathethisa, ngakhuluma iziqalekiso phezu kwabo.

**13** Ngalelolanga iNcwadi kaMosi yabalelwabantu besizwa kwafunyanwa kuyo kubhaliwe ukuthi akungabi lam'Amoni loba um'Mowabi ovunyelwa emhlanganweni kaNkulunkulu, loba sekutheni, **2** ngoba babengahlangabezanga amayisraeli ngokudla lamanzi kodwa bathenga uBhalamu ukuba abaqalekise. (UNkulunkulu wethu kodwa waguguula isiqalekiso leso saba yisibusiso.) **3** Kwathi abantu sebewuzwile umthetho, babasusa ko-Israyeli bonke labo ababedabuka ezipheni. **4** Mandulo kwalokhu, u-Eliyashibi umphristi nguye owayephethie iziphala zendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu. Wasuka wezwana kakhulu loThobhiya, **5** wasemlungisela indlu enkuleyayikade isetshenziswa ukulondoloza amabele omnikele lempepha kanye lempahla zethempeli, kanye njalo lamabele awokwetshumi, lewayini elitsita lamafutha, konke okwakumiswe ukuthi kube ngokwabaLevi, labahlabelei labalindimasango, kanye lezipho eziya kubaphristi. **6** Kodwa kwathi kusenakala konke lokhu, mina ngangingekho ejerusalema, ngoba ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lambili wokubusa kuka-Athazekisisi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngabuyuela enkosini. Muva kwalokho ngacela invumo kuye **7** ngabuyuela ejerusalema. Kulapho engafika ngabona khona ngaleyonto embi eyenziwa nguEliyashibi ngokupha uThobhiya indlu emagumeni asendlini kaNkulunkulu. **8** Ngacaphuka kakhulu

Amanye amadoda ngawatshaya ngaze ngawasiphuna inwele zaho. Ngathi kabenzu isifungo ngebizo likaNkulunkulu ngathi, “Lingendiseli amadodakazi enu emadodaneni abo, njalo lingathatheli amadodana enu amadodakazi abo futhi lani lingazithatheli wona. **26** Kwakungasimitshado enjengale yini eyenza uSolomon inkosi yako-Israyeli yenze isono? Phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi kwakungelankosi efana laye. Wayethandwa nguNkulunkulu wakhe, njalo uNkulunkulu wamenza inkosi ka-Israyeli wonke, kodwa laye wahugelwa esonweni ngabafazi bezizweni. **27** Manje-ke sesingeza ukuthi lani selisenza wonke amanyala la esabekayo njalo kalisathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wethu ngokuthatha abafazi bezizwe na?” **28** Omunye wamadodana kaJoyada indodana ka-Eliyashibi umphristi omkhulu wayengumkhwenyana kaSanibhalathi umHoroni. Ngahle ngamxotshela khatshana kwami. **29** Ubakhumbule, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba babungcolisile ubuphristi lesivumelwano sobuphristi lesabaLevi. **30** Ngakho ngabahlambulula abaphristi labaLevi kuzozonke izinto zezizweni, ngababela imisebenzi yabo, ngulowo waqondana lomsebenzi wakhe. **31** Ngaphinde ngenza amalungiselelo okulethwa kwenkuni ngezikathhi ezmisiweyo, njalo lawezithelo zokuqala. Ungikhumbule ngomusa, Oh Nkulunkulu wami.

# U-Esta

**1** Lokhu yikho okwenzakala ngesikhathi sika-Ahasuweru, owayebusa izifunda ezingaphezu kwekhulu elilamatshumi amabili lasikhombisa kusukela e-Indiya kuze kuyefika eTopiya. **2** Ngalesosikhathi inkosi u-Ahasuweru wayebusa esesigodlweni saseSusa, **3** kwathi ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe, wenzela izikhulu zakhe kanye leziphathamandla zakhe idili elikhulu. Abakhkheli bebutho basePhezhiya labaseMediya, amakhosana, kanye lezikhulu zezifunda zonke zazikhona. **4** Okwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili watshengisa ubukhulu benotho yombuso wakhe kanye lobucwazicwazi lobukhosи bombuso wakhe. **5** Kwathi lezonsuku seziphelile, inkosi yenza idili elikhulu elabakhona okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, endaweni ehonqolozelweyo esigodlweni senkosi, lisenzelwa bonke abantu abaziwayo labantukazana ababesigodlweni saseSusa. **6** Egumeni kwakulezilengiso ezimhlophe leziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, zibotshelwe emasongweni esiliva ngentambo zelineni elimhlophe lelembu eliyibubende ensikeni zamatshe aqinileyo. Kvakulembeheda yegolide lesiliva phezu kwephansi elaligandelwe ngamatshes aligugu, abomvu, aluhlaza, amhlophe lamnyama lamanye adulayo. **7** Iwayini lalinathelwa ezinkezwensi zegolide, inye ngayinye yehlukene kwezinye, njalo iwayini lesikhosini lalilinengi, kutshengisa ukukhululeka kwesandla senkosi. **8**

Ngokulaya kwenkosi, isethekeli sinye ngasinye sasikhululekile ukuthi sinathe ngokwentando yaso, ngoba inkosi yayilaye zonke iziphathamandla ezazisipha iwayini ukuthi ziphe umuntu wonke njengokufisa kwakhe. **9** INdlovukazi uVashithi layo yenzela abesifazane ababesigodlweni seNkosi u-Ahasuweru idili elikhulu. **10** Ngelanga lesikhombisa, inkosi u-Ahasuweru isidakiwe ngenxa yewayini, yalaya abathenwa abayisikhombisa ababeyisebenzela, uMehuman, uBhizitha, uHaribhona, uBhigita, uAbhagitha, uZethari loKharikhasi, **11** ukuthi balethe kuyo INdlovukazi uVashithi ethweli umqhele wakhe wobukhosи ukuze abukise ubuhle bakhe ebantwini kanye lezikhulwini, ngoba wayemuhle kakhulu. **12** Kodwa kwathi abathenwa beyitshela ngokulaya kwenkosi, INdlovukazi uVashithi yala ukuya. Ngakho inkosi yathukuthela yavutha ngolaka. **13** Njengoba kwakuyinjwayelo ukuthi inkosi icebisane lezingcitshi ezindabeni ezipathelene lemithetho kanye lokwahlulela, yakhulumu lamadoda ahlakaniphileyo ayezwisa ngomumo walezozikhathi **14** njalo ayeseduzane kakhulu lenkosi kwakunguKharishena, uShethari, u-Adimatha, uThashishi, uMeresi, uMarisena loMemukhani, izikhulu eziyisikhombisa zasePhezhiya laseMediya ezazilemvumo yokuya enkosini njalo zilezikhundla ezipakemeyo embusweni. **15** Yasisuba yathi, "Umthetho uthi kwensiwi eNdlovukazini uVashithi? Phela kayilalelanga umlayo wenkosi u-Ahasuweru awuthumele kuyo." **16** wasiwa esigodlweni sobukhosи wanikelwa ngaphansi

UMemukhani wasephendula phambi kwenkosi kanye lezikhulu zayo wathi, "INdlovukazi uVashithi yonile, hatshi enkosini kuphela, kodwa lasezikhulwini zonke kanye labantu bonke bezabelo zonke zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru. **17** Phela isenzo seNdlovukazi sizakwazakala kuwo wonke amakhosikazi, abesedeleta omkawo esithi, 'Inkosi u-Ahasuweru yalaya INdlovukazi uVashithi ukuthi ilethwe phambi kwayo, kodwa yala ukiza.' **18** Lamhlanje amakhosikazi aphakemeyo asePhezhiya kanye laseMediya asizwileyo isenzo seNdlovukazi azaphendula izikhulu zenkosi zonke ngendlela efananayo. Kuzakuba khona ukungahloniph kanye lengxabangxoza. **19** Ngakho-ke, nxa kulungile enkosini, kakube lomthetho ozaphuma esigodlweni njalo ulotshwe emithethweni yelizwe lePhezhiya leMediya, ongeke uguqulwe njalo, ukuthi uVashithi akumelanga aphinde angene lapho okulenkosи u-Ahasuweru. Njalo inkosi kayiphe isikhundla sayo sobundlovukazi komunye ongcono kulayo. **20** Kuzakuthi nxa umthetho wenkosi umenyezelwa kuwo wonke umbuso wayo omkhulu, abesifazane bonke bazahloniph omkabo kusukela komncane kusiya komkhulu." **21** Inkosi kanye lezikhulu zayo bathokoza ngalokhu kucebisa, inkosi yasisenza khona lokho uMemukhani akucebisayo. **22** Yathumela izincwadi kuzozonke izabelo zombuso, kuleso laleso sabelo incwadi yaso ngolimi olukhulunywa kuso, kwamenyezelwa ngendimi zazo ukuthi yileyo laleyo ndoda kumele ibuse umuzi wayo.

**2** Emva kokuba ukuthukuthela kweNkosi u-Ahasuweru sekudedile, yamkhumbula uVashithi kanye lalokho ayekwenzile, lalokho okwakumenyezelwe ngaye. **2** Izinceku zenkosi zasezisithi kuyo, "Akudingelwe inkosi amantombazana agcweleyo, amahle. **3** Inkosi kayikhethi iziphathamandla kuzozonke izabelo zombuso wayo ukuthi zilethe wonke amantombazana amahle endlini yabesifazane esigodlweni saseSusa. Bafakwe ezandleni zikaHegayi, umthethwa wenkosi, okhangele abesifazane; zilungiswe kuhle njalo ziphiwe amakha okuziqhola. **4** Besekusithi intombi ethokozisa inkosi ibe yiNDlovukazi esikhundleni sikaVashithi." Iseluleko lesi sayithokozisa inkosi, yasisilandela. **5** Kwakukhona esigodlweni saseSusa umJuda owendlu yakoBhenjamini, okwakuthiwa nguModekhayi, indodana kaJayiri, indodana kaShimeyi, indodana kaKhishi, **6** owayethunjwe ejerusalem nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, kanye loJekhoniya inkosi yakoJuda wayephakathi kwabathunjwayo. **7** UModekhayi wayelomzawakhe okwakuthiwa nguHadasa, amondla ngoba engelayise lonina. Intombazana le yayisaziwa langokuthi ngu-Esta, yayibuke kakhulu, inhle njalo uModekhayi wayeyondle njengendodakazi yakhe ize ifelwe nguyise lonina. **8** Kwathi umlayo wenkosi kanye lesimiso sekumenyezelwe, amantombazana amanengi alethwa esigodlweni saseSusa afakwa ezandleni zikaHegayi. U-Esta laye wathathwa Ahasuweru awuthumele kuyo." **16** wasiwa esigodlweni sobukhosи wanikelwa ngaphansi

kukaHegayi, owayelinda indawo yabesifazane. **9** endaweni yokulenga. Konke lokhu kwalotshwa Intombazana le yamthokozisa wayithanda. Wahle wayinika okokuzilungisa kuhle lamakha okuziqhola kanye lokudla okuhle. Wayipha amantombazana ayisikhombisa okuyisebenzela ayekhethwe esigodlwensi senkosi, wayisusa kanye lamantombazana ayo, wabafaka endaweni yabesifazane enhle kakhulu. **10** U-Esta wayengavezanga ukuthi udabuka ngaphi lembali yemuli yakibo, ngoba uModekhayi wayethe angakwenzi lokho. **11** Insuku zonke uModekhayi wayehamba eduzane leguma lendlu yabesifazane ukuze ezwe ukuba u-Esta uqhuba njani lokuthi uyaphila na. **12** Intombi yaiqedza izinyanga eziyisithupha igcotshwa, ilungiswa kuhle njalo iqholwa ngamakha njengalokho okwakulungiselelwa abesifazane; izinyanga eziyisithupha igcotshwa ngamafutha emure lezinje eziyisithupha iqholwa ngamakha lokunye okokuqhola, ingakayi eNkosini u-Ahasuweru. **13** Indlela intombi eyayisiya ngayo enkosini yile: loba yini intombi eyayiyifuna yayikuphiwa ukuze ihambé lakho esigodlwensi senkosi isuka endlini yabesifazane. **14** Ntambama yayisiya esigodlwensi kuthi ekuseni ibuye kweyinye indawo yabesifazane iyelondolozwa nguShashigazi, umthenwa wenkosi owayegcina abafazi beceleni. Wayengabuyeli enkosini ngaphandle kokuba yona ithokoza ngaye njalo imbize ngebizo lakhe. **15** Kwathi lapho ithuba lika-Esta (intombazana eyayondliwe nguModekhayi, indodakazi kamalumakha u-Abhihayili) selifikile ukuthi aye enkosini, kacelanga lutho ngaphandle kwalokho okwakukhulunywe nguHegayi, umthenwa wenkosi owayelondoloza abesifazane. U-Esta wathakazelelwa yibo bonke abambonayo. **16** U-Esta wasiwa enkosini ngenyanya yetshumi, inyanga yeThebhethi, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa kweNkosini u-Ahasuweru. **17** Inkosi yakhangwa ngu-Esta kakhulukazi okwedlula abanye bonke abesifazane, njalo yamthakazelela yathokoza ngaye okwedlula zonke ezinye izintombi ezicgweleyo. Ngakho yamethesa umqhele wobukhosu yamenha waba yindlovukazi endaweni kaVashithi. **18** Inkosi yasisenza idili elikhulu kakhulu, idili lika-Esta, isenzela izikhulu kanye leziphathamandla zayo. Yamemezela usuku lwhekhefu kuzozonke izabelo, yapha leziphlo ngesandla esikhululekileyo sobukhosu. **19** Kwathi izintombi ezicgweleyo sezhlangene okwesibili, uModekhayi wayehlezsi esangweni lenkosi. **20** U-Esta wayekwenze kwaba yimfihlo okwemuli yakhe lalapho adabuka khona njengokutshelwa kwakhe nguModekhayi ukuba akwenze, njalo waqhubeka elandela imilayo kaModekhayi njengalokhu ayekwenza esamkhulisa. **21** Ngesikhathi uModekhayi ehlezsi esangweni lenkosi, abathenwa benkosi ababili ababelinda emnyango, uBhigithani loThereshi, bathukuthela baceba ukuyibulala inkosi u-Ahasuweru. **22** Kodwa uModekhayi wakuzwa ababekuceba wasetshela iNdlovukazi u-Esta, owabika lokho erikosini, ebabaza isenzo esihle sikaModekhayi. **23** Kwathi lowombiko usuhlolisisiwe kwatholakala ukuthi uliqiniso, iziphathamandla lezo zombili zalengiswa **3** Ngemva kwalezo zehlakalo, inkosi u-Ahasuweru wenza uHamani indodana kaHamedatha um'Agagi waba lodumo ngokumphakamisa, wamupha isikhundla esiphakemeyo, esihloniphekayo ukwedlula eseziyene zezikhulu zonke. **2** Zonke iziphathamandla zesigodlwensi esangweni lenkosi zaguqa phansi zamkhothamela uHamani, ngoba inkosi yayilaye lokho ngaye. Kodwa uModekhayi kazange amkhothamele loba amkhonze. **3** Ngakho iziphathamandla zesigodlwensi esangweni lenkosi zabuza uModekhayi zisithi, "Kungani ungalaleli umlayo wenkosi?" **4** Bakhulumaya insuku negezinsuku kodwa wala ukwenza lokho. Ngakho bamtshela uHamani ngalokho befuna ukubona kumbe isenzo sikaModekhayi sasizakwamukeleka, ngoba wayebatshelile ukuthi yena ungumjuda. **5** Kwathi uHamani ebona ukuthi uModekhayi kamguqeli njalo kamkhonzi, wathukuthela kakhlukazi. **6** Kwathi ngoba esekwazi ukuthi uModekhayi udabuka ngaphi, wawulahla umqondo wokubulala uModekhayi yedwa. Kodwa uHamani wadinga indlela yokubulala bonke abomhlobo kaModekhayi, amajuda, kuwo wonke umbuso ka-Ahasuweru. **7** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokubusa kuka-Ahasuweru, ngenyanga yakuqala, inyanga ethiwa nguNisani, benza inkatho ethiwa yiphuri phambi kukaHamani ukuze bakhetha usuku lenyanga. Inkatho yadla inyanga yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa yi-Adari. **8** UHamani wasesithi eNkosini u-Ahasuweru, "Kukhona abantu abathile abahlakazeke basabalala phakathi kwabantu abasezabelwensi zonke zombuso wakho abalemikhuba eyehlkene leyabantu bonke, njalo abangalaleli imithetho yenkosi. Inkosi akumelanga ibayekelele kulokho. **9** Nxa lokhu kulungile enkosiri, kakube lesimemezelo somthetho wokuba babhujiswe. Mina ngizafaka phakathi kwengcebo yesigodlwensi amathalenta esiliva alitshumi lenkulungwane ukuphathisa amadoda azakwenza umsebenzi lo." **10** Ngakho inkosi yakhupha indandatho yophawu lwayo emunweni yayipha uHamani indodana kaHamedatha, um'Agagi, isitha samajuda. Inkosi yathi kuHamani, **11** "Gcina imali le, wenze ebantwini njengokuthanda kwakho." **12** Kwathi ngosuku lwetshumi lantathu ngenyanga yokuqala onobhala besigodlwensi babizwa. Babhala ngokulotshwa kwesabelo sinye ngasinye njalo ngolimi lwabantu balesosabelo, yonke imilayo kaHamani eyayisiya kuziphathamandla zenkosi, ababusizi bezabelo ezechlukaneyo kanye lasezikhulwini ezaziphetha abantu abehlukaneyo. Yayibhalwe ngebizo leNkosini u-Ahasuweru ngokwakhe njalo yadindwa ngophawu lwendandatho yakhe. **13** Izincwadi zathunyelwa ngezithunywa kuzozonke izabelo zenkosi kuloimlayo wokuba kubhujiswe, kubulawe njalo kutshabalaliswe wonke amajuda, abatsha labadala, abesifazane labantwana ngelangala elioldwa, ilanga letshumi lantathu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili, enyangeni ethiwa ngu-Adari, njalo lokuphanga impahla yabo. **14** Amazwi

esimemezelo leso ayezakhutshwa abe ngumthetho lingizilele ukudla. Lingaze ladla loba ukunatha omisiweyo kuzozonke izabelo, aziswe bonke abantu okwensuku ezintathu, ebusuku lemini. Mina kanye bakuzo zonke izizwe ukuze bazilungiselele lolosuku. **15** lezincekukazi zami sizazila njengani. Nxa lokhu Izithunywa zakhuthazwa ngumlayo wenkosi, zaphuma sekwenziwe, ngizakuya enkosini loba nje lokho zakhupha umthetho omisiweyo esigodlweni saseSusa. kungekho emthethweni. Nxa ngisifa, ngiyabe ngifile.” Inkosi loHamani bahlala phansi banatha, kodwa **17** Ngakho uModekhayi wasuka wayakwenza lokho abedolobho laseSusa badideka.

**4** Kwathi uModekhayi esezwile ngakho konke **5** Ngelanga lesithathu u-Esta wagqoka izembatho okwasekwensiwe, wadabula iziqgoko zakhe, zakhe zobukhos wema enkundleni engaphakathi wagqoka amasaka okulila, wazihuqa ngomlotha, kwesigodlo phambi kwendlu yenkos. Inkosi yayihlezi waphuma wangena phakathi komuzi ekhala kakhulu esihlalweni sayo sobukhos endlini yayo, ikhangele njalo kabuhlungukazi. **2** Kodwa wahamba wayafika emnyango. **2** Yathi ibona iNdlovukazi u-Esta imi esangweni lenkosi, ngoba akulamuntu owayevuyelwa enkundleni, yathokoza ngaye, yasiselula intonga yayo ukungena eggoke amasaka okulila. **3** Kuzozonke yegolide eyayisesandleni sayo, yamkhomba ngayo. izabelo lapho isimiso somthetho lomlayo wenkosi U-Esta wasesondela wathinta isihloko sentonga. **3** okwafika khona, kwaba lokulila okukhulu kubajuda, Inkosi yasibuza yathi, “Kutheni Ndlovukazi Esta? Siyini bazila ukudla, bakhala njalo belila. Abanengi balala isicelo sakho na? Uzanikwa loba yini, okungafika emlotheni begqoke amasaka okulila. **4** Kwathi kungxene yombuso.” **4** U-Esta wathi, “Nxa inkosi izincku zika-Esta kanye labathenwa bakhe befika ithokoza ngalokhu, bengicela ukuthi inkosi kanye bemtshela ngoModekhayi, waba lokudabuka okukhulu. loHamani beze lamhla edilini engililungisele yona.” Wamthumela izembatho zokuthi aggoke endaweni **5** Inkosi yathi, “UHamani keze khathesi, ukuze yamasaka okulila, kodwa wala ukuzamukela. **5** kwenziwe okucelwa ngu-Esta.” Inkosi loHamani U-Esta wasebiza uHathakhi, omunye wabatherwa bayu edilini elalilungiswe ngu-Esta. **6** Kwathi benkosi wayekhethwe ukuba yinceku yakhe, besanatha iwayini, inkosi yambuza njalo u-Esta wamlaya ukuba ayeddingisa lokho okwakukhathaza yathi, “Siyini isicelo sakho? Uzakukwamukeliswa. uModekhayi lembangela yakho. **6** Ngakho uHathakhi Kuyini okucelayo na? Uzanikwa loba yini okungafika wayu kuModekhayi egcekeni ledolobho phambi kungxene yombuso.” **7** U-Esta waphendula wathi, kwasango lenkosi. **7** UModekhayi wamtshela konke “Isikhala sami lesicelo sami yilokhu: **8** Nxa inkosi okwakwenzakale kuye, kugoqela inani lemali uHamani ingamukela ngomusa njalo nxa inkosi ithokoza ayethembise ukulibhadala lingene enothweni yenkos. ngokwamukela isikhala sami njalo igcwaliise isicelo kusenzelwa ukubhujiswa kwamajuda. **8** Wamupha sami, bengicela ukuthi inkosi kanye loHamani njalo amazwi esimemezelo leso ayezakhutshwe kusasa beze edilini engizabalungisa lona. Kulapho aba ngumthetho omisiweyo wokubhujiswa kwabo, engizaphendula okubuzwe yinkosi.” **9** UHamani wasuka owawumenyezelwe eSusa, ukuze awutshengise u-lapho mhlalokho ethabe kakhulukazi. Kodwa uthe Esta njalo amchazele ngawo; njalo wamtshela ebona uModekhayi esesangweni lenkosi wanenzelela ukuthi amkhuthaze ukuba aye enkosini ukuyacela ukuthi kamsukumeli loba ukutshengisa ukwesaba isihawu sayo encengela abantu bakibo. **9** UHathakhi phambi kwakhe, wagcwalelana ngokumthukuthelela wabuyela wayamtshela u-Esta lokho okwakukhulunywe uModekhayi. **10** Kodwa wazibamba wayu emzini nguModekhayi. **10** Yena wasemlaya ukuba athi wakhe, wabiza abangane bakhe ndawonye kanye kuModekhayi, **11** “Zonke iziphathamanda zenkosi loZereshi umkakhe, **11** uHamani wasezincoma kanye labasezigodlweni ezabelweni bayakwazi ukuthi kubo ngenotho yakhe enengi, langamadodana inkosi ilomthetho owoawa zwi kuloba yiphi akhe amanengi, kanye lazozonke izindlela inkosi indoda loba owesifazane osondela enkosini angene eyayimlonipha ngazo lokuthi imphakamise yambeka endlini ephakathi engabizwanga; kufanele abulaweh, phezu kwezinye izikhulu leziphathamanda. **12** ngaphandle kokuba inkosi yelule intonga yayo UHamani wengeza wathi, “Njalo akusikho kodwa lokhu. yegolide imkhombe ngayo ukuze impilo yakhe Yimi ngedwa zwi umuntu omenyewe yiNdlovukazi u-iphephe. Kodwa, sekwedlule amalanga angamatshumi Esta ukuba ngiphelekezele inkosi edilini elenzileyo. amathathu selokhu ngacina ukubizelwa enkosini.” Njalo usenginxusile kanye lenkosi kusasa. **13** Kodwa **12** Kwathi amazwi ka-Esta ebikwa kuModekhayi, **13** konke lokhu akungisuthisi ikakhulu nxa ngilokhu waphendula wathi: “Ungacabangi ukuthi ngoba wena ngibona umJuda loya onguModekhayi ehlezi esangweni usendlini yenkos. ngiwe wedwa kuwo wonke amajuda lenkosi.” **14** Umkkakhe uZereshi kanye labangane ozaphepha. **14** Nxa ungala uthule ngalesisikhathi, usizo bakhe bonke bathi kuye, “Yenza indawo yokulengisa lokukhululwa kwamajuda kuzavela kwenye indawo, abantu, ibe zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa kodwa wena kanye lemuli kayihlo lizabhubba. Njalo lanhlantu ubude, ubusucela inkosi ekuseni ukuba kwazi bani, ukuthi uze kulesi sikhundla sobukhos ilengise uModekhayi lapho. Ube usuziyela edilini ngenxa yesikhathi esinjengalesi na?” **15** U-Esta uchelesile.” Umcabango lo wamthokozisa kakhulu wasethumela impendulo le kuModekhayi: **16** “Hamba uHamani, yasisakhiwa indawo yokulengisa. uyebuthanisa ndawonye wonke amajuda aseSusa,

**6** Ngalobobusuku inkosi yaswela ubuthongo; ngakho sithengisiwe ukuze sichithwe njalo sibulawwe ukuze yalaya ukuba kulethwe kuyo ugwalo lwemiLando, singabikhona emhlabeni. Ngabe besimane satthengiswa imibhalo yombuso wayo, izobalelw. **2** Kwatholakala njengeziggili zesilisa lezesifazane, bengizazithulela, emibhalweni ukuba uModekhayi wayeveze ukuba ngoba akulahlupho olunje olungabangela ukuthi uBhigithani loThreshi, abathenwa benkosi ababelinda inkosi iphanjaniswe.” **5** Inkosi u-Ahasuweru wathi entubeni, babecebe ukubulala inkosi u-Ahasuweru. ku-Esta iNdlovukazi, “Ngubani lowo? Ungaphi umuntu obelesibindi sokwenza into enje?” **6** U-Esta lokwaziwa ngalokhu?” Izinceku zenkosи zathi, wathi, “Isitha lomuntu ololunya nguyenalo uHamani “Akulathu alwenzelwayo.” **4** Inkosi yasisithi, “Ngubani osenkundleni na?” UHamani wayesanda kungena enkundleni yangaphandle yesigodlo ezokhuluma lenkosi mayelana lokulengisa uModekhayi endaweni ayeyakhele lokho. **5** Izinceku zayo zathi, “UHamani umi enkundleni.” Inkosi yalaya yathi, “Mngeniseni.” **6** UHamani esengenile, inkosi yathi kuye, “Kuyini okungenzelwa umuntu inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo?” UHamani wacabanga ngaphakathi wathi, “Kambe ngubani ongaphiwa udumo yinkosi ngaphandle kwami?” **7** Ngakho waphendula inkosi wathi, “Emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo, **8** kabamlethele isembatho sobukhosи esesake sagqokwa yinkosi kanye lebhiza eselake lagadwa yinkosi, eliomqhele wobukhosи ekhanda lalo. **9** Isembatho leso kanye lebhiza kakube sezandleni zesinе sezikhulu zenkosи ezhiloniphekayo kakhulu. Umuntu lo inkosi ethokoza ngaye efuna ukumupha udumo kagqokiswe lezozemba, abesekhokhelwa edabula phakathi kwemigwaqo yedolobho egade ibhiza, kumenyezwе phambi kwakhe ukuthi, ‘Lokhu yikho okwenziwa emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo!’” **10** Inkosi yasila uHamani yathi, “Hamba khona manje uyethatha izembatho kanye lebhiza wenze njengokucebisa kwakho kuModekhayi umJuda ohlezi esangweni lenkosi. Ungaze watshiya loba yikuphi okuqbabileyo.” **11** UHamani wasethathha izembatho kanye lebhiza. Wamqokisa uModekhayi, wasemkhokhela ephezu kwebhiza, wadabula imigwaqo yedolobho, ehamba ememeza esithi, “Lokhu yikho okwenziwa emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngaye ukuba imuphe udumo!” **12** Ngemva kwalokho uModekhayi wabuyela esangweni lenkosi. Kodwa uHamani watshitsha waya ngekhaya, emboze ikhanda ngosizi, **13** watshela uZereshi umkakhe kanye labangane bakhe bonke ngakho konke okwakumehlele. Abeluleki bakhe lomkakhe uZereshi bathi kuye, “Njengoba uModekhayi osuqale ukuwa phambi kwakhe engumJuda ngokwemvelo, awungeke umelane laye, uztshabalala ngempela.” **14** Kwathi besakhuluma laye, kwafika abathenwa benkosi barnthatha masinyane ukuya edilini elalilungiswe ngu-Esta.

**7** Inkosi loHamani basebesiyakudla leNdlovukazi u-Esta, **2** kwathi besanatha iwayini ngalelolanga lesibili, inkosi yabuza njalo yathi, “Ndlovukazi Esta, kuyini okucelayo na? Uzakukwamukeliswa. Kuyini okucelayo na? Uzanikwa loba yini okungafika kungxene yombuso.” **3** INDlovukazi yaphendula yathi, “Nxa ngifumene umusa kuwe nkosi, njalo nxa inkosi kuyithokozisa, bengicelela ukuphila, yiso ngebizo lenkosi usenzula amajuda njengokubona kwakho, ubusuyingcina ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, ngoba awukho umbiko olotshwe ngebizo lenkosi wangcina ngophawu lwendandatho yayo ongadilizwa.” **9** Onobhala besigodlwani bahle babizwa masinyane, ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lantathu ngenyanga yesithathu, inyanga ethiwa nguSivana.

Babhalo yonke imilayo kaModekhayi kumajuda, alitshumi kaHammani indodana kaHamedatha, isitha lakuziphathamandla, kubabusi lakuzikhulu kuzozonke samajuda. Kodwa abazange bayithathe impango. **11** izabelo ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa Inani lalabo ababulawayo esigodlweni saseSusa labikwa kusukela e-Indiya kuze kuyefika eTopiya. Imilayo enkosini ngalelolanga. **12** Inkosi yathi eNdlovukazini leyo yayibhalwe ngombhalo walelo lalelo lizwe u-Esta, “Amajuda asebulale njalo achitha amadoda ngolimi lwalababantu njalo lakubaJuda ngombhalo angamakhulu amahlanu kanye lamadodana kaHammani wabo lolimi lwabo. **10** UModekhayi wabhala alitshumi enqabeni yaseSusa. Kuyini asebekwenze ngebizo leNkosi u-Ahasuweru, wangcina izincwadi kwezinye izabelo zenkos? Tshono, siyini isicelo lezo ngophawu lwendarandho yenkos, wathuma sakho? Uzakunkwa. Kuyini okucelayo na? Lakho izithunywa ezazigada amabhiza ayelesiqubu efuyelwe uzakwenzelwa.” **13** U-Esta wathi, “Nxa kuyithokozisa ukusethenziswa yinkosi. **11** Isimiso somlayo inkosi, phana imvumo kubajuda abaseSusa ukuthi wenkosi sasinika amajuda kuwo wonke amadolobho benze isimiso somlayo lo kusasa njalo uvumele imvumo yokuhlangana lokuzivikela; ukuchitha, ukuba amadodana kaHammani alitshumi alengiswe ukubulala babhubhise yonke impi ehlomileyo eyaloba esakhiweni sokulengisa.” **14** Inkosi yalaya ukuba yisiphi isizwe loba isifunda esasingabahlasela kanye kwenziziwe lokho. Isimiso somlayo samenyezelwa labesfazane labantwana; lokuthi baphange impahlha eSusa, alengiswa amadodana kaHammani alitshumi. yezitha zabo. **12** Ilanga elamiswayo ukuba amajuda enze lokho kuzozonke izabelo zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru lalingeletshumi lantathu ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa ngu-Adari. **13** Isimiso somlayo lowo sasisakhutshwa sibe ngumthetho kuzozonke izabelo, umenyezelwe ebantwini bezizwe zonke ukuze amajuda ahlale elungele ngalelolanga ukuphindisela zigade amabhiza esigodlweni, zifuqwa ngumlayo wenkosi. Isimiso somlayo samenyezelwa edolobheni laseSusa. **15** UModekhayi wasuka phambi kwenkosi laseSusa. **16** Kwaba yisikhathi sokuthaba lokuthokoza, injabulo lodumo kubajuda. **17** Kuzozonke izabelo lakuwo wonke amadolobho, ingqe lapho isimiso somlayo wenkosi esaya khona, kwaba lentokozo lenjabulo kubajuda, kwaba lamadili kwadliwa. Abantu abanengi bakwezinye izizwe baba ngabaJuda ngenxa yokwesaba amajuda.

**9** Ngelanga letshumi lantathu ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, inyanga ethiwa ngu-Adari, isimemezelo somlayo wenkosi kwakufanele senziwe. Ngalelilanga izitha zamajuda zazisithi zizakuwanqoba, kodwa akusayanga njengokucabangela kwabo ngoba amajuda aba yiwo anqobayo. **2** Amajuda abuthana emadolobheni awo kuzozonke izabelo zeNkosi u-Ahasuweru ukuhlasela labo ababefuna ukubachitha. Kakho owayengamelana labo, ngoba abantu bezizwe zonke ezinye babebesaba. **3** Ngakho zonke izikhulu vezabelo, iziphathamandla, ababusi kanye lezisebenzi zenkosи bandedisa amajuda, ngoba besesaba uModekhayi. **4** UModekhayi wayesengumuntu omkhulu esigodlweni; udumo lwakhe lwamemetheka kuzozonke izabelo, waba lamandla amakhulu kakhulu. **5** Amajuda acakaza izitha zavo zonke ngenkemba, enza intando yawo ezitheni ezaziwazonda. **6** Esigodlweni saseSusa, amajuda abulala njalo achitha amadoda angamakhulu amahlanu. **7** Abulala njalo uPharishandatha, uDalifoni, u-Asiphatha, **8** uPhoratha, u-Adaliya, u-Aridatha, **9** uPharimashitha, u-Arisayi, u-Aridayi loVayizatha, **10** amadodana

konke ababekubonile lokwakwenzakale kubo, **27**  
amajuda akwenza umlandu wawo ukuthi aqalise  
umkhuba wokuthi wona kanye lezizukulwane zaho  
labo bonke abahlanganyela lawo kumele loba kutheni  
baphumule ngezinsuku lezi ezimbili minyaka yonke,  
ngendlela eyayimisiwe langesikhathi esasiqanjiwe.  
**28** Amalanga la kumele akhunjulwe njalo alandelwe  
kuzozonke izizukulwane zezimuli zonke, ezifundeni  
zonke lemadolobheni wonke. Akumelanga amalanga  
ePhurimi la ayekelwe ukuthakazelewa ngamaJuda,  
loba ukuthi isikhumbuzo sawo sikhohlakale kumbe  
sitshabalale kuzizukulwane zaho. **29** Ngakho,  
iNdlovukazi u-Esta, indodakazi ka-Abhiahili, kanye  
loModekhayi umJuda, babhalo ngegunya langamandla  
amakhulu beginisekisa incwadi yesibili eyayimayelana  
lePhurimi. **30** UModekhayi wathumela izincwadi  
kubo bonke abangamaJuda ezifundeni ezilikhulu  
elilamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa embusweni ka-  
Ahasuweru, amazwi okubafisela ukuthula lokubaqinisa,  
**31** ukuba lezinsuku zePhurimi ngezikathathi ezazimisiwe,  
njengokumememezela kukaModekhayi umJuda  
leNdlovukazi u-Esta, lanjengalokhu ababeziqaliselie  
khona kanye lezizukulwane zabo mayelana lezikathathi  
zokuzila lokulila. **32** Isimemezelo sika-Esta saqinisa  
imithetho le emayelana lePhurimi, kwalotshwa phansi  
emibhalweni.

**10** Inkosi u-Ahasuweru wenza isinqumo sokuthelisa  
abantu kuwo wonke umbuso lasemikhunjini  
ekhatshana. **2** Zonke izenzo zamandla akhe  
amakhulu, kanye lemibhalo elandisa ngobukhulu  
bukaModekhayi inkosi eyayimphakamise ngabo,  
akulotshwanga na egwalweni lwemiLando yamakhosi  
aseMediya lasePhezhiya? **3** UModekhayi umJuda  
wayelandela inkosi u-Ahasuweru esikhundleni  
embusweni, engumhlonitshwa omkhulu phakathi  
kwamaJuda, njalo eqakathekiswa ngabanengi kubajuda  
bakibo, ngoba wayesebenzela ukuphila kuhle kwabantu  
bakibo njalo wayemela inhlalakahle yawo wonke  
amaJuda.

# UJobe

**1** Elizweni lase-Uzi kwakuhlala indoda eyayithiwa ngujobe. Indoda le yayingelasici, iqotho; yayimesaba uNkulunkulu njalo ikuxwaya okubi. **2** Yayilamodadona ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu, **3** ilezimu eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, amakamela azinkulungwane ezintathu, izipani zenkabi ezingamakhulu amahlanu labobabhemu abangamakhulu amahlanu, njalo ilezisebenzi ezinengi. Yayinothile kulabo bonke abantu beMpumalanga. **4** Amadodana akhe ayesenza amazophia okwenza amadili okuthakazelela amalanga okuzalwa kwawo ezindlini zaho, anxuse odadewabo bobathathu ukuzakudla anathe labo. **5** Kwakusithi mhla idili liphela, ujobe wayewabiza azowahlambulula. Ekuseni kakhulu wayesenza umnikelo wokutshisa wamunye ngamunye esithi, "Mhlawumbwe abantwabami benzile isono bathuka uNkulunkulu ezihriliziyweni zabo." Lo waba ngumkhuba wakhe ujobe. **6** Ngelinye ilanga izingilosu zeza ukuezethula phambi kukaThixo, loSathane weza lazo. **7** UThixo wathi kuSathane, "Uvela ngaphi?" USathane waphendula uThixo wathi, "Ngivelu ekuzulazulen emhlabeni, ngihambahamba ngisiya le lale." **8** UThixo wasesithi kuSathane, "Usuke wayinanzelela yini inceku yami ujobe? Kakho emhlabeni onjengaye; kalasici, uqondile, indoda emesabayo uNkulunkulu, exwaya okubi. Ulokhu emi kubo ubuqotho bakhe lanxa wangiphoga ukuthi ngimdlize kungelasisatho." **4** USathane waphendula wathi, "Isikhumba ngesikhumba! Umuntu anganikela loba yini alayo ukusiza impilo yakhe. **5** Kodwa yelula isandla sakho umtshaye inyama lamathambo akhe, uzabona uzakuthuka ebuswenu bakho." **6** UThixo wathi kuSathane, "Kulungile, usezendleni zakho, kodwa ungayithinti impilo yakhe." **7** Ngakho uSathane wasesuka phambi kukaThixo wathela uJobe izilonda ezbuhlungu kusukela ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe kusiyafika esicholo sekhandla lakhe. **8** Ujobe wasethatha ucezu lodengezi wazihwaya ngalo ehlezi esilotheni. **9** Umkkhe wathi kuye, "Ulokhu ubambellele kubo ubuqotho bakho na? Mthuke uNkulunkulu uzifele!" **10** Waphendula wathi, "Ukhuluma njengomfazi oyisiwula. Sizakwamukela okuhle kuNkulunkulu singalwamukeli uhlupho na?" Kukho konke lokhu ujobe kenzanga isono ngakutshoyo. **11** Kwathi abangane bakajobe abathathu, u-Elifazi umThemani, uBhilidadi umShuhi loZofari umNaHama sebezwile ngazozonke inhlupho ezazimwele, basuka emakhaya abo bahlangana bavumelana ukuthi bahambe bayomqinisa njalo bamduduze. **12** Bathi bembona besesebucwala kabaze bamazi; baqhinqa isililo, badabula izembatho zabo, bathela uthuli emakhanda abo. **13** Basebehllala phansi laye okwensuku eziyisikhombisa lobusuku obuyisikhombisa. Kakho kubo owatsho ulutho kuye ngoba babona ubuhlungu obukhulu ayephakathi kwabo.

bahle bafa, kwasila mina ngedwa ukuzakubikela!" **20** Ekuwza lokho ujobe wasukuma wadabula isembatho sakhe, waphuca ikhanda lakhe. Wazilahla phansi wakhonza **21** wathi: "Ngaphuma ngize esiswini sikamama, njalo ngizasuka ngize. UTHixo wapha njalo usethethe; kalidunyiswe ibizo likaThixo." **22** Phakathi kwakho konke lokhu ujobe kazange enze isono ngokubeka umlandu wokuthi athi uNkulunkulu wonile.

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**3** Ngemva kwalokho ujobe wavula umlomo wakhe waliqalekisa ilanga azalwa ngalo. **2** Wathi: **3** "Sengathi ilanga lokuzalwa kwami lingatshabalala, lalobobusuku okwathihwa, 'Kuzelwe umfana!' **4** Lulosuku sengathi lungaphenduka ubumnyama; sengathi uNkulunkulu ophezelu angangalunanzi; lokukhanya kucime ngalo. **5** Sengathi ubumnyama lethunzi elikhulu kungaluginya njalo; sengathi iyezi lingalusibekela; sengathi umnyama ungalugubuzela. **6** Lobobusuku, sengathi ubumnyama bungabuthi jwamu; sengathi bungayekelwa ukubalwa kanye lezinsuku

zomnyaka futhi bungangenisa lakuyiphi inyanga. 7 adungayo ebusuku, lapho abantu belele obukabhuka, Sengathi lobobusuku bungaba yinyumba; sengathi 14 ukwesaba lokuthuthumela kwangifikela kwenza kungeze kwezwakala umsindo wentokozo ngalo. 8 wonke amathambo ami aqhaqhazela. 15 Kwathi tshazi Sengathi labo abaqalekisa insuku bangaluqalekisa umoya emehlweni ami, wahlasimula umzimba wami lolosuku, labo abazimisele ukuhlokoza uLeviyathani. lenwele zami zema. 16 Umoya lowo wema, kodwa 9 Sengathi izinkanyezi zalo zokusa zingafiphala; kangikwazanga ukuthi kuyini. Kwakumi into phambi lulindele imini kube yize lungayiboni imisebe kwamehlo ami, ngasengisizwa ilizwi elihelezayo: 17 yokuqala yokusa, 10 ngoba kaluyivalanga iminyango ‘Kambe umuntu angalunga ukwendula uNkulunkulu na? yesibeletho ngisiza ukufihla uhlupo emehlweni Umuntu angahlanzeka kuloMenzi wakhe na? 18 Nxa ami. 11 Kungani ngingafanga ngizalwa, ngahle uNkulunkulu engazethembi izinceku zakhe, nxa ebeka ngacitsa ngisaphuma esiswini na? 12 Kungani kwaba lamadolo okungemukela lamabele okungimunyisa izingilos zakhe umlandu ngokona, 19 pho-ke kuzakuba na? 13 Ngoba manje ngabe ngilele ekuthulen; ngabe njani kulabu abahlala ezindlini zodaka, ozisekelo ngisebuthongweni ekuphumuleni 14 kanye lamakhosi zazo zisothulini, abahlfizeka lula njengenondo! 20 lababusi bomhlaba, ababezakhele izindawo okwamanje Phakathi kokusa lokuhlwa bayabhidlwiza babe yizicucu; sezingamanxiwa, 15 kanye lamakhosana ayelegolide, bengananiza langubani, bayabhubha kokuphela. egcwalise izindlu zawo ngesiliva. 16 Kumbe kungani 21 Izintambo zamatende abo kazidonswa na, bafe bengelalwazi?”

**5** “Memeza nxa uthanda, kodwa ngubani ozakuphendula na? Uzaphendukela kuwuphi wabangcwele na? **2** Ukuaphukwa kuyasibula isiwula lomhawu uyamqeda oyisithutha. **3** Mina ngokwami sengasibona isiwula siphumelela, kodwa masinyane nje indlu yaso yayisiqalekisiwe. **4** Abantwabaso kabavikelekanga lakancinyane, baphosewla entolongweni bengelamvikeli. **5** Abalambileyo bayazidlela isivuno sakhe, besithatha kanye lasemeveni, labomileyo bahahabela inotho yakhe. **6** Ngoba ubunzima kabugobhozi emhlabathini, loba uhlupho luhlume phansi. **7** Kodwa umuntu uzalelwu ukuhlupheka njengoba negeqiniso inhlansi zomlilo ziqhatsheha phezulu. **8** Kodwa aluba ubuyimi, bengizamncenga uNkulunkulu; bengizakwethula udubo lwami kuye. **9** Uyazenza izimanga ezingelakulinganiswa, imimangaliso engelakubala. **10** Uyanisa izulu emhlabeni; uthumela amanzi elizweni. **11** Abaphansi uyabakhweza phezulu, labalo abakhalayo ubaphakamisela ekuphepheni. **12** Uyawafubisa amacebo amaqli, ukuze izandla zawo zingaphumeleli. **13** Uyababamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilino babo, kuthi amaqhinga eziphoxo achitheke. **14** Ubumnyama buyabehlela emini; phakathi kwemini bayaphumputha kungathi kusebusuku. **15** Uyabasindisa abaswelayo baphephe inkemba emlonyeni wabo; uyabasindisa ekubanjweni ngabalamanda. **16** Ngakho abayanga balalo ithemba, ukwahluulela kubi kuvala owakho umlomo. **17** Ubusisiwe umuntu oqondiswa nguNkulunkulu; ngakho ungaseysi isijeziso sikaSomandla. **18** Ngoba uyagwaza, kodwa aphinde abophe amanxeba; tuyalimaza kodwa izandla zakhe njalo ziyapholisa. **19** Uzakuhlenga ezinhluphekweni eziyisithupha; kweziyisikhombisa kawuyikuwelwa yingoz. **20** Ngesikhathi sendlala uzakuhlenga ekufeni, lasempini akuhlenge ekugaleleni kwenkemba. **21** Uzavikelwa ekuhletshweni, ungaze wesaba nxa kufika incithakalo. **22** Uzakuhleka ukuchithakala kanye lendlala, njalo ungaze wazesaba izilo zomhlaba. **23** Ngoba uzakuba lesivumelwano lamatshe eganga, lezinyamazana zeganga zizahlalisana kuhle lawe. **24** Uzakwazi ukuthi ithente lakho livikelekile; uzahlolisiza

impahla yakho uthole kungelalutho olungekho. **25** zami? Kambe umlomo wami kawukwehlukanisi okubi Uzakwazi ukuthi abantwabakho bazakuba banengi, na?"

lesizukulwane sakho sibe ngangotshani bomhlaba.

**26** Uzakuza engcwabenii usukhulile okugcweleyo njengezikhweli zamabele eziqoqwa esziphelele. **27** Sesukhulolile lokhu, kuliqiniso. Ngakho kuzwisise, ukulandele wena ngokwakwo."

**7** "Umuntu kakho ekutshikatshikeni okunzima yini emhlabenii? Insuku zakhe kazifani lezomuntu oqhatshiwelo na? **2** Njengesigqili siloyisa amathunzi okuhluwa, lanjengoqhatshiwelo elindle umhlo wakhe,

**3** kanjalo ngibekelie izinyanga ezingelambadaloo, lobusuku bosizi sebabewelo mina. **4** Ngithi nxa ngilala ngicabange ngithi, 'Kuzakusa nini na?' Ubusuku buyadonsa ngiqwayize kuze kuse. **5** Umzimba wami uphihlika impethu lamathuthuva, isikhumba sami siyobukile siyahibhibidla. **6** Insuku zami ziyaphangisa kulosungulo lomaluki, zisuka ziphele kungekho ithemba. **7** Khumbula, Oh Nkulunkulu, ukuthi impilo yami ngumoya nje; amehlo ami kawayikufa akubona njalo ukuthokoza. **8** Ilihlo elingibonayo khathesi alisayikuphinde lingibone futhi; lizangidina, kodwa ngizakuba ngingaseko. **9** Njengeyezi elinyamalalayo liphelle, kanjalo lowo ongena engcwabenii kaphenduki.

(Sheol h7585) **10** Kasoze lanini aphinde angene endlini yakhe; indawo yakhe kayisayikubuye imazi lanini. **11** Ngakho-ke kangizkuthula; ngizakhulum ubuhlungu obusemoyeni wami, ngizasola ngokudabuka komphefumulo wami. **12** Ngiluwandle yini, kumbe ngiyisilo semanzini okungaze lihlale lingilindile?

**13** Ngithi lapho ngicabanga ukuthi umbheda wami

lokhu ngithembala? Ngisamelelwane yini ukuba ngibe uzangiduduza lecanis lami liphungule ukusola kwami,

ngilokhu ngibekeliza? **12** Ngilamandla elitshe yini? Inyama yami ilithusi na? **13** Ngilawo yini amandla okuzisiza, manje njengoba sengemukwe impumelelo? **14** Iloba ngubani ogodla umusa kumkhula wakhe udedla ukwesaba uSomandla. **15** Kodwa abafowethu kabathenja njengemifula egeleza icitsha, njengemifula echithayo **16** ileliqhwa eselincibilika, njalo igcwele ngongqwaqwane osencibilikile, **17** ekuseni insuku zonke njalo umlinge imizuwana yonke na? **19** Kawusoze uke ukhangale eceleni kwami na, loba uke ungixekele okomzuzwana yini? **20** Aluba

ingenze isono, kuyini engikwenzileyo kuwe, wena mlindi wabantu? Kungani ukhethe ukuhlukuluza mina na? Sengingunthwalo kuwe na? **21** Kungani ungaxoleli iziphambeko zami na, uthethelele izono zami? Ngoba kakusekhatsana ukuthi ngilale othulini; uzangidina, kanti ngizabze ngingaseko."

**8** UBhilidadi umShuhi wasephendula wathi: **2** "Koze kube nini ukhulumu izinto ezinjalo? Amazwi akho angumoya ophenquzayo. **3** Kambe uNkulunkulu uyakuhlanekela ukulunga na? Kambe uSomandla uyakuhlanekela okuhle na? **4** Lapho abantwabakho besona kuye, wabapha isijeziso sokona kwabo. **5** Kanti nxa wena uzakhangela kuNkulunkulu uncenge kuSomandla, **6** nxa umsulwa ulungle, lamanje nje uzaphakama akusise akubuyisele esimeni sakho. **7** Lapho owaqlisa khona kuzakhanya sekukuncinyane, ngoba ngezinsuku eziphele uzabe usuphumelela kakhulu. **8** Buza izizukulwane ezingaphambili udinge ukuthi okhokho babo bafundani, **9** ngoba thina sizelwe izolo nje, kasazi lutho, lezinsuku zethu emhlabenii zilithunzi kuphela. **10** Kambe kaziyikukulaya

**6** Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** "Nxa ubuhlungu bami bungalinganisa lokuhlupheka kwami konke kufakwe esikalini! **3** Ngempela bungasinda ukwendlula itshebetshebe yowlandle, akungamangalisi ukuthi amazwi ami abhede kanje. **4** Imitshoke kaSomandla iphakathi kwami, umoya wami unatha itshefu yayo; inhlupho zokuhlukuluza zikaNkulunkulu ziqondiswe kimi. **5** Kambe ubabhemu weganga uyakhala yini utshani bukhona, loba inkabi ikhonye yona ukudla ilakho? **6** Ukudla okuduma kuyadleka na kungelatswayi, kumbe okumhlophe kweqanda kuyanambitheka yini? **7** Ngiyala ukukuthinta; ukudla okunjalo kubuyisa inhliziyi yami. **8** Oh, aluba ngingazuza isicelo sami, uNkulunkulu angiphe lokho engikufisayo, **9** ukuthi uNkulunkulu avume ukungichoboza, ekele nje isandla sakhe singiqede! **10** Lalapho ngizabze ngilokhu ngilale induduzo intokoza yami ebuhlungwini obungadediyo, ukuthi bengingawaphikanga amazwi akhe oNgcwele. **11** Ngilamandla bani okuthi ngibe lokhu ngithembala? Ngisamelelwane yini ukuba ngibe uzangiduduza lecanis lami liphungule ukusola kwami, ngilokhu ngibekeliza? **12** Ngilamandla elitshe yini? Inyama yami ilithusi na? **13** Ngilawo yini amandla okuzisiza, manje njengoba sengemukwe impumelelo? **14** Iloba ngubani ogodla umusa kumkhula wakhe udedla ukwesaba uSomandla. **15** Kodwa abafowethu kabathenja njengemifula egeleza icitsha, njengemifula echithayo **16** ileliqhwa eselincibilika, njalo igcwele ngongqwaqwane osencibilikile, **17** ekuseni insuku zonke njalo umlinge imizuwana yonke na? **19** Kawusoze uke ukhangale eceleni kwami na, loba uke ungixekele okomzuzwana yini? **20** Aluba

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zikutshele na? Kaziyikuletha amazwi okuzwisa na? bonke abangelacala lababi.' **23** Nxa isifo esibi **11** Konje imihlanga ingakhula ibe mide ingekho sibulala ngokuphangisa, uyabahleka abangelacala exhaphozini na? Imizi ingaphila kungelamanzi na? **12** Nxa leyonqodi isakhula ingakaqunywa imane ezandleni zababi, wembesa amehlo abahluleli balo. ibune masinyane kulotshani. **13** Sinjalo isiphetho Nxa kungayisuye, pho ngubani? **25** Amalanga sabo bonke abakholhwla uNkulunkulu; litshabalala ami alesiqubu esidlula esesithunywa; ayaphapha kanjalo ithembala lalowo ongakholwayo. **14** Lokho akuthembayo kufohlozeka lula; lokho eyeme kukho yibulembu besayobe. **15** Uyeyama kulobubulembu bakhe, kodwa bubhidlike; uyabambelela kubo, kodwa bukhitthike. **16** Unjengesihlahla esithelela kakhulu sikhula elangeni, esisabalala ingatsha zaso esivanden; **17** sinxibanise impande zaso enqunjini yamatshen; sizama ukuzaza ukugxila kuhle ematsheni. **18** Kodwa singasitshulwa kuleyondawo, leyondawo isisilandula ithi, 'Angikaze ngikubone.' **19** Ngeqiniso impilo yaso iyabuna, ezinye izihlahla zibe zilokhu zikhula emhlabathini lowo. **20** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu kamlahli umuntu ongelasici futhi kaqinisi izandla zezigangi. **21** Usazogcwala umlomo wakho ngohleko lezindebe zakho ngokumemeza ngentokozo. **22** Izitha zakho zizakwembathiswa ngehlazo, lamathente ababi azatshabalala."

**9** Wasephendula ujobe wathi: **2** "Ngeqiniso ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuliqiniso. Kodwa umuntu wenyama angalunga yini kuNkulunkulu? **3** Loba umuntu ubengafisa ukuphikisana laye ngeke amphendule lakanye emibuzweni eyinkulungwane. **4** Ukuhlakanipha kwakhe kujulile, amandla akhe makhulu. Ngubani kambe oke wamelana laye wasinda? **5** Uyazidudula izintaba zona zingazi lutho, azigenqule nxa eseondile. **6** Uyawunyikinya umhlaba endaweni yawo, axulkuxe izinsika zawa. **7** Uyalitshela ilanga ukuba lingakhanyi; asibekelo ukukhanya kwezinkanyezi. **8** Nguye kuphela oewlula amazulu, ohamba phezu kwamagagasi olwandle. **9** UnguMenzi wezinkanyezi iNgulube leZinja, iSilimela lomthala waseningizimu. **10** Wenza imimangaliso engafinelelekiyo, izimanga ezingelakubalwa. **11** Uthi nxa esedlula kimi, ngingamboni; ahambé khonapho ngingezwa lutho. **12** Nxa ehluthuna, ngubani ongamalela? Ngubani ongathi kuye, 'Wenzani wena?' **13** UNkulunkulu kalunqandi ulaka lwakhe; labasekeli bakaRahabi besaba bawela ezinyaweni zakhe. **14** Pho mina ngingaphikisana laye njani? Ngingawathatha ngaphi amazwi okujijana laye? **15** Laloba ngingelamlandu, ngeke ngimpfendule; ngingancenga uMahluleli wami kuphela ukuthi angihamukhele. **16** Lanxa bengingambiza asabele, angikholwa ukuthi ubengangilalela. **17** Ubengangicobodisa ngesiphepho andise amanxeba ami kungelasizatho. **18** Ubengasoze angiphe ithuba lokukhokha umoya kodwa ubezahle angincindezele ngosizi. **19** Nxa kungokwamandla, alamandla amakhulu! Nxa kungokwahlulela ngokulunga, ngubani ongamthonisisa? **20** Loba ngingabe ngimsulwa, umlomo wami ubungangilahla; lanxa ngimsulwa wona ubuzakuthi ngilecalala. **21** Lanxa ngingelacala, angizihluphi ngami; ngiyayeyisa impilo yami. **22** Kuyafanana konke; yikho ngisithi, 'Ubhubhisa

anyamalale kungela mthonselanyana wokuthokoza. **26** Antweza edlule njengezikepze zelala, njengenkozi zisehla zihwitha ezikudlayo. **27** Nxa ngingathi, 'Ngizakubeka eceleni ukusola kwami, ngicitshe ukunyukubala kwami, ngibobothike,' **28** ngilokhu ngihemahema negezinhlupho zami, ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi kawuzukungigeza. **29** Njengoba ngivele sengibekwe icala, ngizazihluphelani ngokulule ize na? **30** Loba ngingaze ngigaze ngesepa lezandla zami ngesoda yokuhlambulula, **31** uzavele ungiphosele emgodini olodaka ngize ngenyanywe yizigqoko zami. **32** Akasumuntu njengami ukuthi ngingamphendula, ukuthi singamisana emthethwanda. **33** Aluba ubengabakhona osilamulayo, abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwethu sobabili, **34** omunye nje ongasusa uswazi lukaNkulunkulu kimi, ukuze ngingatshukunyiswa yikwesaba lokhu. **35** Lapho-ke bengizakhluma ngingesabi yena, kodwa okwakhathesi kunje, ngeke."

**10** "Senginengwa yimpilo yami; ngakho sengizasola ngingasathikazi ngithulule ubuhlungu bomphefumulo wami. **2** Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu: Ugangilahli, kodwa ngitshela ukuthi ungethesa cala bani. **3** Kuyakuthabisa na ukungizwisa ubuhlungu, ukulahla umsebenzi wezandla zakho, ikanti uyahlekelela ngamacebo ababi? **4** Ulamehlo enyama na? Ubona njengokubona kwabantu na? **5** Insuku zakho ziyananana lezabantu yini, kumbe iminyaka yakho njengayomuntu yini, **6** osungaze uphenye iziphambeko zami njalo ulandelele isono sami, **7** loba wena ukwazi ukuthi angilacala lokuthi kakho ongangikhulula esandleni sakho? **8** Izandla zakho zangibumba zangenza. Pho usuzaphenduka ungibhidlike na? **9** Khumbula ukuthi wangibumba njengomdaka. Pho usuzabuye ungiphendule uthuli na? **10** Kawungichithanga yini njengochago njalo wangijiyisa njengolaza, **11** wangiggokisa ngesikhumba lenyama, wangithungela ndawonye ngamathambo lemisipha? **12** Wangipha ukuphila wangitshengisa umusa, ukunanza kwakho kwawelusa umoya wami. **13** Kodwa lokhu yikho owakufihla enhliyiweni yakho, njalo ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kwakukhona engqondweni yakho: **14** Nxa ngona, ngabe wawungikhangele wawungeke wekela ukona kwami kungajeziwa. **15** Aluba ngilecalala, maye mina! Laloba ngimsulwa, akukho engingawenza, ngoba ngiyafa ngenhloni njalo ngiyagalula ekuhluphekeni kwami. **16** Nxa ngingathi ngivusa ikhanda ungcwathela njengesilwane uphinde utshengise amandla akho esabekayo kimi. **17** Uletha ofakazi abatsha abangilahlayo, wandise ulaka lwakho kimi; amabutho akho angihlasela amaviyo ngamavivo. **18** Pho kungani wangikhupha esibelethweni na? Ngifisa ukuthi ngabe ngafa ngingakabonwa laloba yiliphi

ilihlo. **19** Aluba ngavele ngingabi ngophilayo, loba izinyoni zemoyeni, zizakutshela; **8** kumbe khulumia ngathwalwa ngisuka esibelethwene ngasiwa ethuneni! **10** Insuku zami ezilutshwane kaseziphelile nje? Akungifulatthele ukuze ngizuze umzuzwana wentokozo nje **21** ngingakayi lapho okungabuywa khona, elizweni lobumnyama lethunzi elikhulu, **22** elizweni lobusuku obujule ngempela, elethunzi elinzima lengxubevange, lapho lokuhanya kunjengobumnyama.”

**11** UZofari umNahama wasephendula wathi: **2** “Uthi amazwi wonke la angayekelwa ukuphendulwa na? Uwawane lolu luyekelwe nje lubheda? **3** Umbhedo wakho lo ungenza abantu bathule na? Uthi ungangakhuzwa muntu wena ukhulumela eceleni? **4** Uthi kuNkulunkulu, ‘Inkolo yami kayilansolo njalo ngimsulwa phambi kwakho.’ **5** Oh, ngize ngifise ukuthi ngabe uNkulunkulu uyakhulum, avule izindebe zakhe ekusola **6** akuvulele imfihlo zokuhlakanipha, ngoba inhlakanipha yeqiniso ikabili. Yazi lokhu: UNkulunkulu uvele usezikohlliwe eziyie izono zakho. **7** Kambe ungayifinyelela yini imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu? Ungaziphenya iziphetho zikaSomandla na? **8** Ziqongile ngaphezu kwamazulu, ungenzani kambe? Zizikulu kulokujula kowlandise, kuyini ongakwazi pho? (**Sheol h7585**) **9** Ukulinganiswa kwazo kude kulumhlabu njalo kubanzi kulowandle. **10** Nxa engeza lapha akuphosele entolongweni abize inkundla, ngubani ongampikhisa na? **11** Liqiniso ukuthi uyababona abantu abakhohlisyalo; njalo nxa ebona okubi, kananzeleli na? **12** Kodwa umuntu oyisithutha ngeke ahlakaniphe njengoba ubabhemu weganga engeke azalwa ngumuntu. **13** Kodwa nxa ugxlisa inhliziyo yakho kuye uphakamisele izandla zakho kuye, **14** nxa ulahlal isono esisesandleni sakho ungavumeli bubi buhlale ethenteni lakho, **15** lapho-ke uzabuveza ubuso bakho ungelanhloni; uzakuma uqine ungesabi. **16** Uzalukhohlwa ngempela uhlupho lwakho, lufike nje engqondweni njengezikhukhula ezadluwayo. **17** Impilo izakhanya kulemini enku, lobumnyama buzakuba njengasekuseni. **18** Uzavikeleka, ngoba ithembala likhona; uzakhangela ofuna khona uzuze ukuphumula uvikelekile. **19** Uzazilalela, kungeko okwethusayo, njalo abanengi bazabze sebezisondeza kuwe. **20** Kodwa amehlo ababi azafiphala, behluleke lokubaleka; ithembala labo libe yikuhotsha umoya wokufa.”

**12** Wasephendula ujobe wathi: **2** “Wo, lina yini elizibona kuyini abantu, njalo lolwazi luzakufa lanli! **3** Kodwa lami ngilayo ingqondo njengani; kalingedluli ngalutho. Ngubani ongazaziyo izinto zonke lezi? **4** Sengiyinto yokuhlekisa ebanganini bami, lanxa ngacela kuNkulunkulu waphendula, inhllekisa sibili, kodwa ngilungile, ngimsulwa! **5** Abantu abahlezi kuhle bayakweyisa ukwehlelwaa ngumnyama, bathi kuyimfanelo yalabo onyawo zabo sezitshelela. **6** Amathente ezigebenga avikelekile, lalabo abamthukuthelisayo uNkulunkulu bavikelekile, uNkulunkulu ulabo ezandleni zakhe. **7** Kodwa ake ubuze izinyamazana, zizakufundisa, kumbe

izinyoni zemoyeni, zizakutshela; **8** kumbe khulumia lomhlabu, uzakufundisa, loba uthi inhlanzu zolwandle zikwazise. **9** Yikuphi kwalezizinto okungaziyo na ukuthi yisandla sikaThixo esikwenzileyo lokhu? **10** Esandleni sakhe kulempilo yazo zonke izidalwa lokuphefumula kwabantu bonke. **11** Indlebe kayiwahloli yini wonke amazwi njengolimi lunambitha ukudla? **12** Angithi ukuhlakanipha kufunyanwa ebadaleni na? Angithi impilo ende iletha ukuzwisa na? **13** NgokukaNkulunkulu ukuhlakanipha lamandalu; ukweluleka lokuzwisa kungokwakhe. **14** Lokho akubhidlayo kungeke kwamiswa njalo; lowo amavaleloye ngeke avulelwe. **15** Angaze awavale amanzi, kuba lokoma; angawavulela kuba lomonakalo elizweni. **16** Angawakhe amandla lenhlakanipho; okohlisiswayo lomkohhlisi ngabakhe bonke. **17** Abeluleki uyabakhupha bahambe beze abehluleli babe yiziphukuphuk. **18** Uyanyomula izibopho ezibotshwe ngamakhosi azibophe ngelembu ekhalweni. **19** Abaphristi uyabakhupha beze awagenqule amadoda abesithi aseggxilile. **20** Uyazithulisa izindebe zabeluleki abathenjiweyo asuse ulwazi lwabadala. **21** Izikhulu uzhileka usulu abalamandla abathathele lawomandla. **22** Uyembula imfihlo ezenzeka emnyameni amathunzi azikileyo awalethe ekukhanyeni. **23** Wenza izizwe zikhule, abesezidiliza; uyaziqhelisa izizwe, aphinde azichithe. **24** Abakhokheli basemhlabeni ubemuka ukuhlakanipha kwabo; ubenza bantule enkangala. **25** Bayaphumputha emnyameni kungelakukhanya; ubenza badiyazele njengezidakwa.”

**13** “Amehlo ami asekubonile konke lokhu, indlebe zami zikuwile zakuqedisisa lokhu. **2** Elikwaziyo lina lami ngiyawazi; kalingcono ngalutho kulami. **3** Kodwa ngiloyisa ukukhuluma loSomandla, ngiphikisane loNkulunkulu ngendaba yami. **4** Kodwa lina lingigcona ngamanga; lonke lizinyanga ezingelamsebenzi! **5** Thulani lithi zwi lonke! Lokho kungaba yikuhlakanipha kini. **6** Zwanini-ke manje engikutshoyo; lalelanu ukuncenga kwezindebe zami. **7** Lingakhulumu okubi limele uNkulunkulu na? Lingamkhulumela inkhohliso na? **8** Limtshengisa ukuthi liyabandlulu yini? Yini elimkhulumelayo uNkulunkulu akutshoyo? **9** Kungalilungela yini nxa engalihlola? Kambe lingamkhohlisa njengoba lingakhohlisa abantu na? **10** Ngempela angaligcona nxa lingabe litshengisa ukubandlulu. **11** Inkazimulo yakhe ingezake ilethuse na? Ukwesabeka kwakhe kungezake kulehlele na? **12** Iztsho zenu ziyizaga zomlotha; lezivikelo zenu yizivikelo zebumba kuphela. **13** Thulani ngikhulume mina; kungivelele loba kuyini okuvelayo. **14** Ngizifakelani engozini na ngiphathe impilo yami ezandleni zami? **15** Lanxa engangibulala kodwa ngizakwala ngimethembba; ngizazivikela izindela zami phambi kwakhe. **16** Ngeqiniso lokhu kuzangihlenga, ngoba kakho umuntu ongakholwayo ongasondela kuye! **17** Ake lilalele kuhle amazwi ami; vulani indlebe zenu lizwe engikutshoyo. **18** Manje-ke njengoba sengiyilungisile indaba yami, ngiyabona

ukuthi ngizakhululwa. **19** Ngubani kambe onganethesa kazikuboni. **22** Bezwa kuhela ubuhlulu bemizimba icala? Nxa ekhona, ngizathula ngife. **20** Akungiphe yabo bazikhalele bona.”  
lezipinto ezimbili nje, Oh Nkulunkulu, lapho-ke angiyikukatshela: **21** Sisusele khatshana lami isandla sakho, ukhawule ukungethusa ngokwesabeka kwakho. **22** Ubusungibizela ecaleni, ngizaphendula, kumbe ungiyekele ngikhulume, lawe uphendule. **23** Sengenze iziphambeko lezonzo ezinganani na? Ngitschengisa isiphambeko sami lesono sami. **24** Kungani ufhila ubuso bakho ungithathe njengesitha sakho? **25** Uzahlpohana lehlamu eliphetsihulwa ngumoya na? Uzaxotshana lomule owomileyo na? **26** Ngoba ubhala izinto ezbibhulungu ngami ungenze ngivune izono zobutsha bami. **27** Ukhina inyawo zami ngezibopho; ulandeleta zonke izindlela zami ngokudweba uphawu ezinyathelweni zezinyawo zami. **28** Yikho-ke umuntu ecikizeka njengento ebolileyo, njengesiqoko esidliwe yinondo.”

**14** “Umuntu ozelwe ngumfazi ulensuku ezilutshwane njalo ezigcwele inhlupho. **2** Uyaqhakaza njengeluba aphinde abune; njengesithunzi esithi tshazi, akemi. **3** Onjalo ungala ulokhu umkhangele na? Ungamisa phambi kwakho umthonisise na? **4** Ngubani ongaveza okuhlambulukileyo kokungcolileyo na? Kakho! **5** Insuku zomuntu zimisiwe; uzibekile izinyanga zokuphila kwakhe wabeka lemikhawulo angeke ayeqe. **6** Ngakho-ke myekele ungazihluphi ngaye, aze aqede lesosikhathi sakhe njengomuntu oqhatshiweyo. **7** Kungaba lethemba ngesihlahla; singaganyulwa siyahluma njalo, amahlumela aso kawayikwehluleka ukukhula. **8** Impande zaso zingaguga phansi emhlabathini lesipunzi saso sife emhlabathini, **9** kodwa singezwa amanzi siyahluma sikhuphe ingatsha njengesihlahla esitsha. **10** Kodwa umuntu uyafa alaliswe phansi; uphefumula okokucina angabe esabakhona. **11** Njengamanzi esitsha olwandle lanjengomfula ucitsha amanzi wome qha, **12** ngokunjalo umuntu ulala phansi angabe esavuka; kuze kutshabalale amazulu abantu kabayikuvuka kumbe baphatshanyiswe ebuthongweni babo. **13** Kube uyangifihla ethuneni ungithukuze ulaka lwakho luze ludlule! Kube ungibekela isikhathi ube usungikhumbula! (*Sheol h7585*) **14** Umuntu angafa uphinde aphile na? Zonke insuku zokutshikatshika kwami ngizalindela isikhathi sokuyekelwa kwami. **15** Uzabiza lami ngizasabela; uzasifisa lesosidalwa esenziwa yizandla zakho. **16** Ngeqiniso lapho uzabala izinyathelo zami kodwa kawuyikulandeleta izono zami. **17** Iziphambeko zami zizananyekwa emgodleni; uzasigubuzela isono sami. **18** Kodwa njengentaba ikhummuzeka ize ibhidlike, lanjengedwala ligudluka endaweni yalo, **19** njengamanzi awagubhayo amatshe lezikhukhula zikhukhula umhlabathi, kanjalo uyalibhidliza ithemba lomuntu. **20** Umehlula kanye angaphindi abekhona, adlude; uyabuguqula ubuso bakho umxotshe. **21** Nxa amadodana akhe ezuza udumo, kawakwazi; nxa izizukulwane zakhe ziseliwsa, i

kazikuboni. **22** Bezwa kuhela ubuhlulu bemizimba icala? Nxa ekhona, ngizathula ngife. **20** Akungiphe yabo bazikhalele bona.”  
**15** Wasephendula u-Elifazi umThemani wathi: **2** “Kambe indoda ehlakaniphileyo ingaphendula ngeze nje loba igcwaliise isisu sayo ngomoya otshisayo wempumalanga na? **3** Ingadaza inkani ngamazwi angatsho lutho, ngezinkulumo ezingelasindo na? **4** Wena uze weyise ukulunga njalo uphazame lokukhonza uNkulunkulu. **5** Isono sakho sikhuthaza umlomo wakho; usuthethe ulimi Iwamaqili. **6** Umlomo wakho yiwo okulahlayo, hatshi owami; izindebe zakho zifakaza ububi bakho. **7** Nguwe yini umuntu wokuqala ukuzalwa? Wabakhona kuqala kulezintaba na? **8** Uyake ulalele yini enkundleni kaNkulunkulu? Nguwe wedwa yini ololwazi? **9** Kuyini okwaziyo wena thina esingakwaziyo? Ulemibono bani wena thina esingelayo? **10** Asebezimpunga lamakhehla bavumelana lathi, amadoda amadala kuloyihlo. **11** Induduso zikaNkulunkulu kazikwanelisi yini, amazwi akluhunuya kamnandi kuwe? **12** Kungani uvumela ukufuqwa yinhliziyo na, kungani amehlo akho eqwayiza, **13** uez ubhodlise ulaka lwakho kuNkulunkulu ukhililize amazwi anjalo ngomlomo wakho? **14** Umuntu uyini ukuthi abe ngohlanzekileyo na, lozelwe ngowesisafazane ongaba ngcwele? **15** Nxa uNkulunkulu engazethembi izingilosiz zakhe, njalo lamazulu engathembekanga kuye, **16** pho umuntu ongcabileyo ke, oxhwalileyo, onatha ububi njengamanzi! **17** Lalela kimi ngikuchazele; wothi ngikutshele esengakubonayo, **18** lokho osekwa fakazwa yizihlakaniphi, Bengafihli lutho abaluthatha kubokhokho babo **19** (abayibo kuhela abaphiwa ilizwe njalo akwaze kwedlulu muntu wezizweni phakathi kwabo); **20** Ngezinsuku zakhe zonke umuntu omubi uhlutshwa yizinhlungu, kube yisihluku seminyaka yonke ayibekelweyo. **21** Imisindo eyesabisayo iyagcwala ezindlebeni zakhe; nxa kusithi kuyalunga, izikliwi zimhlasele. **22** Ulahlekewa lithemba lokuwuphepha umnyama; umiselwe inkemba. **23** Uyantula nje abe yikudla kwamane; uyazi ukuthi usuku lobumnyama selusondele. **24** Usizi lobuhlungu emoyeni bumlethela uvalo; inhlupho ziyanqabhele, njengenkosi isilungele ukuhlasela, **25** ngoba efumbathele uNkulunkulu inqindi, ezimisela ukulwa loSomandla, **26** aqholoze amhlasela ngesihlangu esiqinileyo, esilohlonzi. **27** Lanxa ezimuke ubuso bungaka, umkhaba ulenga ngedanga, **28** uzahlala emadolobheni angamanxiwa lezindlini ezingahlali muntu, izindlu eziwohlokayo zibe yinqumbi. **29** Kasayikunotha futhi lenotho yakhe kayiyikuma, lezifuyo zakhe kazisayikugcwala ilizwe lonke. **30** Kayikuphepha emnyameni; ilangabi lizabunisa amahlumela akhe lomoya wokuphefumula komlomo kaNkulunkulu uzamthwalela kude. **31** Makangazikhohlisi ngokuthemba okuyize, ngoba akazukuzuza lutho ngakho. **32** Singakapheli isikhathi sakhe ujazejiswa, lezingatsha zakhe kaziyikuhluma. **33** Uzaba njengevini eliphundlwse izithelo zalo zingakavuthwa, njengesihlahla se-

oliva sikhithiza impoko zaso. **34** Ngoba ixuku bayacaphuka ngabangakholwayo. **9** Kungenani, labangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu kalizukuba lezithelo, abalungileyo bazabambeleza ezindleleni zabo, kuthi lomlilo uzawahangula amathente alabo abathanda isivalamlomo. **35** Bazithwala uhlupho bablethe ububi; isibeletho sabo sibumba inkohliso.”

**16** UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** “Sengezwa izinto ezinengi ezifana lalezi; lingabaduduizi ababi lina lonke! **3** Zizaphela nini inkulumo zokubhuda kwenu lokhu? Kuyini okulihluphayo laphikelela nye lidaza inkani? **4** Lami bengingakhulumu njengani aluba yini elisesikhundleni sami; ngabe ngikhupha inkulumo ezimnandi nglisola ngize nginikine ikhanda lami. **5** Kodwa umlomo wami ngabe uyaliqinisa; induduzo yezindebe zami idedise inhlungu zenu. **6** Kodwa nxa ngikhuluma, ubuhlungu obukimi kabudedi; lobu ngingaze ngithule, kabupheli. **7** Ngeqiniso, Nkulunkulu, usungiqede amandla; usuyitshabalalisile yonke imuli yami. **8** Usungibophile sekuyibo ubufakazi balokho; lokukizeka kwami kuyakhula kungilahla. **9** UNKulunkulu uyanginxwanelu angidlikize ngolaka lwakhe, angigdelele amazinyo; isitha sami singinyonkoloze ngamehlo ahlabayo. **10** Abantu bavula imilomo yabo bengihzoa; bangimakala esihlathini bengihlambaza babambane bangihlanganye. **11** UNKulunkulu usenginikele ebantwini ababi wangiphosela ezandleni zezigangi. **12** Konke kwakukuhle kimi, kodwa wangibhidiza; wangixhakalaza ngentamo wangichoboza. Usengenze ngaba yinto yakhe yokunenja; **13** abacibi bemtshoko bakhe bangihanqile. Ungiciba izinso zami engelazwelo achithele inyongo yami phansi. **14** Ungisukela njalonjalo; angidumele njengebutho. **15** Sengithungele isembatho sesaka emzimbeni wami ngathukuza ibunzi lami othulini. **16** Ubuso bami sebubomvu ngokukhala, amathunzi anzima ahonqolozela amehlo ami; **17** kodwa izandla zami kaziluqhelanga udakela, lomkhuleko wami uhlanzekile. **18** Awu mhlaba, ungaligqibili igazi lami; sangetha lokukhala kwami kungaze kwacitshwa lanini! **19** Lakhathesi ufakazi wami usezulwini; umeli wami uphezelu khonale. **20** Umeli wami ngumngane wami nxa amehlo ami empompoza inyembezi kuNkulunkulu; **21** uymamncengela umuntu kuNkulunkulu njengomuntu encengela umngane wakhe. **22** Kusasele iminyakana engemingaki andubana ngiye lapho kungabuywa khona.”

**17** “Umoya wami udabukile, insuku zami ziqunyiwe, ithuna lingimelele. **2** Impela abaklolodayo bangihanqile; amehlo ami asehlezeli elinde ulaka lwabo.

**3** Ngipha, Oh Nkulunkulu, lesosibambiso osifunayo. Kambe ngubani omunye onganganzena lesosibambiso na? **4** Usuzivalile ingqondo zabo kabasazwisisi; ngakho kawuzukubayekela bagiye. **5** Nxa umuntu angaphika umngane wakhe ukuze ahlawulwe, amehlo abantwabakhe azafiphala. **6** UNKulunkulu usengenze ngaba yisiga ebatwini bonke, umuntu okhafulelwu ngabanye emehlwensi. **7** Amehlo ami asethundubele ngosizi; umdumbu wami wonke usuyisithunzi nye. **8** Abantu abaqotho kuyabanenga lokhu; abangelacala

labo abalezandla ezhlanzekileyo baqine. **10** Kodwa khathesi lina lonke ake lizame futhi! Kangiboni loyedwa ohlakaniphileyo kini. **11** Sezidlule insuku zami, amacebo ami asedilikile, kunjalo lezifiso zenhliziyo yami. **12** Lababantu bathatha ubusuku njengemini; bathi bebona ubumnyama bathi, ‘Ukukhanya sekusondele.’ **13** Nxa ikhaya engilithembileyo lilingcwaba kuphela, nxa ngisendlala umbheda wami emnyameni, (**Sheol h7585**) **14** nxa ngisithi ekuboleni, ‘Baba,’ ngithi empathhwini, ‘Mama’ kumbe ‘Dadewethu,’ **15** pho lingapha ithembu lami na? Ngubani ongabona ithembu ngami? **16** Kuzakwehlela emasangweni okufa na? Sizakwehlela ndawonye othulini na?” (**Sheol h7585**)

**18** Kwathi lapho uBhilidadi umShuhi waphendula wathi: **2** “Koze kuge nini ulokhu uphethe emlonyen? Nakana andubana sikhulume. **3** Kungani usithatha njengezirkomo kuge ingathii siyizithutha kuwe na? **4** Wena ozidabudabulayo ube yiziqa ngokuthukuthela kwakho, uthi sesingawudela umhlabu ngenxa yakho? Loba uthi amadwala agudlulwe ezindaweni zavo na? **5** Isibane somubi siyacima; iflangabi lomlilo wakhe liyaphela ukubhebha. **6** Ukukhanya ethenteni lakhe kuyafiphala; isibane esiseceleni kwakhe siyacima. **7** Izisinde zakhe zamandla ziyadeda; lamacebo akhe yiwo amlahlha phansi. **8** Inyawo zakhe zimbeka emambuleni acine esemthandele. **9** Umjibila umhwiphula ngesithende; isithshela simuthi nki. **10** Isihitshela usifihlelwe phansi; umjibila uthukuziwe endleleni yakhe. **11** Uyethuka ngokwesaba inxa zonke kumlandelele langaphi aya khona. **12** Umonakalo umlambele; incithakalo imlindele nxa esiwa. **13** Kudla ingxenyi yesikhumba sakhe; izibulo lokuka lidla izitho zakhe. **14** Uyaswsu ekuvilekeni kwethente lakhe aqhatshwe asiwi enkosini yokwesaba. **15** Umlilo uhlala ethenteni lakhe; isolufa evuthayo ichithachithwe emzini wakhe. **16** Impande zakhe ziyabuna ngaphansi lamagatsha akhe abune ngaphezulu. **17** Ukukhunjulwa kwakhe kuyaphela emhlaben; kalabizo elizweni. **18** Uyaswsu ekukhanyeni aye ebumnyameni njalo axotshwe emhlaben. **19** Kalabantzwanu loba isizukulwane ebantwini bakibo, kakho loyedwa owakhe lapho ake ahlala khona. **20** Abantu bentshonalanga bayanengwa yisiphetho sakhe; abantu bempumalanga bayatshaqeka. **21** Ngempela linjalo ikhaya lomuntu omubi; yivo indawo yalowo ongamaziyo uNkulunkulu.”

**19** Wasephendula ujobe wathi: **2** “Koze kuge nini lilokhu lingichukuluza, lingicobodisa ngamazwi na? **3** Selingithethise amahlandla alitshumi manje; lingihlasela lingelanhloni. **4** Nxa kuliqiniso ukuthi ngiphambukile, isiphambeko sami ngumlandu wami ngedwa. **5** Nxa isibili liziphakamisa ngaphezulu kwami, lingincindezele ngokuyangeka kwami, **6** yazini ukuthi uNkulunkulu ungonile wangithandela ngomambule wakhe. **7** Loba ninggaze ngikhale ngithi, ‘Ngiyahukuluzwa bo!’ angitholi mpendulo; loba

ngicela uncedo, kangahluelwa ngokulunga. **8** Uyivalile wakhe, **14** kodwa ukudla kwakhe kuzahloba esiswini indlela yami akuduleki; izindlela zami uzembese sakhe; kuzaphenduka kube yibuhlungu bezinyoka ngomnyama. **9** Usengiphucile konke ukuhlonitshwa wangethula umqhele ekhanda lami. **10** Ungidabula inxa zonke ngize ngiphele du; usiphuna ithemba lami njengesihlahla. **11** Ulaka lwakhe luyavutha kimi; ungibalela phakathi kwezitha zakhe. **12** imifula, leyomifula egeleza uluju lolaza. **18** Lokho Amabutho akhe eza ngamandla; angakhela isihonqo sokungivimbeza amise eggaggele ithente lami. **13** akayikuyikhola inzuzo yokuthengisela kwakhe. **19** Usenze abafowethu bangihlamuka; abangane bami sebemelana lami. **14** Izihlobo zami sezihamble; abangane bami sebekhohliwe ngami. **15** Izethekeli zami lezincekazi zami zithi ngingowemzini; zingikhangela njengowezizweni. **16** Ngithi nxa ngibiza isisebenzi sami singasabeli, lokuba ngisincenga ngomlomo wami. **17** Ukuphefumula kwami kuyamnukela buzamehlela ngamandla. **23** Nxa esesigcwalisile umkami; ngiyenyanyeka kubafowethu. **18** Labafanyana isisu sakhe, uNkulunkulu uzabhadiselala bayangiklolodela; ngithi nxa ngiqhamuka bangihoze. Iwakhe oluvuthayo kuye akhwele ehle ngezidutshulo **19** Bonke abangane bami abasekhwapheni bayanengeka phezu kwakhe. **24** Lanxa angaze abalekele ngami; labo engibathandayo sebengifulathele. **20** isikhali sensimbi umtshoko wethusi uzamciba. Angiselalutho ngaphandle kwesikhumba lamathambo kuphela; ngiphephe manayinayi. **21** Ngizwelani usizi, bangane bami, wobani losizi, ngoba isandla sikaNkulunkulu singitshayile. **22** Lingilandeletani njengoNkulunkulu na? Lizakufa lasutha ngenyama yami na? **23** Oh, uthi ngabe amazwi ami ayalotshwa, ngabe abhalive emqulwini, **24** ngabe athwetshulwe ngensimbi phezu komnuso, loba aguiwe edwaleni laninini! **25** Ngiyazi ukuthi uMhlengi wami uyaphila, lokuthi ekupheleni uzakuma emhlabeni. **26** Kuzakuthi nxa isikhumba sami sesibhujisiwe, kodwa ngikuyo inyama yami ngizambona uNkulunkulu; **27** mina ngokwami ngizambona ngawami amehlo, mina hatshi omunye. Inhlizyo yami iyagubhazelwa ngokulangatha! **28** Lingaze lithi, 'Sizamzingela qho ngoba nguye ozilethele ukuhlupheka,' **29** yini okumele liyesabe inkemba; ngoba intukuthelo izaletha isijeziso ngenkemba, laphoke lizakwazi ukuthi kulokwahlulela."

**20** Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi: **2** "Imicabango yami ekhathazekileyo ingifuqa ukuthi ngiphendule ngoba sengikhukhile kakhulu. **3** Ngizwa kulokukhuzwa okungilulazisayo njalo ukuzwisa kwami kungifugela ukuthi ngiphendule. **4** Ngempela uyakwazi ukuthi kwakuvele kunjani lendulo, kusukela ukubekwa komuntu emhlabeni, **5** ukuthi injabulo yomubi imfitshane, intokozo yongakhholwayo ngeyomzuzwana nje. **6** Loba ukuziggaja kwakhe kufika emazulwini lekhanda lakhe lithinta emayezini, **7** uzabhubha okwaphakade, njengobulongwe bakhe; labo abake bambona bazakuthi, 'Ungaphi kanti?' **8** Njengephupho uyanyamalala angabe esabonwa njalo, axotshwe njengombono webusuku. **9** Ilihlo elake lambona kalisayikumbona njalo; indawo yakhe ingeke ibe isambona. **10** Abantwabakhe bazazincengela ebayangeni ngezandla zakhe abuyisele inotho yakhe. **11** Amadlabuzane obutsha alawo emathanjeni akhe azalala kanye laye othulini. **12** Loba ububi burmndi emlonyeni wakhe, ebufihla ngaphansi kolimi lwakhe, **13** loba esehluleka ukutshiyana labo abugcine emlonyeni

wakhe, **14** kodwa ukudla kwakhe kuzahloba esiswini ngaphakathi kwakhe. **15** Uzayihlanza yonke inotho ayiginyayo; uNkulunkulu uzakwenza isisu sakhe sikuhlanze konke. **16** Uzamunya ubuhlungu bezinyoka; amazinyo ebululu azambulala. **17** Akayikuyikhola kugeleza amazinyo ebululu azambulala. **18** Lokho Ngoba ubebancindezelabayangabasala bengelalutho; wathumba izindlu angazakhanga. **20** Ngempela akayikudedakulobubuhwaba bakhe; ngeke azisindise ngenoto yakhe. **21** Akusela lutho angabe esaludu; ukuphumelela kwakhe kakuyikuma. **22** Phakathi kwenotho yakhe uzahlaselwa zinhlupho; ubuhlungu umgeno yakhe. **23** Nxa esesigcwalisile umkami; ngiyenyanyeka kubafowethu. **24** Lanxa angaze abalekele isikhali sensimbi umtshoko wethusi uzamciba. **25** Uyawuhwatsha emhlane wakhe, umcijo wawo ocazimulayo awuhwatshe esibindini. Uzangenwa yikwesaba okukhulu; **26** umnyama omkhulu uyilindle inotho yakhe. Umililo ongungumayo uzamqeda utshise lokho okuseleyo ethenteni lakhe. **27** Amazulu azabembula ububi bakhe; umhlaba uzamvukela. **28** Isikhukhula sizayithwala indlu yakhe, kungamanzi azimpophoma mhlawosuku lolaka lukaNkulunkulu. **29** Sinjalo isiphetho uNkulunkulu asimisele ababi, ilifa abalikhethelwe nguNkulunkulu."

**21** UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** "Lalelani kuhle amazwi ami; lokhu akube yinduduzo elingipa yona. **3** Ake lingibekezelele nxa ngisakhulumile liklolode. **4** Ukusola kwami kuqonde umuntu yini? Ngingayekelani ukucunuka pho? **5** Ngikhangelani, lizamangala; vulani imilomo yenu ngezandla. **6** Nxa ngikhumbula ngalokhu ngitshaywa luvalo; ngizwa umzimba wami uqhaqhazelwa. **7** Kungani ababi bephila impilo ende, baluphale nje amandla abo esanda? **8** Babona abantwababo bezinza benamile, inzalo yabo layo beyikhangele. **9** Imizi yabo ihlezi kayilakwesaba; induku kaNkulunkulu kayikho phezu kwabo. **10** Inkunzi zabo zikhuthele ziyazala; amankomokazi abo azala kuhle kawaphunzi. **11** Abantwababo bayazihambela njengomhlambi; izingane zabo ziyazigidel zichelesile. **12** Bayahlabela betshaya izigubhu lamachacho; bayazithokozisa ngomsindo wemiqangala. **13** Yonke iminyaka yabo ngeyokuphumelela baze bayongena egodini belokuthula. (**Sheol h7585**) **14** Kodwa bathi kuNkulunkulu, 'Tshiyana lathi! Kasifisi ukuzazi izindlela zakho. **15** Ungubani yena uSomandala ofuna ukuthi simkhonze na? Sizazuzani nxa sikhuleka kuye na?" **16** Kodwa ukuphumelela kwabo kakukho ezandleni zabo, ngakho kangisondele ezelulekweni zababi. **17** Kodwa kukangaki na isibane sababi sicinywa? Kukangaki besehelwelwa ngamabhabdi na, abawabelwa nguNkulunkulu ezondile? **18** Kukangaki besiba

njengomule emoyer na, njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ikanti kunguye owagcwala izindlu zabo ngezinto yisivunguzane? **19** Kuthiwa, 'UNkulunkulu ulomba ezinhle, ngakho kangingen ezelulekweni zababi. isijeziso somuntu asibekele amadodana akhe.' Kajezise **19** Abalungileyo bayakubona lokho bathokoze; yena umuntu ngokwakhe ukuze akwazi! **20** Amehlo abangelacala bayabahleka bathi, **20** 'Ngempela akhe kawakubone ukuchithwa kwakhe; kalunathie izitha zethu zichithiwe, lokuseleyo kwenotho yazo ulaka lukaSomandla. **21** Ngoba uvele uzihlupha sekubhuqe ngumlilo. **21** Zehlise kuNkulunkulu ukuze ngani ngemuli avele ezayitsiha nxa izinyanga uwelelane laye; ngaleyondlela ukuphumelela kuzakuza zakhe azabelweyo seziphelele na? **22** Kambe ukhona kuwe. **22** Yamukela iziqondiso eziphuma emlonyeni ongafundisa uNkulunkulu ulwazi, njengoba yena wakhe, amazwi akhe uwabeke enhliziyeweni yakho. **23** esahlulela labaphezulu na? **23** Umuntu uyafa ephilile Nxa ubuyela kuSomandla, uzavuselelw; nxa ususa kuhle, kukuhe konke ekhululekile, **24** umzimba wakhe ububi bube kude lethente lakho **24** lomthuso wakho uzimukile, amathambo akhe egcwele umnkantsho. **25** uwulahlele othulini, igolide lakho lase-Ofiri ulilahlele Omunye ufa elobuhlungu emphefumulweni wakhe, emadwaleni ezifulen, **25** lapho-ke uSomandla evele engakaze akholise lutho oluhle. **26** Bobabili uzakuba ligolide lakho, lesiliva esikhetekileyo balaliswe ndawonye eceleni komunye othulini, kuwe. **26** Ngempela uzazusa ukuthokoza kuSomandla impethu zinyakaze phezu kwabo bobabili. **27** Ngiyazi uphakamisele ubuso bakho kuNkulunkulu. **27** kamhlophe ukuthi licabangani, amacebo elidinga ukungilimaza ngawo. **28** Lithi, 'Ingaphi-ke manje indlu yesikhulu, amathente okwakuhlala kuwo abantu ababi?' **29** Kalikaze libuze labo abahambayo na? Kalize Uzakhuleka kuye, yena akuzwe, njalo uzagcwala izifungo zakho. **28** Lokho okumisileyo kuzakwenziwa, lokukhanya kuzazikhanyisa izindlela zakho. **29** Nxa abantu besehliswa ubususithi, 'Baphakamiseni' lapho-ke uzabasiza abahlulukelweyo. **30** Uzabasiza lalabo abonayo, abazakhululwa ngenxa yokubamsulwa uyakhululwa ngosoku lwesiphithiphithi? **31** Kambe kwakho.'

**22** U-Elifazi umThemani wasephendula wathi:  
**2** "Umuntu angasiza uNkulunkulu na? Lesihlaniphi uqobo kambe singamsiza na? **3** Bekungamupha ntokozi bani uSomandla ukulunga kwakho na? Ubengazuzani ngabe kuthiwa kawulasici na? **4** Yikumesaba kwakho yini akukhuzela khona lakwthesela khona amacala na? **5** Kabubukhulu ububi bakho na? Lezono zakho angithi kaziphele na? **6** Wawubiza isibambiso kubafloweru kungelasizatho; uhlubula abantu iziqqoko zabo basale beze. **7** Abakhatheleyo wawubancitsha amanzi, abalambileyo ungabaphi ukudla, **8** lanxa wena wawuyindoda elamandla, ulepulazi, indoda ehlontishwayo, uphila kulo. **9** Abafelokazi wabaxotsha ungabaphanga luthe izintandane waziqeda amandla. **10** Kungenxa yalokho usuhanqwe yimijibila, usuhlukuluzwa luhlupho masinyane, **11** yikho kumnyama kangaka ungasaboni, njalo yikho ususibekelwa zimpophoma zamanzi. **12** UNkulunkulu kakho esiqongweni samazulu na? Ake ubone phela ukuthi ziphakeme njani izinkanyezi ezisesiqongweni! **13** Kodwa wena uthi, 'UNkulunkulu wazini? Angahlulela phakathi komnyama onje?' **14** Usithwe ngamayeki amakhulu, ngakho kasiboni nxa ehambahamba ezulwini eliphezulu.' **15** Wena-ke uzakwalela endleleni endala na eseyahanjwa ngababi? **16** Bedlulisa singakafiki isikhathi sabo, izisekolo zabo zakhukhulwa nguzamcolo. **17** Bathi kuNkulunkulu, 'Tshiyana lathi! USomandla angasenzani na?' **18**

**23** Waphendula uJobe wathi: **2** "Lalamuhla ukusola kwami kulokhu kubuhlungu kabi, isandla sakhe siyasinda loba ngibubula kangaka. **3** Ngabe ngiyawazi lapho engingamfumana khona; aluba nje bengingaya emzini wakhe! **4** Bengizayibeka kuhle indaba yami phambi kwakhe ngigcwala umlomo wami ngamazwi empikiswano. **5** Bengizakuzwa ukuthi yena uphendula athini, ngikuhlolise lokho akutshoyo. **6** Kambe angangiphikisa ngamandla na? Hatshi, angazake angethese cala. **7** Lapho umuntu oqotho ubengendlala indaba yakhe phambi kwakhe, njalo bengizakhululwa lanini kumahluleli wami. **8** Kodwa nxa ngisiya empumalanga, yena kakho khona; nxa ngisiya entshonalanga, kangimfumani khona. **9** Nxa esemsebenzini enyakatho, kangimboni; angaphendukela eningizimu, kangiboni lokuthi tshazi kwakhe. **10** Kodwa uayazi indlela engihamba ngayo; nxa esengilingile, ngizaphuma senginjengegolide. **11** Inyawo zami bezilokhu zilandelana lezinyathelo zakhe; ngalela endleleni yakhe angaze ngaphambuka. **12** Angigudlukanga emilayweni yezindebe zakhe; ngiwenze igugu amazwi omlomo wakhe ukwedlula isinkwa sami sansukuzonke. **13** Kodwa uzimele yedwa, ngubani ongaphikisana laye na? Uyenzo loba yini ayifunayo. **14** Uyagcwala isimiso sakhe ngami, njalo manengi amacebo anjalo awagcinileyo. **15** Yikho-nje ngithuthumela ukuma phambi kwakhe; ngithi ngingakukhumbula konke lokhu ngimesabe. **16** UNkulunkulu usenze inhlizyo yami yaphela amandla; uSomandla usengethusile. **17** Kodwa kawuyikungithulisa umnyama lo, umnyama lo onzima ovala ubuso bami."

**24** "Kungani uSomandla engabeki izikhathi zokwahlulela na? Kungani labo abamaziyo belindela ize bengazazi lezinsku na? **2** Abantu

bayayiguqula imingcele ngokususa izikhonkwane; bayayelusa imihlambi entshontshiweyo. **3** Bayathatha bahambe lobabhemi wentandane, bathathe inkabi yomfelokazi ibe yisibambiso. **4** Abaswelayo bayabagudlula endleleni bancindezele abayanga belizweni baze bayocatsha. **5** Njengababbhemi beganga enkangala, abayanga babhudula ukudla; egwaduleni kulapho okuzuzuwa khona ukudla kwabantwabobo. **6** Babutha ukudla kwenkomo emasimini badobhe okuseleyo ezivinini zababi. **7** Ngoba bengelazigqoko balala beze ubusuku bonke; kabalalutho lokuzembesa emqandweni. **8** Bagxonxwa lizulu lezintabeni bakhusele emadwaleni beswele indawo yokuphephela. **9** Umnitwana oyintandane uhluthunwa ebeleni; usane lonyanga luyathunjewla isikwelede. **10** Ngoba bengelazigqoko bahamba nqunu; bathwala izikhwebu zamabele kodwa belamble. **11** Bahlua amoliva emigelweni; bagidagida esikhamelweni sewayini kodwa bomile. **12** Ukububula kwabafayo kuzwakala kuphuma edolobheni, lempiphefumulo yabalimeleyo ikhala icela uncedo. Kodwa uNkulunkulu kabeki muntu icala ngenxa yokona. **13** Bakhona labo abahlamukela ukukhanya, abangazaziyo izindlela zalokho kukhanya loba ukuhlala kuzo. **14** Nxa ukukhanya kwemini sekuhamble isigebenga siyaphuma sibulale abampofu labaswelayo; ebusuku siyanyonyoba njengesela. **15** Ilihlo lesiphingi lilindela ukuhlwa; sikhumbula sithi, 'Akulamuntu ozangibona,' silihla sibusithile ubuso baso. **16** Ebumnyameni abantu bayaggekeza izindlu, kodwa emini bayazivalela endlini; kabakufuni ukukhanya. **17** Bonke labo ubumnyama obukhulu buyikusa kubo; bathandana lezinto ezesabekayo ezobumnyama. **18** Ikanti baligwebu phezu kwamanzi; esabo isabelo selizwe siqalekisiwe, ukuze kungayi muntu ezivinini. **19** Njengalokhu ukutshisa lokoma kuhangula ungwaqwane oncibilikayo, kanjalo ingcwaba liyabahlwitha abenze isono. (**Sheol h7585**) **20** Isibeletlo siyabakhohlwa, impethu zizitike phezu kwabo; abantu ababi kabasakhunjulwa kodwa bayafohlozwu njengesihlahla. **21** Bancindezelə owestifazane oyinyumba longelamtswana, kufelokazi kabalamusa. **22** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazihudulela kude izikhulu ngamandla akhe. Noma bangaze bahlale bazinez kodwa kabalathembu lempilo. **23** Angabayekela bahlale besizwa bevíkelekile, kodwa amehlo akhe ayazibona izindlela zabo. **24** Okwesikhathhana nje balodumo, baphinde banyamalale; bayehliswa njalo bafe njengabio bonke abanye; bayaqunywa njengezihloka zamabele. **25** Aluba lokhu kungenjalo, ngubani ongathi ngilamanga alulazise amazwi ami abeyize?"

**25** Kwathi-ke uBhilidadi umShuhi waphendula wathi: **2** "Umbuso lesizotha kukuye uNkulunkulu; nguye omisa konke ngemfanelo ezulwini eliphezulu. **3** Amabutho akhe angabalwa na? Ngubani ongaphunyelwa yikukhanya kwakhe na? **4** Pho umuntu angaba ngolungileyo njani kuNkulunkulu na? Angenza njani ozelwe ngowesifazane ukuthi ahlanzeke na? **5** Khangela, nxa inyanga ngokwayo ingakhazimuli,

lezinkanyezi zingahlanzekanga emehlweni akhe, **6** pho umuntu-ke usilela kanganani, oyimpethu nje, umuntu, oyinhlavu nje kuphela!"

**26** UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** "Usumsize njani ongelamandla! Usuyilamulele njani ingalo ebuthakathaka! **3** Yiseluleko esinjani osusiphe lowo ongelakuhlakaniphia! Njalo usubonise mbono bani! **4** Ngubani okuncedisileyo ukukhuluma amazwi la na? Ngokabani umoya okhulume ngomlomo wakho na? **5** Abafileyo basebuhlungwini obukhulu, labo abangaphansi kwamanzi labalo abahlala kuwo. **6** UKufa kwambulekile phambi kukaNkulunkulu; ikhamisile indawo yokubhubha. (**Sheol h7585**) **7** Uyawendlala umkhathi wenyakatho endaweni engelalutho; aphanyeke umhlabu phezu kweze. **8** Ugoqeles amanzi emayezi akhe, kodwa amayezi kawapatshaki yikusindwa ngamanzi. **9** Uyayigubuzela inyanga egcweleyo, endlale amayezi phezu kwayo. **10** Umisa umkhawulo wokwengama umkhathi emanzini kube ngumngcele phakathi kokukhanya lobumnyama. **11** Izinsika zamazulu ziyazamazama, zisethuswa yikukhuza kwakhe. **12** Ngamandla akhe waluthulisa ulwandle; engenhlakanipho yakhe waquma uRahabi waba yiziqa. **13** Ngomoya wakhe umkhathi wacethula; isandla sakhe sayigwaza inyoka ibaleka. **14** Njalo le yimisebenzi yakhe engaphandle nje ekucineni; esikuwayo yilizwana nje lokunyenyeza kwakhe! Pho ngubani ongawuzwisisa umdumo wamandla akhe na?"

**27** UJobe waqhubeka ngenkulomo yakhe wathi: **2** "Ngifunga ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo, ngubani ongithathethele ilungelo lami lokwahluelwa ngokulunga, uSomandla, ongizwise ubuhlungu bomphefumulo, **3** nxa ngilokhu ngiselempilo ngaphakathi kwami, umphefumulo kaNkulunkulu usemakhaleni ami, **4** izindebe zami kazisoze zikhulume ububi, lolimi lwami kaluyukhuluma inkohliso. **5** Kangisoze ngivume ukuthi lina lilungile ngelikutshoyo; ngizaze ngiyekufa ningabulandulanga ubuqotho bami. **6** Ngizakugcina ukulunga kwami ningakuyekeli; umzwangedwa wami kawuyikungihlupa empilweni yami. **7** Sengathi izitha zami zingaba njengababi, abaxabana lami babe njengabangaqondanga! **8** Ngoba ulethemba bani ongakholwayo nxa esefile, uNkulunkulu angathatha impilo yakhe na? **9** UNkulunkulu uyakulalela yini ukukhala kwakhe nxa usizi lumehlela na? **10** Uzakuthola yini ukuthokoza kuSomandla? Uzacela kuNkulunkulu sonke isikhathi na? **11** Ngizalifundisa mayelana lamanda kaNkulunkulu; izindlela zikaSomandla kangiyikuzifihla. **12** Lonke lizibonele lokhu ngokwenu. Pho, ngeyanu inkulomo yonke le eyize na? **13** Nansi isabelo uNkulunkulu asiqumela ababi, ifila elemukela ngumuntu olesihluku sivela kuSomandla: **14** Loba bebanengi njani abantwabakhe, isabelo sabo yinkembra; lenzalo yakhe kayisoze lanini izuze ukudla okwaneleyo. **15** Isifo esibi sizabangcwaba labo abatshiywa nguye besaphila, labafelokazi babo kabayikubalilela. **16** Lokuba angaze abuthelele isiliva njengothuli leziqqoko zibe yinqwaba njengodaka, **17** lokho akubuthelelayo

abalungileyo bazakugqokela, labangelacala bazakwaba isiliva sakhe. **18** Indlu ayakhayo injengesidele sobulembu, njengedumba elenziwe ngumlindi. **19** Uthi esiyalala enothile, kodwa kasayikuphinda njalo; uthi esevula amehlo, konke sekuphile. **20** Utshaywa luvalo kungathi ufuqwa yisikhukhula; isiphepho siyamhwitha ebusuku. **21** Umoya wempumalanga udlula laye, anyamalale; uyamkhukhula endaweni yakhe. **22** Utshaya phezu kwakhe ngesihluku esithi uyabaleka ecambalele evika amandla awo. **23** Utshaya izandla umhleka ulunya uvunguza laye umsusa endaweni yakhe.”

**28** Kulomgodi wesiliva lendawo lapho okucengwa khona igolide. **2** Insimbi ithathwa emhlabathini, lethusi lincibilikiswa emanyeleni. **3** Umuntu uyawuxotsha umnyama; uguduza ezingoxweni eziphansi kude edinga amanyelete emnyameni othe bhuqe. **4** Khatshana kwezindawo zabantu ugebha umgodi, ezindaweni lapho okungafiki nyawo lwamuntu; khatshana kwabantu uyalenga, azunguzeke. **5** Umhlabu, okuphuma kuwo ukudla, uyaguquka ngaphansi ingathi utshiswe ngomlilo; **6** amasafire amatshe amahale ayaphuma emadwaleni, uthuli lwawo lugcwele igolide. **7** Kakukho nyoni edla inyama eyaziyo leyondlela efihlekileyo, kakulalihlo laluphi ukhozi oselwake lwayibona. **8** Izilo ezizithembileyo kazilubeki unyawo kuyo, njalo kakulasilwane esizingela khona. **9** Isandla somuntu yiso esihlasela idwala eliyinsengetshe siveze obala impande zezintaba. **10** Uyaligubha idwala angene; ilihlo lakhe liwabone wonke amagugu alo. **11** Uyathungatha lapho okudabuka khona imifula aveze obala izinto ezifihlekileyo. **12** Kodwa ukuhlakanipha kungafunyanwa ngaphi na? Kuhlala ngaphi na ukuzwisia? **13** Umuntu kakuzwisisi ukuqakatheka kwakh; kakufunyanwa elizweni labaphilayo. **14** Phansi ekujuleni kuthi, “Kakukho kimi”; ulwandle luthi, “Kangilakho mina.” **15** Kungeke kwathengwa ngegolide elicolekileyo, njalo lentengo yakho ingeke yalinganisa ngesiliva. **16** Kungeke kwathengwa ngegolide lase-Ofiri, loba nge-onikisi kumbe isafire. **17** Kungazake kulinganiswe legolide loba amatshe akhazimulayo, njalo kakuzuwza ngemicciso yegolide. **18** Amatshe amahale ekhorali lejaspa lawo kawabalwa lapha; intengo yokuhlanipha ingaphezulu kwamarubhi. **19** Ithophazi yaseKhushi ngeke ilinganiswe lakho; ngeke kuthengwe langegolide elicolekileyo. **20** Pho kuvela ngaphi ukuhlakanipha na? Kuhlala ngaphi ukuzwisia? **21** Kufihliwe emehlwani ento yonke ephilayo, kucatshisiwe lakuzo izinyoni zasemoyeni. **22** INCithakalo loKufa kuthi, “Amahungahunga akho yiwo kuphela esiwezwayo.” **23** UNkulunkulu uyayizwisia indlela yakho njalo nguye yedwa okwaziyo lapho okuhlala khona, **24** ngoba uyayikhangela imikhawulo yomhlaba akubone konke okungaphansi kwamazulu. **25** Wathi emisa umfuto womoya, elinganisa isimo samanzi, **26** wathi ebeka umthetho wezulu elinayo lendlela yezulu elilesiphepho, **27** wasekukhangela ukuhlakanipha wakuhlola butsha;

wakukholwa wakuqinisa, wakulinga ukuthi kuqinile. **28** Wathi emuntwini, “Ukumesaba uThixo yikho ukuhlakanipha, lokuxwaya ububi yikho ukuzwisia.”

**29** UJobe waqhubecka ngenkulumo yakhe wathi: **2** “Ngiyaziloyisa lezozinyanga esezandlulay, lezinsuku uNkulunkulu esangilinda, **3** lapho isibane sakhe sisakhanya phezu kwekhanda lami ngihamba ngokukhanya kwakhe emnyameni! **4** Oh, lezinsuku ngisazizwa ukuthi ngiyimi, lapho ubudlelwano obukhulu loNkulunkulu busesendlini yami, **5** lapho uSomandla eseselami labantwabami besaphila lami, **6** lapho indlela yami ifafazwe ngolaza ledwala lingithululela impophoma zamafutha e-oliva. **7** Ekuyeni kwami emasangweni edolobho ngafika ngahlala enkundleni, **8** amajaha angibona agudluka ema eceleni, abadala baphakama bema ngezinyawo; **9** amadoda ayizikhulu athula akaze akhuluma avala imilomo yawo ngezandla zavo; **10** amazwi ezikhulu ehlesela phansi, inlimi zazo zanamatela olwangeni lwazo. **11** Loba ngubani owangizwayo wakhulumu kuhle ngami, kwathi labo abangibonayo bangibuka, **12** ngoba ngalamulela abayanga abacela uncedo, lezintandane ezazingelamsizi. **13** Indoda eyayisifa yangibusisa; ngenza inhlizivo yomfelokazi yahlabelela. **14** Ngavunula ukulunga njengezigqoko zami; ukwahlulela ngokulunga kwaba yisembatho sami lengwane yami. **15** Ngangingamehlo kwabayiziphofu lezinyawo kwabaqhulayo. **16** Nganginguyise kwabaswelayo; ngayimela indaba yesihambi. **17** Ngawephula amazinyo ababi ngahluthuna labo ababebabambile ngamazinyo abo. **18** Ngakhumbula ngathi, ‘Ngizafela endlini yami, insuku zami zinengi njengezinhlamu zetshebetshebe. **19** Impande zami zizafinyelela emanzini, amazolo azalala emagatsheni ubusuku bonke. **20** Uduto lwami luzahlala lulutsha kimi, idandili lami lilitsha esandleni sami.’ **21** Abantu babengilalela belethemba, belindele ukwelulekwa bethule zwi. **22** Nxa sekukhulume mina, kungakhulumi omunye njalo; amazwi ami ayengena kamnandi ezindlebeni zabo. **23** Babengilindela njengokulindela izulu, bawanathe amazwi ami njengezulu lentwasa. **24** Ngangisithi ngingababothekela, bathabe bangakhola; ukukhanya kobuso bami kwakuligugu kubo. **25** Yimi engangibakhethela ukuthi benzeni ngoba ngisanduna kubo; ngangihlala njengenkosipakathi kwamabutho ayo; ngangifana lomduduzi wabalilayo.”

**30** “Kodwa manje bayangiklolodela, amadoda angabantwana kimi, oyise engangingabehlisa ngibelusise izimvu zami. **2** Amandla ezandla zabo ayengangisiza ngani mina, ngoba amadlabuzane abo ayesephile; **3** sebejujukile ngokuswela langendlala, bazula elizweni elomileyo emangweni eyinkangala engelalutho ebusuku. **4** Enkotheni khonale bakha imibhida emunyu, ukudla kwabo kuzimpande zezihlahla. **5** Baxotshwa ebantwini bakibo, batethiswa kungathi babengamasela. **6** Kwasekumele bahlale ezihotsheni zezifula ezmileyo, ezimbawini

emadwaleni lemilihindi emhlabathini. **7** Bakhonya amabele ami kawasitshunwe. **9** Nxa inhlizyo yami phakathi kwezihlahla baququbala ezixukwini. **8** Base ike yakhangwa ngowesifazane, kumbe nxa ngike bengabantu abaphansi abangaselabizo, sebexotshiwe ngacathama ngasemnyango kamakhelwane, **10** lapho-elizweni. **9** Kodwa manje amadodana abo ke owami umfazi kacholele enye indoda, njalo asengihaya ngengoma; sengiyisiga kubo. **10** amanye amadoda kawalale laye. **11** Ngoba lokho Bayangenanya njalo bamela khatshana lami; bekuzakuba lihlazo, isono esifanele ukwahlulelw. kabathikazi ukungikhafulela ebusweni. **11** Khathesi **12** Kungumililo otshisayo onguMaqothula; ngabe njengoba uNkulunkulu eselithukulule idandili kwasiphuna isivuno sami. **13** Nxa ngingaphathanga lami wangitshaya ngezinhlupheko, sebeklamasa kuhle izisebenzi zami, esesilisa lesesifazane nxa kabasazithinti. **12** Kwesokunene kwami ixuku kuhkona abakusolayo kimi, **14** ngizakuthini lapho liyangihlasela; bathiya inywo zami ngemijibila bakhe uNkulunkulu esengibuza ngakho na? Ngizaphendula imibundu yokungivimbezela. **13** Badiliza indlela ngithini nxa sekumele ngichaze na? **15** Yena lowo yami; bayaphumelela ukungibhidiza besithi 'Akekho Kasuye yini yena kanye owasenzyao sonke phakathi ozamsiza.' **14** Bahlasela ingathi bafohlela esikheleni esivulekileyo; bez aethululeka phezu kwezinqwaba kwezisu zabomama na? **16** Nxa ngilahlele eceleni zamanxiwa. **15** Ukwesaba okukhulu kungiphethet; izifiso zabayanga loba ngayekela amehlo omfelokazi isithunzi sami sobuntu singathi siphethwe ngumoya, edinwa yizinyembezi, **17** nxa ngizidlele ngedwa ukuvikeleka kwami kunya malala njengetyezi. **16** isinkwa sami, ngingasabelani lezintandane, **18** kodwa Manje impilo yami isincipha; insuku zokuhlupheka ebutsheni bami ngabondla njengaboyise, njalo kusukela zingibambe nko. **17** Ubusuku bugwaza amathambo ekuzalweni kwami ngamkhohela umfelokazi, **19** nxa am; lokuqaqamba kobuhlungu bami kakupheli. **18** ngike ngabona umuntu esifa ngokuswela iziqqoko, Ngamandla akhe amakhulu uNkulunkulu unjengelembu loba umuntu oswelayo engelasivunulo, **20** njalo kimi; uyangikhama ngamabheqe entanyeni yami. **19** inhlizyo yakhe ayingibusisanga ngokumfundumeza Ungivoxela edakeni, ngicina sengiluthuli lomlotha. **20** ngoboya bezimvu zami, **21** nxa ngike ngaphakamisa Ngikhala kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu, kodwa kawuphendl; isandla sami phezu kwentandane, kodwa mina ngyiasukuma, kodwa uyangikhangelu kuphela. **21** ngikwazi ukuthi bayangilalela emthethwanda, **22** nxa Ungisukula ngesihlu; unghlasela ngamandla esandla kunjalo kayikhumke ingalo yami kusukela ehломbe, sakho. **22** Uyangihlwitha ngiphethulwe ngumoya; ngiphoseke le le phakathi kwechiphepho. **23** Ngyazi ukuthi uzangilalisa phansi ekufeni, endaweni emiselwe konke okuphilayo. **24** Ngempela kakho ombeka isandla umuntu oswelayo nxa ekhalela ukusizwa esebunzimeni. **25** Kangibkhalelanga yini labo nxa bengithokoziswa yinotho yami enengi, lenzuzu abahluphekileyo? Umoya wami kawubazwelanga usizi evele ngezandla zami, **26** nxa ngilikhangale ilanga abayanga na? **26** Kodwa ngathi ngilindele ubuhle, libenyezela loba inyanga ihamba ngenkazimulo, **27** yaze kweza ububi; ngathi ngilindele ukukhanya kweza yayengeka inhlizyo yami ngaphakathi nganga isandla ubumnyama. **27** Ukuudunguluka ngaphakathi kwami sami ukuzikhonza, **28** lezi lazo yizono ebezifanele kakukhawuli; insuku zokuhlupheka zingijamele. **28** ukwahlulelw, ngoba bengizabe ngingathembekanga Ngihamba nje ngimnyama kubi, kungesikutshisa kuNkulunkulu ophezelu. **29** Nxa ngike ngathokoza lilanga; ngyiasukuma enkundleni ngicile uncedo. **29** ngomnyama owehlele isitha sami kumbe ngaggabhabza Sengingumfowabo wamakhanka, umkhulu wezikhova, **30** kangivumelanga umlomo 30 Isikhumba sami siba mynayama, siyaxathuka; umzimba wami uyatshisa ngomkhuhlane. **31** Ichacho lami selungiselis isililo, lomqangala wami ulindle umkhosi wokukhala."

**31** "Ngasenza isivumelwano lamehlo ami ukuthi angakhanglel intombi ayihawukele. **2** Siyini isabelo somuntu asabelo nguNkulunkulu ophetzulu na, ilifa lakhe elivelu kuSomandla phezelu? **3** Akusikubhujiswa kwababi lokutshabalalisa kwalabo abenza okubi na? **4** Kanti kaziboni yini izindlele zami abale zonke izinyathelo zami? **5** Nxa ngike ngahamba ngokwamanga loba unyawo lwami lwakhuthalela inkohliso **6** uNkulunkulu akangikale esikalini sakhe esiqotho ukuze abone ukuthi angilasici, **7** nxa izinyathelo zami zike zaphambuka endleleni, nxa inhlizyo yami ikhokhelwe ngamehlo ami, noma kumbe izandla zami zike zangcoliswa, **8** lapho-ke abanye kabazidlele lokho engikuhlanyeleyo, njalo

ngabhadala loba ngephula imimoya yabanikazi, **40** nxa kunjalo kakumile ameva esikhundleni sengqoloyi, lokhula esikhundleni sebhali." Aphela lapha amazwi kajobe.

**32** Amadoda la womathathu ema ukuphendula ujobe ngoba wayelungile ngokubona kwakhe. **2** Kodwa u-Elihu indodana kaBharakeli umBhuzi, owendlu kaRamu, wamzondela ujobe ngokuzigenza yena endaweni yokugezwa nguNkulunkulu. **3** Wayebazondele njalo labangane labo bobathathu ngoba babengayitholanga indlela yokuphikisa ujobe kodwa bemlahlile ngokumsola. **4** U-Elihu wayeke wema ukukhuluma loJobe ngoba babebadala kulaye. **5** Kodwa kwathi esebona ukuthi wonke amadoda womathathu ayengaselalutho ayengalutsho, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha. **6** Ngakho-ke u-Elihu indodana kaBharakeli umBhuzi wathi: "Ngimncinyane ngeminyaka, lina libadal; yikho bengisesaba, ngithikaza ukutsho engkwaziyo. **7** Ngikhumbule ngathi, 'Kakukhulume ubudala; iminya yokukhula kayifundise ukuhlakanipha.' **8** Kodwa kungumoya osemuntwini, ukuphefumula kukaSomandla, okumupa ukuqedisida. **9** Kakusibo bodwa abadala abahlakaniphileyo, njalo kakusibo bodwa abalupheleyo abakuwisisayo okulungiyeo. **10** Ngakho ngithi: Lalelani kimi; lami ngizalitshela engkwaziyo. **11** Bengithule lisakhulum, ngikulalele ukucabanga kwenu; lathi lisadinga amazwi, **12** ngalilalela ngokupheleleyo. Kodwa kakho lamunye kini otshengise ukuthi ujobe ulahlekile; kakho omunye wenu osephenhule imibono yakhe. **13** Lingaze lathi, 'Sesikutholile ukuhlakanipha; uNkulunkulu kaveze ukuphosisa kwakhe, hatshi umuntu.' **14** Kodwa uJobe kakaqondisisi amazwi akhe kimi, futhi kangiyikumphendula ngendlela yenu yokuphikisa. **15** Sebededile kabaselakho okunye abangakutsho; sebesilela amazwi. **16** Ngike ngime na njengoba sebethule, sebemi nje laphayana bengaselampendulo? **17** Lami ngiske ngikhulume; lami ngizakutsho engkwaziyo. **18** Ngoba manengi amazwi engilawo, umoya ongaphakathi kwami uyangifuqa; **19** ngaphakathi ngiyafuthelana njengewayini elivalelwu embodleli; njengemixhaka yewayini esifuna ukudubuka. **20** Kumele ngikhulume ukuze ngibhodle; kumele ngivule indebe zami ngiphendule. **21** Kangizukutshengisa ubandlululo loba kukubani, futhi kangisoze ngiyenge muntu; **22** ngoba ngabe ngangiligabazi ekukhulumeni, uMenzi wami ubezagisusa masinyane."

**33** "Khathesi-ke, Jobe, lalela amazwi ami; lalelisa konke engikutshoyo. **2** Sengizawuvula umlomo wami; amazwi ami asesolimini lwami. **3** Amazwi ami aphuma enhliziwayeni eqotho; izindebe zami zikhuluma ngokukholwa lokho engkwaziyo. **4** UMoya kaNkulunkulu wangenza; umphefumulo kaSomandla ungipha impilo. **5** Ngiphendula nxa usenelisa; zilungisesele ukuthi ungiphikise. **6** Lami nginjengawe phambi kukaNkulunkulu; lami njalo ngathathwa emhlabathini. **7** Ukungesaba kwakho

makungakwethusi, njalo isandla sami masingasindi kuwe. **8** Kodwa ukhulumile ngisizwa, ngiwezwile amazwi wona kanye, **9** 'Ngimsulwa njalo kangilasono; ngihlanzekile kangilamlundu. **10** Ikanti uNkulunkulu ubone okusolekayo kimi; ungithatha njengesitha sakhe. **11** Uyazikhina inyawo zami ngezibopho; uyaziqaphelisa zonke izindlela zami.' **12** Kodwa nyigiyatshela ukuthi lapha uyalahlekla, uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulumontu. **13** Kungani umsola usithi kapfhenduli amazwi omuntu na? **14** Ngempela uNkulunkulu uyakhuluma, khatthesi akhulume ngale indlela, aphinde akhulume ngenye lokuba umuntu angaze akunanzelela. **15** Kungaba ngephupho, kube ngombono ebusuku lapho abantu befile bethe nya embihedeni yabo, **16** angakhuluma ezindlebeni zabo, abethuse ngezixwayiso, **17** ukuze aguqule umuntu ekwenzeni okubi aqede ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe, **18** ukulondoloza umphefumulo wakhe ungayi egodini, lempilo yakhe ingabhubhi ngenkembra. **19** Loba umuntu angajezisa ngobuhlungu esembhedeni wakhe, langokuqaqamba okungathuliyo emathanjeni akhe, **20** aze ezwe umzimba wakhe usunenga yikudla lomoya wakhe usenyanya lokudla okumnandi kakhulu. **21** Inyama yakhe iyacikizeka iphele, lamathambo akhe ayekade evaliwe abonakale egcekeni. **22** Umoya wakhe uyasondela egodini, lempilo yakhe kuzo izithunywa zokufa. **23** Kodwa nxa kulengilosu eceleni kwakhe, engumeli, eyodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane, ukuthela umuntu okuyikho okumfaneleyo, **24** ukuba lomusa kuye isithi, 'Mxolele angayingena egodini; sengimzuzele inhlawulo yakhe yokumhenga' **25** bese inyama yakhe ivuselelwu njengeyomntwana; iyavuselelwu ibe njengezinsukwini zobutsha bakhe.' **26** Uyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu amthokozele, abubone ubuso bukaNkulunkulu amemeze ngentokozo; uyabuyiselwa nguNkulunkulu esimeni sakhe sokulunga. **27** Kuthi-ke abesebuya ebantwini athi, 'Ngenza isono, ngahlanekela okulungiyeo, kodwa kangisazuzanga obekungifanele. **28** Wawuhlenja umphefumulo wami ukuze ungayi egodini, ngakho ngizaphila ukuze ngikholise ukukhanya.' **29** UNkulunkulu uyazenza zonke lezizinto emuntwini kabilo, nomu kathathu **30** ukubuyisa umphefumulo wakhe ungayi egodini, ukuthi isibane sokuphila sikhanye kuye. **31** Nanzelela, Jobe, ulalele kimi; thula kuhulume mina. **32** Nxa uluthulo lokutsho, ngiphendula; khuluma sibili, ngoba ngifuna ukuthi ugezwe umlandu. **33** Kodwa nxa lungekho lalela kimi; thula zwi mina ngizakufundisa ukuhlakanipha."

**34** U-Elihu waqhube ka esithi: **2** "Zwanini amazwi ami, lina madoda ahlakaniphileyo; lalelani kimi, lina madoda ayizfundiswa. **3** Phela indlebe iyawahlola amazwi njengolimi lunambitha ukudla. **4** Asizihluzeleni thina okulungiyeo; kasifundeni ndawonye okuhle. **5** UJobe uthi, 'Kangilacala, kodwa uNkulunkulu kangahluleli ngokulunga. **6** Loba mina ngiqondile, kuthiwa ngilamanga; loba ngingelacala, umtshoko wakhe ungihlabu isilonda esingelaphekiyo.' **7** UJobe kanti ungumuntu bani, onatha ukuklolodela njengamanzi? **8** Uzwanana labantu

abenza ububi; uhambisana labantu ababi. **9** Ngoba uthi, ‘Umuntu kakumsizi ngalutho ukuzama ukuthokozisa uNkulunkulu.’ **10** Ngakho lalelani kimi lina madoda azwisisayo. Kakube khatshana laye uNkulunkulu ukwenza ububi, khatshana kukaSomandla ukona. **11** Uyamphindisela umuntu ngalokho akwenzileyo; abalapha. **5** Ake ukhangane emazulwini ubone; khangela umehlisela lokho okufanele ukuziphatha kwakhe. **12** amayeye aphakeme kangaka ngaphezu kwakho. **6** Kakungeni engqondweni ukuthi uNkulunkulu angenza ububi, ukuthi uSomandla angakutshila ukwahlulela ngokulunga. **13** Ngubani owambekayo phezu komhlaba na? Ngubani owhati kalawule umhlaba wonke na? **14** Aluba wayengathanda asuse umoya wakhe lokuphefumula, **15** bonke abantu babengatshabalala kanyekanye, umuntu wayezabuyela othulini. **16** Abantu bayakhala ngomthwalo wokuncindezelwa; Nxa liloKuzwisa, zwanini lokhu; lalelani lokhu engikutshoyo. **17** Kambe lowo ozonda ukwahlulela ngokulunga angabusa na? Liyamlahla yini Yena wami na, oqotho njalo olamandla? **18** Kayisuye yini othi emakhosini, ‘Kalisizi lutho,’ athi kwabayizikhulu, ‘Libabi,’ **19** ongatshengisi ukwazisa amakhosana kulabanye loba athande abanothileyo kulabayanga, ngoba bonke bangumsebenzi wezandla zakhe? **20** Bayafa nje masinyane, loba phakathi kobusuku; kungelasandla somuntu. **21** Amehlo akhe aphezu kwezindlela zabantu; ubona zonke izinyathelo zabo. **22** Akulandawo emnyama loba ithunzi elisithileyo, lapho abenzi bobubi abangacatsha khona. **23** UNkulunkulu kasweli ukuthi aphinde abahlolisise abantu, ukuze abalethe ekwahluwelweni phambi kwakhe. **24** Engaqalanga wahlolola uyabaphahlaza abalamandla abeke abanye endaweni yabo. **25** Ngoba ezinanzelela izenzo zabo, uyabagenqula ebusuku bahlifize. **26** Uyabajezisa ngenxa yobubi babo kube segcekeni emuntwini wonke, **27** ngoba baphambuka ekumlandeleni abaze banaka layiphi indlela yakhe. **28** Benza ukukhala kwabayanga kweza phambi kwakhe, laye wakuzwa ukukhala kwabasweleyo. **29** Kodwa nxa elokhu ezithulele, ngubani ongamsola na? Angafihla ubuso bakhe ngubani ongambona na? Kanti uphezu komuntu lesizwe ngokufanayo, **30** ukwalela ongamesabiyu uNkulunkulu ukuthi abuse, ukuze angafakeli abantu izifu. **31** Akesithi umuntu athi kuNkulunkulu, ‘Ngilecalakodwa kagisayikona njalo. **32** Ngifundisa lokho engingakuboniyo; nxa ngenze okubi, kagisayikuphinda ngikwenze.’ **33** Pho uNkulunkulu akuvuze ngokwetando yakho na, wena usala ukuphenduka? Kumele ukhethe wena, hatshi mina; ngakho ngitshela lokho okwaziyo. **34** Amadoda alokuqedisisa azakutsho, amadoda ahlakaniphileyo abangizwayo ngisithi kini, **35** ‘Ujobe ukhuluma engelalwazi; amazwi akhe kawalambono.’ **36** Oh, ujobe angasake alingwe ngokweqileyo ngoba uphendule njengomuntu omubi! **37** Phezu kвесono sakhe wengetsa ukuhlamuka; uyakloloda ngokuqakeza izandla zakhe phakathi kwethu andise amazwi akhe aphikisa uNkulunkulu.”

**35** U-Elihu wasesithi: **2** “Ukhumbula ukuthi lokhu kulungile yini? Uthi, ‘Ngizagezwa ngukulunkulu.’ **3** Kodwa uyambuza uthi, ‘Kungisiza ngani lokhu na, njalo ngizuzani ngokungenzi isono?’ **4** Ngithanda ukukuphendula kanye labangane bakho amayeye aphakeme kangaka ngaphezu kwakho. **6** Ungaze wenze isono, lokho kumthinta ngani na? Nxa izono zakho zizinengi, kwenzani lokho kuye na? **7** Nxa ulungile, kuyini omnika khona wena na, kumbe yena wamukelani esandleni sakho? **8** Ububi na? **10** Kodwa kakho othi, ‘Ungaphi uNkulunkulu uMenzi thina kulezinyamazana zalapha emhlabeni asenze sihlakaniphe kulezinyoni zasemoyeni?’ **12** Kaphenduli nxa abantu bebiza ngenxa yokuziphakamisa kwababi. **13** Ngempela uNkulunkulu kakulaleli ukuncenga kwamponi, usithi indaba yakho iphambi kwakhe ngakho kuzamele ulinde yena, **15** njalo futhi, ukuthi ulaka lwakhe kaluejesisi njalo akabunanzu lakancane ububi. **16** Yikho ujobe evalu umlomo wakhe ekhulumiza; ngokuswela ulwazi wandisa amazwi.”

**36** U-Elihu waqhube ka esithi: **2** “Ake lingibekezelele okwesikhathshana ukuze ngilitshengise ukuthi kunengi okumele kutshivo ngobuhle bukaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngiluzuza kude ulwazi lwami; ngithi ukwahlulela okulungileyo ngokukamenzi wami. **4** Yiba leqiniso ukuthi amazwi ami aqinisile; yena opheleleyo elwazini ulawe. **5** UNkulunkulu ulamandla, kodwa keyisi muntu; ulamandla njalo katshedi ezimisweni zakhe. **6** Ababi kabayekeli bephila kodwa abahluphekayo uyabapha okubafaneleyo. **7** Kawasusi amehlo akhe kwabalingileyo; ubakhweza esihlalweni kanye lamakhosi abaphakamise nini lanini. **8** Kodwa nxa abantu bebotshwe ngamaketane, bethiwe nko ngezibopho zezinhlupheko, **9** uyabatshela lokho abakwenzileyo, ukuthi benze isono ngokuziphakamisa. **10** Ubenza balalele ukucondiswa abalaye ukuthi baphenduke ebubini babo. **11** Nxa bemlalela bamkhonze, zonke insuku zabo eziseleyo zizaphumelela, leminyaka yabo ibe neyokusuthiseka. **12** Kodwa nxa bengalaleli, bazabhubha ngenkemba, bafe bengelalwazi. **13** Abangamesabiyu uNkulunkulu bagodle ukusola enhliziyweni; loba angaze ababophe kabaceli ukusizwa. **14** Bafa besesebatsha, bephakathi kweziphingi ezingamadoda, ezihlala ezindaweni zokukhonza. **15** Kodwa labo abahluphekayo uyabakhulula ekuhluphekeni kwabo; ukhuluma labo besezinkathazweni zabo. **16** Uyakulimukisa ukuthi uphume emihlathini yosizi uye endaweni ebanzi, ekhululekileyo njalo engelazibopho, ebumnandini betafula yakho igcwele izidlo ezimnandi. **17** Kodwa manje usindwa yikwahlulewa okulungele

ababi; ukuthonisiswa lokwahlulelwa ngokulunga leyomimangaliso yakhe yena lowo opheleleyo elwazini? yikho osekukuduba. **18** Qaphela kungabikhona **17** Wena oginqiswa yikutshisa kwezigqoko zakho nxa okulingayo ngenotho; ungavumeli ukuthengwa ngemali umhlaba uthule zwi kubetha umoya waseningizimu, kukususe endleleni. **19** Kambe inotho yakho **18** ungamncedisa yini ukwendlala isibhakabhaka, loba konke ukutshikatshika kwakho kungakusekela esilukhuni njengesibuko sensimbi yethusi? **19** Ake ukuze ungangeni osizini na? **20** Ungalangazeleli usitshele ukuthi pho sithini kuye; ngeke siyimise kuhle ubusuku, ukuze uyohudula abantu ezindaweni zabo. **20** indaba yethu ngoba kumnyama nje lapha kithi. **21** Qaphela ungangeni kokubi, okuhanya ingathi Atshelwe kambe ukuthi ngifuna ukukhuluma? Ukhona uyakuthanda kulokuhlupheka. **22** UNkulunkulu umuntu ongacela ukuthi aginywe? **21** Phela kakho uphakeme ngamandala akhe. Ngubani ongafundisa ongalikhangela ilanga, njengoba licazimulu kangaka njengaye na? **23** Ngubani omisele izindlela zakhe esibhakabhakeni nxa umoya uwaphephule wonke na, loba othe kuye, 'Usuwenze okungalunganga?' amayezu kwacethula. **22** Esuka enyakatho uqhamuka **24** Khumbula ukukhulisa umsebenzi wakhe, abantu ngenkazimulo enjengegolide; uNkulunkulu uqhamuka abawudumisileyo ngengoma. **25** Bonke abantu ngobukhosu obesabekayo. **23** USomandla asingeke jikele bakubonile lokhu; abantu bakukhangela simfinyelele njalo uphakeme ulamandla; ekwahluleleni bemi khatshana. **26** Ubukhulu bukaNkulunkulu bungaphezu kokuwisiswa kwethu! Iminyaka yakhe **24** Ngakho-ke abantu bayamhlonipha, ngoba kanti ingezake yaziwe. **27** Uyawadonsa amathonsi amanzi, kabani yini bonke abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyeni?" aqlungane abe lizulu elingena ezifuleni; **28** amayezu athulula amanzi awo kune izulu elikhulu ebantwini. **29** Ngubani ongakuzwisa ukuthi uwendlala njani amayezu na, ukuthi ukhwaza njani esesiqongweni sakhe na? **30** Ake libone ukuthi uwuhlkaza njani umbane wakhe aizingelezele ngawo, abhukutshe ezinzikini zowlandise. **31** Yiyo indlela abusa ngayo izizwe aziphe ukudla okunengi. **32** Ugewalisa izandla zakhe ngombane awukhombise lapho omele utshaye khona. **33** Ukuduma kwakhe kubika isiphepho esizayo; lenkomu ziyatshengisa ukuza kwaso."

### **37** "Konke lokhu kwenza inhlizyo yami itshaye ize itshede endaweni yayo. **2** Lalela!

Lalela ukubhonga kwelizwi lakhe, ukuzamazama okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe. **3** Uywukhulula umbane wakhe ngaphansi kwavo wonke amazulu awuthumele emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **4** Ngemva kwalokho kuza umdumo wokubhonga kwakhe; uduma ngelizwi lakhe lonke angaligodli. **5** Ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liduma ngezindlela ezmangalisayo; wenza izinto ezzinkulu ngaphezu kokuzwisa kwethu. **6** Utshela ungqwaqwane athi, 'Khithika phezu komhlaba,' lezulu athi kulo, 'Thululeka ube yisihlambo esikhulu.' **7** Ukuze kuthi bonke abantu abadalayo bakwazi ukusebenza kwakhe, uyamisa umuntu wonke emsebenzini wakhe. **8** **16** Sewake wahamba emithonjeni yowlandle na Izinyamazana ziycatsha; zihlale ezikhundleni zazo. **9** Isiphepho siyaphuma ekamelweni laso, umqando uphume entshongolweni esikayo. **10** Ukuphefumula kukaNkulunkulu kukhupha iliqhwa, amanzi aluwaca ajiye abe yilitshe. **11** Ugcwalisa amayezu ngamanzi; **12** Ngokuqondisa ahlakaze umbane wakhe ngawo. **13** Uyawaletu amayezu ajezise kwakhe ayaqhela embese umhlaba wonke ukuze enze loba yini awalaya yona. **14** Lalela lokhu, iminyaka yonke le!

**38** UThixo wasekhuluma loJobe ephakathi kwesiphepho. Wathi: **2** "Ngubani na lowo odunga amacebo ami ngamazwi okungazi? **3** Qina njengendoda; ngizakubuza, lawe uzangiphendula. **4** Wawungaphi lapho ngibeka izisekelo zomhlaba na? Ngitshela nxa uqedisisa. **5** Ngubani owamisa izilinganiso zawo na? Phela angithi uyazi! Ngubani owayidonsayo intambo yokulinganisa kuwo na? **6** Izinsika zavo zamiswa phezu kwani na, loba ngubani owamisa ilitshe lawo lekhoneni na **7** lapho izinkanyeye zokusa zazihlabele kanye kanye lezingilosu zonke zamemeza ngentokozo? **8** Ngubani owavalela ulwandle ngemva kwezivalo lapho selufohla esiswini na, **9** lapho ngisenza amayezu aba yisembatho salo na ngalugogela ngomnyama omkhulu, **10** lapho ngalubekela imikhawulo ngamisa iminyango yalo lemigoqo endaweni yayo, **11** lapho engathi, 'Ungeza uze ufike lapha kodwa ungedluli; kulapha amagagasi lobukhosu. Nxa ilizwi lakhe seliqaqamba ulikhulula akho azizqajayo aphelela khona?' **12** Sewake wabekela lonke angaligodli. **13** Ukuza kuphakamise umhlaba ngemiphetho ikuseni umthetho na, loba watshengisa ukusa indawo yakhlo **14** Umhlaba ubumbeka kuthintithe ababi abakuwo? **15** Ababi bayacitshelwa isimo njengebumba ufakwe uphawu; imibalayawo ikhanye ithi bha njengelembu. **16** Ababi bayacitshelwa kuthintithe ababi abakuwo? **17** Amasango okufa aseke abonakaliswa kuwe na? Usuke wawabona amasango ethunzi lokufa na? **18** Ubuqedisise na ubukhulu bobubanzi bomhlaba?

loba wahamba ezingoxwenu zenziki yalo na? **19** Yiphi indlela eya ekhaya elihlala ukukhanya na? Ubumnyama bona buhlala ngaphi? **20** Ungakusa ezindaweni zakho na? Uyazazi izindlela eziya emizini yazo na? **21** Ye uyakwazi, ngoba wawuvele usuzelwel! Usuphile ukuze atshengise uthando lwakhe. **22** Sewake wangena eziphaleni Jobe; akume ukhumbule izimangaliso zikaNkulunkulu. **23** Engizilindisele izikhathi zohlupho, insuku zempi zikangqwaqwane loba wabona iziphala zesiqhoto na, **24** Ingaphi indlela eya esigodlweni **15** Uyakwazi na ukuthi uNkulunkulu uwala wakhe ulavuke? **16** lokuhlasela na? **24** Ingaphi indlela eya esigodlweni Uyakwazi na ukuthi amayezu emi njani elengile, sokwaba umbane, loba indawo yokuhlakaza umoya

wempumalanga phezu komhlaba na? **25** Ngubani iyalihleka ibhiza lomgadi walo. **19** Uyaliphia na ogubhe intshukuntshu yezihlambo zezulu, lendlela wena ibhiza amandla kumbe uggokise intamo yalo yomdumo wesiphepho; **26** ukuthelezela ilizwe ngomhlonga na? **20** Uyalenza leqe njengentethet elingahlali muntu, inkangala okungelamuntu kuyo, na, lingethuse ngokuhwabha kwalo kokuziqenya? **27** ukusuthisa ilizwe elilugwadule kulenze lhlume **21** Liyaphanda ngenkani, lithokoziswa ngamandla utshani na? **28** Izulu elinayo lloyise na? Ngubani alo, lidlubulunde lihlasela isitha. **22** Liyakuhleka ongyise wamathonsi amazolo na? **29** Ngesikabani isisu esizala iliqhwa na? Ngubani ozala umtshazo ovela phezulu na **30** lapho amanzi abalukhuni njengelitshe, lapho iphezulu yowlandise ijiyle? **31** **24** Liyafuthelana ngamadlabuzane ligijime limbe phansi; Ungasibopa na isiLumela lesi esihle? Ungazithukulu yini izintambo zeziNja? **32** Ungawuletha na umthala ngesikhathi sawo loba ukhuphe inkanyezi ethiwa yiNgulube lemidlwane yayo? **33** Uyayazi imithetho yasezulwini na? Umgawakha yini umbuso kaNkulunkulu emhlaben? **34** Umgawamemeza yini amayezi uthi akunethise ngesihlambo samanzi? **35** Uyakuthuma yini ukuphazima kombane? Uyabika kuwe yini uthi, ‘Ngilapha’? **36** Ngubani owapha inhliziyo ukuhlakanipa kumbe owapha ingqondo ukuzwisa na? **37** Ngubani ololwazi lokubala amayezi na? Ngubani ongagenqula amaqhaga asezulwini na **38** nxa uthuli seluqina lamagade omhlabathi esebumbene? **39** Uyasizingelela na isilwanekazi ukudla kwaso, uyiqede indlala yezilwane **40** lapho zilele ezikhundleni zazo kumbe zicwathile ezixukwini? **41** Ngubani opha iwabayi ukudla lapho amatsiyane elo ekhala kuNkulunkulu ezulazula ehayila ngendala na?”

**39** “Uyakwazi na ukuthi amagogi azala nini? Uyawubukele yini nxa impalakazi izala izinyane layo? **2** Uywazibale yini izinyanya zize zizale? Uyasazi isikhathi ezizazala ngaso na? **3** Ziyalala phansi zizale abantwana bazo; kube sekuphela ubuhlungu bokuhelwelwa kwazo. **4** Amazinyane azo ayaqina na, akhule abe lamandla egangen; ayasuka ahambe njalo ilizwi lakho lingaduma njengelakte yini? **10** angabuyi. **5** Ngubani owakhulula ubabhemi weganga na? Ngubani owathukulula igoda lakhe na? **6** uzenbathise ngodumo lobukhos. **11** Khulula ukuvutha Ngamupha ugwdadle lwaba likhaya lakhe, lenkangala yetswai ibe ngumango wakhe. **7** Uyazincifela iziphithiphithi zedolobho; kakuzu ukukhahlyanezwu ngumtshayeli. **8** Uyazihambela abhode izintaba emadleweni akhe edinga loba yini eluhlaza. **9** Inyathi kambe izavuma ukukusebenzela na? Izahlala esibayeni sakho ebusuku na? **10** Ungayibamba ngomchilo ulime ngayo na? Ingazilima na izigodi zakho? **11** Ungayithembra yini ngenxa yamandla ayo amakhulu na? Umgawuyekelala yona umsebenzi wakho onzima na? **12** Uyayithembra ukuthi izalayitsa amabele akho na iwase esinen? **13** Impiko zentshe zitshaya kakuhle, kodwa neke zilinganiswe lempiko kanye lezinsiba zengabuzane. **14** Ibekela amaqanda ayo emhlabathini iwayekele afudumale etshebetshaben, **15** ngenkemba yakhe. **20** Izintaba zimlethela izithelo zazo, ingakanananga ukuthi unyawo oluthile lungawahlifiza, kuthi zonke izilo zeganga zidhlalele eduze. **21** Ilala ukuthi inyamazana yeganga ethile ingawanyathela. **16** Amatsiyane ayo iyawakhahlameza, kube sengathi akusi wayo; ingakhathali ukuthi ukubekela kwayo kwaba yize, **17** ngoba uNkulunkulu kayiphanga **18** Amathambo ayo alezimbobo zethusi, lezitho zayo zikankulunkulu, kodwa uMenzi wayo angayehlu emisipheni yesisu sayo! **17** Umsila wayo uyzazunguza njengomsedari; imisipha yemilenze yayo yalukene. **19** Iyengqala yezidalwa zikukhkhula kayethuki; kayithi thiki lokuba ijodani **20** Izintaba zimlethela izithelo zazo, ngaphansi kwezihlahla ezibukekayo, isithikile phakathi kwemihlanga exaphozini. **22** Izahlahlah ezinhle ziyayisitha ngemithunzi yazo; imidubu okhunjini lomfula iyihonqolozole. **23** Nxa umfula uthwele ukuhlakanipa loba ingqondo yokubona okufaneleyo. **24** Ukhona yini

ongayibamba ngamehlo, kumbe ayithiye ayibhoboze amakhala na?"

**41** "Ungambamba na uLeviyathani ngewuka loba uhitshele ulimi lwakhe ngentambo na?" **2** Ujobe wasemphendula uThixo wathi: "Ngiyazi ukuthi ungazenza zonke izinto; kalikho icebo Ungawufaka umkhala yini emakhaleni akhe kumbe ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe ngewuka na?" **3** Uzabe iseluleko sami engelalwazi na?" Ngeqiniso ngikhulumile eloekhu ekuncenga yini ukuthi umzwele? Uzakhulumha ngezinto ebengingazivisisi, izinto ezimangalisayo lawe ngamazwi apholileyo yini? **4** Uzakwenza engingeke ngizazi. **4** Wena uthe, 'Lalela manje, mina isivumelwano lawe na ukuthi abe yisichaka sakho ngizakhulumha; ngizakubuza, wena uzangiphendula.' kokuphela? **5** Ungamenza abe yisifuyo sokudalisa **5** Indlebe zami zasezizwile ngawe kodwa manje njengenyoni na kumbe umfake umkhungo adlalise amehlo ami asekubonile. **6** Ngakho sengizeyisa, ngamantombazana na? **6** Abathengi bazabhejelana sengiphenduka ngizilahla othulini lasemlotheni." ngentengo yakhe na? Bazakwahlukaniselana ngaye na **7** Kwathi uThixo esetshilo lezizinto kuJobe wathi abathengi? **7** Ungasibhoboza yini isikhumba sakhe ku-Elifazi umThemani, "Ngikuzondele wena kanye ngenhlenda loba ikhanda lakhe ngemikhonto yokuciba labangane bakho bobabili, ngoba kalikhulumanga inhlanzi? **8** Ungabeka isandla phezu kwakhe, uzhahlala ngami okulungleyle njengenceku yami uJobe. **8** ukukhumbula ukutshukana kwenu ungaphindi futhi! **9** Ngakho manje thathani inkunzi eziyisikhombisa Ukucabanga ukuthi ungamehlu kuyize; ukumbona lengama eziyisikhombisa liye encekwini yami uJobe nje kodwa kuqedla amandla. **10** Kakho ongaba lesibindi liyekwenza umnikelo wenu wokutshiswa. Incuku yami sokuthi alwe laye. Pho ngubani ongamelana lami na? uJobe izalikhulekela, mina ngizawamukela umkhuleko **11** Ngubani engilomlandu kuye othi kangihlawule na? wayo ngingaze ngalijezisa okufanele ubuthutha benu. Konke okuhkona ngaphansi kwezulu ngokwami. **12** Kalikhulumanga ngami okulungleyle njengenceku Kangisoze ngikhawule ukubabaza izitho zakhe, amandla yami uJobe." **9** Ngakho u-Elifazi umThemani, akhe langesimo sakhe esihle. **13** Ngubani ongaxeбула uBhilidadi umShuhi loZofari umNahama benza lokho isikhumba sakhe na? Ngubani ongasondela kuye abakutshewla nguThixo; njalo uThixo wawemukela ngamatomu na? **14** Ngubani ongaqaunga isibindi avule umkhuleko kajobe. **10** UJobe esebehkulekele abangane iminyango yomlomo wakhe, oggaggelwe zingavula bakhe, uThixo wamenza waphumelela njalo wamupha zamazinyo na? **15** Umhlane wakhe ulezinhlu zamahawu okunengi okuphindwe kibili kulokho ayalakho abophene silikici; **16** yilelo lithe mba kwelinje okuthi kuqala. **11** Bonke abafowabo labodadewabo kanye kakungeni moyo phakathi kwavo. **17** Anamathelene lobani owayemazi ngaphambili weza ukuzakudla ndawonye; abambene okokuthi angeke ehlukaniswe. **18** laye endlini yakhe. Bamkhalela, bamzwela ngakho Ukuthimula kwakhe kukhupha inhlansi zomlilo; amehlo konke ukuhlupheka uThixo ayemehlisele khona, akhe anjengemisebe yokusa. **19** Amalangabi omilo kwathi ngulowo lalowo wamupha ulutho lwestiliva alavuka emlonyen'i wakhe; inhlansi zomlilo ziqhatsa kanye lesongo legolide. **12** UThixo wayibusisa impilo ziphuma khona. **20** Intuthu ithunqa iphuma emakhaleni yokucina kajobe ukwedlula eyokuqala. Waba lezimvu akhe kungathi isuka embizeni eblayo phezu komilo eziyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lane, izinkulungwane wemihlanga. **21** Ukuphefumula kwakhe kulumathisa eziyisithupha zamakamela, inkulungwane yezipani amalahle, njalo kulavuka amalangabi emlonyen'i wakhe. zenkabi labobahemi abayinkulungwane. **13** Waphinda **22** Amandla akhe aseytanyeni yakhe; okuphambi njalo waba lamadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi kwakhe kuhle kuphele amandla. **23** Amavingo enyama amathathu. **14** Indodakazi yokuqala wayetha ibizo yakhe abambene nki; aqine nko kawehlukaniseki. elithi Jemima, eyesibili yayinguKheziya, eyesithathu **24** Isifuba sakhe silukhuni njengelitshe, siqine yaba nguKhereni-Haphutshi. **15** Kakuzange kube njengengaphansi kwembokodo. **25** Uthi nxaphakama khona elizweni lonke abesifazane ababebahle kwsabe amaqhawе ngokwawo; atshede ebalekela njengamadodakazi kajobe, njalo uyise wawabela ukubhula komksila wakhe. **26** Inkemba leyo emfikelayo ilifa kanye labanewabo. **16** Ngemva kwalokhu kayenzi lutho, kumbe umkhonto, loba umtshoko uJobe waphila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane; loba isijula. **27** Insimbi uyithatha njengotshani wababona abantwabakhe labantwababo kwaze kwaba lethusi kungathi luluthi olubolileyo. **28** Imitshoko yisizukulwane sesine. **17** UJobe wafa esemdale njalo kayimenzi abaleke; lamatshe esavutha anjengomule eseluphele.

kuye. **29** Induku kuye ingumuca wotshani; uyahleka esizwa ukukhenceza komdikadika. **30** Ingaphansi yomzimba wakhe injengendengezi ezibukhali, itshiya umzila odakeni kungathi yisileyi esizunguzekayo. **31** Udunga inziki zamanzi ayabuke njengembiza enkuila ibila, aluvube ulwandle njengembiza yamagcobo. **32** Ngemva kwakhe utsihiya umzila okhazimulayo; umuntu angazathi ulwandle luloboya obumhlophe. **33** Kakukho emhlabeni okulingana laye, isidalwa esingesabiyio.

# Amahubo

**1** Ubusisiwe umuntu ongahambi ngezeluleko zababi; ongemiyo endleleni yezonzi; ongahlaliyo esihlalwei sabaklolodayo. **2** Kodwa ukuthokoza kwakhe kusemhethweni kaThixo, futhi unakana ngomthetho wakhe imini lobusuku. **3** Unjengesihlahla esihlanyelwe emifulen yamanzi, esithela izithelo zaso ngesikhathi saso, ohlamvu laso kalibuni. Konke akwenzayo kuyaphumelela. **4** Ababi kabanjalo! Banjengamakhoba aphetsulwa ngumoya. **5** Ngakho ababi kabayikuma ekwahlulelweni, noma izoni enkundleni yabalungileyo. **6** Ngoba uThixo uyayilinda indlela yabalungileyo, kodwa indlela yababi iya ekubujisweni.

**2** Kungani izizwe zixokozela, labantu besakha amacebo ngeze? **2** Amakhosi omhlaba aylhoma ajame lababusi bahlangana ndawonye bermelana loThixo njalo lalowo ogcotshiwyo wakhe besithi; **3** “Kasiwaqamuleni amaketane abo, silahle izibopho zabo.” **4** Yena osesihlalweni ezulwini uyahlekla; uThixo uyabahleka. **5** Abesebakhalmela ngolaka, abathuthumelise ngentukuthelo yakhe, esithi, **6** othokoza ngobubi; ababi ngeke bahlale lawe. **5** Iziqholo “Sengiyibekile eyami inkosi phezu kweZiyoni, ngeke zime phambi kwakho; uyabazonda bonke abenza intaba yami engcweli.” **7** Ngizasimemezela isimiso sikaThixo: Wathi kimi, “UyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguyihlo. **8** Cela kimi, ngizakwenza izizwe zibe yilifa lakho, imikhawulo yomhlaba cube yinotto yakho. **9** Uzazibusa ngentonga yobukhosy eyensimbi, uzazibhidliza zicubuzeke njengebumba.” **10** Ngakho-ke lina makhosy, limukani, yezitha zami yenza iqonde indlela yakho phambi liyaxwayiswa lina babusi bomhilaba. **11** Mkhonzeni uThixo ngokumesaba, lithokozele umbuso wakhe ngokuthuthumela. **12** Ikhothameleni iNdodana, funa ithukuthele beselihujiswa endleleni yenu, ngoba intukuthelo yakhe ingavutha ngesikhatshana. Babusisiwe bonke abaphephela kye.

**3** Ihubo likaDavidia ebalekela indodana yakhe u-Abhisalomu. Oh Thixo banengi kangaka abayizitha zami! Banengi kangaka abangihlaselayo! **2** Abanengi bathi ngami, “UNkulunkulu kayikumhlenga.” **3** Kodwa wena uyiishlangu sokungivikela, Oh, Thixo, inkazimulo yami, uphakamisa ikhanda lami. **4** Ngikhala kakhulu kuThixo uyangiphendula esentabeni yakhe engcweli. **5** Ngilala phansi ngijumeke; ngibuye ngiphaphame, ngoba uThixo uyangilonoloza. **6** Angiyikubesaba abangamatshumitshumizi ezinkulungwane abangihlaselayo inxa zonke. **7** Phakama, awu Thixo Ngisindise, Oh Nkulunkulu wami. Zibethe zonke izitha zami emhlathini; akhumule amazinyo ababi. **8** KuThixo kuvela insindiso. Sengathi isibuso Sakho singaba sebantwini Bakho.

**4** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngeziginci. Ihubo likaDavidia. Ngiphendula lapho ngikubizia, Oh Nkulunkulu wami olunglelo. Ake ungiphumuze ekuhluukelweni engikukho; woba lomusa kimi njalo uwze umkhuleko wami. **2** Koze kube nini, we bantu,

koze kube nini inkazimulo yami liyenza ihlazo? Koze kube nini lithanda inkohliso njalo lidinga onkulunkulu bamanga? **3** Yazini ukuthi uThixo usezehlukanisele labo abathembekileyo, njalo uThixo uyezwa nxa ngikhala kuye. **4** Ekuthukutheleni kwenu lingoni; nxa lisemibhedeni yenu hlolani inhlizyo zenu, lithule. **5** Nikelani imihlatshelo eqondileyo, limethembe uThixo. **6** Abanengi bayabuba bathi, “Kuvele ngubani ongasitshengisa ukulunga na?” Sengathi ukukhanya kobuso bakho gungakhazimula phezu kwethu, Oh Thixo. **7** Uyigwalisile inhlizyo yami ngentokozo enkuu eyedlula ubunengi bamabele abo lewayini labo elitsha. **8** Ngizala phansi ngijunywye yibuthongo ngilokuthula, ngoba wena wedwa, Oh Thixo, uhlezi ungilondolozile.

**5** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kwabemifece. Ihubo likaDavidia. Zwana amazwi ami, Oh Thixo, hawukela ukububula kwami. **2** Lalela ukukhala kwami ngidiga uncedo, Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami, ngoba ngikhuleka kuwe. **3** Ekuseni, Oh Thixo, uyalizwa ilizwi lami; ekuseni ngibeka icizelo zami phambi kwakho ngilinde ngithembile. **4** Kawusuye uNkulunkulu Kodwa mina, ngomusa wakho omkhulu, ngizangena endlini yakho; ngizakhothamela phansi ngokuhlonipha ngikhangele ethempelini lakho elingcweli. **8** Ngikhokhele, Oh Thixo, ngokulunga kwakho; ngenxa Umphimo wabo ulingcwaba elikhamsileyo; ngolimi lwabo bakhulumu inkohliso. **10** Tshono uthi balecal, Oh Nkulunkulu! Akuthi amacebo abo abe yikuwa kwabo. Baxotshele khatshana ngenxa yezonzo zabo ezinengi, ngoba bakuhlamukele wena. **11** Kodwa akuthi bonke abaphephela kuwe bathokoze; kabahlabelele njalonjalo ngenjabulo. Basibekale ngovikelo lwakho, kuthi labo abalithandayo ibizo lakho bajabule ngawe. **12** Ngoba ngempela, Oh Thixo, uyababusisa abalungileyo; uyabazungeza ngomusa wakho njengesihlangu.

**6** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngeleziginci. Kulandelwa isheminiti. Ihubo likaDavidia. Oh Thixo ungangikhalmeli ngolaka lwakho njalo ungantshayi utukuthele. **2** Woba lomusa kimi, Thixo, ngoba ngiphela amandla; Oh Thixo, ngisilisa, ngoba amathambo ami alobuhlungu. **3** Umoya wami udabukile. Koze kube nini, Oh Thixo, koze kube nini? **4** Phenduka, Oh Thixo, ungikhulule; ngihlenga ngenxa yothando lwakho olungehlulekiyo. **5** Kakho okukhumbulayo nxa esefile. Ngubani okukhonzayo esengcwabeni lakhe? (**Sheol h7585**) **6** Ngikhathene ngokububula; ubusuku bonke umbheda wami uba manzi te ngikhala umendlalo wami ngiwigcwalisie negezinyembezi. **7** Amehlo ami ayafiphala ngenxa yosizi; ayanqundeka ngenxa yazo zonke izitha zami. **8**

Xekani kimi lina lonke elenza okubi, ngoba uThixo usekuzwile ukulila kwami. **9** UThixo usekuzwile ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa; UThixo uyawamukela umkhuleko wami. **10** Zonke izitha zami zizayangeka zidansive; zizatshibilika zibuyele emuva masinyane sezilehlazo.

**7** Ishigayoni kaDavida ayihlabelela uThixo mayelana loKhushi umBhenjamini. Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, ngiphephela kuwe; ngisindisa ungikhulule kubo bonke abangizingelayo, **2** ngoba bazanginithiza njengesilwane bangiklebule iziqanyana kungekho ongangilamulela. **3** Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami, nxa ngikwenzile lokhu izandla zami zilecalo, **4** nxa ngenze okubi kulowo ohhlalisene kuhle lami loba ngisuke ngaphanga isitha sami kungelasizatho, **5** nxa kunjalo akuthi isitha sami singihlasele; masigxobagxobele impilo yami emhlabathini singbihuqabhuqe phansi ebhujwini. **6** Vuka, Oh Thixo, ngolaka lwakho; vuka uvimbele ukuthukuthela kwezitha zami. Vuka, Nkulunkulu wami, memezela ukwahlulela okuhle. **7** Akuthi abantu bebuthene bakuhange busa phezu kwabo usekuphakameni. **8** UThixo kahlulele bonke abantu. Ngahlulele, Oh Thixo ngokwanele ukulunga kwami, ngokwanele ubuqotho bami, wena oPhezukonke. **9** Oh Nkulunkulu olungileyo, ohlolisia imicabango lezhiliziyi, qeda udlakela lwababi ukuze abalungileyo bavikelele. **10** Isihlangu sami nguNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, osindisa abaqotho ngenhlizyo. **11** UNkulunkulu ngumahluleli olungileyo, uNkulunkulu obonisa ulaka lwakhe insuku zonke. **12** Nxa umuntu engadeli ububi bakhe uzalola inkemba yakhe; uzaligoba alithiye idandili lakhe. **13** Usezilungisile izikhali zakhe ezibulalayo; uselungisa imitshoko yakhe evutha umlilo. **14** Lowo osuthiswe ngobubi akhulelwé yikona uzala ukuphumputheka. **15** Lowo ombo umgodi awuphande uwela kulowomgodi awumbileyo. **16** Inkathazo ayidalileyo iyamphendukela; lesihluku sakhe sehlela phezu kwekhanda lakhe. **17** Ngizambonga uThixo ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe; ngizahlabelela indumiso egameni likaThixo oPhezukonke.

**8** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yegithithi. Ihubo likaDavida. Oh Thixo, Thixo wethu, ibizo lakho libabazeka kangaka emhlabeni wonke! Uyibekile inkazimulo yakho ngaphezulu emazulwini. **2** Ucumisile ukudunyiswa yizindebe zabantwana lensane ngenxa yezitha zakho, ukuze uthulise isitha lomphindiseli. **3** Nxa nginakanana ngamazulu akho, umsebenzi weminwe yakho, inyanga lezinkanyezi ozibeki endaweni yazo, **4** uyini umuntu osungaze uzihluphe ngaye na, indodana yomuntu ukuba uyinanze? **5** Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilosu, wamethesa umqhele wodumo lobukhosu. **6** Wamenza umbusi phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho; wabeka zonke izinto ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe: **7** yonke imihlambi yezimvo leyenkomo lezinyamazana zeganga, **8** izinyoni zasemkhathini lenhlanzi zowlandise, konke okuntsheza emanzini olwandle. **9** Oh Thixo, Thixo wethu, ibizo lakho libabazeka kangaka emhlabeni wonke!

**9** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihlatshelwa njengengoma ethi “Ukufa kweNdodana.” Ihubo likaDavida. Ngizakudumisa, Oh Thixo, ngenhliziyi yami yonke; ngizafakaza ngazozonke izimangaliso zakho. **2** Ngizathokoza ngijabule ngawe, ngizahlabelela indumiso egameni lakho, wena oPhezukonke. **3** Izitha zami ziyafulathela zibaleke; ziyanhubeka zitshabalale phambi kwakho. **4** Ngoba ulisekele ilungelo lami; usuhalilie esihlalweni sakho sobukhosu wahlulela kakuhle. **5** Uzikhuzile izizwe, wababhubhisu ababi; wawesula amabizo abo kuze kuge nini lanini. **6** Ukbhidlikha okungapheliyo kusehlele isitha sami, wawasiphuna amadolobho aso; lokukhunjulwa kwaso sekuphele nya. **7** UThixo uyabusa kuze kuge nini; usesimisile isihlalo sakhe sobukhosu ukuze ahlulele. **8** Uzabusa umhlabu ngokulunga njalo uzakwahlulela abantu ngokufaneleyo. **9** UThixo uyisiphephelo sabancidezelwego, uyingqaba ezikhathini zokuhlupheka. **10** Labo abalaziyo ibizo lakho bazathemba kuwe, ngoba wena, Thixo, kawubafulatheli abakudingayo. **11** Hlabelelani indumiso kuThixo esebukhosini eZiyoni; fakazani phakathi kwezizwe ngalokho akwenzileyo. **12** Ngoba yena ophindiselayo kulowo ochitha igazi uyakhumbula; akudakeli ukukhala kwabahlukuluzwayo. **13** Oh Thixo, ake ubone ukuthi izitha zami zingichukuluza njani! Yiba lesihawu ungenyule emasangweni okufa, **14** ukuze ngifakaze indumiso yakho emasangweni ENdokazaki yaseZiyoni kuthi khonone ngithokoze ngokusindisa kwakho. **15** Izizwe ziwele emgodini eziwumbileyo; inyawo zazo zibanjwe emambuleni eziwathiyileyo. **16** UThixo waziwa ngokwahllulela kwakhe okulungileyo; ababi babanjwa yizenzo zezandla zabo. **17** Ababi babuyela engcwaben, zonke izizwe ezikhohliwa uNkulunkulu. (**Sheol h7585**) **18** Kodwa abaswelayo kabayikukhohlakala kokuphela, njalo lethembala labahlukuluzwayo kalyikutshabalala. **19** Vuka Thixo, ungayekeli umuntu angobe; akuthi izizwe zahlulelwé phambi kwakho. **20** Batshayise ngovalo, Oh Thixo; akuthi izizwe zikwazi ukuthi zingabantu nye.

**10** Kungani, Oh Thixo, umela khatshana? Kungani uzifihla ngezikathini zokuhlupheka? **2** Ngobuholo bakhe umuntu omubi uzingela ababuthakathaka, abayengeta ngamacebo awakhayo. **3** Uzikhukhumeza ngezinkanuko zenhilizyo yakhe; ubusisa abayizihwaba athuke uThixo. **4** Ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwakhe omubi kamdingi uThixo; kuyo yonke imicabango yakhe akulandawo kaNkulunkulu. **5** Izindlela zakhe ziyaphumelela; uyadelela njalo lemithetho yakho ikhatshana laye aneme lapho ebona izitha zakhe. **6** Uthi, “Akulalutho olungangixukuxa; ukuthokoza ngokwani lanini, angiyikufa ngahlupheka.” **7** Umlomo wakhe ugcwele amanga lenhlamba lezithuko; ulimi lwakhe luqukethe uhlupho lobubi. **8** Ucathama ngaphandle kwemizi; avumbuluke lapho abulale abantu abamsulwa, ahiale ecatheme ekusithekeni. **9** Uyacathama njengesilwane ekusithekeni; ucathamelala labo abangelamanda; uyabadumela abahudulele emambuleni akhe. **10**

Ababambileyo uyabachoboza baphangalale; uyabawisa yami ihlale idabukile insuku zonke na? Koze kube ngamandla akhe. **11** Uzitshela athi, “UNKulunkulu nini isitha sami sitshakala phezu kwami? **3** Ngizwela usekhohliwe; uyabugubuzela ubuso bakhe angabe esabona.” **12** Vuka, Thixo! Phakamisa isandla sakho, Oh Nkulunkulu. Ungabakohlwa abazihluphekelayo. **13** Kungani umuntu omubi ethuka uNkulunkulu na? Kungani na ezitshela esithi, “Kazukungithonisa?” **14** Kodwa wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, uyalubona uhlupho losizi; uyakanzelela ukuze ulamule. Ongelamandla uzilahla kuwe; wena ungumiszi wezintandane. **15** Yephula ingalo yomuntu oxhwaliyeo; mthonisise ngokuganga kwakhe obekuzahlala kungaziwa. **16** UThixo ungumbusi kuze kube nini lanini; izizwe zizabhubha elizweni lakte. **17** Uyazizwa, Oh Thixo, izifiso zabancindezelwego; uyabaqinisa, ulalele ukukhala kwabo, **18** ulamulele izintandane labancindezelwego, ukuze kuthi umuntu, ongowasemhlabeni, angabe esesabeka futhi.

**11** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Mina ngiphephela kuThixo. Pho ungtasho kanjani kimi ukuthi: “Balekela entabenzi yakho njengenyon. **2** Ngoba, khangela, ababi sebewanwebile amadandili abo; imitshoko yabo sebeyixhume ezintanjeni ukuthi batshoke becatshile emathunzini beciba labo abaqotho ezinhliyweni. **3** Kambe nxa kubhidlizwa izisekelo, kuyini abangakwenza abalungileyo na?” **4** UThixo usethempelini lakhe elingcwele; uThixo usesihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi basezulwini. Uyawakhangela amadodana abantu; amehlo akhe ayabahlola. **5** UThixo uyabahlola abalungileyo, kodwa ababi lalabo abathanda udlakela uyabazonda ngomoya wakhe wonke. **6** Ababi uzabehlisela amalahle avuthayo lesalufa etshisayo; umoya otshisayo uzabahaqaza. **7** Ngoba uThixo ulungile, uthanda ukwahlulela okuhle; abaqotho bazabubona ubuso bakhe.

**12** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yesheminiti. Ihubo likaDavida. Siza Thixo, ngoba kabasekho abakholtwayo; abathembekileyo sebenyamale kabasekho ebantwini. **2** Bonke baqamba amanga kubomakhelwane babo; izindebe zabo ezyengayo zihlezi zikhulumu inkholiso esezinhliyweni zabo. **3** Sangathi uThixo angaziquma zonke izindebe ezikhohlisayo kanye laluphi ulimi oluzikhukhumezayo **4** oluthi, “Sizanqoba ngendimi zethu; izindebe zethu zizasilwela ngubani oyinkosi yethu na?” **5** “Ngenxa yokuncidezelwa kwabayanga lokububula kwabaswelayo, sengizavuka khathesi,” kutsho uThixo. “Ngizabavikela kulabo ababachukuluzayo.” **6** Njalo amazwi kaThixo amsulwa, njengesiliva esicengwe esithandweni somlilo esebumba, njengegolide elihlanjululwe kasikhombisa. **7** Oh Thixo, uzahlala usiphephisisle njalo usivikele ebantwini ababi nini lanini. **8** Ababi bayaklamasa santando nxa bebona izinto ezilhlahzo zidunyiwa ngabantu.

**13** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Koze kube nini, Oh Thixo? Uzangikhohlwa lanininini na? Koze kube nini ungifihlela ubuso bakho na? **2** Koze kube nini ngitshukumisana lemicabango yami, inhlizyo

nini isitha sami sitshakala phezu kwami? **3** Ngizwela ungiphendule, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami. Khanyiselisizakuthi, “Sengimehlule,” labangizondayo bathokoze nxa ngisiwa. **5** Kodwa ngiyalwethemba uthando lwabo olungapheliyo; inhlizyo yami iyathokoza ngensindiso yakho. **6** Ngizahlabelela kuThixo, ngoba ungenzelela ukulunga.

**14** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KaDavida. Isiwula sithi enhliziyweni yaso, “AkulaNkulunkulu.” Baxhwalile, izenzo zabo zibolile; kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle. **2** UThixo ukhangela phansi eseulzwini emadodaneni abantu ingabe bakhona yini abazwisisayo, abamdingayo uNkulunkulu. **3** Bonke baphambukile, bonke sebexhwalile; kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle, kakho lamunye. **4** Kanti lezizixhwalie kaziyikuza zafunda yini? Zona ezdila abantu bami ingathi zidla isinkwa, ezingamkhonziyo uThixo. **5** Kodwa yibo abagubhazelisa luvalo ngoba uNkulunkulu ukhona phakathi kwabalungileyo. **6** Lina benzi bobubi lifubisa amalungiselelo abayanga, kodwa uThixo uyisiphephelo sabo. **7** Awu, sengathi insindiso kaIsrayeli ingaqhamuka eZiyoni! Nxa uThixo esebuyisela impumelelo yabantu bakhe, kathokoze ujakhobe lo-Israyeli ajabule!

**15** Ihubo likaDavida. Thixo, ngubani ongahlala endlini yakho engcwele na? Ngubani ongahlala entabeni yakho engcwele na? **2** Ngulowo okuhamba kwakhe kungelansolo njalo owenza okulungileyo, okhuluma iqiniso liphuma enhliziyweni yakhe, **3** ongachothoziyo ngolimi lwakhe, ongoneli umakhelwane wakhe futhi ongagconi umzalwane wakhe, **4** oweysira umuntu oxhwaliyeo kodwa ohlonipha labo abesaba uThixo, ogcina isifungo sakhe loba kubuhluntu ukwenzenjalo, **5** owebolekisa imali yakhe engadingi inzuko njalo ovalayo ukuthengwa ukuze kwetheswe umlandu kongelacala. Lowo owenza lezizinto akayikuzanyazanyiswa lanini.

**16** Imikithamu kaDavida. Ngilondoloza, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngoba ngiphephela kuwe. **2** Ngathu kuThixo, “UnguThixo wami; ngaphandle kwakho angilakho okuhle.” **3** Labo abangcwele abakhona elizweni bangabakhazimulayo engithokoza ngabo. **4** Labo abagijimela abanye onkulunkulu inhlupho zabo zizakwanda. Angiyi kuyithulula iminikelo yegazi kubonkulunkulu labo njalo amabizo abo kawayikupuma kwezami izindebe. **5** Thixo, usungahlukanisele isabelo sami kanye lenkezo yami; konke okwami usukumise kuhle. **6** Imingcele yesabelo sami idabula ezindaweni ezibukekayo; ngeqiniso elami ilifa liyathokoza. **7** Ngizamdmisa uThixo, ongye ongelulekayo; lasebusuku inhlizyo yami iyangiqondisa.

**8** Ngikhangele kuThixo kokuphela. Njengoba esesandleni sami sokinene angiyi kunyikinywa. **9** Ngakho-ke inhlizyo yami iyathokoza lolimi lwami luyajabula; lomzimba wami uzaphumula uvikelekile,

**10** ngoba kawuzukungiyekela ngize ngyiye endaweni yabafileyo, njalo kawusoze wekele othembekileyo wakho ezwe ukubola. (**Sheol h7585**) **11** Usungazisile indlela yempilo; uzangigcwalisa ngokuthaba phambi kwakho, ngenjabulo engapheliyo kwasokunene sakho.

**17** Umkhuleko kaDavida. Zwana, Oh Thixo, ukuncenga kwami okulungileyo; lalela ukukhala kwami. Zwana umkhuleko wami, kawusuki ezindebeni ezikhohlisayo. **2** Ukugezwa kwami ecaleni kakuvele kuwe; sengathi amehlo Akho angabona lokho okuqondileyo. **3** Udungulule inhliziyo yami wangihlola ebusuku wangilinga, kawuyikufumana lutho olubi engiluhlelileyo; sengizimisele ukuthi umlomo wami ungenzi sono. **4** Mayelana lezenzo zabantu, mina ngizazithiba ezindleleni zobudlwangudlwangu ngelizwi lezindebe zakho. **5** Izinyathelo zami zalela ezindleleni zakho; inyawo zami kazizange zitshele. **6** Ngikhala kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu ngoba uzangiphendula; ngilalela uze umkhuleko wami. **7** Tshengisa ukumangalisa kothando Iwakho olukhulu, wena osindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene, labo ababalekela kuwe ezitheni zabo. **8** Ngilondoloza njeneggugu lakho; ngifihila emthunzini warnaphiko akho **9** kwababi abangihlaselayo, ezitheni zami ezimbi ezingihanqileyo. **10** Bagcika inhliziyo zabo ezingelazwelo, lemilomo yabo ikhuluma iqholoza. **11** Sebeze bangithola, manje sebengihanqile bangiqhuzulele amehlo bafuna ukungilahla phansi. **12** Banjengesilwane silambele loba yini esingayidumela, njengesilwane esesabekayo siquthile sicatshile. **13** Phakama, Oh Thixo, basukele, balahle phansi; ngilamulela kwababi ngenkemba yakho. **14** Oh Thixo, ngisindisa ngesandla sakho ebantwini abanjalo, ebantwini bakulumhlaba omvuzo wabo ukuyonale impilo. Udedisa iphango lalabobo bathandayo; amadodana abo akhomba ngophakathi; baqoqela abantwabobo inotho. **15** Mina-ke ngenxa yokulunga ngizabubona ubuso bakho; ngizakuthi ekuvukeni kwami nganeliswe yikubona isimo sakho.

**18** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida inceku kaThixo Wahlabelela ujehova amazwi alelihubo lapho ujehova wamsindisa esandleni sezitha zakhe zonke lasesandleni sikaSawuli. Wathi: Ngiyakuthanda, Oh Thixo, Mandla ami. **2** UThixo ulidwala lami, inqaba yami, lomsindisi wami; uNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lami, lapho engiphephela khona, isihlangu sami lophondo lokusindiswa kwami, inqaba yami. **3** Ngakhuleka kuThixo ofanele ukudunyiswa njalo ngikhululwe ezitheni zami. **4** Izbopho zokufa zangihilela; lezikhuKhula zokubhubhisa zangikhulela. **5** Izbopho zengcwaba zangithandela; imijibila yokufa yangijamela. (**Sheol h7585**) **6** Ekukhathazekeni kwami ngakhuleka kuThixo; ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami ngicela usizo. Walizwa ilizwi lami esethempelini lakhe; ukukhala kwami kwafinyelela kuye, ezindlebeni izisekelo zezintaba zanyikinyeka; zagedezela ngoba wayethukuthele. **8** Intuthu yalanquka emakkhaleni Akhe umlilo ohangulayo waphuma emlonyen'i

wakhe, amalahle avuthayo alavuka ephuma kuwo. **9** Waqhekeza amazulu wehlela phansi; amayezi amnyama ayengaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe **10** Wagada amakherubhi waphapha; wantweza phezu kwamaphiko omoya. **11** Wenza umnyama isembeso sakhe, isigubuzelo esimhangileyo, amayezi ezulu amnyama asemkhathini.

**12** Phakathi kokukhazimula kobukhona bakhe kwaqubuka amayezi, kulesiqhetho lezikhatha zombane. **13** UThixo wakhwaza esezelwini; ilizwi loPhezukonke lanqengetha. **14** Waciba imitshoko wazihlakaza izitha, ngembane eminengi waziqothula. **15** Izigodi zowlwandle zambulwa lezisekelo zomhlaba zavezwa obala ekukhuzeni kwakho Thixo, ngomfutho wokuphefumula kwamakhala akho. **16** Welula isandla Sakhe esezelwini wangibamba wangihlenga enzikini yamanzi. **17** Wangihlenga esitheni sami esilamandla, ezitheni zami ezazingigabhela ngamandla. **18** Zangijamela mhla ngisebunzimeni, kodwa uThixo waba yinsika yami. **19** Wangikhupha wangibeka endaweni ebanzi wangihlenga ngoba wayethokoza ngami. **20** UThixo ungenzele okulingene ukulunga kwami; wanginika umvuzo ngokufanele ukuhlanze ka kwezandla zami. **21** Ngoba ngizigcinile izindlela zikaThixo; angenzanga okubi ngokufulathela uNkulunkulu wami. **22** Yonke imithetho yakhe ibiphambi kwami; angizifulathelanga izimiso zakhe. **23** Ngibe ngilokhu ngimsulwa phambi kwakhe njalo ngisixwayile isono. **24** UThixo unginile umvuzo ngokufanele ukulunga kwami, ngokufanele ukuhlanze ka kwezandla zami phambi Kwakhe. **25** Kwabathembekileyo lawe uthembekile, kwabamsulwa lawe umsulwa. **26** Kwabahlanzekileyo uizevea uhlanzekile kodwa kwabangagondanga uizeva uklaphophile. **27** Uyabasindisa abathobekileyo; kodwa uayabehlisela phansi labo abamehlo asesiphundu. **28** Wena, Oh Thixo, gcina isibane sami sibhebhla; uNkulunkulu wami uguqula umnyama wami ube yikuhanya. **29** Ngosizo Iwakho ngingaphuma ngimelane lebutho lempi; ngoNkulunkulu wami ngingaweqa umdlo. **30** Izindlela zikaNkulunkulu uqobo Iwakhe ziphelele; ilizwi likaThixo kalasici. Ulihawu labo bonke abaphephela kuye. **31** Ngoba ngubani uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaThixo? Njalo ngubani oliDwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu wethu na? **32** NguNkulunkulu ongihlomisa amandla enze indlela yami iphele. **33** Wenza inyawo zami zibe njenqezempala; ungenza ngime ezingqongweni. **34** UFundisa izandla zami ukulwa impi; izingalo zami zingaligobisa idandili lethusi. **35** Wena uyanginika isihlangu sakho sokunqoba, lesandla sakho sokunene siyangiqinisa; uyazehlisela phansi ukuze ungenze ngibe mkhulu. **36** Uqhelisa indlela enginyathela kuyo, ukuze inqagala zami zingapheci. **37** Ngaxotshana lezitha zami ngazifica; kangiphendukanga ngingakazibhubhisi zonke. **38** Ngazichoboza, zazineke zisavuka; zawela ngaphansi kwezinyawo zami. **39** Wangihlomisa ngamandla okulwa impi; wenza abaxabana lami bakhothama ezinyaweni zami. **40** Wenza izitha zami zafulathela zabaleka, njalo ngazibhubhisa izitha zami. **41** Bakhala becela uncedo, kodwa wayengekho owayengabalamulela kuThixo,

kedwa kaphendulanga. **42** Ngabatshaya bachelka njengothuli luhpetshulwa ngumoya; ngabathulula njengodaka ezindeleni. **43** Ungikhulule ekuhlaselweni yilabantu; usungenze ngaba yinhloko yezizwe; abantu engangingabazi sebebuswa yimi. **44** Bathi bengizwa nye ngendaba, bangilalele; abezizweni bayatshotshobala phambi kwami. **45** Bonke badelile; beza bethuthumela bevela ezingabeni zabo. **46** Uthixo uyaphila! Alidunyiswe iDwala lami! Kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami! **47** UnguNkulunkulu ongiphindiselelayo, onqoba izizwe zibe ngaphansi kwami, **48** ongisindisayeo ezitheni zami. Wena wangikhuphula ngaphezu kwezitha zami; wangihenga ebantwini bodlakela. **49** Ngakho ngizakudumisa phakathi kwezizwe, Oh Thixo; ngizahlabele indumiso yebizo lakho. **50** Upha inkosi yakhe ukunqoba okukhulu; utshengisa umusa wakhe ongaphuthiyo kogcotshiwo wakhe, kuDavid kanye lezizukulwane zakhe kuze kuge nininini.

## **19**

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavid. Amazulu afakaza inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu; lomkhathi utshumayela umsebenzi wezandla zakhe. **2** Usuku ngosuku lezizinto ziayakhulum; ubusuku lobusuku zibonisa ulwazi. **3** Akula nkulumo, akula mazwi ilizwi lazo alizwakali. **4** Kodwa Ilizwi lazo lizwakala emhlabeni wonke, amazwi azo afika emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Emazulwini uNkulunkulu uselakhele ithente ilanga. **5** Lona linjengomyeni ephuma exhibenii lakhe, njengentshantshu ethakazelela ukugijima ibanga layo. **6** Liphuma emkhawulweni wamazulu lihambe indlela yalo liyotshona ngakuloyana; kakukho okusithekileyo ekutshiseni kwalo. **7** Umthetho kaThixo uphelele uvuselela umphefumulo. Izimiso zikaThixo zithembekile, zihlakaniphisa izithutha. **8** Iziqondiso zikaThixo zilungile, ziletha ukuthokoza enhliziwayeni. Imilayo kaThixo isobala, iletha ukukhanya emehlwani. **9** Ukumesaba uThixo kuhlanzekile, kumi kuze kuge phakade. Izahlulelo zikaThixo ziqinisekile njalo zilungile ngokupheleleyo. **10** Zililugu okudlula igolide, okudlula igolide elinengi elicengekileyo; zimnandi kuloluju, uluju olujuluka ohlangeni. **11** Ngazo inceku yakho iyacetshiswa; ukuzilandela kulomvuzo omkhulu. **12** Ngubani ongazizwisisa iziphambeko zakhe? Thethelela iziphambeko zamii ezisithekileyo. **13** Phephisa inceku yakho ezonweni zamabomo; sengathi zingeze zabusa phezu kwami. Lapho ngizakuba msulwa ngingabi lacala lokona okukhulu. **14** Sengathi amazwi omlomo wami leminakano yenhliyi yami kungathokozisa emehlwani akho, Oh Thixo, Dwala lami loMhlengi wami.

## **20**

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavid. Sengathi uThixo angakuphendula nxa usenkathazweni; sengathi ibizo likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe lingakuvikela. **2** Sengathi angakuthumela usizo luvela endlini engcwele njalo akunike ukuhlomulela kuvela eZiyoni. **3** Sengathi ngakuthemba kusukela ebeleni likamama. **10** Kusukela angakhumbula yonke imihlatshelo yakho njalo

emuukele iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa. **4** Sengathi angakupha isifiso senhliziyo yakho enze izimiso zakho zonke ziphumelele. **5** Sizamemeza ngokujabula lapho usunqobile, siphakamise uphawu lwethu. Sengathi uThixo egameni likaNkulunkulu wethu. **6** Manje sengisazi ukuthi uThixo uyamhlenga ogcotshiwo wakhe; uyamphendula esezelwini lakhe elingcwele ngamandla Akhe asindisayeo awesandla Sakhe sokinene. **7** Abanye bathemba izinqola zempi, abanye amabhiza, kodwa thina sithemba ibizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **8** Bafuqelwa phansi bawe, kodwa thina siyaphakama sime sigxile. **9** Oh Thixo, sindisa inkosi! Sabela lapho simemeza!

## **21**

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavid. Yebo Thixo umbusi uyathokoza ngamandla akho. Kukhulu ukuthokoza kwakhe ngokunqoba akuphiwa nguwe! **2** Usumphile isiloyiso senhliziyo yakhe njalo kawumncitshanga isicelo sezindebe zakhe. **3** Wamemukela ngezibusiso ezinhle wamethesa umqhele wegolide elicengekileyo ekhandla lakhe. **4** Wacela kuwe ukusila, wamupha ubude bezinsuku kuze kuge nini lanini. **5** Ngokunqoba akuphiwa nguwe lukhulu udumo lwakhe; usumqizise inkazimulo lobukhos. **6** Ngempela usumuphe izibusiso ezingapheliyo wamenza wajabula ngentokozo yobukhona Bakho. **7** Ngoba umbusi uymthemba uThixo; ngothando loPhezukonke olungaphuthiyo akayikuzanyazanyiswa. **8** Isandla Sakho sizazibamba zonke izitha Zakho; isandla Sakho sokinene sizabaxhakalaza abakuzondayo. **9** Kuzakuthi lapho uqhamuka wena uzabenza babe njengomlilo wemvutho enku. Ngenxa tentukuthelo yakhe uThixo uzabaginya, umlilo wakhe uzabagothula. **10** Wena uzabhubhisia izizukulwane zabo emhlabeni, inzalo yabo ebantwini. **11** Loba beceba okubi Ngawe besaka amaqhingga amabi, abangeke baphumelele; **12** ngoba uzabenza bafulathelie babaleke nxa usubakhombela usulinwebile idandili. **13** Phakanyiswa, Oh Thixo ngamandla Akho; sizahlabele sibabaze amandla Akho.

## **22**

Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kulandela itshuni ethi, "Impalakazi yekuSeni." Ihubo likaDavid. Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, kungani usungidelile na? Kungani ukhatshana kokungisindisa, khatshana kwamazwi okububula kwami? **2** Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyakhala emini, kodwa kawuphenduli; ebusuku, kangithulanga. **3** Kanti usesihlalweni sobukhosu uNguye oNgcwele uyindumiso ka-Israyeli. **4** Obaba babeka ithemba labo Kuwe; bona bathemba wena wabakhulule. **5** Bakhala kuwe bakhululwa; bathemba kuwe kabaze badaniswa. **6** Kodwa ngiyimpethu nye kangisumuntu, ngihozwa ngabantu njalo abanengi bangeyise. **7** Bonke abangibonayo bayangihleka; bayangithethisa baze banyikinye amakhanda: **8** "Uthemba uThixo lowo Thixo kamkhulule. Kamsindise njengoba ethokoza ngaye." **9** Kanti wena wangikhupha esiswini; wangenza ngakuthemba kusukela ebeleni likamama. **10** Kusukela angakhumbula yonke imihlatshelo yakho njalo ekuzalweni kwami ngabekwa ezandleni Zakho; kusukela

esiswini sikamama ulokhu unguNkulunkulu wami. **11** ngoba wenza isisekelo sawo phezu kolwandle wawumisa Ungabi khatshana kwami, ngoba uhlupho luseduze phezu kwamanzi. **3** Ngubani ongaqansa intaba kaThixo njalo kakho ongangisiza. **12** Inkuンzi ezinengi na? Ngubani ongema endaweni yakhe engcwele zingihanqile; inkuンzi ezilamandla zaseBhashani na? **4** Ngulowo olezandla ezhilanze kileyo lenhliziyo zingihonqolozele. **13** Izilwane ezbibhongayeo ezbamba emhlophe, ongaphakamiseli umphefumulo wakhe zidabudabule zingikhamsela imilomo yazo. **14** kunkulunkulu wamanga loba afunge ngenkohliso. Ngiyathululeka njengamanzi, njalo amathambo ami wonke akhumukile. Inhliziyo yami isiphendude yaba yingcino; isincibilikile ngaphakathi kwami. **15** Amandala amti asetshile qhu ingathi ludengezi, lolimi lwami luyanamethela elwangeni lwami; uyangilalisa othulini lokufa. **16** Izinja sezingihanqile; ixuku labantu ababi selingihonqolozele, sebgengiwaze izandla lezinyawo. **17** Ngingawabala wonke amathambo ami; abantu bayanginyyonkoliza bangiklolodele. **18** Behlukanisela izembatho zami njalo benze inkatho ngezigqoko zami. **19** Kodwa wena, Thixo, ungabi kude lami. Ungamandla ami, woza masinyane uzongisiza. **20** Phephisa impilo yami enkembeni, impilo yami eligugu emandleni azo izinja. **21** Ngilamulela emlonyen iwezilwane; ngisindisa empondweni zezinyathi. **22** Ngizamemezela ibizo Lakho kubafowethu; emphakathini ngizakudumisa. **23** Lina elimesabayo uThixo, mdumiseni! Lani lina zizukulwane zikajakhobe, mbabazi! Mhlonipheni, lina lonke zizukulwane zika-Israyeli! **24** Ngoba keyisanga loba adelele ukuhlupheka kwalowo ohlukuluzwayo; kamfihlelanga ubuso bakhe kodwa walalela ukukhela kwakhe ecela ukusizwa. **25** Sivela kuwe isithathelo sokudumisa kwami emhlanganweni omkhulu; ngizagcwala isifungo zami phambi kwalabo abakwesabayo. **26** Abayanga bazakudla basuthe labo abandingayo uThixo bazamdumis sengathi inhliziyo zenu zingaphila nini lanini! **27** Yonke imikhawulo yomhlabia izakhumbula iphendukele kuThixo, njalo lezimuli zonke zezizwe zizakhothama phansi phambi kwakhe, **28** ngoba umbuso ungokaThixo njalo uyabusa phezu kwezizwe. **29** Zonke izinotti zomhlabia zizazitika ngokudla njalo zikhonze; bonke abangena othulini bazaguqa phambi Kwakhe labo abangeke baziphilise. **30** Abesikhathi esizayo bazamkhonza; izizukulwane zizakwaziswa ngoThixo. **31** Bazatshumayela ukulunga kwakhe, ebantwini abangakazalwa ngoba ukwenzile Yena.

**23** Ihubo likaDavid. UThixo ungumelusi wami, angiyikuswela lutho. **2** Ungilalisa emadlelweni aluhlaza, ungikhokhelela emanzini apholileyo, **3** uvuselela umphefumulo wami. Uyangihola ezindleleni zokulunga ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **4** Loba ngidabula esigodini sethunzi lokufa, angiyikwesaba okubi ngoba wena ulami; intonga Yakho lodondolo Lwakho kuyangiduduza. **5** Ulungisa itafula phambi kwami emehlwensi ezitha zami. Ugcoba ikhanda lami ngamafutha; inkomitsho yami igcwele iyaphuphuma. **6** Impela okuhle lothando kuzangilandela zonke insuku zokuphila kwami, njalo ngizahlala endlini kaThixo kuze kuge nininini.

**24** Ihubo likaDavid. Umhlabia ngokaThixo, lakho konke okukwu, ilizwe labo bonke abahlala kulo; **2**

ngoba wenza isisekelo sawo phezu kolwandle wawumisa kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wakhe. **6** Sinjalo isizukulwane salabo abamdingayo, abadinga ubuso Bakho, Oh Nkulunkulu kajakhobe. **7** Phakamisani amakhanda enu, lina masango; phakamani, lina minyango yekadeni, ukuba iNkosi yenkarizimulo ingene. **8** Ngubani iNkosi yenkarizimulo? NguThixo oqinileyo olamandla, uThixo olamandla empini. **9** Phakamisani amakhanda enu, lina masango; aphakamiseni, lina minyango yekadeni, ukuba iNkosi yenkarizimulo ingene. **10** Ungubani na lowo Thixo wenkarizimulo? NguThixo uSomandla iNkosi yenkarizimulo.

**25** ElikoDavid. Kuwe, Thixo, ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami. **2** Ngethembu kuwe, ungangiyekeli ngiyangeke, futhi ungayekeli izitha zami zinginqobe. **3** Kakukho bani othemba lakhe likuwe ozayangiswa lanini, kodwa bazayangiswa abadinga ukulimaza kungelasizatho. **4** Ngibonisa izindlela Zakho, Oh Thixo, ngifundisa izindlela Zakho; **5** ngikhokhela equinisweni Lakhoo ungifundise ngoba unguNkulunkulu, uMsindisi wami, lethembu lami likuwe insuku zonke. **6** Khumbula, Oh Thixo, isihawu Sakho esikhulu kanye lothando, ngoba konke kuvela yekadeni. **7** Ungakhumbuli izono zobutsha bami lezindlela zokuhlamuka kwami; ngikhumbula ngokufanele uthando Lwakho, ngoba ulungile, Oh Thixo. **8** UThixo ulungile, uqotho; ngakho weluleka izoni ngezindlela zakhe. **9** Uhola abathobekileyo kulokho okuqondileyo abafundise indlela yakhe. **10** Zonke izindlela zikaThixo zilothando, ziyathembeka kulabo abagcina izimiso zesivumelwano Sakhe. **11** Ngenxa yegama Lakho, Oh Thixo, thethelela ububi bami, loba bubukhulu. **12** Ngubani-ke umuntu omesabayo uThixo? Uzameluleka ngaleyondlela ayimiselweyo. **13** Uzaphila insuku zakhe ekhomba ngophakathi, lezizukulwane zakhe zizakudla ilifa lelizwe. **14** Bayatherenjwa nguThixo labo abamesabayo; ubenza basazi isivumelwano Sakhe. **15** Amehlo ami ahlezi ekuThixo lanini, ngoba nguye kuphela ozakhumula inyawo zami esithiyweni. **16** Phendukela kimi ube lobubele lami, ngoba ngilesizungu, ngikhathazekile. **17** Inhlupheko zenhliziyo yami sezandile; ngikhulula ekudabukeni kwami. **18** Khangela ukukhathazeka kwami lokuhawula kwami, ususe zonke izono zami. **19** Ake ubone ukuthi izitha zami sezande kangakanani, lokuthi zingizonda kubi kanjani! **20** Linda impilo yami unghilenge; ungangiyekeli ngiyangeke, ngoba ngizuzu isiphephelo Kuwe. **21** Sengathi ubuqotho lokuqonda kungangivikela, ngoba ngizuzu isiphephelo Kuwe. **22** Hlenga u-Israyeli, Oh Nkulunkulu, kuzozonke inhlupheko zakhe.

**26** ElikaDavida. Veza ukungabi lacala kwami, Thixo, izandla zami eNdaweni Yakho eNgcwelengcwele. **3** ngoba sengiphile impilo engelansolo; ngihlezi Ungangihuduli ndawonye lababi, lalabo abenza ububi, ngimethemba uThixo ngingaxhamandi. **2** Ngilinga, abakhuluma kamnandi labomakhelwane kodwa begcine Oh Thixo, ungizame, hlola inhliziyo yami lengqondo ububi ezinhliziyweni zabo. **4** Bajejisele izenzo zabo yami; **3** ngoba uthando Lwakho luhlezi luphambi kanye lemisebenzi yabo emibi; bajejisele imisebenzi kwami, njalo kokuphela ngihamba eqinisweni Lakho. **5** Kangidlelani labantu abakhohlisayo njalo kangiwelelani Njengoba bengananzu imisebenzi kaThixo lalokho labazenzisi; **5** ngiyawenyanza umbuthano wezigangi; okwenziye yizandla zakhe, uzabahbidilizela phansi njalo ngiyala ukuhlala lezixhwali. **6** Ngigeza izandla angaphindi ababumbe futhi. **6** Uduomo kalube kuye zami ngokungelacala, bese ngilizungeza i-alithari uThixo, ngoba ukuzwile ukukhala kwami ngicela Lakho, Oh Thixo, **7** ngimemezele ngamandla umusa. **7** UThixo ungamandla ami lesihlangu sami; indumiso Yakho ngibatshele bonke ngemisebenzi inhliziyo yami yethembia Kuye, ngiyancedwa. Inhliziyo Yakho eyisimanga. **8** Ngiyayithanda indlu ohlala kuyo, yami yaqolotsha ngentokozo njalo ngizambonga ingehubo. **8** UThixo ungamandla abantu bakhe, inqaba khona. **9** Ungamukisi umphefumulo wami ndawonye yensindiso yogcotshiwayo wakhe. **9** Sindisa abantu lowezoni, impilo yami kanye lalabo abomele igazi, Bakho ubusise ilifa lakho; woba ngumelusi wabo **10** ozandla zabo zilamacebo amabi, ozandla zabo ubathwale lanininini.

zokunene zifumbethe izivalamlomo. **11** Kodwa mina

ngiphila impilo engelasici; ngihlenga ube lesihawu

kimi. **12** Inyawo zami zimi emhlabathini ochayileyo;

ngizandumisa uThixo emhlanganweni omkhulu.

**27** ElikaDavida. UThixo uyikukhanya kwami lensindiso yami ngizakwesaba bani na? UThixo uyinqaba yokuphila kwami ngubani engingamesaba na? **2** Nxa ababi bengihlasela bezodlithiza inyama yami, lapho izitha zami labangizondayo bengihlasela, bazakhubeka bawe. **3** Loba impi ingivimbezela, inhliziyo yami kayizukwesaba; loba ngivukelwa yimpi, loba kunjalo ngizakuma isibindi. **4** Yinye into engiyicelayo kaThixo zonke insuku zokuphila kwami, ngibuke ubuhle bukaThixo, lokuthi ngimdinge ethempelini lakhe, **5** Phela ngosuku lokuhlupheka uzangilondoloza emznini wakhe, uzangifihla esiphephelweni sethabanikeli lakhe angimise phezu kwedwala elisesiqongweni. **6** Laphoke ikhanda lami lizaphakanyiswa ngaphezu kwethitha ezingihanqileyo; ethabanikeleni lakhe ngizakwenza umhlatshelo ngimemeza ngentokozo; ngizahlabelela ingoma zendumiso kuThixo. **7** Zwana ilizwi lami lapho ngimemeza Oh Thixo; woba lomusa kimi ungiphendule. **8** Ithi inhliziyo yami Ngawe, “Dinga ubuso bakhe!” Ubuso Bakho, Thixo ngizabudinga. **9** Ungangifihleli ubuso Bakho, ungayixotshi inceku yakho ngokuthukuthela; wena ubungumsizi wami. Ungangilahi loba ungidele, Oh Nkulunkulu, Msindisi wami. **10** Loba obaba lomama bengangidela, uThixo uzangemukela. **11** Ngifundisa indlela Yakho, Oh Thixo; ngihola endleleni eqondileyo ngenza yabancindezelzeli bami. **12** Unganginikeli entandweni yabangizondayo, ngoba ofakazi bamanga bayangivukela bevutha ulaka. **13** Ngilokhu ngilesibindi ngalokhu: ngizakubona ukulunga kukaThixo emhlabeni wabaphilayo. **14** Lindela uThixo qina ume isibindi ulindele uThixo.

**28** Ihubo likaDavida. Ngikhala Kuwe, Oh Thixo, Dwala lami; ungangivaleli indlebe Yakho. Phela nxa ulokhu uthule ngizakuba njengalabo asebengene egodini. **2** Zwana ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa, nxa ngikhala Kuwe ngicela usizo, nxa ngipakamisela

**29** Ihubo likaDavida. Mupheni uThixo, lina ziphakanyiswa, mupheni uThixo ubukhosu lamanda. **2** Mupheni uThixo ubukhosu obufanele ibizo lakhe; mkhonzeni uThixo ekukhazimulenli kobungcwele bakhe. **3** Ilizwi likaThixo liyazulazula phezu kwamanzi; uNkulunkulu wenkazimulo uyandindiza, uThixo uyandindiza phezu kwamanzi amanengi. **4** Ilizwi likaThixo lilamandla; ilizwi likaThixo lilobukhosu. **5** Ilizwi likaThixo lephula imisedari; uThixo uyiqamula ibe yizicucu imisedari yaseLebanoni. **6** Wenza iLebanoni itshakale njengethole, iSiryonu njengetegua lenyathi. **7** Ilizwi likaThixo litshaya ngezikhatha zombane. **8** Ilizwi likaThixo liyayizamazamisa inkangala; uThixo uyiayizamazamisa iNkangala yaseKhadeshi. **9** Ilizwi likaThixo liyayitshila imikusu likhwebule izihlahla amagusu asale eze. Njalo ethempelini lakhe bonke basameze bathi, “Inkazimulo!” **10** UThixo uhlezi ebukhosini phezu kxesikhukhula; uThixo unguMbusi lanininini. **11** UThixo unika amanda ebantwini bakhe; uThixo ubusisa abantu bakhe ngokuthula.

**30** Ihubo. Ingoma. Elokonikela ithempeli. ElikaDavida. Ngizakuphakamisa, Oh Thixo, ngoba wangenyula ekujuleni awaze wawumela izitha zami zijabule phezu kwami. **2** Awu Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami, ngacela Kuwe uncedo wangisilisa. **3** Yebo Thixo wangenyula eliben, wangisiza ngaphepha ukungena egodini. (**Sheol h7585**) **4** Hlabelelani kuThixo lina bathembekileyo bakhe; dumisani ibizo lakhe elingcwele. **5** Ngoba ukuthukuthela Kwakhe ngokomuzwana nje, kodwa umusa wakhe ukhona okwempilo yonke; ukulila kungaqhubea ubusuku bonke, kodwa ukuthokoza kuyafika ekuseni. **6** Ngathi lapho ngizizwa ngihlezi kuhle ngathi, “Kangisoze ngafa ngahlukuluzeka.” **7** Yebo Thixo, wathi lapho ungizwela wenza intaba yami yagxila qho; kodwa kwathi lapho usufihle ubuso Bakho ngaphelelwa lithembia. **8** Ngakhala kuwe, Thixo; ngacela umusa eNkosini: **9** “Kulenzuso bani ngokubhujisa kwami na, ngokutshona kwami egodini? Kambe uthuli luzakudumisa na? Lona luzafakaza na ngokuthembeka

Kwakho? **10** Zwana, Oh Thixo, ube lomusa kimi; woba lusizo lwami.” **11** Waguqula ukububula kwami ngumgido; wangihlubula iziqqoko zamasaka wangiqqokisa ukuthokoza, **12** ukue inhlizyo yami ikuhlabelele ingathuli. Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami, ngizakubonga nini lanini.

### **31** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavid.

Kuwe Thixo, sengithole isiphephelo; mangingayangiswa lanini; ngihlenga ngokulunga Kwakho. **2** Ngilalela, woza ngokuphangisa unghlense; woba lidwala lami lokuphephela, inqaba eqinileyo yokungisindisa. **3** Njengoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami, ngikhkhela ungihole ngenxa yegama Lakho. **4** Ngikhulula emjibileni othiyelwe mina, ngoba uyisiphephelo sami. **5** Ezandleni Zakho nginikela umphefumulo wami; ngihlenga, Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu weqiniso. **6** Ngiyabazonda labo abanamathela izithombe eziyige; ngithembu kuThixo. **7** Ngizathokoza ngijabule othandweni Lwakho, ngoba wakubona ukuhlupheka kwami wabazi ubuhlungu bomphefumulo wami. **8** Kawungifuelanga esitheni kodwa uxgilise inyawo zami endaweni ebanzi. **9** Woba lomusa kimi, Oh Thixo, ngoba ngiyahlupheka; amehlo ami ayafiphala ngenxa yosizi, umphefumulo wami lomzimba wami ngokudabuka. **10** Impilo yami incitishwa yikukhathazeka, leminya yami yikububula; amandla ami ayadeda ngenxa yokuhlupheka kwami, lamathambo ami aphela amandla. **11** Ngenxa yezitha zami, sengiyinhlekisa enjani kubomakhelwane; sengiyinhlekisa kubangane bami labo abangibonyo ezindeleni bayangibalekela. **12** Sebekhohliwe ngami kungathi sengafa; senginjengembiza yebuma ehlephukileyo. **13** Ngoba ngizwa izingoma zabanengi; kulezongo inxa zonke; bakha amasu okungilimaza; njalo baceba ukuchitha impilo yami. **14** Kodwa ngiyethemba Kuwe, Thixo; ngithi, “UnguNkulunkulu wami.” **15** Izikhathi zami zisezandleni Zakho; ngisindisa ezitheni zami lakulabo abangizingelayo.

**16** Ubuso Bakho mabukhazimulele encekwi Yakho; ngisindisa ngothando Lwakho olungehlulekiyo. **17** Mangingahlaziswa, Oh Thixo, ngoba sengikhaliye Kuwe; kodwa akuthi ababi bahlaziswe balale bathule zwi ethuneni. (**Sheol h7585**) **18** Akuthi izindebe zabo zamanga zithulise, ezikhulumu ngokuzigqaja lokweyisa bakhulumu ngobuqholo ngabantu abalungileyo. **19** labo abakwesabayo, okunika obala abantu bebona kulabo abaphephela Kuwe. **20** Uyabafihla ekusithekeni kobukhona Bakho emaqingeni ababi uyabagcina bevikwelwe emzini wakhe ezilimini ezichothozayo. **21** Udumo alube kuThixo ngoba watshengisa uthando lwakhe olumangalisyalo kimi ngisedolobheni elihanqiweyo yimpili. **22** Ngiphakathi kokwethuka ngathi, “Sengisuwe kangisabonakali Kuwel!” Kanti enanzelela konke abakwenzayo. **23** Mthandeneni uThixo, ngamandla alo amakhulu. **24** Qinani lime isibindi, lonke lina elithembu uThixo.

**32** Ihubo likaDavid. Ubusisiwe lowo oziphambeko zakhe zithethelele, ozono zakhe zisibekelwe.

**2** Ubusisiwe lowo ongasoze abalelw isono sakhe nguThixo, njalo ongelankohliso emoyeni wakhe. **3** Ngathi lapho ngithule, amathambo ami ababuthakathaka ngenxa yokububula kwami ilanga lonke. **4** Ngoba imini lobusuku isandla Sakho sasingelekile, singisinda; amandla ami aphela kwafana lesikhudumezi sehlobo. **5** Lapho-ke ngasengisivuma isono sami Kuwe angabe ngisasisibekela ububi bami. Ngathi, “Ngizazivuma iziphambeko zami kuThixo,” walithethelela icala lesono sami. **6** Ngakho akuthi wonke umuntu othembekileyo akhuleke kuwe usatholakala; ngeqiniso kuzakuthi lapho impophoma seziquubuka, kabayi kumfinyelela. **7** Uyindawo yami yokuphephela; uzangivikela enkathazweni ungizungeze ngezingoma zensindiso. **8** Ngizakutshengisa ngikufundise indlela ofanele uhambe ngayo; ngizakweluleka ngikulinde. **9** Ungabi njengebhiza loba imbongolo, khona akulakuwisiswa kodwa kumele kukhkhelwa ngamatamu ukuze umuntu kumlalele. **10** Zinengi izikhala zbabbi, kodwa uthando lukaThixo olungaphuthiyo luyamzungeza umuntu othembba kuye. **11** Thokozani kuThixo, lithabe lina balungileyo; hlabelelani lonke lina eliqliotho enhliziyeni!

**33** Hlabelelani kuThixo ngentokozo, lina balungileyo; kubafanele abaqotho ukumendumisa.

**2** Dumisanu uThixo ngechacho; mhlabelelani ngesiginci sezintambo ezilitsumu. **3** Mhlabelelani ingoma entsha; tshayani kamandi lihlokome ngentokozo. **4** Ngoba ilizwi likaThixo lilungle, liqinisile; uthembekile kukho konke akwenzayo. **5** UThixo uthanda ukulunga lokwahlulela okuqondileyo; umhlaba ugcwele uthando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo. **6** Ngelizwi likaThixo amazulu enziwa, ubunkanyankanya bezinkanyezi ngomoya womlomo wakhe. **7** Uyawaqoqa amanzi olwandle awathele enkonxeni; athululele inziki zowlandle eziphaleni. **8** Umhlaba wonke kawesabe uThixo; akuthi bonke abantu bomhlaba bazithobe phambi Kwakhe. **9** Ngoba wakhulumu, kwahle kwaba khona; wayala, kwema kwaqina nko. **10** UThixo uyawachitha Kukhulu kangakanani ukulunga Kwakho okugcinele amacebo eziwe; uyazinyampisa izinhloso zabantu. **11** Kodwa amacebo kaThixo ami aqinile nini lanini, izinhloso zenhlizyo yakhe kuzozonke izizukulwane. **12** Sibusisekile isizwe uNkulunkulu waso onguThixo, abantu abakhethayo baba yilifa lakhe. **13** UThixo ukhangale phansi esezelwini ababone bonke abantu; **14** esemzini wakhe uyababona bonke abahlala emhlabeni. **15** yena owenza inhlizyo zabo bonke, ngathi, “Sengisuwe kangisabonakali Kuwel!” Kanti enanzelela konke abakwenzayo. **16** Akulankosi esizwa wakuwa ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa, lapho yibukhulu bebutho layo; akulaqhawe eliphunyuka ngangicela kuwe ukusizwa. **17** Yikuthembu ize ukuthi lina bangcwele bakhe! UThixo uyabalondoloza ibhiza lingakusindisa; loba lona lilamandla amakhulu ngeke lisindise. **18** Kodwa amehlo kaThixo akulabo abamesabayo, kulabo othembba labo lisethandweni

Iwakhe olungapheliyo, **19** ukubakhulula ekufeni belibebe lawomambule abawathiyeleyo abahilele, baphiliswe lanxa kulendlala. **20** Simlindele uThixo sengathi bangawela kulowomgodi babhidizwe. ngokwethembra; ulusizo lwethu lesihlangu sethu. **21** **9** Lapho-ke umoya wami uzathokoza kuThixo ujabule ekusindiseni Kwakhe. **10** Mina qobo Iwami ngizamememeza ngithi, "Ngubani onjengawe, Oh Thixo? Uyabakhulula abahluphekayo kulabo abalamandla kulabo, abahluphekayo labaswelayo kulabo ababantshontshelayo." **11** Ofakazi bolunya bayangivelela; bangibuba ngezinto engingazaziyo.

**34** ElikaDavid. Lapho azenza uhlanya ku-Abhimelekhi, owamxotshayo wahamba. Ngizampifikamisa uThixo ngezikathhi zonke; indumiso yakhe izahlala isezindebeni zami. **2** Umpfumulo wami uzaziqhenya Thixo akuthi abahluphekileyo bezwe bajabule. **3** Bongani uThixo kanye lami; kasiphakamiseni ibizo lakhe sonke, ndawonye. **4** Ngamdinga uThixo wangiphendula; wangikhulula kukho konke engangikwesaba. **5** Labo abakhangele Kuye bayakhazimula; ubuso babo abungeke bembeswe lihlazo. **6** Isihlupheki lesi samemeza, uThixo wasizwa; wasisindisa kuzozonke inhlupheko zaso. **7** IngilosikaThixo iyabazungeza labo abamesabayo, ibakhulule. **8** Nambithani libone ukuthi uThixo ulungile; ubusisiwe umuntu ophephela Kuye. **9** Mesabenit Uthixo, lina bangewe bakhe, ngoba labo abamesabayo kabasweli lutho. **10** Izilwane zingaphela amandla zilambe, kodwa labo abamdingayo uThixo kabasweli lutho oluhle. **11** Wozani, bantwabami, lalelani kimi; ngizalifundisa ukumesaba uThixo. **12** Lowo othanda ukuphila abone lezinsuku ezinhle kumele **13** anqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi lezindebe zakhe ekukhulumeni inkohliso. **14** Tshiyi ububi wenze okulungileyo; funa ukuthula ukunxwanele. **15** Amehlo kaThixo akhangele abalungileyo lezindlebe zakhe ziyezwa ukukhala kwabo; **16** ubuso bukaThixo bumelana lalabo abenza okubi, ukuba acitshe ukukhunjulwa kwabo emhlabeni. **17** Abalungileyo bayakhala kuThixo abezwe; uyabakhulula kuzozonke inhlupheko zabo. **18** UThixo useduze labo abalezinhlizyo ezechukileyo asindise labo abadabukileyo emoyeni. **19** Umuntu olungileyo angaba lezinhlupheko ezinengi, kodwa uThixo uyamkhulula kuzozonke. **20** Uyawavikela wonke amathambo akhe, kungephuki loba lalinje. **21** Ububi buzambulala oyisixhwali; izitha zolungileyo zizalahlw. **22** UThixo uyazihlenga izinceku zakhe; kakho ozalahlw ophephela kuye.

**35** ElikaDavid. Xabana labo, Thixo abaxabana lami; lwana labo abalwa lami. **2** Thatha isihlang lewisa; phakama uzongilamulela. **3** Phakamisa umkhornto lesijula, ukugordise kwabangihlaselayo. Ngitshelel ukuthi, "Ngiyikusindiswa kwako." **4** Sengathi labo abazingela impilo yami bangayangiswa bathelwe ngehlazo; sengathi labo abazama ukungidiliza bangabuyiselwa emuva bedumazekile. **5** Sengathi bangaba njengamakhoba emoyeni, ingilosikaThixo ibe ibadudula ibaxotsha; **6** sengathi indlela yabo ingaba mnyama itshelele, ingilosikaThixo ibe ibahlezi ezithendeni. **7** Ngoba bangithiya ngamambule abo ngingonanga lutho, baphinda bangembela umgodi kungelasizatho, **8** sengathi bangadilizwa

**9** Lapho-ke umoya wami uzathokoza kuThixo ujabule ekusindiseni Kwakhe. **10** Mina qobo Iwami ngizamememeza ngithi, "Ngubani onjengawe, Oh Thixo? Uyabakhulula abahluphekayo kulabo abalamandla kulabo, abahluphekayo labaswelayo kulabo ababantshontshelayo." **11** Ofakazi bolunya bayangivelela; bangibuba ngezinto engingazaziyo. **12** Bangiphindisela okuhle ngokubi umphefumulo wami usale usudabukile. **13** Ikanti kwathi bona begula ngembatha amasaka ngazithoba ngazila ukudla. Kwathi lapho imikhuleko yami ingaphendulwa **14** ngaba sesililweni kwangathi ngililela umngane wami loba umfowethu. Ngakhothamisa ikhanda lami ngokudabuka kwangathi ngililela umama. **15** Kodwa ngathi sengikhukbile baqwewana bokha insini; abahlaseli bangihlanganyela ngililele. Bangichotha okungapheliyo. **16** Bakloloda ngomona njengabangakholwayo; bangigedlela amazinyo abo. **17** Nkosi, uzakuma ubukele kuze kube nini na? Yenulya impilo yami ekungilimazeni kwabo, impilo yami eligugu kulezizilwane. **18** Ngizakubonga phakathi komhilangano omkhulu; ngikudumise ngiphakathi kwamaxuku abantu. **19** Ungabayekeli abayizitha zami ningabonelanga lutho, bantele phezu kwami. Ungayekeli labo abangizondayo kungelasizatho, banginyonkoloze ngomona. **20** Kabakhulumi okuqondileyo kodwa babumba amacala amanga, ngalabo abaphila ngokuthula elizweni. **21** Bangikhamisela imilomo bathi, "Hiya belo! Sizibonele ngawethu amehlo la." **22** Oh Thixo, usukubonile lokhu; ungathuli. Ungabi khatshana kwami, Oh Nkosi. **23** Vuka, uphakame ungilamulele! Ngilwela, Nkulunkulu Thixo wami. **24** Ngigeza ngokulunga Kwakho, Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami; ungabayekeli bantele phezu kwami. **25** Ungabayekeli bacabange bathi, "Ehe, yikho ebekufuna!" loba bathi, "Sesinginyile." **26** Sengathi bonke abantela ngokuhlupheka kwami bangathelwa ngehlazo basanganise; sengathi bonke abazikhukhumezayo phezu kwami bangembeswa ngokuyengeka langehlazo. **27** Sengathi labo abathokoza ngokugezwa kwami bangahalalisa ngentokozo lenjabulo; sengathi bangatsho kokuphela bathi, "Makaphakanyiswe uThixo othokoza ngokuhlala kuhe kwenceku yakhe." **28** Ulimi Iwami luzakhuluma ngokulunga Kwakho langendumiso Yakho ilanga lonke.

**36** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavid inceku kaThixo. Ngilenkinga enhliziyewi yami mayelana lokuxhwala kwasigangi: Kakukho ukwesaba uNkulunkulu engqondweni yaso. **2** Phela kweyaso inqondo siyazikhohlisa size sehluleke ukubona kumbe ukuzonda isono saso. **3** Amazwi omilomo waso aboilie alenkohliso; kasiselakho ukuhlanipha lokulunga. **4** Kwala loba silele siceba ububi; sizinikela endleleni yobubi njalo kasikulahli okubi. **5** Uthando Lwakho, Thixo, lufika emazulwini, ukuthembeka Kwakho esibhakabhakeni. **6** Ukulunga Kwakho kunjengezintaba

ezesabekayo, ukwahlulela kuhle Kwakho njengolwandle bcela isinkwa. **26** Bayaphana kokuphela njalo olukhulu. Oh Thixo, uyamlondoloza umuntu kanye bayebolekana nje; abantwababo bazabusiswa. **27** lenyamazana. **7** Luligugu elinganani uthando Phendukani ebubini lenze ukulunga lapho-ke lizahlala Lwakho olungaphuthiyo, Oh Nkulunkulu! Bonke elizweni nini lanini. **28** Ngoba uThixo uthanda abantu bazuza isiphephelo emthunzini wamaphiko abalungileyo njalo kayikubadela abathembekileyo Akho. **8** Bayazitika ngokudla okunengi endlini bakhe. Bazavikelwa kuze cube nini lanini kodwa Yakho; ubapha okunathwayo okwemfuleni wakho inzalo yababi izalahlw; **29** abalungileyo bazazuza wokuthokoza. **9** Ngoba kuwe kulomthombo wokuphila; ilifa lelizwe bahlale kulo lanini. **30** Umlomo womuntu kokwakho ukukhanya sibona ukukhanya. **10** Qhubeka olungileyo ukuhuluma ukuhlananipha, lolimi lwakhe ngothando Lwakho kubalo abakwaziyo, ukuluga lukhuluma okuqondileyo. **31** Umthetho kaNkulunkulu Kwakho kwabaotho enhliziyweni. **11** Sengathi unyawo lwabazazisayo lungehluleka ukunginyathela, loba **32** Ababi bacathamela abalungileyo befuna impilo yabo qobo lwayo; **33** kodwa uThixo kayikubayekela bazenzele abakuthandayo kubo kumbe balahlwe licala nxa bethonisiwa. **34** Lindelani uThixo ligcine indlala yakhe. Uzaliphakamisa lilithathe ilifa lelizwe; lizakubona lokhu nxa ababi sebesuswi. **35** Sengike ngabona umuntu omubi olesihluku kulokubhadala ehluma njengesihlahla, esikhula kuhle emhlabathini waso wemvelo, **36** kodwa waphanga wafa kabe esabakhona; ngathi loba sengimdinga ngamswela. **37** Nanzelela abangelecal, qaphela abaqotho. Likhona ikusasa kumuntu wokuthula. **38** Kodwa zonke izoni zizabhujiswa; ikusasa lezigangi lizasusuwa. **39** Kusindiswa kwabalungileyo kuvela kuThixo; uyinqaba yabo ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka. **40** UThixo uyabasiza abakhulule; abakhulule kwababi abasindise, ngoba baphephela kuye.

**37** ElikoDavid. Ungazikhathazi ngabantu ababi loba uhawukele labo abenza okungalunganga; **2** ngoba bababuna masinyane njengotshani, njengezimila eziluhlaza bazakufa masinyane. **3** Themba kuThixo wenze okulungileyo; hlala elizweni ukholise amadleo amahle. **4** Zithokozise kuThixo Yena uzakupha izifiso zenhliziyo yakho. **5** Nikela indlala zakho kuThixo; themba kuye, Yena uzakwenzela lokhu: **6** Uzakwenza ukulunga kwakho kukhazimule njengentathakusa, ubuqotho balokho okulwelayo njengelanga lemimi enkulu. **7** Chuma phambi kukaThixo umlindele ngesineke; ungakhathazeki nxa abantu bephumelela ngezindlela zabo, nxa bephutshisa amaqhinga abo amabi. **8** Xwayana lokuzonda njalo ufulathele intukuthelo; ungakhathazeki, kukhokhelela ebubini kuphela. **9** Ngoba abantu ababi bazasuswa, kodwa labo abathembala uThixo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe. **10** Kuseyisikhathshana nje, ababi bazabe bengasekho; loba usubadinga kabasayikufunyanwa. **11** Kodwa abathobekileyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe njalo bakholise ukuthula okukhulu. **12** Ababi baceba ukulimaza abalungileyo babagedlele amazinyo; **13** kodwa iNkosi iyabahleka ababi, ngoba iyazi ukuthi usuku Iwabo luya. **14** Ababi bakhokha inkemba, badonsa idandili ngenhlosa yokulimaza abahluphekayo labaswelayo, lokubulala labo abahamba ngokulunga. **15** Kodwa izinkemba zabo zizagwaza ezabo inhliziyo, lamadandili abo azakwephulwa. **16** Kungcono ingcosana leyo abalayo abalungileyo kulenotho yababi abanengi; **17** ngoba amandla ababi azaqedwa, kodwa uThixo uyabaxhasa abalungileyo. **18** Insuku zabangelasici ziyaziwa nguThixo, ilifa labo lizakuma lanini. **19** Ngezikhathi zomonakalo abayikubuna; ngezikhathi zendlala basasutha. **20** Kodwa ababi bazabhubha; izitha zikaThixo zirjengobuhle beganga, zizanyamalala, zinyamalale njengentuthu. **21** Ababi bayaboleka kodwa kababuyiseli, kodwa abalungileyo bayapha kakhulu; **22** labo uThixo ababusayo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe; kodwa labo abathukayo basasuswa. **23** Nxa uThixo ethokoziswo yikuhamba komuntu, uyaqinisa izinyathelo zakhe; **24** loba angakhubeka, kayikuwa, ngoba uThixo uyamsekela ngesandla sakhe. **25** Ngangimutsha, manje sengluphele, kodwa angizange ngibone abalungileyo bedelwa loba abantwababo

ihubo likaDavid. Isikhala. Awu Thixo, ungangikhuzi ngolaka loba ungijezise uthukuthelo. **2** Ngoba imitshoko yakho ingicibile, njalo wangibhansula kakhulu ngesandla sakho. **3** Ngenxa yokuthukuthela kwakho kangiselakuphila emzimbeni wami; amathambo ami kawasaqinanga ngenxa yesono sami. **4** Ukona kwami sekungisinda njengomthwalo onzima ongathwalekiyo. **5** Izilonda zami sezilobovu sezisenyaneka ngenxa yobuthutha bami besono. **6** Ngiyangiswe ngehliswa kakhulu; sengitshona ngilila ilanga lonke. **7** Ngiphethwe liqolo ngobuhlungu obuqumayo; umzimba wami kawuselampilo. **8** Sengibuthakathaka, sengicikizele; ngiyabubula ngobuhlungu benhliziyo. **9** Zonke iziloyiso zami zisobala kuwe, Oh Thixo, ukububula kwami kakufihlekanga kuwe. **10** Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela, amandla ami ayaphela; lokukhanya sekufiphele emehlwani ami. **11** Abangane bami labakhula bami sebengibalekela ngenxa yamanxeba ami; omakhelwane bami sebehlela khatshana **12** Labo abafuna impilo yami sebethiyle, labo abafuna ukungilimaza bakhuluma ngokungidiliza; ilanga lonke batshonela ukwakha amacebo enkohliso. **13** Sengifana lesacuthe esingeziwayo, njengesimungulu esehluleka ukuvula umlomo waso; **14** senginjengomuntu ongezwayo, olomlomo ongaphenduliyi. **15** Ngikulindele, Oh Thixo, uzaphendula, Oh Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami. **16** Ngoba ngathi, "Ungabayekeli baklolode kumbe bazikhukhumeze phezu kwami nxa unyawo Iwami lutshelela." **17** Ngoba sengiseduze lokuwa, lobuhlungu bungiphethe njalonjalo. **18** Ngiyabuvuma ububi

bami; ngiyakhathazeka ngesono sami. **19** Banengi **8** Ngiyakunxwanelu ukwenza intando yakho, Oh labo abayizitha zami eztishisekayo, labo abangizonda Nkulunkulu wami; umthetho wakho usenhliziwayeni bengelasizatho banengi. **20** Labo abangiphindisela okuhle ngokubi bayangigcna lapho ngisenza okulungileyo. **21** Oh Thixo, ungangidel; ungabi khatshana lami, Oh Nkulunkulu wami. **22** Woza masinyane uzongisiza, Nkosi yami loMsindisi wami.

**39** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaJeduthuni. Ihubo likaDavid. Ngathi, "Ngizaziqaphela izindlela zami, ngiluthinte ulimi lwami esonweni; ngizawugcika umlomo wami nxababekhona phambi kwami." **2** Kodwa kwathi lapho ngithule ngithe zwi, ngingatsho lutho loba lungoluhle ubuhlungu benhliziyo yami bakhula. **3** Inhliziyo yami yavutha ngaphakathi kwami; kwathi lapho ngizulisa yimicabango, umlilo wavutha; ngasengikhuluma ngolimi lwami: **4** "Ngitshengisa, Thixo, isiphetho sempilo yami lobunengi bezinsuku zami; ngazisa ukuthi impilo yami igijima kanganani. **5** Usuwenze insuku zami zaba lobubanzi besandla; ububanzi beminyaka yami kabusilutho kuwe. Impilo yabantu ingumoya kuphela, kanye lalabo abakhanya behlalisekile. **6** Umuntu uhambahamba njengesithunzi nje; uyatshikatshika, kodwa konke akwenzayo kuyize lodwa; ubuthelela inotho engazi ukuthi izakuba negekabani. **7** Kodwa okwamanje, Thixo, ngisafunani kambe? Ithemba lami likuwe. **8** Ngisindisa kuzozonke iziphambeko zami; ungangenzi inhlekisa yezitha. **9** Ngathula; ngangingeke ngiwuvule umlomo wami, ngoba lokhu kwenziwe nguwe. **10** Susa uswazi lwakho kimi; sengikhulelwya yisidutshulo sesandla sakho. **11** Abantu uyabakuza ubajezisele isono sabo; ucikiza inotho yabo njengenondo ngempela umuntu ngamunye unguimoya nje. **12** Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh Thixo, lalela isikhala zo sami ngicela uncedo; ungabe ligcikandlebe nxa ngikhala. Phela nighlala lawe nginjengesihambi, ngiyisethekeli njengoba okhokho bonke babenjalo. **13** Ake ukhangele eceleni nje ukuze ngithokoze njalo, ngingakasuki lapha ngibe ngongasekho."

**40** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavid. Ihubo. Ngamlindela ngesineke uThixo; waphendukela ngakimi wezwa ukukhala kwami. **2** Wangenyula emgodini otshonayo, wangikhupha edakeni lexaphozini; wamisa inyawo zami edwaleni, wangipha indawo eqinileyo yokuma. **3** Wangipha ingoma entsha emlonyeni wami, ihubo lokudumisa kuNkulunkulu wethu. Abanengi bazabona besabe babele ithembalabu kuThixo. **4** Ubusisiwe umuntu owenza uThixo abe lithembu lakhe, ongathembi abaziqqajayo, labalo abaqambukela kubonkulunkulu bamanga. **5** Zinengi, Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami, izimangaliso ozenzileyo. Izinto owasilungiselela zona kakho ongazibala kuwe; aluba bengingakhuluma loba ngilandise ngazo, zingaba zinengi ngokweqileyo ukuzibalisa. **6** Kawufisanga imihlatshelo leminikelodo indlebe zami uzikleklile; iminikelodo yokutshiswa leminikelodo yesono kawuzange uyidinge. **7** Lapho-ke ngasengisithi, "Ngilapha, sengifikile kolutshiwe ngami emqulwini.

**8** Ngiyakunxwanelu ukwenza intando yakho, Oh labo abayizitha zami eztishisekayo, labo abangizonda Nkulunkulu wami; umthetho wakho usenhliziwayeni bengelasizatho banengi. **9** Ngiyafakaza ngokulunga ngisemhlanganweni omkhulu; angizivali izindebe zami, njengoba usazi, Oh Thixo. **10** Ukulunga kwakho kangikufihli enhliziwayeni yami; ngikhuluma ngokuthembeka kwakho lokusindisa kwakho. Kangilufihli uthando lwakho leqiniso lakho emhlanganweni omkhulu. **11** Ungasigodli isihawu sakho kimi, Oh Thixo; sengathi uthando lwakho leqiniso lakho kungahlala kungivikela. **12** Phela inhlupheko ezingelakubalwa zingihanqile; izono zami sezingificile, kangisaboni. Zinengi kulenwele zekhanda lami, njalo inhliziyo yami isiphela amandal. **13** Jabula, awu Thixo, ungisindise; awu Thixo, woza masinyane uzongisiza. **14** Sengathi bonke abafuna ukueda impilo yami bangayangiswa basanganiswe; sengathi bonke abafisa ukungidiliza bangabuyiselwa emuva beyangekile. **15** Sengathi bonke abathu kimi, "Ehe, Ehe!" banganengwa lihlazo labo. **16** Kodwa akuthi bonke abakudingayo bathokoze bajabule kuwe; akuthi labo abathanda insindiso yakho bahlale besithi, "UThixo kadunyiwe!" **17** Kodwa mina ngiyahlupheka, ngiyawela; sengathi iNkosi ingangikhumbula. Ilusizo lwami lomkhululi wami; Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ungalibali.

**41** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavid. Ubusisiwe lowo onanza abahluphekayo; uThixo uyamkhulula negezikathhi zokuhlupheka. **2** UThixo uzamvikela alondoloze impilo yakhe; uzambusa phakathi kwelizwe akasoze amnikele emandleni ezitha zakhe. **3** UThixo uzamqinisa lanxa elele egula njalo amsilise avuke ekuguleni kwakhe. **4** Ngathi, "Oh Thixo ake unghihawukele; ngisilisa, ngoba ngonile kuwe." **5** Izitha zami ziyangigcna zithi, "Uzakufa nini licitshe ibizo lakhe?" **6** Nxa omunye wabo efika ezongibona, ukhuluma kuuhle angikhohlise, kodwa enhliziwayeni yakhe egaya izibozu; athi angaphuma amhabe esekhiliha ebantwini. **7** Bonke abangizondayo banyenyezelana ngami; bangicabangela wonke amanyala besithi, **8** "Usengenwe ngumkuhulane omubi; kasoze asile avuke futhi." **9** Lomngane wami osekhwapheni, ebengimthembile, lowo obesidla lami isinkwa usengihlamukele. **10** Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo ake unghihawukele; ake ungvuse ukuze ngibakhawulise. **11** Ngiyazi ukuthi uyathokoza ngami, ngoba isitha sami kasingehluli. **12** Ubuqotho bami busekelwa nguwe njalo ungmisa phambi kwakho nini lanini. **13** Uduomo alube kuye uThixo, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kusukela nininini kuze kuge nininini.

**42** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo lamaDodana kaKhora. Njengempala inxwanelu imifula yamanzi, kunjalo umphefumulo wami uyakunxwanelu, Oh Nkulunkulu. **2** Umphefumulo wami womela uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ophilayo. Ngizahamba nini ngiyohlangana loNkulunkulu? **3** Inyembezi zami seziyikudla kwami imini lobusuku, lapho abantu besithi kimi ilanga lonke, "Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho?" **4** Lezizinto ngiyazikhumbula nxa ngizisola kakhulu

ngidabukile: Ngangihamba endlini kaNkulunkulu, kawusaphelekezeli izimpi zethu. **10** Wasenza ngaphansi kwempiko zikaSomandla sihlakoma sahlelha phambi kwestitha, abalwa lathi sebethethethe ngentokozo langokubonga lexuku elithakazelela impango. **11** Wasiyekela sadliwa njengezimvu umkhosi. **5** Kungani wephukile na, wena mphefumulo wasichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe. **12** Wathengisa wami? Kungani udungekile kanje ngaphakathi abantu bakho ngengcosana nje awazuza lutho kwami? Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngalokho kuthengisa. **13** Ususenze saba lihlazo ngisezakumdumisa, uMsindisi wami loNkulunkulu labo. **14** Ususenze saba yisiga phakathi kwezizwe; kwami; ngakho ngizakukhumbula kusukela esifundeni abantu banyikinya amakhanda ngathi. **15** Ukyangeka seJodani, iZiqongo zaseHemoni, kusukela entabenii MiZari. **7** Inzikni imemeza inzikni phakathi kwenhlokomo yezipophoma zakho; wonke amavinqo lokukhaphaka sekugabhele phezu kwami. **8** Emini uThixo uyaluqondisa uthando lwakhe ebusu ingoma yakhe sasingakulibalanga; asathembeka esivumelaneni ikhona kimi umkhuleko kuNkulunkulu wempilo sakho. **18** Inhliziyo zethu zazingabuyelanga emuva; yami. **9** Ngithi kuNkulunkulu iDwala lami, "Kutheni usungikhohliwe na? Kutheni sengizula ngingolilayo, ngincindezelwa yisitha na?" **10** Amathombo ami ezwa ubuhlungu obungiqeday ophakathi wakho?" **11** Kungani wephukile na, wena mphefumulo wami? Kungani udungekile kanje ngaphakathi kwami? Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezakumdumisa, uMsindisi wami loNkulunkulu wami.

**43** Ngigeza, awu Nkulunkulu, ungimele uphikise isizwe esingathembekanga; ngikhulula ebantwini ababi abalenkohli. **2** UnguNkulunkulu inqaba yami. Usungilahlelani na? Kungani sengizula ngilila ngincindezelwa yisitha sami na? **3** Thumela ukukhanya kwakho leqiniso lakho, kakungikhokhele; kakungilethe entabenii yakho engcwele, endaweni lapho ohlala khona. **4** Lapho-ke ngizakuya e-alithareni likaNkulunkulu, kuNkulunkulu, intokozi yami lenjabulo yami. Ngizakudumisa ngechacho, Oh Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wami. **5** Kungani wephukile, wena mphefumulo wami? Kungani udungekile kanje ngaphakathi kwami? Beka ithemba lakho kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezakumdumisa, uMsindisi wami loNkulunkulu wami.

**44** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo lamaDodana kaKhora. Sizizwele ngezethu indlebe, yebo Oh Nkulunkulu obaba basitshela owakwenzayo ensukwini zabo, ensukwini zekadeni. **2** Ngezakho izandla wazixotsha izizwe wagxumeka obaba; wabahlifiza abantu wenza obaba baphumelela. **3** Kwakungasinkemba zabo ezathumba ilizwe, njalo kakusingalo yabo eyaletha ukunqoba; kwaba yisandla sakho sokunene, ingalo yakho, lokukhanya kobuso bakho, ngoba wawubathanda. **4** UyiNkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami, ophayo ukunqoba kujakhobe. **5** Ngawe siyazihlelisa izitha zethu; ngebizo lakho siyazigxobagxoba izitha zethu. **6** Angilithembi idandili lami, inkemba yami kayingiletheli ukunqoba; **7** kodwa wena usipha ukunqoba phezu kwezitha zethu, abalwa lathi ubathela ihlazo. **8** Siyazincoma ngoNkulunkulu ilanga lonke, njalo sizalidumisa ibizo lakho nini lanini. **9** Kodwa manje ususilahlile wasiyangisa;

inyawo zethu zazingaphambukanga endleleni yakho. **19** Kodwa wasichoboza saba yikudla kwamaganyane, wasembesa ngomnyama omkhulu. **20** Aluba sasesilikohliwe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wethu loba saphakamisela izandla zethu kunkulunkulu wezizweni, **21** kambe ngabe uNkulunkulu kakubonanga lokhona, njengoba esazi imfhlo zenhлизио? **22** Ikanti ngenxa yakho wena sikhangelane lokufa ilanga lonke; sihathwa njengezimvu ezizahlatshwa. **23** Vuka, Oh Thixo! Ulaleleni na? Ziphaphamise! Ungasilahli kokuphela. **24** Ubutfihlelani ubuso bakho na, ukhohlwe ukhulupheka kwethu lokuncindezelwa? **25** Sesibhuqwe phansi otholini; imizimba yethu isinamathele phansi. **26** Phakama usisize; sihlenge ngenxa yothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo.

**45** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Njengengoma ethi "Izimbali." Ihubo lamaDodana kaKhora. Ingoma yomtshado. Inhliziyo yami iyagubhazela ngendaba enkuu nxu ngivuma inkondlo yami ngiyihayela inkosi; ulimi lwami lusiba lomlobi ololwazi. **2** Uyilikhwa lamakhwa emadoden wonke lezinidebe zakho ziconjwe kuhle ngobunono, njengalokhu uNkulunkulu ekibusisile lanininini. **3** Hloma inkemba yakho okhalweni, wena omkhulu; zembathise ngokukhazimula langobukhos. **4** Usebukhosini bakho khwela enqoleni ulokunkoba umele iqiniso lokuzithoba lokulunga; akuthi isandla sakho sokunene senze izimanga. **5** Akuthi imitshoko yakho ecijileyo icibe inhliziyo zezitha zenkos; akuthi izizwe ziwe ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakho. **6** Isihlalo sakho sobukhos, Oh Nkulunkulu, sizakuma nini lanini; intonga yokwahluela okulungileyo izakuba yintonga yombuso wakho. **7** Uyakuthanda ukulunga njalo uyabuzonda ububi; ngakho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho usekubekengapezu kwabakhula bakho ngokukgcoba ngamafutha entokozo. **8** Zonke izembatho zakho ziqholiwe ngemure, langenhlaba langekhasiya; ezigodlweli ezzeciswe ngempondo zendlovu kuqhamaku inhlakomo yeziginci ekuthokozisayo. **9** Amadodakazi amakhos iakhona kanye labanye abesifazane abahloniphekayo; kwasokunene sakho ngumlobokazi wesikhosini oceciswe ngegolide lase-Ofiri. **10** Lalela, ndodakazi, nanzelela uvule

indlebe; khohlwa abakini, lendlu yakwenu. **11** Inkosi emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu, intaba yakhe engcwele. **2** iyaphelwelwa ngobuhle bakho; yiyloniphe, ngoba Muhle kakhulu ngokuphakama kwakhe, uyintokozi iyinkosi yakho. **12** Indodakazi yaseThire izakuza lesipho, amadoda anothileyo azazincengela kuwe. **13** Ngaphakathi exhibeni layo inkosazana yibucwazicwazi; isembatho sayo siceciwi ngegolide. **14** Isiwa enkosini yembethe iizivunulo ezelukiweyo; abakhaphi bayo bayayilandela baletthwe kuwe. **15** Bangeniswa lapho ngentokozi lenjabulo; bangena esigodlweni senkosi. **16** Amadodana enu azathatha isikhundla saboyihlo; lizawenza abe ngamakhosan elizweni lonke. **17** Ibizo lakho ngizalenza likhunjulwe kokuphela yizizukulwane zonke; yikho-ke izizwe zizakudumisa nini lanini.

## **46** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora.

Ingoma ngendlela ye-alamothi. UNKulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu lamandla ethu, usizo oluhlezi luhkhona nxa kulohlupho. **2** Ngakho kangiyikwesaba, umhlaba ungaze ubhidlike lezintaba ziwele ekujeleni kolwandle, **3** loba amanzi alo elhokoma agubhazele izintaba zivevezele ngokuqbuka kwalo. **4** Kukhona umfula ozifudlana zaho zithokozisa idolobho likaNkulunkulu, indawo engcwele okuhlala kuyo oPhezukonke. **5** UNKulunkulu ungaphakathi kwalo, kaliyikuwiswa; uNkulunkulu uzalisiza ngovivi lokusa. **6** Izizwe ziyahlokoma, imibuso iyachitheka; uphakamisa ilizwi lakhe umhlaba uncibilike. **7** UThixo uSomandla ulathi; uNkulunkulu kajakhobe uyinqaba yethu. **8** Wozani libone imisebenzi kaThixo, incithakalo aseyenzile emhlabeni. **9** Uyathulisa izimpi kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba; uyalephula idandili avadlaze lomkhonto, utshisa izinqola ngomlilo. **10** “Thulani, lazi ukuba mina nginguNkulunkulu; ngizaphakanyiswa phakathi kwezizwe; ngizaphakanyiswa emhlabeni.” **11** UThixo uSomandla ulathi, uNkulunkulu kajakhobe uyinqaba yethu.

## **47** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora.

Ihubo. Qakezani izandla zenu, zizwe zonke; hlokomani kuNkulunkulu ngomsindo wokuthokoza. **2** Wesabeka kangakanani uThixo oPhezukonke, iNkosi enkulu kuwo worke umhlaba! **3** Wazelhula zonke izizwe zaba ngaphansi kwethu, abantu babangaphansi kwezinyawo zethu. **4** Wasikhethela ilifa lethu, igugu likajakhobe arnhandayo. **5** UNKulunkulu usekhuphukile phakathi komnsido wentokozi, uThixo uphakathi kokukhala kwamacilongo. **6** Hlabelelani indumiso kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani indumiso; hlabelelani indumiso eNkosini yethu, hlabelelani indumiso. **7** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yomhlaba wonke; hlabelelani kuye ihubo lokudumisa. **8** UNKulunkulu uyazibusa izizwe; uNkulunkulu uhlezwi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosu esingcwele. **9** Izikhulu zezizwe ziyaoqana njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu ka-Abhraham, ngoba amakhosi omhlaba angakaNkulunkulu; uphakeme kakhulukazi.

## **48** Ingoma. Ihubo lamaDodana kaKhora. Umkhulu uThixo, ufanele ngokuphindiweyo ukudunyiswa,

Muhle kakhulu ngokuphakama kwakhe, uyintokozi yomhlaba wonke. Njengeziqongo zeZafoni injalo intaba iZiyoni, umuzi weNkosi eNkulu. **3** UNKulunkulu usemithangaleni yawo; ubonisa ukuthi nguye oyinqa ba yawo. **4** Kwathi lapho amakhosi ehlanganisa izimpi zaho, lapho ehlasela kanyekanye, **5** awubona umuzi lo ethuka aphaphatheka esetshaywa luvalo. **6** Ahle athuthumela khonapho, ezwa ubuhlungu obuzwiwa ngowesifazane ehelelwa. **7** Wena wabatshabalala njengemikhumbi yaseThashishi ibhidiliza ngumoya wempumalanga. **8** Lokho esikuwileyo yikho esikubonileyo emzini kaThixo uSomandla, emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu; uNkulunkulu uzawuvikela lanini. **9** Phakathi kwethempeli lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, siyacabanga ngothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo. **10** Njengebizo lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, udumo lwakho lufika emikhawulweni yomhlaba; isandla sakho sokunene sigcwele ukulunga. **11** Intaba iZiyoni iyathokoza, imizi yakoJuda iyathaba ngezahlulelo zakho. **12** Hambahamba eZiyoni, ibhode, bala izilindo zayo eziphezelu, **13** nanzelela kuhle imithangala yayo, hlola izinqaba zayo, ukuze ukwazi ukulandisela isizukulwane esizayo. **14** Ngoba uNkulunkulu lo nguNkulunkulu wethu nini lanini; uzakuba ngumholi wethu lasekupheleni.

## **49** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElamaDodana kaKhora.

Ihubo. Zwanini lokhu lina bantu lonke; lalelani, lonke elihlala kulo umhlaba, **2** abantukazana lezikhulu, abanothileyo labayanga ngokufanayo: **3** Umlomo wami uzakhulumu amazwi okuhlakanipha; amazwi aphuma enhliyiwensi yami azanika ukuzwisia. **4** Ngizabek indlebe yami kuso isaga; ngechacho ngizalihqa ha ilibho: **5** Ngingesabelani na nxa kufika insuku ezimbhi, lapho abakhohlisi ababi bengihanqa, **6** labo abathembe inotho yabo abazitshaya isifuba ngenotho yabo energi? **7** Kakho umuntu ongahlenga impilo yomunye kumbe amkhuphele inhlawulo kuNkulunkulu, **8** ngoba ukuhlenga impilo yomuntu kuyadula, akulambhadalo engakwenelisa, **9** ukuze aphile kokuphela angaboni ukubola. **10** Phela bonke bayabona ukuthi izihlanikaniphi ziya; ngokunjalo iziwula labasangeneyo bayabhubha batshiye inotho yabo kwabanye. **11** Amangcwaba abo ayizindlu zabo zanininini, yimizi yabo okwezizukulwane ezingapheliyo, lokuba nje basebeqambe iziqinti ngamabizo abo. **12** Kodwa umuntu, lokuba elenotho, kaphili kokuphela; unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo. **13** Lesi yisiphetho salabo abazithembayo bona, labalandeli babo, abavumelana labakutshoyo. **14** Njengezimvu bamiselwe ingcwaba, ukufa kuzazitika kubo. Abaqotho bazabusa phezu kwabo ekuseni; izidumbu zabo zizabola engcwabeni, kude lemizi yabo efana leyamakhosi. (**Sheol h7585**) **15** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzayihlenga eyami impilo engcwabeni; ngempela uzungithatha angise kuye. (**Sheol h7585**) **16** Ungasuki udangale kakhulu ngokubona omunye enotha; nxa indlu yakhe igcwala ngobunkentshenkentshe; **17** phela kazukuhamba latulho mhla esifa, ubukhazikhazi lobo kayikwehla labo. **18** Loba wayesithi esaphila

azibone engobusisiwego abantu bayakukhonza nxa uphumelela, **19** uzakuyahlangana lesizukulwane sabokhokho bakhe, abangasayikuphinde bakubone ukukhanya kwempiro. **20** Umuntu olenotho kodwa engaqedisisi unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo.

**50** Ihubo lika-Asafi. USomandla, uNkulunkulu, uThixo, uyakhuluma, ubiza umhlaba kusukela okuphuma khona ilanga kuze kufike lapho elitshona khona. **2** EseZiyoni, epheleleyo ngobuhle, uNkulunkulu uyakhazimula. **3** UNkulunkulu wethu uyeza, kayikuthula; umlilo uyahangula phambi kwakhe, emaceleni akhe kukhukhula isiphepho. **4** Ubiza amazulu ngaphezelu lomhlaba, ukuze ehlulele abantu bakhe: **5** “Qoqani kimi abahlanjululiwego bami, abenza isivumelwano lami ngemihlatshelo.” **6** Lamazulu atshumayela ukulunga kwakhe; ngoba uNkulunkulu ngumahluleli ngokwakhe. **7** “Zwanini, bantu bami, ngizakhuluma; yebo Israyeli, ngizafakaza ngimelane lawe; nginguNkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wakho **8** Kangikukhuzi ngemihlatshelo yakho kumbe iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa, ehlazi ikhona phambi kwami. **9** Angisweli inkunzi ephuma esibayeni sakho kumbe imbuzi zesilugu sakho, **10** ngoba yiphi layiphi inyamazana yeganga ngeyami, lenkomo ezsemaqaqeni azinkulungwane. **11** Ngazi zonke izinyoni ezisezintabeni, lezidalwa zeganga ngezami. **12** Aluba ngangingolambayo ngangingekulitshela, ngoba umhlaba ngowami, lakho konke okukuwo. **13** Ngidla inyama yezinkunzi yini kumbe ngnatha igazi lembuzi na? **14** Yenzani imihlatshelo yokubonga kuNkulunkulu, gcwalsani izifungo zenu koPhezukonke, **15** njalo lize kimi mhla lisekuhlupekeni; ngizalikhulula, lani lizangidumisa.” **16** Kodwa kwababi, uNkulunkulu uthi: “Lilelungelo bani ukukhuluma imithetho yami kumbe lipathethe isivumelwano sami ezinbedeni zenu na? **17** Liyazionda iziqondiso zami, lilahela amazwi ami emuva kwenu. **18** Lithi lingabona isela lihle libambane lalo; lisuka lingenelane lezifebe. **19** Lisebenzisa imilomo yenu ukukhuluma okubi lifundise ulimi lwenu inkohliso. **20** Linyeya umfowenu njalonjalo, limgcne umntakanyoko uqobo. **21** Lizenzile lezizinta ngazithulela; lalikhumbula ukuthi ngifana lani. Kodwa ngizalikhuzu ngilibonisa icala lenu obala. **22** Nanzelelani lokhu, lina elikhohlwa uNkulunkulu, funa ngilidabudabule, kungekho ongalilamulela: **23** Lowo onikela iminikelo yokubonga uyangidumisa, njalo ulungisa indlela ukuze ngimtshengise insindiso yami.”

**51** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavid. Lapho umphrofethi uNathani efike kuye emveni kokuba uDavid efebe loBhathisheba. Ake ungihawukele, awu Nkulunkulu, ngenxa yothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo; ngenxa yesihawu sakho esikhulu yesula iziphambeko zami. **2** Hlanza wonke amanyala ami unghiambulule esonweni sami. **3** Phela ngiyazazi iziphambeko zami, isono sami sihlezi siphambi kwami. **4** Ngenzile isono kuwe, wena wedwa, ngenza okubi phambi kwakho, ukuze kukhanye ukuthi wena uqondile nxa ukhuluma njalo kube kufanele nxa

usahlulela. **5** Ngeqiniso ngavele ngazalwa ngilesono, ngaba yisoni ngiqalisa esiswini sikamama. **6** Ngempela wena ufunu iquiniso elisuka emibilini; uyangifundisa ukuhlakanipha ngaphakathi kwami. **7** Ngihlanza ngehisophi ngihiambuluke; ngigezisa ngibemhlophe kuleliqhwa. **8** Mangizwe intokozo lokuthaba; makuthi amatambo owacobozileyo ajabule. **9** Filha ubuso bakho esonweni sami ucitshe nya wonke amanyala ami. **10** Dala phakathi kwami inhliziyo ehlanzekileyo, Oh Nkulunkulu uvuselele ngaphakathi kwami umoya othembekileyo. **11** Ungangilahli ebuswene bakho kumbe ususe kimi uMoya onGcwele. **12** Buyisela kimi intokozo yokusindisa kwakho njalo ungiphe umoya ovumayo ukuthi ungisekele. **13** Lapho-ke ngizafundisa abonayo izindlela zakho, lezoni zizabuyla kuwe. **14** Ngikhulula ecaleni lokuchitha igazi, Oh Nkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu ongisisindayo, njalo ulimi lwami luzahlabelela ukulunga kwakho. **15** Oh Thixo, vula izindebe zami, umlomo wami uzamemezela indumiso yakho. **16** Kawuthokoziswa yimihlatshelo, ngoba bengizawuletha; kawuthakazeleli iminikelo yokutshiswa. **17** Imihlatshelo kaNkulunkulu iinhliziyo edabukileyo; inhliziyo edabukileyo, eziisolayo, awu Nkulunkulu, kawuyikuyilahla. **18** Nxa kuyintando yakho phumelelisa iZiyoni; yakha imiduli yeJerusalem. **19** Lapho-ke kuzakuba lemihlatshelo elungileyo, iminikelo yokutshiswa egcweleyo elungileyo, lapho-ke inkunzi zizanikewla e-alithareni lakho.

**52** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavid. Lapho uDoyegi um'Edomi wayeye kuSawuli wantshela wathi, “UDavida uye wayangena endlini ka-Ahimeleki.” Kungani uncomia ngobubi, wena somandlase? Kungani utshona untela ilanga lonke, wena olihlazo emehlwani kaNkulunkulu? **2** Ulimi lwakho luceba incithakalo; lunjengsingo eloliweyo, wena owenza inkohliso. **3** Uthanda ububi kulobuhle, amanga kulkukhuluma iqiniso. **4** Uyawathanda wonke amanga alimazayo, wena limi olukhohlisayo! **5** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uzakwehlisela ukubhubha okungapheliyo; Uzakuhlwitha akukhuphe ethenteni lakho; uzakuquphula akususe elizweni labaphilayo. **6** Abalungileyo bazabona besabe; bazamhleka bathi, **7** “Nangu-ke manje umuntu lo ongenzanga uNkulunkulu inqaba yakhe kodwa wathemba inotho yakhe enkuwakhula waba lamandla ngokuwisa abanye!” **8** Kodwa mina nginjengesihlahla se-oliva esikhula endlini kaNkulunkulu; ngithembe uthando lukaNkulunkulu olungaphuthiyo nini lanini. **9** Ngizakudumisa lanini ngalokho okwenzileyo; ngizathemba ebizweni lakho, ngoba lihle ibizo lakho. Ngizakudumisa phambi kwabangcweli bakho.

**53** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yemahalathi. Ihubo likaDavid. Isiwula sithi enhliziywasi yaso, “AkulaNkulunkulu.” Baxhwalile, lezindlela zabo zibolile; kakho loyedwa owenza okuhle. **2** UNkulunkulu ukhangela phansi esezulwini emadodaneni abantu ingabe bakhona yini abazwisisayo, abamdingayo uNkulunkulu. **3** Abantu bonke

baphambukile, bonke sebexhwalile; kakho loyedwa engihlaselayo, loba bebanengi abaxabana lami. **19** owenza okuhle, kakho lamunye. **4** Kanti lezizixhwali UNkulunkulu osesihlalweni sobukhosu laninini, kaziyikufa zafunda yini? Zona ezipha abantu bami ingathi zidla isinkwa, ezingamkhonziyo uzabezwa abachithachithe abantu abangaguqukiyo uNkulunkulu. **5** Kodwa yibo abagubhazeliswa luvalo khona kungelalutho olwesabekayo. UNkulunkulu wawahlkaza amathambo alabo abalihlaselayo; lina labayangisa ngoba uNkulunkulu wabeyisa. **6** Sengathi insindiso ka-Israyeli ingaqhamuka eZiyoni! Nxa uNkulunkulu esebyuisela impumelelo yabantu bakhe, kathokoze uJakhobe lo-Israyeli ajabule!

**54** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. Ihubo likaDavid. Lapho amaZifi aya kuSawuli afika athi, "Kanti uDavid kacatshanga yini phakathi kwethu?" Ngisindisa, awu Nkulunkulu, ngebizo lakho; ngigeza ecaleni ngamandala akho. **2** Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh Nkulunkulu; lalela amazwi omlomo wami. **3** Ngihselasewa ngabantu engingabaziyo; izikliwi zifuna impilo yami abantu abangamnanzanga uNkulunkulu. **4** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu ulusizo Iwami; uThixo nguye ongisizayo. **5** Akuthi ububi bubuyele phezu kwalabo abangigconayo; ngokuthembeka kwakho babhubhise. **6** Ngizakwenzela umhlathshelo owomnikelo wokuzithandela; ngizalidumisa ibizo lakho, Thixo, ngoba lihle. **7** Ngoba ingikhulule kuzozonke inhlupheko zami, lamehlo ami akubonile ukunqotshwa kwezitha zami.

**55** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. Ihubo likaDavid. Lalela umkhuleko wami, Oh Nkulunkulu, ungafulatheli isikhala zo sami; **2** ngizwa ungiphendule. Imicabango yami iyangikhathaza, ngididekile **3** ngelizwi lesitha sami, lokunyonkolozwa ngababi; ngoba bangibangela inhlupho bangithuka bethukuthele. **4** Inhlizyo yami iyatshiseka ngaphakathi kwami; ukwesaba ukufa kuyangiqinela. **5** Ukwesaba lokuthuthumela sekungihlasele; isithuli sesingigabha. **6** Ngathi, "He, aluba ngangilamaphiko njengejuba! Ngangizaphapha ngizopiphumulela kude. **7** Ngangizabaleka ngiye kude ngiyejhala enkangala; **8** ngangizaphanga ngiye enqabeni yami, kude kwasikhukhula lesiphepho." **9** Sanganisa ababi, Oh Thixo, sanganisa ukukhuluma kwabo, ngoba ngibona udlakle lengxabano edolobheni. **10** Emini lebusuku bayacathama emidulinu yalo; umona lenzondo kugcwele lapho. **11** Imimoya yokubhidiliza yiyo esibusu; izisongo lamanga akusasuki emigwaqweni. **12** Aluba ngithukwa yisitha ngingakubhensela lokho; aluba ongizondayo engivukela ngingamcatshela. **13** Kodwa nguwe, umuntu njengami, umkhula wami, umngane wami oseduze, **14** engake ngaba lobudlelwano obukhulu laye lapho sasihamba ndawonye labanengi endlini kaNkulunkulu. **15** Yekela ukufa kuzijume izitha zami; yekela bagqitshelwe bephila engcwaben, ngoba ububi buthe khoxo phakathi kwabo. (**Sheol h7585**) **16** Kodwa ngiyambiza uNkulunkulu, uThixo angisindise. **17** Kusihla, ekuseni lemimi ngiyakhala ngisosizini, yena uyalizwa ilizwi lami. **18** Uyangihlenga ngingakalimali kuleyompi

engihlaselayo, loba bebanengi abaxabana lami. **19** UNkulunkulu osesihlalweni sobukhosu laninini, ezindleleni zabo njalo abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. **20** Umkhula wami uyahablasela abangane bakhe; wephula isivumelwano asenzayo. **21** Inkulumo yakhe ibutshelezi njengolaza, kodwa kulemipi enhiliyiweni yakhe amazwi akhe alozela ukwedlula amafutha kodwa abukhali kulkensingi. **22** Yethula inswelo zakho kuThixo yena uzakusekela; akazukuyekela abalungileyo bawe. **23** Kodwa wena, Nkulunkulu ababi uzabawisela egodini lokungcola; abantu abomele igazi njalo abakhohlisayo kabasoze bayiphile ingxene yezinsuku zabo. Kodwa mina, ngithemba kuwe.

**56** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kulandelwa itshuni ethi, "Ijuba phezu kwemikusu ekude." ElikoDavid. Imikithamu. Lapho wayesethunjwe ngamaflistiya eGathi. Woba lomusa kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngoba abantu baxotshana lami kubi; ilanga lonke bayajujumezelu bengihlasela. **2** Labo abangigconayo baxotshana lami ilanga lonke; abanengi bangihlasela bekloloda. **3** Nxa ngisesaba ngizathembwa kuwe. **4** KuNkulunkulu, engidumisa ibizo lakhe, ngithemba kuye uNkulunkulu; angiyikwesaba. Umuntu wenyama angenzani kimi? **5** Ilanga lonke batshona behlanekela amazwi ami; beqoqa ukungibhidiliza. **6** Bayabuthana bengicathamelia balandele izinyathelo zami betshisekela ukucitsha impilo yami. **7** Loba sekutheni ungapayekeli baphunyu; ngokuthukuthela kwakho, Nkulunkulu, zidilize izizwe. **8** Bhala phansi isililo sami; bhala ithonsi ngalinye lezinyembezi zami emqulwini wakho kazikho yini emibhalweni yakho? **9** Lapho-ke izitha zami zizafulathela nxa sengicela uncedo. Ngalokhu ngizakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulami. **10** KuNkulunkulu, engidumisa ibizo lakhe, kuThixo engidumisa ibizo lakhe, **11** kuNkulunkulu ngiyathembwa; angiyikwesaba. Umuntu angenzani kimi na? **12** Ngibanjwe yizifungo kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu; ngizakwethula ummnikelo wami wokubonga kuwe. **13** Ngoba ungikhulule ekufeni lezinyawo zami lapho ngikhubeka, ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaNkulunkulu ekukhanyeni kwempilo.

**57** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itsuni ethi, "Ungabhidilizi." ElikoDavid. Imikithamu. Ngesikhathiba ebalekele uSawuli wacatsha ebhalwini. Woba lesihawu kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu, woba lomusa kimi, ngoba umphemfumulo wami uphelela kuwe. Ngizaphephela ethunzini lamaphiko akho kuze kudlule incithakalo le. **2** Ngiyakhala kuNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, kuNkulunkulu ogcwalisu isimiso sakhe ngami. **3** Uyathomela esezulwini angisindise, abakhwazele labo abafuna ukungilimaza. UNkulunkulu ueyhlisa uthando Iwakhe lokwethembeka kwakhe. **4** Ngiphakathi kwezilwane; ngilala phakathi kwezilo eziqhohozayo abantu abamazinyo abo yimikhonto lemitshoko, abanlimi zabo zinkemba ezbukhali. **5** Mawuphakanyiswe, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngaphezu kwamazulu; akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibesemhlabeni

wonke. **6** Bangithiya ngamambule ezinyaweni uyingqaba yami, **10** Nkulunkulu wami olothando. ngaphela amandla ngokudabuka. Bangimbela igodi UNkulunkulu uzahamba phambi kwami angenze endleleni kodwa sebewele kulo bona. **7** Inhlizyo yami ngiklolode phezu kwalabo abangingcolisayo. **11** Kodwa ibambelele, kayiguquki Oh Nkulunkulu, inhlizyo yami ungarabulali, Nkosi hawu lethu, funa abantu bakithi ibambelele; ngizahlabela ngenze iculo eliminandi. **8** Vuka, mphefumulo wami! Vukani, chacho lomqangala! bakhohlwe. Ngamandla akho baphumputhekise njalo Ngizayivusa intathakusa. **9** Ngizakudumisa, Oh yezonzo zemilomo yabo, ngenxa yamazwi ezindebe Thixo, phakathi kwezizwe; ngizahlabela ngawe zabo, kababanjwe belokhu bezigqaja benjalo. Ngenxa phakathi kwabantu. **10** Ngoba lukhulu uthando yezethuko lamanga abawaqambayo, **13** babhuqe lwakho, lufika emazulwini; ukuthembeka kwakho nglolaka, babhuqe bangabi khona futhi. Lapho-ke kufinyelela esibhakbhakeni. **11** Mawuphakanyiswe, kuzawaziwa lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuthi Oh Nkulunkulu, ngaphezulu kwamazulu; akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibesemhlabeni wonke.

**58** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Ungabhidizi.” Elikavidava. Imikithamu. Lina babusi, kambe likhuluma okuqondileyo na? Lahlulela ngobuqotho yini ebantwini? **2** Hatshi, ezinhliziywensi zenu lakha amacebo okubusa kubi, lezandla zenu zijeza ngochuku emhlabeni. **3** Kwasekuzalweni ababi bayaphumputheka; kwasekuzalweni baxhwalile, begamba amanga. **4** Itshefu yabo ifana letshefu yenyoka, ifana leyebululu elingezwa umsindo, **5** elingananzani lomculo wombumbi, loba lowombumbi eligabanzi elinganani. **6** Khumula amazinyo emilonenyi yazo, awu Nkulunkulu; zikhumble, Oh Thixo, izingavula zezilwane! **7** Yekela zinyamalale njengamanzi agelezayo; zithi lapho zinweba idandili, kaiyithundubale imitshoko yazo. **8** Njengomnenke uncibilika uphele ulokhu uhamba, njengomphunzo, kabangaliboni ilanga. **9** Imbiza zakho zingakaqalisu ukutshisa ngomilo wenkuni zameva loba ngezimanzi kumbe ngezomileyo ababi bazakhukhuelwa khatshana. **10** Abalungileyo bazajabula nxa sebephindiselelwa, nxa sebegeza inyawo zabo egazini lababi. **11** Lapho-ke abantu bazakuthi, “Ngempela abalungileyo bajinge bathole umvuzo; ngempela ukhona uNkulunkulu owahlulela umhlabo.”

**59** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Ungabhidizi.” Elikavidava. Imikithamu. Ngesikhathi uSawuli ethume amadoda ukuqaphela indlu kaDavida ukuze bambulale. Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, awu Nkulunkulu; ngivikela kulabo abangivukelayo. **2** Ngikhulula kubenzi bobubi ungisindise ebantwini abomele igazi. **3** Ake ubone ukuthi bangicathamelia njani! Amadoda esabekayo angakhela amacebo kungelacala loba isono engisenzileyo, Oh Thixo. **4** Angonanga lutho, kodwa balungele ukungihlasela. Phakama ungisize; ake ubone umumo engikuwo! **5** Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ake uzivuse wena ukuze uziyezise zonke izizwe; ungabazweli isihawu bonke abahlamuki ababi. **6** Bathi bephenduka kusihlwa babe behwabha njengezinja, bahwede bebhoda ledolobho. **7** Ake ubone ukuthi baphihlizani emilonenyi yabo: baphihliza izinkemba ezindebeni zabo, bese besithi, “Ngubani osizwayo?” **8** Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo, uyabahleka; uyazigqabhzela zonke lezozizwe. **9** Oh Mandla ami, ngiyakulindela; wena, Oh Nkulunkulu,

uyinqaba yami, **10** Nkulunkulu wami olothando. ngiklolode phezu kwalabo abangingcolisayo. **11** Kodwa ungarabulali, Nkosi hawu lethu, funa abantu bakithi bakhohlwe. Ngamandla akho baphumputhekise njalo ubehlule wena Thixo, sihlangu sethu. **12** Ngenxa Thixo, phakathi kwezizwe; ngizahlabela ngawe zabo, kababanjwe belokhu bezigqaja benjalo. Ngenxa phakathi kwabantu. **13** babhuqe lwakho, lufika emazulwini; ukuthembeka kwakho nglolaka, babhuqe bangabi khona futhi. Lapho-ke kuzawaziwa lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabusa phezu kukajakhobe. **14** Bathi bephenduka kusihlwa babe behwabha njengezinja, bahambahambe becathama edolobheni. **15** Bayazula bedinga ukudla bahlabe umkhulungwane nxa bengasuthanga. **16** Kodwa mina ngizahlabelela ngihaya amandla akho, ekuseni ngizahlabelela ngihaya uthando lwakho, ngoba wena uyingqaba yami, isiphephelo sami ezikhathini zokuhlupheka. **17** Oh wena Mandla ami, ngihabelela indumiso kuwe; wena, Oh Nkulunkulu uyingqaba yami, Nkulunkulu wami olothando.

**60** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kulandelwa itshuni ethi, “Iluba lesiVumelwano.” Imikithamu kaDavida. Elokufundisa. Lapho alwa lo-Aramu Naharayimu lo-Aramu Zobha, njalo lapho uJowabi athi ekubuyenii kwakhe walahlaphansi ama-Edomi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili eSigodini seTswayi. Ususilahlide, Oh Nkulunkulu, wabhidliza izinqaba zethu; ubukade uthukuthele, manje ake usivusele! **2** Usulizamazamisile ilizwe waliquekeza; namathisela iminkenke yalo ngoba selivevezela. **3** Ubabonisile abantu bakho izikhathi ezilukhuni; usiphe iwayini elisenza sidiyazele. **4** Kodwa kulabo abakwesabayo usuphakamise uphawu lokubahlanganisa ndawonye. **5** Sisindise, usisize ngesandla sakho sokunene, ukuze bonke labo obathandayo bakhululwe. **6** UNkulunkulu usekhulumile esendlini yakhe engcwele: “Ngokunqoba ngizayaba iShekhemu, ngihlole leSigodi saseSukhathi.

**7** Ngeyami iGiliyadi, loManase ngowami; u-Efrayimi yisivikelo sekhandla lami, ujuda uyintonga yami yobukhos. **8** IMowabi ngumganu wami wokugezel, phezu kuka-Edomi ngiphosela amanyathelo ami; phezu kweFilistiya ngihalalisa umkhosi wokunqoba.” **9** Ngubani ozangisa emzini olenqaba na? Ngubani ozangiholela e-Edomi na? **10** Kakusuwe na, Oh Nkulunkulu, wena osusilahlide, ongasaphumi lathi ezimpini zethu? **11** Ake usisize ezitheni zethu, ngoba usizo lomuntu luyize. **12** Nxa siloNkulunkulu sizanqoba, njalo uazazinyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

**61** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. Elikavidava. Zwana ukukhala kwami, Oh Nkulunkulu; lalela umkhuleko wami. **2** Ngisemkhawulweni womhlaba ngiyakubiza, ngiyabiza lapho inhlizyo yami isiphephelo amandla; ngikhokhelela edwaleni eliphakeme kulami. **3** Ngoba ube uyisiphephelo sami, inqaba eqinileyo evikela esitheni. **4** Ngiyalangazelela ukuhlala ethenteni lakho laphakade ngizifihle emthunzini wamaphiko akho. **5** Phela

usuzizwile izifungo zami, Oh Nkulunkulu; usungiphile ilifa lalabo abalesabayo ibizo lakho. **6** Yandisa insuku zempilo yenkosy, iminyaka yayo okwezizukulwane ezinengi. **7** Sengathi ingaba sesihlalweni iphambi kukaNkulunkulu nini lanini; wabele uthando Lwakho lokuthembeka Kwakho kuyivikele. **8** Lapho-ke ngizahlala ngihlabelela indumiso ebitzweni Lakho ngicgwaliwe izifungo zami insuku ngensuku.

**62** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KuJeduthuni. Ihubo likaDavida. Umphefumulo wami ufumana ukuphumula kuNkulunkulu kuphela; ukusindiswa kwami kuvela kuye. **2** Yena yedwa uyilo idwala lami lensindiso yami; uyinqaba yami, kangisoze ngihlukunyezwe lanini. **3** Koze kube nini liokhu lihlukuluza umuntu na? Lonke lizamlahla phansi na yena ongumdui otshekileyo, oluthango olutebhayo? **4** Bazimisele ukumqethula esikhundleni sakhe esiphezelu; bathokoziwa ngamanga. Ngemilomo yabo bayabusisa, kodwa ezhnliziyewi zabo bayaqalekisa. **5** Fumana ukuphumula, Oh mphefumulo wami, kuNkulunkulu kuphela; ithemba lami livela kuye. **6** Yena yedwa ulidwala lami lensindiso; uyinqaba yami, kangisoze ngihlukunyezwe. **7** Insindiso yami lodumo lwami kweyeme kuNkulunkulu; ulidwala lami eliqinileyo, isiphephelo sami. **8** Thembani kuye ngezikathhi zonke, lina bantu; likhuphe konke okusezhnliziyewi zenu kuye, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu. **9** Abantukazana bangumoya nje, izikhulu ziyinkohliso nje; aluba belinganiswa esikalini kabasilutho; bonke ndawonye bangumoya kuphela. **10** Lingathembi ukuqilibeza kumbe lizikhukhumeze ngempahla zokwebiba; kungaze kube inotho yenu iyanda, lingabeki inhlizyo zenu kuyo. **11** Yinye into uNkulunkulu ayikhulumileyo, zimbili izinto engiziwileyo, ukuthi amandla wonke ngawakho wena, Oh Nkulunkulu. **12** Lokuthi wena, Thixo, ulothando olojulileyo, umuntu ngamunye uzamupha umvuzo ngalokho akwenzileyo.

**63** Ihubo likaDavida eseNkangala yakoJuda. Oh Nkulunkulu, unguNkulunkulu wami, ngiyakudinga ngitshiseka; umphefumulo wami uyakomela, umzimba wami uykudinga, elizweni elomileyo eselugigile lapho okungelamanzi khona. **2** Ngikubonile endlini Yakho engcwele ngawabona amandla Akho lenkazimulo Yakho. **3** Ngoba uthando Lwakho lungcongo kulempilo, izindebe zami zizakutsho inkazimulo Yakho. **4** Ngizakudumisa kokuphela nxa ngisaphila, ngebizo lakho ngizaphakamisa izandla zami. **5** Umphefumulo wami uzasuthiswa ngokudula okuhle okuphilisayo; ngezinidebe ezihlabelayo umlomo wami uzakudumisa. **6** Ngisembhedeni wami ngiyakhumbula; ngiyakukhumbula lanxa ngisemlindweni wasebusuku. **7** Ngoba ulusizo lwami, ngiyahlabelela ngisemthunzini wamaphiko Akho. **8** Umphefumulo wami unamathele Kuwe; isandla sakho sokunene siyangisekela. **9** Labo abazingela impilo yami bazabhujswa; bazakwhelela phansi ekujuleni komhlabathi. **10** Bazakwabelwa ukudliwa yinkemba babe yikudla kwamakhanka.

**11** Kodwa inkosi izathokoza kuNkulunkulu; bonke abafunga ngebizo likaNkulunkulu bazamendumisa, ikanti imilomo yabaqamba amanga izathuliswa.

**64** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Ake ungizwe, Oh Nkulunkulu, nxa ngiletha ukusola kwami; vikela impilo yami ekusongelweni yisitha. **2** Ngifihla emacebeni abantu ababi, kulkho kuxokozela kwezixhwali. **3** Bayazilola inlimi zabo njengezinkemba bakhombele amazwi abo njengemitshoko ebulaayo. **4** Batshoka becathemele umuntu ongonanga lutho; bayaphanga ukunciba bengelavalo. **5** Bayakhuthazana ngamacebo amabi, bakhulumisana ngokufihla imijibila yabo; bathi, "Sizabonwa ngubani?" **6** Baceba ukona besithi, "Sesakhe icebo elihle kakhulu!" Ngempela ingqondo yomuntu lenhlizyo yakhe ilobuqili. **7** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzabaciba ngemitshoko; ngokuphangisa nje bazalahla phansi. **8** Uzakwenza banyeyane bona bodwa bacine sebedilizana; bonke abababonayo bazanyikinya amakhanda babahleke. **9** Bonke abantu bomhlaba bazakwesaba; bazafakaza imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu banakane ngalokho akwenzileyo. **10** Akuthi abalungileyo bathokoze kuThixo baphephele kuye; akuthi bonke abaqotho ngenhlizyo bamendumise.

**65** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavida. Ingoma. Udumo lukulindele, Oh Nkulunkulu, eziyon; kuwe izifungo zethu zizagcwaisika. **2** Yebo, wena owuzwayo umkhuleko, bonke abantu bazakuza kuwe. **3** Kwathi lapho sisancindezela yizon, wazithethelala iziphambeko zethu. **4** Babusisiwe labo obakhethayo ubasanonde bezohlala emagumeni Akho! Sigcwaisiwe ngezinto ezhnhle zendlu Yakho, ezethempeli lakho elingcwele. **5** Uyasiphendula ngezenzo zokulunga ezmangalisayo, Oh Nkulunkulu Msindisi wethu, themba lemikhawulo yonke yomhlaba lenlwandle ezikude, **6** owabumba izintaba ngamandla akho, lapho wena usuziqinisile ngamandla, **7**owathulisa ukuduma kolwandle, ukuduma kwamagagasi azo, lokuhlokoma kwezizwe. **8** Labo abahlala khatshana bayazesaba izimangaliso zakho; lapho okudabuka khona ukusa lokuhlwa okupiphala khona, uhlabela izingoma zentokoza. **9** Uyawunakekela umhlabu uwuthelezele ngamanzi; uyawunothisa kakhulu. Imifula kaNkulunkulu igcwaisiwe ngamanzi ukuze abantu bazuze amabele, ngoba ukumisile wena lokho. **10** Uyawigcwaisa imisele yawo ngamanzi uyendale kahle imibundi yawo; uyawuthambisa ngemikhizo ubusise amabele awo. **11** Uyawuphelelisa umnyaka ngenalna, izinqola Zakho ziphuphume ngokugcwala. **12** Amadleo asenkangala ayaphuphuma; izintaba zigqokiswe ngenjabulo. **13** Amadleo agcwele imihlambi yeziyimu lezigidzi zisibekwelwe ngamababe; ziymameza ngentokoza zihlabelela.

**66** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ingoma. Ihubo. Memezani ngentokoza kuNkulunkulu mhlaba wonke! **2** Hlabelani ngobukhosi bebizo lakhe; yenzani udumo lwakhe lube lenkazimulo! **3** Yitshoni kuNkulunkulu lithi, "Imangalisa kangaka imisebenzi

yakho! Izitha Zakho ziyethuka phambi Kwakho wabafelokazi, nguNkulunkulu emzini wakhe ongcwele. **4** Umhlaba wonke uyakhothama Kuwe; bahlabela **6** UNkulunkulu uyabalungisela indawo ezimulini labo udumo Kuwe, bahlabelela udumo ebizweni Lakho.” **5** abaleszungu, ukhokhela izibotshwa ngokuhlabela; Wozani libone akwenzileyo uNkulunkulu, ukumangalisa kodwa abahlamuki bahlala elizweni elomileyo. **7** kwemisebenzi yakhe ayenzela abantu! **6** Waguqula Kwathi lapho ukhokhela abantu bakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, ulwandle lwaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo, badabula lapho wawudabula elizweni eliyinkangala, **8** umhlaba phakathi kwamanzi behamba ngezinyawo wozani wanyikinyeka, umkhathi walithulula izulu, phambi sithokoze Kuye. **7** Uyabusa laphakade ngamandala kukaNkulunkulu, onguYena oweSinayi, phambi Akhe, amehlo Akhe ayazikhangle iizizwe sangathi kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **9** Wanisa izulu elinengi, abahlamuki. **8** Dumisani uNkulunkulu wethu, Oh Nkulunkulu; wavuselela ilifa lakho elaselikhathelle. lina bantu lonke, akuthi inhlokino yokudunyiswa **10** Abantu bakho bahlala kulo bazinza, kwathi kwakhe izwkale; **9** uzelondolozile impilo zethu ngokuphana kwakho Nkulunkulu, wabaphakela wavikela inyawo zethu ukuze zingatshelle. **10** abangabayanga. **11** INKosi yalikhupha ilizivi, kwaba Ngoba wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, wasilinga; wasicenga labanengi kakhulu abalimemezelayo besithi, **12** njengesiliva. **11** Wasingenisa entolongweni waseleka “Makhosi lamabutho phangisanibale; ezhonqweni ngemithwalo emihlane yethu. **12** Wayekela abantu amakhosi abelana impango. **13** Khonapho bakhwela bazeblela emakhanda ethu; sedlula lisalele phakathi kwemililo yezihonqo, impiko zejuba phakathi komlilo lamanzi, kodwa wasiletha endaweni lami zihuqiwe ngesiliva, izinsiba zalo ngegolide yenala. **13** Ngizakuza ethempelini Lakho lomnikelo elikhazimulayo.” **14** Lapho uSomandla wawahlkaza wokutshisa ngigcwaliye izifungo zami Kuwe. **14** amakhosi elizwe, kwakunjengongqwaqwane eqogene Izifungo ezathenjisa yizindebe zami lomlomo phezu kweZalimoni. **15** Izintaba zeBhashani wami lapho ngisekuhluphekeni. **15** Ngizakuhabela yizintaba ezilesithunzi; zilezindongandonga izintaba izifuso ezinonileyo, lomnikelo wenqama; ngizanikela zaseBhashani. **16** Kungani linyonkoliza ngomona, lina ngenkunzi kanye lembuzi. **16** Wozani lilale, lina zintaba ezindongandonga, leyontaba uNkulunkulu lonke elimesabayo uNkulunkulu; wothani ngilitshele akhetra ukubusa kuyo, lapho uThixo ngokwakhe lokho angenzele khona. **17** Ngakhala Kuye ngomlomo uzahlala khona lanini? **17** Izinqola zikaNkulunkulu wami; indumiso yakhe yayisolimini lwami. **18** Aluba zingamatshumi ezinkulungwane; lezinkulungwane ngangicine isono enhliziwayeni yami, iNkosi ngabe zezinkulungwane; iNkosi isifikile ivela eSinayi yangena kayizange ingilalele; **19** kodwa ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu walalela walizwa ilizivi lami ngikhuleka. **20** Kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu ongawulahlanga umkhuleko wami futhi ongagodlanga uthando lwakhe kimi.

**67** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kutshaywa iziginci. Ihubo. Ingoma. Sengathi uNkulunkulu angaba lomusa kithi asibusise akhazimulise ubuso bakhe kithi, **2** ukuze izindlela zakho zaziwe emhlabenzi, insindiso yakho kuzozonke iizizwe. **3** Sengathi abantu bangakudumisa, Oh Nkulunkulu; sengathi bonke abantu bangakudumisa. **4** Sengathi iizizwe zingajabula zihlabele ngentokozo, ngoba wena ubusa abantu ngokulunga ukhokhele iizizwe zomhlabo. **5** Sengathi bonke abantu bangakudumisa Oh Nkulunkulu; sengathi abantu bonke bangadumisa wena. **6** Lapho-ke umhlaba uzathela isivuno, uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wethu, uzasibusisa. **7** UNkulunkulu uzasibusisa, kuthi yonke imikhawulo yomhlabo izamesaba.

**68** Kumqondisi wokuhlabelela. ElikoDavida. Ihubo. Ingoma. UNkulunkulu kaphekame, izitha zakhe azihlakazwe; izitha zakhe azimbalekele. **2** Njengentuthu iphetshulwa ngumoya lawe baphephule kude; njengengcino encibilikiswa ngumlilo, ababi kababhubhe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Kodwa sekungathi abalungileyo bangajabula bathokoze phambi kukaNkulunkulu; sengathi bangathaba bathokoze. **4** Hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani indumiso ebizweni lakhe, mphakamiseni yena ohlezi phezu kwamayezi lithokoze phambi kwakhe obizo lakhe nguThixo. **5** Uyise wezintandane, umlamuleli

wanyikinyeka, umkhathi walithulula izulu, phambi sithokoze Kuye. **6** Umhlaba wonke uyakhothama Kuwe; bahlabela udumo ebizweni Lakho.” **7** abaleszungu, ukhokhela izibotshwa ngokuhlabela; Wozani libone akwenzileyo uNkulunkulu, ukumangalisa kodwa abahlamuki bahlala elizweni elomileyo. **8** kwemisebenzi yakhe ayenzela abantu! **9** Waguqula Kwathi lapho ukhokhela abantu bakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, ulwandle lwaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo, badabula lapho wawudabula elizweni eliyinkangala, **10** umhlaba phakathi kwamanzi behamba ngezinyawo wozani wanyikinyeka, umkhathi walithulula izulu, phambi sithokoze Kuye. **11** Wasingenisa entolongweni waseleka “Makhosi lamabutho phangisanibale; ezhonqweni ngemithwalo emihlane yethu. **12** Wayekela abantu amakhosi abelana impango. **13** Khonapho bakhwela bazeblela emakhanda ethu; sedlula lisalele phakathi kwemililo yezihonqo, impiko zejuba phakathi komlilo lamanzi, kodwa wasiletha endaweni lami zihuqiwe ngesiliva, izinsiba zalo ngegolide yenala. **14** Ngizakuza ethempelini Lakho lomnikelo elikhazimulayo.” **15** Lapho uSomandla wawahlkaza wokutshisa ngigcwaliye izifungo zami Kuwe. **16** amakhosi elizwe, kwakunjengongqwaqwane eqogene Izifungo ezathenjisa yizindebe zami lomlomo phezu kweZalimoni. **17** Izintaba zeBhashani wami lapho ngisekuhluphekeni. **17** Ngizakuhabela yizintaba ezilesithunzi; zilezindongandonga izintaba izifuso ezinonileyo, lomnikelo wenqama; ngizanikela zaseBhashani. **18** Kungani linyonkoliza ngomona, lina ngenkunzi kanye lembuzi. **19** Wozani lilale, lina zintaba ezindongandonga, leyontaba uNkulunkulu lonke elimesabayo uNkulunkulu; wothani ngilitshele akhetra ukubusa kuyo, lapho uThixo ngokwakhe lokho angenzele khona. **20** Ngakhala Kuye ngomlomo uzahlala khona lanini? **21** Izinqola zikaNkulunkulu wami; indumiso yakhe yayisolimini lwami. **22** Aluba zingamatshumi ezinkulungwane; lezinkulungwane zezinkulungwane; iNkosi isifikile ivela eSinayi yangena endlini yayo engcwele. **23** Wathi ekukhuphukeni kwakho uqansa, wakhokhela abathunjiweyo; wemukela izipho ebantwini, lakulabo abahlamukayo ukuze wena, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu, uhlale khona. **24** Udumo kalube kuThixo, kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, othwala imithwalo yethu insuku zonke. **25** UNkulunkulu wethu nguNkulunkulu osindisayo; kuThixo wobukhosu kuvela ukuphepha ekufeni. **26** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uzawachoboza amakhanda ezitha zakhe, imiqhele eloboya yalabo abaqhubekayo ngezono zabo. **27** INKosi ithi, “Ngizabaletha besuka eBhashani; ngizabaletha besuka ekujulenii kolwandle, **28** ukuze ligxamuze inyawo zenu egazini lezitha zenu, lezilimi zezinja zenu zibe lesabelo sazo.” **29** Udwendwe lwakho Nkulunkulu seluqhamuka, yebo udwendwe lukaNkulunkulu wami leNkosi lungena endlini engcwele. **30** Phambili ngabahlabele, kulandele abamachacho; phakathi kwabo kulamantombazana atshaya amagedla. **31** Dumisani uNkulunkulu ebandaleni elikhulu; dumisani uThixo embuthanweni ka-Israyeli. **32** Masirnyane isizwana sakoBhenjamini sibakhokhele, nantiyana ixuku elikhulu lamakhosana kajuda, njalo nankayana amakhosana kaZebuluni lakaNafithali. **33** Veza amandla akho, Oh Nkulunkulu, sitshengise amandla akho Nkulunkulu, njengowakwenza endulo. **34** Ngenxa yethempeli lakho eliseJerusalem amakhosi azakulethela izipho. **35** Khuza isilo esiphakathi kwemihlanya umhlambi wenkunzi phakathi kwamathole eizizwe. Sezithotshisiwe kazilethe izibhebhedu zesiliva. Hlakaza iizizwe ezithokoza ngempi. **36** Amanxusa azavela eGibhithe; iKhushi izazithoba

kuNkulunkulu. **32** Hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, awu lina mibuso yomhlaba, hlabelelani indumiso kuThixo, ozahlala emathenteni abo. **26** Ngoba bahlupa **33** kuye ohlala phezu kwesibhakabhaka sekadeni, okhwaza ngelizwi elikhulu. **34** Fakazani ngamandla kaNkulunkulu, obukhosи bakhe buphezu kuka-Israyeli; omandal ake asesibhakabhakeni. **35** Uyamangalisa, Oh Nkulunkulu, usendlini yakho engcwele; uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli upha amandla ebantwini bakhe. Indumiso keyibe kuNkulunkulu!

**69** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, “Amaluba.” Elikavidida. Ngisindisa, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngoba umsinga wamanzi usugamenxe ngentamo yami. **2** Ngiyalula ezinkikini ezitotayo, lapho okungekho ndawo yokugxila. Sengifike enzikini; impophoma sezingikhulela. **3** Sengidiniwe yikumemeza ngicela uncedo; umphimbo wami usome qha. Amehlo ami aseze efiphele, edinga uNkulunkulu wami. **4** Labo abangizondayo kungelasizatho banengi okwedlula inweli zekhanda lami; banengi abayizitha zami kungelambangela, labo abafuna ukungidiliza. Ngiyaphoqelwa ukuhlawula engingakuntshontshanga. **5** Uyabazi ubuthutha bami, wena Nkulunkulu; isono sami kasifihlakalanga kuwe. **6** Akuthi labo abathemba kuwe bangayangiswa ngenxa yami, Oh Thixo, Thixo Somandla; akuthi labo abakudingayo, bangahlaziswa ngenxa yami, Oh Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **7** Ngiyakubhensela ukugconwa ngenxa yakho, ihlazo lihuqiwe ebusweni bami. **8** Ngingowemzini kubafowethu, ngingowemzini emadodaneni kamama; **9** ngoba ukutshisekela indlu yakho kufuthelene kimi, lezethuko zalabo abakuthukayo ziwele kimi. **10** Ngithi lapho ngilila ngizila ukudla, ngibhensele ukwetheswa inhlamba; **11** kuthi lapho ngivunula amasaka abantu badlale ngami. **12** Labo abalinda emasangweni bayangihleka, ngiyingoma rje yezidakwa. **13** Kodwa ngikhuleka kuwe, Oh Thixo, ngesikhathi somusa wakho; ngothando lwakho olukhulu, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngiphendula ngensindiso yakho eqinisekileyo. **14** Ngihlenga exphapozini, ungangiyekeli ngigalule; ngikhulula kulabo abangizondayo, emanzini atshonayo. **15** Ungayekeli izikhukhula zingigalulise loba inziki zingiginye, loba umgodi uvaleke umlomo wawo phezu kwami. **16** Ngiphendula, Oh Thixo, ngenxa yokulunga kothando lwakho; emuseni wakho omkhulu phendukela kimi. **17** Ungayifihleli ubuso bakho inceku yakho; ngiphendula masinyane, ngoba ngiphakathi kohlupho. **18** Sondela ungikhulule; ngihlenga ngenxa yezitha zami. **19** Uyakwazi ukuthi ngigconwa njani, ngihlaziswa njalo ngiyangiswa; zonke izitha zami ziphambi kwakho. **20** Ukugconwa sekuyephule inhliziyo yami kwangitshiya esithubeni; ngadinga uwelo ngaluswela, abaduduvi, kodwa ngabaswela. **21** Bathela inyongo ekudleni kwami banginathisa iviniga nxa ngomile. **22** Sengathi itafula eliphambi kwabo lingaba ngumjibila; sengathi lingaba yisijeziso lesithiyo. **23** Sengathi amehlo abo angafiphala ukuze bangaboni, lamaqolo abo akhokhobe kokuphela. **24** Thululela ulaka lwakho phezu kwabo; akuthi ulaka lwakho olwesabekayo lubehlele. **25** Sengathi

indawo yabo ingaba ngamanxiwa; akungabi lamuntu labo obalimazayo bakhulume ngobuhlungu balabo obalimazayo. **27** Bethese amacala phezu kwamacala; ungayekeli bazuze isabelo sensindiso yakho. **28** Sengathi bangesulwa encwadini yokuphila bangaze babalwa kanye labalungileyo. **29** Ngisebuhlungwini, ngikhathazekile; sengathi insindiso yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu ingangivikela. **30** Ngizalidumisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu ngengoma, ngilibabaze ngokubonga. **31** Lokhu kuzamthabisu uThixo okwedlula inkabi, okwedlula inkunzi yonke ilempondo lamangqina ayo. **32** Abayanga bazabona bajabule lina elimdingayo uNkulunkulu, sengathi inhliziyo zenu zingaphila! **33** UThixo uyabewza abaswelayo, kabeyisi abantu bakhe abathunjiewyo. **34** Akuthi izulu lomhlaba kumdumise, inlwandle lakho konke okunyakaza kuzo, **35** ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayisindisa iZiyoni ayakhe kutsha imizi yakoJuda. Yikhona-ke abantu bazakwakha khona balithathe libe ngelabo; **36** abantwana bezinceku zayo lizakuba yilifa labo, labalithandayo ibizo lakhe bazahlala khona.

**70** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Elikavidida. Isikhala. Phangisa, Oh Nkulunkulu, ungisindise; Oh Thixo, woza masinyane uzongisiza. **2** Sengathi labo abafuna impilo yami bangayangiswa basanganiswe; sengathi bonke abafisa ukuwa kwami bangabuyiselwa emuva beyangekile. **3** Sengathi labo abathi kimi, “Ehe! Ehe!” bangafulathela ngenxa yehlazo labo. **4** Kodwa akuthi bonke abakudingayo bathokoze bajabule kuwe; akuthi labo abathanda insindiso yakho bahlale besithi, “uThixo kaduryiswe!” **5** Ikanti ningumyanga ngiyaswela; woza masinyane kimi, Oh Nkulunkulu. Ulusizo lwami lomkhululi wami; Oh Thixo, ungaphuzi.

**71** Kuwe Thixo, sengithole isiphephelo; mangayangiswa lanini. **2** Ngihlenga ungikhulule ngokulunga kwakho; ngilalela, woza ngokuphangisa ungisindise. **3** Woba lidwala lami lokuphephela, lapho engingaya khona loba nini; tshono umlayo wokuba ngisindiswe, ngoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami. **4** Ngikhulula, Oh Nkulunkulu, esandleni sababi, emandleni abantu ababi abalochuku. **5** Ngoba ubo ulithemba lami, Oh Thixo Wobukhos, ithemba lami kusukela ebutsheni bami. **6** Kusukela ekuwalzeni kwami ngahle negeyama kuwe; nguwe owangikhuphayo esiswini sikamama. Ngizakudumisa njalonjalo. **7** Senginjengomhlo kwabanengi, kodwa wena uyisiphephelo sami esiqinileyo. **8** Umlomo wami ugcwele udumo lwakho, umemezelu inkazimulo yakho ilanga lonke. **9** Ungangilahleli kude nxa sengiluphele; ungangifulatheli lapho amandla ami esephele. **10** Ngoba izitha zami zikhuluma kubi ngami; labo abalindele ukungibulala bahlangana ngami. **11** Bathi, “UNkulunkulu usemlahlile; xotshanani laye limbambe, ngoba kakho ozamlamulela.” **12** Ungabi khatsana kwami, Oh Nkulunkulu; woza masinyane, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, uzongisiza. **13** Sengathi labo abangethesa amacala bangabhubha beyangekile;

sengathi labo abafuna ukungilimaza bangabhxwa zizabusiswa ngaye, zizakuthi ubusisiwe. **18** Uduomo ngehlahzo lokuyangeka. **14** Kodwa mina ngizahlala alube kuye uThixo uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kanganithembile; ngizakudumisa kakhulu. **15** Umlomo wami uzaifikaza ngokulunga kwakho, langensindiso yakho ilanga lonke, lokuba ngingasazi isilinganiso sayo. **16** Ngizakuza ngifakaze ngemisebenzi yakho emikhulu, yakhe. **20** Lokhu yikho ukuphetha kwemikhuleko Oh Thixo Wobukhos; ngizafakaza ngokulunga kwakho, kaDavidia indodana kajese.

okwakho wedwa. **17** Kusukela ebutsheni bami, Oh Nkulunkulu, wangifundisa, kuze kuge lamuha ngimimezeli imisebenzi yakho emangalisayo. **18**

Lokuba sengiluphelo sengiyimpunga ungangideli, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngize ngifakaze ngamandla akho esizukulwaneni esizayo, amandla akho kubo bonke abalandelayo. **19** Ukulunga kwakho kufika emkhathini, Oh Nkulunkulu, wena osuwerenye izinto ezinkulu.

Ngubani, Oh Nkulunkulu, onjengawe? **20** Loba usungenze ngabona inhlupheko ezinengi lezibuhlungu, uzangenyula njalo ekujuleni komhlabathi. **21**

Uzalwandisa udumo lwami ungiduduze futhi njalo.

**22** Ngizakudumisa ngechacho ngenxa yokuthembeka kwakho, Nkulunkulu wami; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuwe ngomqangala, wena oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

**23** Izindebe zami zizamemeza ngentokozo lapho nighlabela indumiso kuwe mina ongisisndisileyo.

**24** Ulimi lwami luzatshona lukhuluma ngokulunga kwakho ilanga lonke, ngoba labo abafuna ukungilimaza sebeyangisiwe basanganiswa.

**72** ElikaSolomoni. Yiphe inkosi ukwahlulela kwakho,

Oh Nkulunkulu, lokulunga kwakho indodana yeskoshini. **2** Uzakwahlulela abantu bakho ngokulunga, labahluphekayo bakho ngemfanelo. **3** Izintaba zizalettha ukuphumelela ebantwini, lamaqaqa azalettha izithelo zokulunga. **4** Uzabavikela abahlukuluzwayo phakathi kwabantu asindise abantwana balabo abaswelayo afohloloze umncindezel.

**5** Uzaphila kokuphela njengelanga, njengenyanga kuzozonke izizukulwane.

**6** Uzakuba njengezelu lisina phezu kotshani obugundiweyo, njengemikhizo itheleza umhlabathi.

**7** Ngezinsuku zayo abalungileyo bazaphumelela; ukuphumelela kuzakwanda inyanga ize itshabalale.

**8** Uzabusa kusukela elwandle kusiya elwandle, njalo kusukela emfuleni kusiya emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **9** Izizwe ezihlala enkangala zizakhothama kuye, izitha zakhe zizakhotha uthuli. **10** Amakhosi eThashishi lawemazweni akude azalettha imithelo kuye; amakhosi aseShebha leSebha azayilethela izipho. **11**

Wonke amakhosi azakhothama kuye lezizwe zonke zizakhonza kuye. **12** Ngoba uzabakhulula abaswelayo abakhalyo kuye, abahluphekayo abangelamsizi. **13**

Uzabahukela ababuthakathaka labaswelayo asindise abaswelayo ekufeni. **14** Uzabahlenga ekuncindezelweni lekuhlukuluzweni, ngoba igazi labo liliqugu kuye. **15**

Mayibe lempilo ende! Mayiphiwe igolide laseShebha. Abantu kabayikhulekele bayenzele izibusiso ilanga lonke. **16** Akuthi amabele ande elizweni lonke; azunguze

eziqongweni zamaqaqa. Izithelo zalo kazikhihlize njengeLebhanoni; kaligcwale njengotshani egangeni.

**17** Sengathi ibizo lakhe lingema njalo laphakade, kalibe khona lanini nxa lilokhu lisekhona ilanga. Zonke izizwe

abantu owabathengayo ekadeni, isizwe selifa lakho kukhona inkezo egcwele iwayini eliphuphumayo owasihlengayo iNtaba iZiyoni, owawuhlala khona. **3** elixutshwe ngeziyoliso; uyalithulula, kuthi bonke ababi Phenduka ungene emanxiweni aphakade la, incithakalo yonke le yenziwe yisitha endlini engcwele. **4** Izitha zakho zazibhonga endaweni owawuhlangana lathi kuyo; zamisa impawu zazo njengeziboniso. **5** Zenza njengabantu abaphakamise amahloka ukuphendla indlela yabo eguswini. **6** Zafohloza konke okubaziweyo ngamahloka azo langezando. **7** Zatshisa indlu yakho engcwele yaphela nya; zangcolisa indawo ehlalo iBizo lakho. **8** Zathi negezinhilizyo zazo, "Sizababhuq baphele nya!" Zatshisa zonke izindawo zokukhonzela uNkulunkulu elizweni. **9** Kasisaboniswa mimangaliso; kakuselabuphrofethi, kakho kithi owaziyo ukuthi kuzaze kube nini kunjalo. **10** Koze kube nini isitha sikulolodela na, awu Nkulunkulu? Izitha zizalithuka kokuphela ibizo lakho na? **11** Kungani ufinyeza isandla sakho sokunene na? Sikhuphe ezingoxweni zezemba tho zakho ubabhuhbise. **12** Kodwa wena Nkulunkulu uyiNkosi yami kwasekadeni; uletha insindiso emhlabeni. **13** Kwakunguwe owaqhekeza ulwandle ngamandla akho; wafohloza amakhanda esilo phakathi kwamanzi. **14** Kwakunguwe owachobozwa amakhanda kaLeviyathani waba yikudla kwezidalwa zasenkangala. **15** Kwakunguwe owavula imithombo lemifula; wormisa qha imifula eyayihlala igeleza. **16** Imini negeyakho, ngobakho njalo lobusuku; walimisa ilanga kanye lenyanga. **17** Kwakunguwe owamisa imingelela yonke yomhlaba; wenza ihlobo kanye lobusika. **18** Khumbula ukuthi isitha besikulolodela, Thixo, ukuthi iziwula bezihlambaza ibizo lakho. **19** Ungaqhubeli umphefumulo wejuba lakho ezinyamazaneni; ungaze wakhohlwa kokuphela impilo yabantu bakho abahluphekayo. **20** Nanzelela isivumelwano sakho, ngoba izikhundla zobugebenga zigcwele kulolonke ilizwe ezindaweni ezilamathunzi. **21** Ungayekeli abancindezelweyo babuyeleye beyangekile; sengathi abayanga labaswelayo bangalidumisa ibizo lakho. **22** Phakama, awu Nkulunkulu, vikela okungokwakho; khumbula ukuthi iziwula zikuhleka njani ilanga lonke. **23** Ungakulibali ukuvungama kwalabo abalwa lawe, ukuxokozela kwezitha zakho, okuzwakala kokuphela.

**75** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Iculo elithi, "Ungabhidizi." Ihubo lika-Asafi. Ingoma. Siletha ukubonga kuwe, Oh Nkulunkulu, siletha ukubonga, ngoba iBizo lakho liseduze; abantu bakhulumu ngemisebenzi Yakho emangalisayo. **2** Wena uthi, "Ngikhetha isikhathi esimisiweyo; yimi engahlulela okuqondileyo. **3** Nxa umhlabla kanye labantu bawo kuzamazama, yimi engizibamba ziqine izisekelo zowo. **4** Ngithi kwabayiziqholo, 'Lingabe lisazincoma,' ngithi kwababi, 'Lingaziphakamisi impondo zenu. **5** Lingaphakamiseli uphondo lwenu phezulu ezulwini; lingakhulumi liziqhenya.' **6** Kakho ovela empumalanga loba entshonalanga, kumbe ovela enkangala ongaphakamisa umuntu. **7** Kodwa nguNkulunkulu owahlulelayo: uyamehlisa omunye, amkhweze omunye. **8** Esandleni sikaThixo

kukhona inkezo egcwele iwayini eliphuphumayo bomhlabla balinathe kanye lenzece zalo. **9** Kodwa mina ngizamemezela lokhu lanini; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu kajakhobe, **10** yena othi, "Ngizazithulisa zonke impondo zababi, kodwa impondo zabalungileyo zizaphakanyiswa."

**76** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Kusetshenzisa iziginci. Ihubo lika-Asafi. Ingoma. Uyaziwa uNkulunkulu kojudia ibizo lakhe likhulu ko-Israyeli. **2** Ithente lakhe liseSalema, indawo yakhe yokuhlala iseZiyoni. **3** Khonapho wayephula imitshoko ebenyezelayo, izihlangu lezinkele, izikhali zempi. **4** Uyakhazimula ngokukhanya, ulobukhosu obudlula izintaba ezicwele izinyamazana. **5** Amadoda alezibindi alele ucaca aphangiwe, alele ubuthongo bawo bokucina; kakho loyedwa wamabutho lawo ongaphakamisa izandla zakhe. **6** Uthi ungakhwaza wena, Oh Nkulunkulu kajakhobe, ibhiza lengola kuhle kulale phansi kuthi zwi. **7** Wena wedwa uyesatshwa. Ngubani ongema phambi kwakho nxa usuthukuthele? **8** Wathi usezulwini wehilsa ukwahlulela kwakho, ilizwe lesaba lathula, **9** lapho wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, waphakama ukwahlulela, ukusindisa bonke abahluphekayo belizwe. **10** Ngempela ulaka lwakho ebantwini lukulethela indumiso, kuthi bonke abasilileyo elakeni lwakho bathotshiswe. **11** Yenzani izifungo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lizigcwaliye; akuthi wonke amazwe abomakhelwana alethe izipho kuye Yedwa omele esatshwe. **12** Uyephula ubuqhoho bababusi; uyesatshwa ngamakhosi omhlabla.

**77** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. KuJeduthuni, Elikasa. Ihubo. Ngakhala kuNkulunkulu ngicela uncedo; ngakhala kuNkulunkulu ukuthi angizwe. **2** Ngathi ngikhathazekile ngamdinga uThixo; ebusuku ngazelula izandla azazezadinya lomphefumulo wami wala ukududuzeka. **3** Ngakukhumbula, Oh Nkulunkulu, ngabubula; ngacabanga, umoya wami wancipha. **4** Wala ukuthi amehlo ami avaleke; ngangikhathazekile ngisrehuleka ukukhuluma. **5** Ngakumbula ngezinsku ezedulayo, insuku zakudala; **6** ngakumbula izingoma zami ebusuku. Inhlizyo yami yacabanga lomoya wami wadinga: **7** "INkosi izakhalala kokuphela na? Ayisayikuphinde itshengise uthando Iwayo njalo na?" **8** Kanti uthando Iwayo olungapheliyo selunyamaleko kokuphela na? Kanti isithembiso sayo sesiphelile kokuphela na? **9** Kanti uNkulunkulu usekhohliwe ukuba lesihawanu na? Usethe ngokuzonda wagodla uwelo lwakhe na?" **10** Ngasengikhumbula ngathsi, "Yilokhu okunginqundayo, ukuthi isandla sokunene soPhezukonke kasisekho phezu kwami.

**11** Ngizayikhumbula imisebenzi kaThixo; yebo, ngizayikhumbula imimangaliso yakho yekadeni. **12** Ngizacabanga ngayo yonke imisebenzi yakho nginakanegazozonke izenzo zakho ezinkulu." **13** Izindlela zakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, zingcwele; nguphi unkulunkulu omkhulu njengoNkulunkulu wethu na? **14** Nguwe Nkulunkulu owerenza izimanga; uyawatshengisa amandla akho ebantwini. **15** Ngengalo yakho elamandla

wabakhulula abantu bakho, izizukulwane zikajakhobe badle abantu, wabapha amabele asezulwini. **25** lojosefa. **16** Amanzi akubona wena, Oh Nkulunkulu, Abantu badla isinkwa sezingilos; wabathumela konke amanzi akubona atshotshobala; inzikizagonyuluka. **17** ukudla ababengakudla. **26** Wawukhulula umoya Amayezi awathulula amanzi, isibhakabhaka sandindiza wempumalanga uvela emazulwini, wawukhulula ngokuduma; imitshoko yakho yaphazima yaya le umoya weningizimu ngamandla akhe. **27** Wanisela lale. **18** Umdumo wakho wezwakala uphakathi inyama kubo njengothuli, izinyoni ezipaphayao kwesivunguzane, umbane wakho wawukhanyisa zaba njengetshebetshebe ogwini lolwandle. **28** umhlaba; umhlaba wavevezela wanyikinyeka. **19** Indlela Wazenza zehlela phakathi kwezihonqo zabo, yakho yadabula olwandle, umkhondo wakho phakathi indawana yonke emathenteni abo. **29** Bazitika kwamanzi, kodwa izinyathelo zakho zazingabonakali. baze bakhangela, ngoba wayebaphe ababekade **20** Wabahola abantu bakho njengomhlambi wezimvu bekukhalela. **30** Kodwa bengakakutshiyi lokho kudla ababekukhalela belokhu besakunambitha emilonyeni yabo, **31** ulaka lukaNkulunkulu Iwavutha kubo; wabulala zona iziqwabalanda zabo, wawahemula bantu bami; lilalele amazwi omlomo wami. **2** amajaha aka-Israyeli. **32** Phezu kwakho konke Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemifanekiso, ngizakutsho izinto ezifihlekileyo, izinto zekadeni, **3** esakuzwayo lesikwaziyo esakutshewla ngokhoko bethu. **4** Kasizukuzifihlela abantwana babo; sizasitshela isizukulwane esizayo ngemisebenzi emangalisayo kaThixo, amandla akhe, lemimangaliso aseyenzile. **5** Wamisela ujakhobe imithetho wabeka umlayo ko-Israyeli, walaya okhoko bethu ukuthi bawufundise abantwabobo, **6** ukuze aziwe yisizukulwane esilandelayo, kanye labantwana abazazalwa, kuthi labo batshele abantwabobo. **7** Yikhoke bazabeka ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu njalo abasoze bakhohlwa izenzo zakhe kodwa bagcine imilayo yakhe. **8** Kabayikuba njengabokhoko babo ababeyisizukulwana esilobuqholo lesihlamukayo, onhliziyo zabo zazingazinikelanga kuNkulunkulu omoya yabo yayingathembekanga kuye. **9** Amadoda aka-Efrayimi, loba ayehlomile ngemishoko, afulathela mhla welanga lempi; **10** kabasicinanga isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, bala ukuphila ngomthetho wakhe. **11** Bakohlwllokho ayekwenzile, izimanga ayebatshengise zona. **12** Wenza imimangaliso oyise bekhangale elizweni laseGibhithe, esigodini saseZowani. **13** Walwahlukanisa ulwandle wabahola bachapha; wenza amanzi ema aqina saka njengomduli. **14** Wabahola ngeyezi emini njalo ngokuhanya komlilo ubusuku bonke. **15** Wawaqhekeza amadwala enkangala wabapha amanzi amanengi njengolwandle; **16** wantshazisa impophoma emadwaleni amawa wenza amanzi ageleza njengemifula. **17** Kodwa baqhubeke besona phambi kwakhe, bamhlamukela enkangala yena oPhezukonke. **18** Bamlinga uNkulunkulu ngabomo ngokucela ukudla ababekutshisekela. **19** Bamchothoza uNkulunkulu besithi, "Kambe uNkulunkulu angendlala itafula lokudlela enkangala na? **20** Wathi lapho etshaya idwala, amanzi antshantshaza, kwageleza amanzi amanengi. Kodwa angasipha njalo lokudla na? Angabalethela inyama abantu bakhe na?" **21** UThixo wathi ebezwa wathukuthela kakhulu; umlilo wakhe wavuthela kujakhobe, ulaka lwakhe lwaqina ku-Israyeli, **22** ngoba kabamkholwanga uNkulunkulu njalo kabawathembanga amandla okuhlenge kwakhe. **23** Loba kunjalo walaya umkhathi ngaphezelu wawula iminyango yamazulu; **24** wanisa imana ukuthi

yabo, **31** ulaka lukaNkulunkulu Iwavutha kubo; wabulala zona iziqwabalanda zabo, wawahemula bantu bami; lilalele amazwi omlomo wami. **2** amajaha aka-Israyeli. **32** Phezu kwakho konke lokhu baqhubeka besona; phezu kwezimanga zakhe, kabazange bakholwe. **33** Ngakho wenza insuku zabo zaphelela ezeni njalo leminyaka yabo yagcwala ukwesaba. **34** Kwakusithi uNkulunkulu angababulala, bandinge; baphendukele kuye njalo ngokutshiseka. **35** Bakhumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayelidwala labo, ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wayenguMhengi wabo. **36** Kodwa-ke kwakuyikumyenga ngemilomo yabo, begamba amanga kuye ngendimi zabo; **37** inhliziyo zabo zazingabambelelanga kuye, babengathembekanga esivumelwaneni sakhe. **38** Kodwa wayelesihawu; wazithethelela izono zabo kaze ababhubhiswa. Isikhathi ngesikhathi waluthoba ulaka lwakhe akaze akuqubula konke ukuthukuthela kwakhe. **39** Wakhumbula ukuthi babeyinyama nje intshongolo eyedulayo nje ingabe isabuya. **40** Kodwa ukuthi bamhlamukela kanengi njani enkangala, usuku abakhulula ngalo kumncindezeli, **41** usuku lapho aveza khona izibonakaliso zakhe ezmangalisayo eGibhithe, izimanga zakhe esigodini saseZowani. **42** Wagquula imifula yabo yaba ligazi; behluleka ukunatha ezifuleni zabo. **45** Wathumela imihlambi yezibawu zabantinya, lamaxoxo ababhuwayo. **46** Amabele abo wawathela izintethe, izithelo zabo isikhongwane. **47** Wathintitha amavino abo ngesiqhotho lemikhwa yabo yesikhamore wayitshazisa ngongqwaqwane. **48** Inkomo zabo wazithela ngesiqhotho, izifuyo zabo zadliwa yizikhatha zombane. **49** Wabathululela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo, intukuthelo yakhe, ukucunuka lenzondo ixuku lezingilosii ezibhubhisayo. **50** Wayilungisa indlela yolaka lwakhe; kabaphephisanga ekufeni kodwa wabanikela emikhuhlaneni. **51** Wawabulala wonke amazibulo aseGibhithe, izithelo zabo zokuqala zokuba ngamadoda emathenteni kaHamu. **52** Kodwa wabakhupha abantu bakhe njengomhlambi wezimvu; wabahola njengezimvu bedabula inkangala. **53** Wabakhokhela ngonanzelelo, ngakho babengesabi; kodwa ulwandle lwazigubuzela izitha zabo. **54** Kanjalo wabaletha emngceleni welizwe lakhe elingcwele, elizweni lamaqaqa ayelithethe ngesandla sakhe sokunene. **55** Wazixotsha izizwe phambi kwabo

wabahlukanisela ilizwe lazo laba yilifa; wahlalisa izizwana zako-Israyeli emizini yazo. **56** Kodwa lakho, sikudumise laphakade; kusuka esizukulwaneni kusuya esizukulwaneni sizabalisa udumo lwakho.

**57** Njengabokhokho babo babengathembekanga bengakhola, ungeke wathemba njengedandili elenziwe kubi. **58** Bamvusa ulaka ngezindawo zabo eziphezulu; baqubula ubukhwele bakhe ngezithombe zabo. **59** Wathi uNkulunkulu ngokukuzwa lokho, wathukuthela kakhulu; wamlahla qobo lokumlahla u-Israyeli. **60** Walidelita ithabanikeli lakhe eshilo, ithente ayleakhile phakathi kwabantu. **61** Umphongolo wakhe wamandla wawusa ekuthunywani, inkazimulo yakhe ezandleni zesitha. **62** Abantu bakhe wabanikela ukudliwa yinkemba; wayethukuthele kakhulu ngelifa lakhe. **63** Umlilo waziqeda izinsizwa zabo, izintombi zabo zaswela izingoma zomtshado; **64** abaphristi babo babulawa ngenkemba, abafelokazi babo behluleka ukulila. **65** INKosi yasivuka njengokade esebuthongweni, njengomuntu ephaphama ekudakweni yiwayini. **66** Wazitshaya zahlehlha izitha zakhe; waziyangisa okungapheliyo. **67** Khonapho-ke wawakkhalala amathente kajosefa, akaze asikhetha isizwana sika-Efrayimi; **68** kodwa wakhetha isizwana sikaJuda, iNTaba iZiyoni ayeiyithanda. **69** Wakha indlu yakhe engcwele njengeziqongo, njengomhlaba awumisela ingunaphakade. **70** Wakhetha uDavida inceku yakhe wamthatha ezelugwini zezimvu; **71** wamsusa ekweluseni izimvu wamletha ukuba ngumelusi wabantu bakhe uJakhobe, baka-Israyeli ilifa lakhe. **72** Njalo uDavida wabelusa ngobuqotho benhliziyo; wabakhkhela ngesandla sobungcitshi.

**73** Ihubo lika-Asafi Oh Nkulunkulu, izizwe sezilingenele ilifa lakho; sezilingcolisile ithempeli lakho eligcwele, iJerusalema isibhidliziwe yaba luthuli. **2** Izidumbu zezincke zaeko sebezilahile ukuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni, inyama yabangcwele bakho yaba yikudla kwezilo zelizwe. **3** Balichithile igazi njengamanzi bahongolozela ngalo ijerusalema, kasekho ozangcwaba abafileyo. **4** Siyizinto zokuchothozwa kubomakhelwane bethu, inhlekisa lokweiyisa yibo bonke esihlala labo. **5** Koze kubu nini, Oh Thixo? Uzazonda kuze kubu nininini na? Koze kubu nini ubukhwele bakho butshisa njengomlilo na? **6** Thululela intukuthelo yakho kulezozizwe ezingakunanziyo, ezingalibizyo ibizo lakho **7** ngoba zimchithile uJakhobe zalisthildiza ilizwe lakibo. **8** Ungawethesi thina umlandu wabokhokho; sengathi isihawu sakho singeza masinyane ukuzasivikela, ngoba sesibezunzimeni obubi. **9** Sisize, awu Nkulunkulu Msindisi wethu, ngenxa yobukhosu bebizo lakho; sikhulule uthethele izono zethu, ngenxa yebizo lakho. **10** Kungani izizwe zisithi, "Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo?" Yenza emehlwani ethu, kwaziwe phakathi kwezizwe ukuthi uyaliphindisela igazi lezincke zaeko elachithwayo. **11** Sengathi ukububula kwezibotshwa kungafinyelela kuwe; ngamandla engalo yakho sindisa labo abagwetshelwe ukufa. **12** Baphindisele kasikhombisa omakhelwane bethu ngezinhlamba ababekuchaphaza ngazo, Thixo.

**13** Kuzakuthi-ke thina abantu bakho, izimvu zedlelo Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, "Amaluba esivumelwano." Eliko-Asafi. Ihubo. Sizwe, Oh Malusi ka-Israyeli, wena okhokhela ujosefa njengomhlambi wezimvu; wena ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu uphahlwe ngamakherubhi, benyezela **2** phambi kuka-Efrayimi loBhenjamini loManase. Vusa amandla akho; woza usisindise. **3** Sivuselele, Oh Nkulunkulu; yenza ubuso bakho bukhanye phambi kwethu, ukuze sisindiswe. **4** Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla, koze kubu nini ulaka lwakho luvutha phezu kwemikhuleko yabantu bakho? **5** Usabufunzile ngesinkwa sezinyembezi; ubenze banatha inyembezi ezigcwele umganu. **6** Ususenze saba yimbangela yengxabano kubomakhelwane bethu, lezitha zethu ziyashleka. **7** Sivuselele, Oh Nkulunkulu Somandla; khanyisa ubuso bakho kithi, ukuze sisindiswe. **8** Waletsha ivini ulisusa eGibhithe; wazixota izizwe waligxumeka, **9** walicentelta indawo labamba emhlabathini lagcwala ilizwe. **10** Izintaba zagcwala umthunzi walo, imisedari emikhulu yathi silikici ngamatgatsha alo. **11** Lakhulisa amagatsha alo anabela oLwandle, amahlumela alo afika kude eMfuleni. **12** Kungani na usudilize imiduli yalo ukuze bonke abedlulayo baziqhululele izithelo zalo? **13** Ingulungunda ziyalivadlaza, lezidalwa zeganga zizitika ngalo. **14** Buya kithi, Oh Nkulunkulu Somandla! Khangela phansi usezulwini ubone! Nakekela ivini leli, **15** impande ehlanylwe yisandla sakho sokinune, indodana ozondlele yona wena. **16** Ivini lakho seliqunyiwe, selitishiswe ngomlilo; ngokukhuza kwakho abantu bayabhubha. **17** Yeyamisa isandla sakho emuntwini ongakwesokunene kwakho, indodana yomuntu ozondlele yona. **18** Yikho asiyikukufulathela, sivuselele, ukuze sibize ibizo lakho. **19** Sivuselele, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla; khanyisa ubuso bakho kithi, ukuze sisindiswe.

**81** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ngendlela yegithithi. Eliko-Asafi Hlabelelani ngentokozo kuNkulunkulu ongamandla ethu; memezani kakhulu kuNkulunkulu kajakhobe! **2** Kalisani ukuhlabela, tshayani isigubhu, khalisani ichacho eliminandi lomhubhe. **3** Khalisani uphondo lwenqama ekuThwaseni kweNyanga, lalapho inyanga isigcwele, ngelanga lomkhosi; **4** lesi yisimemezelo sika-Israyeli, umthetho kaNkulunkulu kajakhobe. **5** Wakumisa njengesimiso kujosefa lapho aphuma wavukela ilizwe leGibhithe, lapho ewza khona ulimi esasingaluzwa. Ngezwa ilizwi engingalaziyo lisithi: **6** "Ngawethula umthwalo emahlolome abo; izandla zabo zakhululwa engcebethwini. **7** Ekuhluphekeni kwenu lamemeza mina ngalikhulula. Ngaliphendula ngiphakathi komdumo weyezi; ngalilinga emanzini aseMeribha. **8** Zwanini, awu bantu bami, mina ngizalixwayisa aluba lingangilalela, Oh Israyeli! **9** Lingabi lonkulunkulu wezizweni phakathi kwenu; lingabokhothamela unkulunkulu

ongaziwayo. **10** NginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, wena, obizo lakho unguThixo ukuthi wena wedwa ovalikhuphayo eGibhithe. Vulani kakhulu umlomo ungoPhezukonke emhlabeni wonke.

wenu ngizawugcwalisa. **11** Kodwa abantu bami kabangilalelanga; u-Israyeli wala ukungithobel.

**12** Ngakho ngasengibayekela ngezinhliziyo zabo zubuqholo ukuthi balandele lokho abakufunayo.

**13** Aluba abantu bami bengangilalela, aluba u-Israyeli engalandela izindlela zami, **14** masinyane nje ngingazibhuqa izitha zabo ngipifikamisele isandla sami ezitheni zabo! **15** Labo abamzondayo uThixo bangatshotshobala phambi kwakhe, kuthi isijeziso sabo sibe ngesaphakade. **16** Kodwa lina lingaphiwa ingqoloyi enhle kakhulu; ngilisuthise ngoluju oluphuma edwaleni.”

**82** Ihubo lika-Asafi UNkulunkulu usesihlalweni emhlanganweni omkhulu; nguye owahluelayo phakathi kwabo “nkulunkulu”: **2** “Koze kube nini livikela ababi na libonakala lithanda izigangi? **3** Lamlelani ababuthakathaka lezintandane; melani amalungelo abayanga labahlukuluzwayo. **4** Lamlelani ababuthakathaka labaswelayo; bephuleni esandleni sababi. **5** Onkulunkulu kabazi lutho, kabawisisi lutho. Bayantula emnyameni; zonke izisekolo zomhlaba zixukuxiwe. **6** Ngathi, ‘Lingo “nkulunkulu”; lonke lingamadodana akhe oPhezukonke.’ **7** Kodwa lizakuwa lingabantu nje; lizakuwa njengamanye amakhosi wonke.” **8** Phakama, Oh Nkulunkulu, yahlulela umhlaba, ngoba zonke izizwe ziyilifa lakho.

**83** Ingoma. Ihubo lika-Asafi. Oh Nkulunkulu, ungathuli uthi zwi; ungangincitshi indlebe yakho, ungameli khatshana lami, Oh Nkulunkulu. **2** Akubone ukuthi ziphithizela kanjani izitha zakho, ukuthi ziwaqaphisa kanganani amakhanda azo. **3** Ngobuqili zakhela abantu bakho amacebo; zisongela labo obathembileyo. **4** Bathi, “Wozani kasibabhuqe du njengesizwe, ukuze ibizo lika-Israyeli lingaphindi likhunjulwe.” **5** Nganhliziyonye bawakha amacebo ndawonye; bayahlangana beme ndawonye ukumelana lawe, **6** amathente ase-Edomi lama-Ishumayeli, awamaMowabi lawamaHagari, **7** amaGebhali, lama-Amoni lama-Amaleki, amaFilistiya labantu beThire. **8** Lama-Asirya asebambene labo ukuqinisa izizukulwane zikaLothi. **9** Yenza kubo njengoba wenza eMidyan, njengowakwenza kuSiSera lojabhini emfuleni iKhishoni, **10** ababhubha e-Endo baba njengezibi emhlabathini. **11** Yenza izikhulu zabo zibe njengo-Orebhi loZebhi, wonke amakhosana abo abe njengoZebara loZalimuna, **12** abathi, “Kasiwathumbe amadlelo kaNkulunkulu.” **13** Benze babe njengenkunkuma, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ngumoya. **14** Njengalokhu umlilo uhangula igusu kumbe ilangabi lilumathisa izintaba, **15** kanjalo basukele ngesivunguvungu sakho ubethuse ngesiphepho sakho. **16** Bahuqe ubuso babo ngehlazo ukuze abantu balidinge ibizo lakho, Oh Thixo. **17** Sengathi bangayangeka lanini badunyazwe; kungathi bangafa belehlazo. **18** Yenza bakwazi ukuthi

wena, obizo lakho unguThixo ukuthi wena wedwa bendlu yakho, Oh Thixo Somandla! **2** Umphefumulo wami uyalangazela, uze ungathi uyaphela, ngifuna amaguma kaThixo; inhliziyo yami lenyama yami kuhalela uNkulunkulu ophilayo. **3** Intaka layo ilizuzile ikhaya, lenkonjane isidleke sayo, lapho ingazalela khona abantwana bayo indawo eduze kwe-alithari lakho, Oh Thixo Somandla, Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami. **4** Babusisiwe labo abahlala endlini yakho; bahlala bekudumisa kokuphela. **5** Babusisiwe labo abalamandla abo akuwe asebebeke inhliziyo zabo ekulagiseni kuwe. **6** Bathi nxo bedabula esiGodini seBhaka basenze sibe yindawo yemithombo; izulu lekwindla lalo ligcwaliise iziziba. **7** Ayakhula amandla abo ande, ngulowo lalowo aze aqhamuke kuNkulunkulu eZiyoni. **8** Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla; akungilale, Oh Nkulunkulu kajakhobe. **9** Khangela isihlangu sethu, Oh Nkulunkulu; khangela ngomusa kogcotshiweyo wakho. **10** Lungcono usuku olulodwa emagumeni akho kulensku eziyinkulungwane kwenye indawo; kungabangcono ngibe ngumlindimasango endlini kaNkulunkulu kulokuhllala emathenteni ababi. **11** Ngoba uThixo ulilanga lesihlangu; uThixo uyapha umusa lodumo; kancitshani langaluphi ulutho oluhle kulabo ozinyathelo zabo zingelansolo. **12** Oh Thixo Somandla, ubusisiwe umuntu othewhemba kuwe.

**85** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Elamadodana kaKhora. Ihubo. Ulithandile ilizwe lakho, Oh Thixo; uiyibusile inhlanhla kajakhobe. **2** Wazithethelela iziphambeko zabantu bakho wazisibekela zonke izono zabo. **3** Walubuyisela eceleni lonke ulaka lwakho wakufulathela ukuthukuthela kwakho okwesabekayo. **4** Sivuselele njalo, Oh Nkulunkulu Msindisi wethu, ukubeke khatshana ukukucunula kwethu. **5** Uzazisondela kuze kube phakade na? Uzalugcina ulaka lwakho kuzozonke izizukulwane na? **6** Kawuzukusivuselela na, ukuze abantu bakho bathokoze kuwe? **7** Sitshengise uthando lwakho olungaphuthiyo, Oh Thixo, usinike insindiso yakho. **8** Ngizalalela lokho uNkulunkulu uThixo azakutsho; uthembisa abantu bakhe ukuthula, abangcwele bakhe kodwa kabangabuylei ebufebebi babo. **9** Ngempela insindiso iseduze kulabo abamesabayo, ukuze inkazimulo yakhe ihlale elizweni lethu. **10** Uthando lokuthembeka kuyahlangana ndawonye; ukulunga lokuthula kuyangana. **11** Ukuthembeka kuqhamuka emhlabathini, ukulunga kukhanya phansi kusezulwini. **12** Ngeqiniso uThixo uzanika okulungileyo, lelizwe lethu lizathela isivuno salo. **13** Ukulunga kuhamba phambi kwake kulungisele izinyathelo zakhe indlela.

**86** Umkhuleko kaDavida Zwana, Oh Thixo, ungiphendule, ngoba ngingumyanga ngiyaswela. **2** Vikelia impilo yami, ngoba ngizinikele kuwe; sindisa inceku yakho ekuthembayo; UnguNkulunkulu wami.

**3** Woba lesihawu kimi, Oh Thixo, ngoba ngitshona Intukuthelo yakho iyangeleka; usungigalulisile ngawo ngikubiza ilanga lonke. **4** Letha ukuthokoza encekwini wonke amagagasi akho. **8** Usungithathethele abangane yakho, ngoba kuwe, Oh Thixo, ngiphakamisela bami abasekhwapheni wangenza ngaba lesidina umphemfumulo wami. **5** Uyathethelola njalo ulungile, kubo. Ngivalelwé kangiselantuba; **9** amehlo ami Oh Thixo, ugcwele uthando kulabo abakhuleka asebona kalufifi ngenxa yosizi. Ngiyakubiza, Oh Thixo, kuwe. **6** Zwana umkhuleko wami, Oh Thixo; insuku zonke; ngiphakamisela izandla zami kuwe. lalela ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa. **7** Mhla **10** Izimanga zakho uyazitsengisa kwabafileyo na? ngiphakathi kokuhlupheka ngizakhala kuwe, ngoba Kambe labo asebefile bangavuka bakudumise na? **11** uzangiphendula. **8** Phakathi kwabonkulunkulu kakho Uthando lwakho luyamenyezelwa engcwabeni yini, onjengawe, Oh Thixo; kakulazeno ezingalinganiswa ukuthembeka kwakho endaweni yokuBhubha na? **12** lezakho. **9** Zonke izizwe owazenzayo zizakuza Izimanga zakho ziyaziwa yini endaweni yobumnyama, zikhonze kuwe, Nkosi; zizaletha udumo eibizweni kumbe izenzo zakho zokulunga elizweni lokungabikho lakho. **10** Ngoba umkhulu njalo wenza imisebenzi na? **13** Kodwa ngikhala kuwe ngонcedo, Oh Thixo; emangalisay; wena wedwa unguNkulunkulu. **11** ekuseni umkhuleko wami uyafika kuwe. **14** Kungani, Ngifundisa indlela yakho, Oh Thixo, ukuze ngihambe awu Thixo, ungifulathela ungifihlela ubuso bakho? **15** eqinisweni lakho; ngipha inhlizyo engaxamalazanga, ukuze ngilesabe ibizo lakho. **12** Ngizakudumisa, Kusukela ebutsheni bami ngavele ngahlupheka ngaba Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ngenhlizyo yami yonke; seduze lokufa; ngiphethwe yikwesatshiswa nguwe, ngizalidumisa ibizo lakho laphakade. **13** Ngoba lukhulu sengize ngidangele. **16** Intukuthelo yakho isingigabhele; uthando lwakho kim; ungenyule ekujuleni kwendawo ukwesaba wena sekungiqedile. **17** Ilanga lonke yabafileyo. (**Sheol h7585**) **14** Iziqholo ziyangihlasela, kungihanqile njengesikhukhula; sekungigalulisa nya. **18** Usungithathethele abakhula bami lengibathandayo; Oh Nkulunkulu iqembu lamadoda alesihluku lizingela ubumnyama sebunguyena mnangane wami oseduze.

**87** Elamadodana kaKhora, Ihubo. Ingoma. Usakhile isisekelo sakhe entabeni engcwele; **2** uThixo uyawathanda amasango eZiyoni okudlula yonke imizi kaJakhobe. **3** Izinto ezinhle okumangalisay ziyatshiwongawe, we muzi kaNkulunkulu: **4** "Ngizabalisa urahabi leBhabhiloni phakathi kwalabo abathi bayangazi iFilistiya leThire, kanye leKhushi ngibe sengisiti, 'Lo wazalelwé eZiyoni.'" **5** Ngempela kuzathiwa ngeZiyoni, "Lo laloyana bazalelwé khona, kuthi yena oPhezukonke uzaliqinisa." **6** UThixo uzaloba eluhlwiní lwamabizo abantu: "Lo wazalelwé eZiyoni." **7** Bazakuthi betshaya amachacho bahlabele bathi, "Yonke imithombo yami ikuwe."

**88** Ingoma. Ihubo lamadodana kaKhora. Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Itshuni ethi, Mahalathi leyanothi (Ukuhlupheka lokuchukuluzwa) Ihubo likaHemani um'Ezira. Oh Thixo, Nkulunkulu orgisindisayo, ebusuku lemini ngikhala kuwe. **2** Akuthi umkhuleko wami ufinyelele kuwe; phendula indlebe yakho izwe ukukhala kwami. **3** Ngoba umphemfumulo wami ugcwele inhlupheko lempilo yami isilengela engcwabeni. (**Sheol h7585**) **4** Ngibalwa ndawonye lalabo asebesiya egodini; senginjengendoda engelamandla. **5** Sengahlukaniswelé kwabafileyo, lezidumbu ezilele engcwabeni, wena ongasabakhumbiliyo njalo, abangasekho kulabo obanakekelayo. **6** Usungifake egodini elitshona lamandla abo, kuthi ngomusa wakho uphakamise okudlulayo, ekujuleni okumnyama bhuqe. **7** uphondo lwethu. **18** Ngempela isihlangu sethu

**89** Ihubo lika-Ethani umEzira Ngizahlabelela ngothando lukaThixo olukhulu lanininini; ngomlomo wami ngizakwenza ukuthembeka kwakho kwaziwe ezzukulwaneni zonke. **2** Ngizamemezelu ukuthi uthando lwakho lumi luqinile laphakade, ukuthi ukuthembeka kwakho wakugxilisa ezelwini uqobo. **3** Wathi, "Sengenze isivumelano lalowo okhetiweyo wami, sengifungile kuDavida inceku yami, **4** 'Ngizawumisa umndeni wakho laphakade, ngisisinise isihlalo sakho sobukhosí kuzozonke izizukulwane.'" **5** Amazulu ayazidumisa izimanga zakho, Oh Thixo, lokuthembeka kwakho emhlanganweni wabangcwele. **6** Phela ngubani onjengoThixo phakathi kwabaphilayo ezelwini na? Ngubani onjengoThixo phakathi kwabaphilayo ezelwini na? **7** Enhlanganisweni yabangcwele uNkulunkulu uyesatshwa kakhulu; uyesabeka kulabo bonke abahlezi laye. **8** Yebo Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla, ngubani onjengawane na? Ulamandla, Oh Thixo, ukuthembeka kwakho kukuhanqolozele. **9** Uyabusa phezu kolwandle olugubhazelayo; lapho amavinqo alo equbuka, uyawathulisa. **10** Wamchoboza uRahabi njengomunye wababuleweyo; ngengalo yakho elamandla wazichitha izitha. **11** Ngawakho amazulu, ngowakho njalo lomhlaba; wawudala umhlabá lakho konke okukuwo. **12** Wayidalo inyakatho kanye leningizimu; iThabbori leHemoni zihlabeleda ibizo lakho ngentokozo. **13** Ingalo yakho igcwele amandla; isandla sakho siqinile, esokunene siphakeme. **14** UKulunga lokwahlulela kuhle yikho okuyinsika yesihlalo sakho sobukhosí; uthando lokuthembeka kuhamba phambili kwakho. **15** Babusisiwe labo asebekufundile ukukubabaza, abahamba ekukhanyeni kobukhona bakho, Oh Thixo. **16** Bayathokoza ngebizo lakho ilanga lonke; bayagubhazelala ngokulunga kwakho. **17** Ngoba uyibukhosí babo amachacho bahlabele bathi, "Yonke imithombo yami ikuwe."

ngesikaThixo, iNkosi yethu Kuye oYedwa oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **19** Endulo wakhulumo ngombono, ebantwini bakho abathembekileyo wathi: "Sengiwehlisele amandla phezu kweqhawé; sengiphakamise insizwa phakathi kwabantu. **20** Sengifumane uDavida inceku yami; ngamafutha ami angcwéle sengimgcobile. **21** Isandla sami sizamsekela; ngempela ingalo yami izamqinisa. **22** Akulasitha esizamncindezela ukuthi athele kuso; kakho umuntu omubi ozamcindezela. **23** Ngizazichoboza izitha zakhe phambi kwakhe ngibalahlele phansi abalwa laye. **24** Uthando lwami oluthembekileyo luzaba laye, ukuthi ngebibzo lami luphakanyiswe uphondo lwakhe. **25** Ngizabeka isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwemifula. **26** Uzamemeza kimi athi, 'UnguBaba, Nkulunkulu wami, iDwala elinguMsindisi wami.' **27** Njalo ngizamisa abe lizibulo lami, inkosi ephakerne ngaphezu kwawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba. **28** Ngizalugcina uthando lwami kuye laphakade, lesivumelwano sami laye kasiyikuphela. **29** Inzalo yakhe ngizayimisa nini lanini, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosí kasiyikufo saphela. **30** Aluba amadodana akhe edela umlayo wami angalandeli izimiso zami, **31** nxa besephula izimemelzo zami behluleke ukugcina imiyalo yami, **32** ngizajezisa isono sabo ngoswazi, lesiphambeko sabo ngokubatshaya; **33** kodwa kangiyikulususa uthando lwami kuye, njalo kangisoze ngiguqule ukuthembeka kwami. **34** Kangiyikusephula isivumelwano sami kumbe ngiguqule lokho okuphume ezindebeni zami. **35** Ngavele ngafunga kanye ngobungcwéle bami angiyikuqamba amanga kuDavida, **36** ukuthi inzalo yakhe izaqhubeka laphakade lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosí sizakuma phambi kwami njengelanga; **37** sizakuma laphakade njengenyanga, ufakazi othembekileyo yisibhakabhaka." **38** Kodwa usumalile, usumlahlile, ubumthukuthelela kakhulu ogcotshiweyo wakho. **39** Ususikhalele isivumelwano lenceku yakho wawubhuqela othulini umqhele wakhe. **40** Usuyibhidlizile yonke imiduli yakhe, izinqaba zakhe wazenza amanxiwa. **41** Bonke abedlula khona bamphangile; useyinhlekisa yabomakhelwane. **42** Usuphakamisile isandla sokunene sezitha zakhe; usuwenze zonke izitha zakhe zathokoza. **43** Uyibuyisele emuva inkemba yakhe ebukhali awaze wamsekela empini. **44** Usuyiqedile inkazimulo yakhe wadilizela phansi isihlalo sakhe sobukhosí. **45** Uluqumile lwaba lufitshane usuku lobutsha bakhe; usumembese ingubo yehlazo. **46** Koze kuge nini, Oh Thixo? Uzazifihla kokuphela na? Koze kuge nini ulaka lwakho luvutha njengomlilo? **47** Khumbula ukwedlula masinyane kwempilo yami. Ngoba wabadalela ize nje abantu! **48** Ngumuntu bani ongaphila angaze abona ukufa, loba azisindise emandleni eliba na? (**Sheol h7585**) **49** Oh Thixo, lungaphi uthando lwakho lwakudala olukhulu, okwathi ngokuthembeka kwakho wafunga ngalo kuDavida? **50** Khumbula, Thixo ukuthi inceku yakho iklolodelwa njani, ukuthi enhliziyweni yami ngithwele izigcono zeziwe, **51** izigcono izitha zakho eziklolode ngazo, Oh Thixo, okuthe ngazo zaklolodela ogcotshiweyo wakho

kukho konke akwenzayo. **52** Udumo kalube kuThixo laphakade!

**90** Umkhuleko kaMosi umuntu kaNkulunkulu. Thixo, wena ulikhaya lethu kuzozonku izizukulwane.

**2** Izintaba zingakabikhona lalapho ungakawuze umhlaba kanye lelizwe, kusukela phakade kuze kuge phakade unguNkulunkulu. **3** Ubuyisela abantu ethulini, usithi, "Buyelani othulini, lina madodana abantu." **4** Ngoba iminyaka eyinkulungwane ekuboneni kwakho injengosuku olusanda kudlula, kumbe njengomlindo webusuku. **5** Uyabakhucula abantu ebuthongweni bokufa; banjengotshaní obutsha obekuseni **6** lokuba ekuseni buhluma bubutsha, kuthi ntambama sebomile sebubunile. **7** Ulaka lwakho luyasitshabalalisa sitthumeliswe yikucphuka kwakho. **8** Usubuchayile ububi bethu phambi kwakho, izono zethu zensitha wazichaya ekukhanyeni kobukhona bakho. **9** Zonke insuku zethu ziyedlula ngaphansi kolaka lwakho; lemnyaka yethu siyiphetha ngokububula. **10** Ubude bezinsuku zethu buyiminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa loba amatshumi ayisificaminwembili, nxa silamandla; kanti lelobanga layo lilihlupho losizi, ngoba iphanga yeidle, lathi siphaphe nje sedlule. **11** Ngubani owaziyo amandla olaka lwakho na? Ngoba intukuthelo yakho inkulu njengokwesatshwa okukufaneleyo. **12** Sifundise ukubala kuhle insuku zethu, ukuze sizuze inhlizyo yenhlakaniph. **13** Phola, Oh Thixo! Koze kuge nini kulokhu kunjalo na? Woba lesihawu ezincekwini zakho. **14** Sisuthise ekuseni ngothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo, ukuze sihlabelele ngentokozo sijabule zonke insuku zethu. **15** Senze sijabule okwensuku ezilingana ukusihlupha kwakho, okwensuku ezilingana lalezoo esesabona ngazo ukudubeka. **16** Sengathi imisebenzi yakho ingatshengiswa ezincekwini zakho, inkazimulo yakho ebantwaneni babo. **17** Sengathi umusa weNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ungehlela kithi; uqinise umsebenzi wezandla zethu yebo, qinisa umsebenzi wezandla zethu.

**91** Lowo ohlala ekusithekeni koPhezukonke uzaphumula emthunzini kaSomandla. **2** Ngizakuthi kuThixo, "Uyisiphephelo sami lenqaba yami, uNkulunkulu wami, engithemba kuye."

**3** Ngempela uzakuphephisa emjibileni womthiyi lasesifeni esibi esibulalayo. **4** Uzakusibekela ngezinsiba zakhe, uzuze isiphephelo ngaphansi kwamaphiko akhe; ukuthembeka kwakhe kuzakuba yisihlangu sakho lenqaba yakho. **5** Awuyikwesaba umnyama wobusuku, loba umtshoko ontweza emini, **6** kumbe ingozi eahabelia emnyameni, kumbe umkhuhlane obhubhisayo emini enku. **7** Abazinkulungwane bangawa eceleni lakho; itsumu lezinkulungwane esandleni sakho sokunene, kodwa kakusoze kusondele kuwe. **8** Uzaphosa nje amehlo akho ubukele ubone ukujeziswa kwababi. **9** Ungenzena oPhezukonke abe likhaya lakho yena uThixo oyisiphephelo sami **10** laphoke akulangozi engakuwela, akulamonakalo ozasondela ethenteni lakho. **11** Ngoba uzayala izingilosí zakhe

ngawe zikulinde kuzozonke izindlela zakho; **12** phakathi kwabantu; lina ziphukuphuku, lizahlakanipha zizakuphakamisa ezandleni zazo, ukuze ungakhubeki nini? **9** Yena lowo owayigxumekayo indlebe kezwa elitsheni. **13** Uzanyathela isilwane lephimpi; uzasigxoba isilwane esikhulu lenyoka. **14** "Ngoba uyangithanda," kutsho uThixo, "ngizamkhulula; ngizamvikela, ngoba uyalinaka ibizo lami. **15** Uzangibiza, ngimpheendule; ngizakuba laye ekuhluphekeli, ngizamkhulula ngimenzele udumo. **16** Ngizamsuthisa ngempilo ende ngimtshengise insindiso yami."

**92** Ihubo. Ingoma. Elosuku IweSabatha. Kuhle ukudumisa uThixo lokuhlabele ebizweni lakho, wena oPhezukonke, **2** ukumemezela uthando lwakho ekuseni lokuthembeka kwakho ebusuku, **3** ukutshaya iziginci ngomhubhe wezintambo ezilitshumi lemzungamo emnandi yechacho. **4** Ngoba uyangjabulisa ngezenzo zakho, Oh Thixo; ngihlalengentokozo ngomsebenzi wezandla zakho. **5** Mikhulu kangaka imisebenzi yakho, Oh Thixo, izikile imicabango yakho! **6** Umuntu ongelangqondo akazi, iziwula kaziziwsisi, **7** ukuthi loba ababi bemila njengotshani zizigangi zonke ziphumelela, zizabhujiwa nini lanini. **8** Kodwa wena Thixo, uphakeme laphakade. **9** Ngoba ngempela izitha zakho, Oh Thixo, ngempela izitha zakho zizabhubha; zonke izigangi zizachithizwa. **10** Uluphakamisile uphondo lwami njengolwenyathi; ngagcotshwa ngamakha amnandi. **11** Amehlo ami abonile ukwehlulwa kwezitha zami; indlebe zami zizwile ngokuchithizwa kwezitha zami ezimbi. **12** Abalungileyo bazaqhela njengesihlahla selala, bazakhula njengomsedari waseLebanoni; **13** ngoba behlanyelwe endlini kaThixo, bazaqhela emagumeni kaNkulunkulu wethu. **14** Bazabe belokhu bethela izithelo lanxa sebebadala, bazahlala belokhu behluma beluhlaza, **15** bememezelu besithi, "UThixo uqotho; uliDwala lami, kakukho bubi kuye."

**93** UThixo uyabusa, ugqoke ubukhosu; uThixo ugqoke ubukhosu njalo uzihlome ngamandla. Umhlabu ugxlile uqinile; ngeke ugudlulwe. **2** Isihlalo sakho saqiniswa ekadeni; uNguwe kusukela phakade. **3** Inwandle seziphakamisile, Oh Thixo, inwandle ziliphakamisile ilizwi lazo; inwandle ziwapakamisile amagagasi azo agubhuzelayo. **4** Ngamandla adlula umdumo wamanzi amanengi, ngamandla adlula awokugubhuza kolwandle uThixo ophezulu ulamandla. **5** Izimiso zakhe zimi ziqinile; ubungcwele bukhazimulisa indlu Yakho okwensuku ezingapheliyo, Oh Thixo.

**94** Oh Thixo, uNkulunkulu ophindiselayo, Oh Nkulunkulu ophindiselayo, khanya uvele. **2** Phakama, awu Mahluli womhlaba; baphindisele abaziqqajayo ngokubafaneleyo. **3** Koze kuge nini ababi, Oh Thixo, koze kuge nini ababibeklamasa na? **4** Bathulula amazwi okukloloda; zonke izigangi zifuthelene ngokuzikhukhumeza. **5** Ziyabanyathelza abantu bakho, Oh Thixo; zincindezelu ilifa lakho. **6** Zibulala umfelokazi kanye lowewizweni; zibulala intandane. **7** Zithi, "UThixo kaboni; uNkulunkulu kajakhobe kananzi." **8** Limukani, lina elingangqondo

phakathi kwabantu; lina ziphukuphuku, lizahlakanipha nini? **9** Yena lowo owayigxumekayo indlebe kezwa yini? Yena lowo owabumba ilihlo kaboni na? **10** Yena lowo oqondisa izizwe kajejizi yini? Yena lowo ofundisa umuntu kalawazi na? **11** UThixo uayazzi imicabango yomuntu; uayazzi ukuthi iyize nje. **12** Ubusisiwe umuntu omqondisayo, Oh Thixo, umuntu omfundisa okomthetho wakho; **13** uyampumuza ensukwini zokuhlupheka, kuze kuthi ababi bembwelive igodi. **14** Ngoba uThixo kazukwala abantu bakhe; kasoze lanini afulatheli ilifa lakhe. **15** Ukwahlulela kuzaphinda njalo kumiswe ngokulunga, kuthi bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyu bakulande. **16** Ngubani ozangimela ekulweni lababi na? Ngubani ozangelekelela ekulweni lezigangi na? **17** Aluba uThixo wayengangelulekanga, ngabe ngahle ngahlala ngathula zwi ekufeni. **18** Lapho ngasengisithi, "Unyawo lwami selutshelela," uthando lwakho, Oh Thixo, lwangisekela. **19** Nxa ukunqineka kwase kungikhulela, induduzo yakho yaletha intokozo emphefumulweni wami. **20** Kambe isihlalo sobukhosu esixhwalileyo singema lawe yini lesu esiletha inhlupheko ngezimemelzo zaso? **21** Bayahlangana ukumelana labalungileyo ongelacala agwetshewle ukufa. **22** Kodwa uThixo useyingqaba yami, loNkulunkulu wami ulidwala engiphephela kulo. **23** Uzabaphindisela ngenxa yezono zabo ababhubhise ngenxa yobubi babo; uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu uzababhubhisa.

**95** Wozani sihlabelele ngentokozo kuThixo; kasihlokomeni kammandi kulo iDwala lokusindiswa kwethu. **2** Kasizeni phambi kwakhe ngokubonga simdumise ngamacachao langengoma. **3** Ngoba uThixo unguNkulunkulu omkhulu, iNkosi enkulu ngapezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **4** Inziki zomhlaba zisezandleni zakhe, leziqongo zezintaba ngezakhe. **5** Ngolwakhe ulwandle ngoba walwenza, lezandla zakhe zawenza umhlabu owomileyo. **6** Wozani, kasikhothame simkhonze, kasiguqe phambi kukaThixo uMenzi wethu; **7** ngoba unguNkulunkulu wethu, thina singabantu bedlelo lakhe, umhlambi awunakekelayo. Lambla, nxa lisizwa ilizwi lakhe, **8** lingazenzi luhkuni inhliziyu zenu njengoba lenzenjalo eMeribha, njengelakwenza ngaleliyanu ilanga eMasa enkangala, **9** lapho okhokho benu abangilinga khona bengizama, lanxa babekubonile engakwenzayo. **10** Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane ngangisizondele lesosizukulwane; ngathi, "Bangabantu onhliziyu zabo ziyahlanhatha, njalo kabazazanga izindlela zami." **11** Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi, "Kabayikungena ekuphumulenli kwami."

**96** Hlabelani kuThixo ingoma entsha; hlabelani kuThixo mhlaba wonke. **2** Hlabelani kuThixo, dumisani ibizo lakhe; memezelani insindiso yakhe insuku ngezinsuku. **3** Fakazani ngobukhosu bakhe eziqweni zonke, lemisebenzi yakhe emangalisayo phakathi kwabantu bonke. **4** Ngoba umkhulu uThixo, ufanele ukudunyiswa ngokuphindiweyo; kumele

esatshwe ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **5** imifula iqakeze izandla zayo, akuthi izintaba zihlabele Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe, kanyekanye ngentokozo; **9** kazihlabele phambi kodwa uThixo wadala amazulu. **6** Inkazimulo lobukhosи kuphambi Kwakhe; amandla lobukhosи kusendlini yakhe engcwele. **7** Mnikeni uThixo, lina zizukulwane zezizwe. Mnikeni uThixo ubukhosи lamanda. **8** Mnikeni uThixo udumo olufanele ibizo lakhe. Lethani umnikelo libuye phambi kwakhe. **9** Mkhonzeni uThixo enkazimulweni yobungcwele bakhe; thuthumelani phambi kwakhe mhlaba wonke. **10** Wothini phakathi kwezizwe, "UThixo uyabusa." Umhlaba ugxitile, ungeke wagudluzwa; uzabehlule abantu ngokubafaneleyo. **11** Amazulu kawathokoze, lomhlaba ujabule; ulwandle kaluhlocome, lakho konke okukulo; **12** amasimu kawathakazelela lakho konke okukuwo. Lapho-ke izihlahla zonke zeganga zizahlabela ngentokozo; **13** phambi kukaThixo, ngoba uyeza, uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba. Uzakwahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga, ahlulele abantu ngeqiniso.

**97** UThixo uyabusa, umhlaba kawuthokoze; akuthi amakhumbi akude ajabule. **2** Amayezi lomnyama omkhulu kumsibekete; ukulunga lokwahlulela kuhle kuyisisekelo sesihlalo Sakhe sobukhosи. **3** Umilo uhamba phambi Kwakhe uzihangule izitha zakhe inxa zonke. **4** Umbane wakhe ukhanyaisa umhlaba; umhlaba ukubone lokho uthuthumele. **5** Izintaba zincibilika njengengcino phambi kukaThixo, phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba wonke. **6** Amazulu amemezelza ukulunga kwayo, labantu bonke bayayibona inkazimulo yayo. **7** Bonke abakhonza izifanekiso bathelwa ihlazo, labo abazikhukhumeza ngezithombe mkhonzeni, lonke lina bonkulunkulu! **8** IZiyoni iyewza ithokoze lemizi yakoJuda iyajabula ngenxa yokwahlulela Kwakho, Oh Thixo. **9** Ngoba wena, Oh Thixo ungoPhezukonke kuwo wonke umhlaba; uphakeme ngaphezulu kakhulu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. **10** Akuthi bonke abamthandayo, uThixo, bazonde okubi, ngoba uayazilinda impilo zabathembekileyo bakhe abakhulule esandleni sababi. **11** Ukuhanya kuyehliselwa kwabalungileyo lentokozo kwabaotho enhliziyeni. **12** Thokozani kuThixo lina elilungileyo, lidumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele.

**98** Ihubo Hlabelani uThixo ingoma entsha, ngoba wenzile izinto ezmangalisiyo; isandla sakhe sokinene lengalo yakhe engcwele sekumenzele insindiso. **2** UThixo useyenzes yaziwa insindiso yakhe waveza ukulunga kwakhe ezizweni. **3** Uselukhumble uthando lwakhe lokuthembeka Kwakhe endlini ka-Israyeli; yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba iyibonile insindiso kaNkulunkulu wethu. **4** Hlokomanini gentokozo kuThixo, mhlaba wonke, hlabelani ingoma ngokujabula okukhulu, litshaya amachacho; **5** yenzani umsindo kuThixo ngomhubhe, ngomhubhe langomsindo wokuhlabela, **6** ngamacilongo langomsindo wophondo lwenqama hlokomanini ngentokozo phambi kukaThixo, iNkosi. **7** Akuthi ulwandle luuhlocome, lakho konke okuphakathi kwalo, umhlaba labo bonke abahlala kuwo. **8** Akuthi

imifula iqakeze izandla zayo, akuthi izintaba zihlabele kukaThixo, ngoba Uyeza ukuzakwahlulela umhlaba. Uzakwahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga labantu bonke ngokufaneleyo.

**99** UThixo uyabusa, izizwe kazithuthumele; uhlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи phakathi kwamakherubhi, umhlaba kawuzamazame. **2** Mkhulu uThixo eZiyoni; uphakeme ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke. **3** Kabadumise ibizo Lakho elikhulu elesabekayo Yena uncwele. **4** INkosi ilamanda, ithanda ukwahlulela okuhle umisile ukwaba ngemfanelo; kujakhobe usuwenzile okuqondileyo lokulungileyo. **5** Dumisanu uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu likhonze phansi kwestihlalo sakhe; yena uncwele. **6** UMosi lo-Aroni babephakathi bwabphristi bakhe, uSamuyeli wayekulabo ababelibiza ibizo lakhe; bambiza uThixo Yena wabaphendula. **7** Wabakhulumisa ephakathi kwensika yeyezi; bagcina izimiso zakhe lezimemezelo azitshoyo kubo. **8** Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu, wabaphendula; ku-Israyeli wawunguNkulunkulu othethelelayo, lanxa wabajezisa ngenxa yezenzo zabo ezimbi. **9** Phakamisanu uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, limkhonze entabenzi yakhe engcwele, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu uncwele.

**100** Ihubo. ElokuBonga. Hlokomanini gentokozo kuThixo, mhlaba wonke. **2** Mkhonzeni uThixo ngenjabulo; wozani phambi Kwakhe ngezingoma zokuthokoze. **3** Yazini ukuthi uThixo unguNkulunkulu. Nguye owasenzayo, singabantu bakhe, izimvu zedlelo lakhe. **4** Ngenani emasangweni akhe ngokubonga lemagumeni akhe ngokudumisa; mbongeni lidumise ibizo lakhe. **5** Ngoba uThixo ulungile lothando lwakhe lumi kuze kube phakade; ukuthembeka kwakhe kumi kuzonke izizukulwane.

**101** ElikoDavid. Ihubo. Ngizahlabelela ngothando lwakho lokwahlulela kwakho okuhle; kuwe, Oh Thixo, ngizahlabelela indumiso. **2** Ngizananelela ukuthi ngiphile impilo engasolekiyo uzakuba nini kimi na? Ngizahamba endlini yami ngenhlizyo engasolekiyo. **3** Phambi kwamehlo ami angiyikubeka lutho olungcolileyo. Izenzo zabantu abangakholwayo ngiyazizonda; kazizukunginamathele. **4** Abantu abalenhlizyo exhwaliyelo bazakuba khatshana lami; angiyikuhambelana lobubi. **5** Lowo ochothoza umakhelwane wakhe ngasese, lowo ngizamthulisa; olamehlo asesiphundu lenhlizyo ezigqajayo, lowo kangilasikhathi laye. **6** Amehlo ami azakuba kwabathembekileyo elizweni, ukuthi bahlale lami; lowo okuhamba kwakhe kakulansolo uzangisebenzela ekhonza kimi. **7** Kakho othanda ukwenza inkohliso ozahlala endlini yami; kakho okhuluma amanga ozakuma phambi kwami. **8** Zonke insuku ekuseni ngizabathulisa bonke ababi phakathi kwelizwe; ngizamlahla phansi wonke umuntu oyisigangi edolobheni likaThixo.

**102** Umkhuleko womuntu okhathazekileyo. Lapho esephela umoya eseqhinqa isililo

phambi kukaThixo. Zwana umkhuleko wami, bувuselelwе njengengqungqulu. **6** UThixo ubenzela Oh Thixo; ukukhala kwami ngicela uncedo ukulunga lokwahluela okuhle labo abancindezelweyo. kakufike kuwe. **2** Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho nxa ngikhathazekile. Ngipha indlebe yakho; nxa ngibiza ngiphendula masinyane. **3** Ngoba insuku zami ziyanamalala njengentuthu; amathambo ami ayavutha njengamalahle abhebhayo. **4** Inhlizyo yami yonakele, ibunile njengotshani; ngiyakhohlwa ukudla kwami. **5** Ngenxa yokububula kwami okukhulu sengiphelile, isikhumba sesinamathele emathanjeni. **6** Sengifana lesikhova senkangala, njengesikhova semanxiweni. **7** Ngilala ngikhangale; senginjengenyoni eholezi yodwa ephahleni. **8** Ilanga lonke izitha zami ziyangichukuluza; labo abangichothozayo badlala ngebizo lami njengesethuko. **9** Ngoba ngidla umlotha njengokudla kwami, ngixube okunathwayo kwami ngezinyembezi **10** ngenxa yokuthukuthela kwakho okukhulu, ngoba ungiqikule wangilahlela eceleni. **11** Insuku zami zifana lesithunzi sakusihlwa; ngiyabuna njengotshani. **12** Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo, uhlezi ebukhosini lanininini; udumo lwakho lumi ezizukulwaneni zonke. **13** Uzaphakama uzele iZiyoni isihawu, ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokutshengisa umusa kuyo, isikhathi esimisiweyo sesifikile. **14** Ngoba amatshe ayo aligugu ezzincekwini zakho; othuli Iwayo nje lubaletela usizi. **15** Izizwe zizalesaba ibizo likaThixo, wonke amakhosи omhlaba azahlilonipa inkazimulo yakhe. **16** Ngoba uThixo uzayakha kutsha iZiyoni avele enkazimulweni yakhe. **17** Uzaphendula imkhuleko yabahluphekayo; kazukweyisa isicelo sabo. **18** Lokhu kakulotshwe phansi kube ngokwesizukulwane sakusasa, ukuze abantu abangakadalwa bamdumise uThixo: **19** "UTHixo wakhangel a phansi ephezulu endlini yakhe engcwele, esezelwini wawuhlolа umhlaba, **20** ukuze ezwe ukububula kwezibotshwa lokukhulula labo ababegwetshelwe ukufa." **21** Ngalokho-ke ibizo likaThixo lizamenyezelwa eZiyoni lodumo lwakhe ejerusalem, **22** lapha izizwe lemibuso sekuhlangana ndawonye ukukhonza uThixo. **23** Wawanciphisa amandla ami ngisaphila; waziphungula insuku zami. **24** Yikho ngasengisithi, "Ungangithathi, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ngilokhu ngisephakathi kwensku zami; iminyaka yakho ihlala ikhona ezizukulwaneni zonke. **25** Ekuqaleni wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho. **26** Konke kuzabhubha, kodwa wena uzasala; konke kuzaguga njengesigqoko. Njengesivunu uzakuguqula kucine sekulahlwa. **27** Kodwa wena uhlala unjalo, leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela. **28** Abantwana bezinceku zakho bazahlala besemehlweni akho; izizukulwane zazo zizaqiniswa phambi kwakho."

**103** Elikadavida. Dumisa uThixo, Oh mphefumulo wami; konke okuphakathi kwami, kakudumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele. **2** Dumisa uThixo, Oh mphefumulo wami, ungaze wakhohlwa konke okuhle okuthola kuye **3** othethelelayo zonke izono zakho akusilise kuzozonke izifo zakho, **4** ohlenga impilo yakho egodini akwethese uthando lesihawu, **5** osuthisa izifiso zakho ngezinto ezinhle ukuze ubutsha bakho

**7** Izindlela zakhe wazazisa uMosi, izenzo zakhe wazazisa abantu bako-Israyeli; **8** uThixo ulesihawu njalo ulomusa, uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, kodwa uyanda ngothando. **9** Kahlali ebeka imilandu futhi kagcini ulaka lwakhe kokuphela; **10** kasiphathi ngokufanele izono zethu kumbe asijezise ngokulingene iziphambeko zethu. **11** Ngoba njengokuphakama komkhathi ngaphezu komhlaba, lukhulu kangako uthando lwakhe kulabo abamesabayo; **12** njengobukhatshana bempumalanga kuyo intshonalanga kanjalo ususile iziphambeko zethu kithi. **13** Ngendlela ubaba elozwelo ebantwaneni bakhe, kanjalo u'Thixo ulozwelo kulabo abamesabayo; **14** ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi sibunjwe njani, uyakhumbula ukuthi siluthuli. **15** Umuntu yena insuku zakhe zinjengotshani, ukhula amemethike njengembali yeganga; **16** umoya uayiphephetha ihle inyamalale, indawo yakhe ingabe isayikhumbula lanini. **17** Kodwa kusukela phakade kusiya phakade Kwakhe ebantwaneni babantwana **18** kulabo abagcina isivumelwano Sakhe njalo bakhumbule ukulalela izimiso zakhe. **19** UThixo usemisile isihlalo sakhe sobukhosи ezelwini, njalo ubukhosи bakhe buphezu kwakho konke. **20** Dumisan uThixo, lina zingilos, lina zinceku zakhe elenza intando yakhe, elilalela iliziw lakhe. **21** Dumisan uThixo, lonke mabutho akhe asezulwini, lina zinceku zakhe elenza intando yakhe. **22** Dumisan uThixo, imisibenzi yakhe yonke ezindaweni zonke embusweni wakhe. Dumisa uThixo, Oh mphefumulo wami.

**104** Dumisa uThixo, Oh mphefumulo wami. Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami, umkhulu kakhulu; ugqoke inkazimulo lobukhosи. **2** Uyazigoqela ngokuhanya kungathi njengesivunu; amazulu uyawelula njengenthene **3** anqumise intungo zezindlu zangapezulu zilale phezu kwamanzi. Wenza amayezi inqola yakhe yamabhiza, undiza ngezimpiko zomoya. **4** Wenza izikhatha zomoya zibe yizithunyuwa zakhe, amalangabi omlilo izinceku zakhe. **5** Wawugxilisa umhlaba ezisekelweni zavo; ungeke wagudlulwa. **6** Wawembesa ngolwandle njengesivunu; amanzi ema ngaphezu kwezintaba. **7** Kodwa wathi ngokuhwaza amanzi abaleka, ngomsindo wokuduma kwakho asibathela; **8** ageleza phezu kwezintaba, ehlela ezigidini endaweni owamisele kuyo. **9** Wamisa umkhawulo angeke aweiq; kasayikubuya awugubuzele njalo umhlaba lanini. **10** Wenza imithombo impompozele amanzi ezindongeni; ageleza phakathi kwezintaba, **11** zipha amanzi kuzozonke izinyamazana zeganga; labobabhemti beganga bacitsha lapho ukoma. **12** Izinyoni zomoya zakhele eduze kwamanzi; ziyatshiloza phakathi kwezingatsha. **13** Uyazithelezela intataba esezindlili zakhe eziphezulu; umhlaba uyawusuthisa ngezithelo zomsebenzi wakhe. **14** Umilisela inkomo utshani, ahlanyelele abantu bona bahlakule kuzuzakale ukudla emhlabathini; **15** iwayini elijabulisa inhlizyo yomuntu, amagcobo

enza ubuso bakhe bukhazimule, lesinkwa esilulamisa kakhulu, beyizihambi kulo, **13** bezula kuzizwe inhlizyo yakhe. **16** Izihlahla zikaThixo ziyathelelwa ngezizwe besuka komunye umbuso besiya komunye. okwaneleyo, imisedari yeLebhanoni ayihlanyelayo. **14** Kavumelanga loba ngubani ukubancindezel; **17** Izinyoni zakhela kuyo izidleke zazo; ingabuzane wawakuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo: **15** “Lingabathinti lakha indlu yalo ezhlahleni zephayini. **18** Izintaba abagcotshiwayo bami; lingahlukuluzi abaphrofethi eziphakemeyo ngezamagogo, amawa ayisiphephelo bami.” **16** Waletha indlala elizweni wachitha sezimbila. **19** Inyanga yehlukanisa izibanga zomnyaka, zonke iziphala zokudla; **17** wathumela indoda lelanga liyazi ukuthi litshona nini. **20** Uletha umnyama, yabandulela uJosefa owathengiswa waba yisigqili. **18** kube sebusuku, lapho zonke izinyamazana zegava Bambhonxula inyawo zakhe ngezibopho, wabotshwa zizinge. **21** Izilwane ziyabhonga zifuna inyama intamo ngezin simbi, **19** kwaze kwathi lokho yazo zidinga ukudla kwazo kuNkulunkulu. **22** Ilanga ayekutsho ngaphambili kwagcwali sekwa, kwaze kwathi liyaphuma, zibe sezicatsha; ziayabuyla ezikhundleni ilizwi likaThixo latshengisa ukuthi wayeqinisile. zazo zilale. **23** Umuntu abe esephuma aye emsebenzini **20** Inkosi yathumela ukuthi akhululwe, umbusi wakhe, ayotshikatshika kuze cube ntambama. **24** wezize wamkhulula. **21** Wamenza umbusi wendlu Minengi kanganani imisebenzini yakho, Oh Thixo! yakhe, umbusi wakho konke okwakungokwakhe, **22** Zonke wazenza ngenhlakanipho; umhlaba ugcwele ukuqondisa amakhosana akhe njengokubona kwakhe izidalwa zakho. **25** Nantuyana ulwandle, uthwaca lokufundisa abadala bakhe inhlakanipho. **23** Kwathi-olungakaya, olunyakazela ngezidalwa ezingelakubalwa ke u-Israyeli wayangena eGibhithe; ujakhobe wahlala izinto eziphilayo ezinkulu lezincinyane. **26** Kulapho njengowezizweni elizweni likaHamu. **24** UThixo wenza imikhumbi endenda khona isiyale lale, loleviyathani, abantu bakhe banda kakhulu; wabenza baba banengi isilo owasenza ukuthi sidlale khona. **27** Zonke lezi kakhulu bandela izitha zabo, **25** kwathi inhlizyo zikhangele kuwe ukuthi uziphe ukudla ngesikhathi zabo wazenza zazonda abantu bakhe, bakha amacebo esifaneleyo. **28** Uthi ungazipha bese zikubuthela amabi ngezinceku zakhe. **26** Wathuma uMosi inceku ndawonye; uthi ungavula isandla sakho, zisuthiswe yakhe, lo-Aroni ayebakhethile. **27** Benza iziboniso ngezinto ezinhle. **29** Uthi ungaafihla ubuso bakho zakhe ezmangalisayo phakathi kwabo, izimanga zakhe zitshaywe luvalo; uthi ungathatha umphemfumulo wazo, elizweni likaHamu. **28** Wathumela umnyama wenza zife zibuyeles othulini. **30** Uthi ungathumela uMoya ilizwe laba mnyama kanti angithi babewahlamukele wakho zidalwe, uwenze ube muhle umhlaba. **31** amazwi akhe? **29** Waguqula amanzi abo ab ligava, Sengathi inkazimulo kaThixo ingema lanini; sengathi okwena inhlanzo zawa zafa. **30** Ilizwe labo lanyakazela uThixo angathokoza ngemisebenzini yakhe **32** yena ngamaxoxo, angena ezindlini zokulala ezababusi okhangela umhlaba uthuthumele, othinta izintaba zithunqe intuthu. **33** Ngizahlabelela kuThixo impilo lenswintila elizweni labo lonke. **32** Wenza izulu yami yonke; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu labo laba yisiqhotho, laba lombane elizweni labo wami lanini nxa ngisaphila. **34** Sengathi iminakano lonke; **33** wacakazel phansi amavini abo lemikhiwa, yami ingamthokozisa, ngoba ngiyathokoza kuThixo. waphundla izihlahla zelizwe labo. **34** Wakhulumza zathleka izintethe, izintethe ezingelakubalwa; **35** Kodwa sengathi izoni zinganyamalala emhlabeni zadla yonke into eluhlaza elizweni labo, zadla izithelo lezigangi zingabe zisaba khona. Dumisa uThixo, Oh Mphefumulo wami. Dumisa uThixo, Oh Mphefumulo zomhlabathi wabo. **36** Ngemva kwalokho wasebulala amazibulo wonke elizweni labo, izithelo zokuqala zobulisa babo. **37** Wamkhupha u-Israyeli, ethwele esisitheki isiliva legolide, kakwaba lamunye phakathi kwezizwana zabo owehlulwa yikuwa. **38** IGibhithe yathokoza ngokusuka kwabo, ngoba base bemesaba kubi u-Israyeli. **39** Wendlala iyezi lagubuzela, lomlilo ukukhanya ebususo. **40** Bacela wabalethela izagwaca, wabasuthisa ngesinkwa sasezulwini. **41** Wavula ilitshe amanzi antshaza; njengomfula ageleza enkangala. **42** Ngoba wakhumbula isithembiso sakhe esingcwele esaphiwa inceku yakhe u-Abhraham. **43** Wabakhupha abantu bakhe ngokuthokoza, abakhethiwayo bakhe ngenhlokomo yentokozo. **44** Wabapha amazwe ezizwe, badla ilifa lalokho okwakuginqelwe ngabanye, **45** ukuze bagcine iziqondiso zakhe njalo balalele imithetho yakhe. Dumisani uThixo.

**105** Bongani uThixo, memezani ibizo lakhe; lizazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zakhe **2** Hlabeledeli kuye, hlabeledeli indumiso kuye; likhulume ngezenzo zakhe zonke ezmangalisayo. **3** Jabulani ebizweni lakhe elingcwele; kazithokoze inhlizyo zabo abamdingayo uThixo. **4** Dingani uThixo lamandla akhe, limdinge yena njalonjalo. **5** Khumbulani izenzo zakhe ezmangalisayo azenzayo, izimangaliso azenzayo, lezahlulelo azikhulumayo, **6** lina zizukulwane zika-Abhrahamma inceku yakhe, lina madodana kajakhobe, abakhethiwayo bakhe. **7** UnguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu; izahlulelo zakhe zisemhlabeni wonke. **8** Uyasikhumbula isivumelwano sakhe nini lanini, ilizwi lomlayo wakhe, okwezizkulwane ezizinkulungwane, **9** isivumelwano asenza lo-Abhrahamma, isifungo asifungayo ku-Isaka. **10** Wakuqinisa lokhu kujakhobe kwaba yisimiso ku-Israyeli njengesivumelwano saphakade: **11** wathi “Ngizalinika ilizwe laseKhenani njengesabelo selifa lenu.” **12** Kwathi besesebalutshwana, bebalutshwana

Dumisani uThixo. Bongani uThixo, ngoba ulungile; uthando lwakhe lumi lanini. **2** Ngubani ongamemezela imisebenzini emikhulu kaThixo loba atsho ngokugcweleyo udumo lwakhe na? **3** Babusisiwe labo abahlala besenza ngendlela enhle,

abahlezi besenza okulungileyo. **4** Ungikhumbule, Thixo, elalingelacala, igazi lamadodana lamadodakazi abo, nxa usuveza umusa ebantwini bakho, woza ungisize abenza ngabo imihlatshelo yezithombe zaseKhenani, nxatshana usubasindisa, **5** ukuze lami ngikhulise ilizwe langcola ngegazi labo. **39** Bazingcolisa ukuphumelela kwalabo obakhethileyo, ukuze ngabelwe entokozweni yesizwe sakho nighlanganye lelifa lakho abantu bakhe wanengwa yilifa lakhe. **41** Wabanikela ekudumiseni. **6** Sonile, njengalokho abakwenzayo kwabewizwe, izitha zabo zabusa phezu kwabo. **42** Izitha Lapho okhokho bethu beseGibhithe, kabayinakanga zabo zabancindezela zababeka ngaphansi kwamandla imimangaliso yakho; kabazikhumbulanga izeno zakho azo. **43** Izikhathi ezinengi wabakbulula, kodwa zomusa ezinengi, bahlamuka besolwandle, uLwandle babezimisele ukuhlamuka bacikizeka ngenxa yesono oluBomvu. **8** Kodwa wabasindisa ngenxa yebizo sabo. **44** Kodwa wananzelela ukuhlupheka kwabo lakhe, ukuze amandla akhe amakhulu aziwe. **9** Walukhuza uLwandle oluBomvu, loma qha; wabahola esandleni sesitha; wabahenga esandleni sesitha. **11** Amanzi asibekela izitha zabo, kakho loyedwa Walukhuza uLwandle oluBomvu, loma qha; wabahola badabula ezinkikini njengasenkangala. **10** Wabasindisa Iwakhe olukhulu wadeda. **46** Wenza bonke labo esandleni sesitha; wabahenga esandleni sesitha. **12** Lapho-ke base bezikhulwa Sisindise, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu, usiqoqe izithembiso zakhe bahlabelela indumiso yakhe. **13** Kodwa baphanga bakukhohlwa lokho ayekwenzile Wakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe, kwathi ngothando kabaze balindela ukweluleka kwakhe. **14** Enkangala badabula ezinkikini njengasenkangala. **15** Ngakho wabapha bakhuelwa yizinkanuko zabo; khona emqothwini bamlinga uNkulunkulu. **16** Ngakho wabapha lokho abakucelayo, kodwa wabathela ngomkhuhlane ocikizayo. **17** Umhlaba wavuleka waginya uDathani; wagqibela ixuku lika-Abhiramu. **18** Umlilo walavuza phakathi kwabalandeli babo; ilangabi labatshisa ababi. **19** EHorebi benza ithole, bakhonza isithombe esenziwe ngensimbi. **20** Badela ukuKhazimulu kwabo bakhetha isithombe senkunzi edla utshani. **21** Bakhohlwa uNkulunkulu owabasindayo, owayenze izinto ezinkulu eGibhithe, **22** imimangaliso elizweni likaHamu lezenzo ezibabazekayo ngasoLwandle oluBomvu. **23** Ngakho wathi uzababhubhisa aluba kungesuMosi, owakhethwayo wakhe, owema phambi kwakhe ukuvalela ulaka lwakhe ukuze angababhubhisi. **24** Kwathi njalo baleyisa ilizwe elihle; kabasikholwanga isithembiso sakhe. **25** Bakhonona besemathenteni abo kabaze bamlalela uThixo. **26** Ngakho wafunga kubo ephakamise isandla sakhe ukuthi wayezabenza bafele enkangala, **27** enze izizukulwane zabo ziqedwe ngabeszizwe zihlakazeke emazweni wonke. **28** Bazibopha ingathi kusejogweni kuBhali wasePheyori badla imihlatshelo eyayinikelwe kubonkulunkulu abangaphiliyo; **29** bamthukuthelisa uThixo nezenzo zabo ezimbi; kwavela isifo phakathi kwabo. **30** Kodwa uFinehasi wema wancenga isifo sedada. **31** Lokhu kwenza kuthiwe wayelungle kwaziswa izizukulwane zonke ezizayo. **32** Bamzondisa uThixo ngasemthonjeni weMeribha, uhlupho lwase lusehlela uMosi ngenxa yabo; **33** ngoba bahlamukela uMoya kaNkulunkulu, uMosi waze wakhupha amazwi amabi ngezindebe zakhe. **34** Kabababhubhisanga abantu bezizwe njengalokhu ababekulaywe nguThixo, **35** kodwa baphithikana labezizwe bathatha imikhuba yazo. **36** Bakhonza izithombe zazo, kwaba yisif Kubo. **37** Benza imihlatshelo ngamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo emadimonini. **38** Bachitha igazi

**107** Mbongeni uThixo ngoba ulungile, uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade. **2** Akuthi abahlengiweyo bakaThixo batsho lokhu, labo abahlenga esandleni sesitha, **3** labo abaqoqa emazweni kusuka empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga, kusuka enyakatho laseningizimu. **4** Abanye bantula egwaduleni lwenkangala, baswela indlela eya emzini ababengahlala khona. **5** Balamba boma, impilo zabo zancipha. **6** Basebekhala kuThixo besekuhluphekeni kwabo, wasebakbulula osizini lwabo. **7** Wabahola ngendlela eqondileyo bayo edolobheni lapho ababengahlala khona. **8** Ngakho kabambonge uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo lezenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo azenzela abantu, **9** ngoba ubenza bakholwe abomileyo asuthise abalambileyo ngezingo ezinhle. **10** Abanye bahlala emnyameni lasethunzini elinzima beyizibotshwa ezhiluphekayo zibotshwe ngamaketane ensimbi, **11** ngoba babewahlamukele amazwi kaNkulunkulu beyisa iseluleko soPhezukonke. **12** Ngakho wabathwalisa umsebenzi onzima; bawa kodwa kungekho ongabasiza. **13** Ngakho basebekhala kuThixo besekuhluphekeni kwabo wabasindisa osizini lwabo. **14** Wabakhupha emnyameni lethunzini elinzima waqamula amaketane abo. **15** Ngakho kabambonge uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo lezenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo azenzela abantu, **16** ngoba uyawafloza amasango ethusi ephule imigojo yesimbi. **17** Abanye baba yiziwula ngenxa yezindela zabo zokuhlamuka badliwa yizinhlupheko ngenxa yokuxhwa kwabo. **18** Benyanya konke ukudla balengela emasangweni okufa. **19** Bakhala kuThixo besekuhluphekeni kwabo, wabasindisa osizini lwabo. **20** Wathumela ilizwi lakhe labasilisa; wabahenga engcwabeni. **21** Kabambonge uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo lezenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo ebantwini. **22** Kabenze imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokubonga bafakaze ngezenzo zakhe zonke ngezingoma zokuthokoza. **23** Abanye bawela

olwandle ngemikhumbi; babengabathengisi emanzini abanzi. **24** Bayibona imisebenzi kaThixo, izenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo ekujulen. **25** Ngoba wakhulumka waqubuka isiphepho esasukumisa amagagasi aba laphaya. **26** Akhwela athinta emazulwini, eha ayatshona ezinzikini; bekuleyongozi isibindi sabo samemetheka saphela. **27** Bazigxobagxoba badiyazela njengabantu abadakiweyo; baphelelwa lulwazi. **28** Basebekhala kuThixo besekuhluphekeni kwabo, wabakhupha esizini lwabo. **29** Wasethulisa isiphepho ngokunyenyeza; amagagasi olwandle aphola athi cwaka. **30** Bajabula bonke sekudedile, wabahola wabasa ethekwini ababelifuna. **31** Kabambonge uThixo ngothando lwakhe olungaphuthiyo lezenzo zakhe ezimangalisayo ebantwini. **32** Kabampahkamise emhlanganweni wabantu bamdumise enkundleni yabadala. **33** Waguqula imifula yaba yinkangala, imithombo egelezayo yaba ngumhlabathi owomileyo, **34** lomhlabathi olezhithelo waba lugwadule oluletshwayi, ngenxa yobubi balabo ababehlala khona. **35** Waguqula inkangala yaba ngamachibi amanzu lomhlabathi owomileyo waba yimithombo egelezayo; **36** lapho waletha abalambileyo ukuba bahlale khona, khonapho basungula umuzi ababezahllala kuwo. **37** Bahlanyela amasimu, bagxumeka amavini athela isivuno esikhulu; **38** wababusisa banda baba banengi kakhulu, akaze ayekela imihlambi yabo inciphe. **39** Kwasekusithi ubunengi babo sebunciphile, bathotshwisa ngokuncindzelwa, ngokuhlupheka langosizi; **40** kwathi yena othela ihlazo ezikhulwini wabantulisa egwaduleni olungakhanyi mzila. **41** Kodwa abaswelayo wabakhupha ekuhluphekeni kwabo wandisa izimuli zabo njengemihlambi yezimvu. **42** Abaqotho bayabona bathokoze, kodwa bonke ababi bagcike imilomo yabo. **43** Lovo ohlakaniphileyo, kaqaphele lezizinto anakane ngothando olukhulu lukaThixo.

**108** Ingoma. Ihubo likaDavida. Inhlizyo yami ibambelele, kayiguquki, Oh Nkulunkulu; ngizahlabela ngenze iculo eliminandi ngomoya wami wonke. **2** Vuka, mhubhe lechachol Ngizayivusa intathakusa. **3** Ngizakudumisa, yebo Thixo, phakathi kwezizwe; ngizahlabela ngawe phakathi kwabantu. **4** Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakho, luhakame kulamazulu; ukwethembeka kwakho kufinylela emkhathini. **5** Kawuphakanyiswe, yebo Nkulunkulu, ngaphezu kwamazulu, akuthi inkazimulo yakho ibe khona emhlabeni wonke. **6** Sisindise usisize ngesandla sakho sokunene, ukuze kuthi laba obathandayo bakhululwe. **7** UNkulunkulu usekhulumile esendlini yakhe engcwele: "Ngokunqoba ngizayaba iShekhemu asebuthakathaka ngokuzila ukudla; umzimba nighlo leSigodi saseSukhothi. **8** Ngeyami iGiliyadi, wami usuzacile usutshwabhene. **25** Sengiyinto loManase ngowami; u-Efrayimi yisivikelo sekhandya yokuhlekisa kulabo abangibeka amacala; bathi lami, ujuda uyintonga yami yobukhos. **9** IMowabi ngumganu wami wokugezel, phezu kuka-Edomi ngiphosela amanyathelo ami; phezu kweFilistiya nighalalisa umkhosi wokunkqoba." **10** Ngubani ozangisa emzini olenqaba na? Ngubani ozangiholela e-Edomi na? **11** Kakusuwe na, Oh Nkulunkulu, wena osusikhalele,

ongsaphumi lathi ezimpini zethu? **12** Ake usisize ezitheni zethu, ngoba usizo lomuntu luyize. **13** Nxa silonkulunkulu sizanqoba, njalo uzazinyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

**109** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. ElikaDavida. Ihubo. Oh Nkulunkulu, wena engikudumisayo, ungalu uloku uthule, **2** ngoba abantu ababi abalenkohlis bayivilule imilomo yabo behkulumga; bakhulumga bengigconga ngendimi zabo zamanga. **3** Bangihonqolozela ngamazwi enzondo; bayangisukela nje kungelasizatho. **4** Ukubathanda kwami bakuphindisela ngokungisola, kodwa ngingumuntu womkhuleko. **5** Bangiphindisela okuhle ngokubi, langenzondo ukubathanda kwami. **6** Bathi, "Khethani umuntu omubi ozamelana laye; ombeka icala kame kwesokunene sakhe. **7** Nxa esethonisawa kafunyanwe elecal, futhi sengathi imikhuleko yakhe ingamlahla. **8** Sengathi insuku zakhe zingabazilutshwana; kakube lomunye ozathatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhokheli. **9** Sengathi abantwabakhe bangaba zintandane lomkakhe abe ngumfelokazi. **10** Sengathi abantwabakhe bangaba zinzulane zezielci; sengathi bangaxotshwa emizini yabo esingamanxiwa. **11** Sengathi lowo aboleke kuye angamemuka konke alakho; sengathi labezizweni bangaphanga izithelo zamandla akhe. **12** Akungabikhona omenzela umusa loba ozwela izintandane zakhe. **13** Sengathi izizukulwane zakhe zingaphela, amabizo abo esulwe esizukulwanen esilandelayo. **14** Sengathi ububi bukayise bungakunjulwa phambi kukaThixo, sengathi isono sikanina singacitsi lanini. **15** Sengathi izono zabo zingahlala zisobala phambi kukaThixo, ukuze aphelise du ukukunjulwa kwabo emhlaben. **16** Ngoba kazange akhumbule ukwenza umusa kodwa wabazingelela ukufaabayanga labaswelayo labadabukileyo enhliziyweni. **17** Wayekuthanda ukwethesa isithuko, sengathi singehlela kuye. Wayengakuthandi ukubusisa sengathi kungaba khatshana laye. **18** Wayevunula ukuthuka njengesigqoko; kwangena emzimbeni wakhe njengamanzi, emathanjeni akhe njengamafutha. **19** Sengathi kungaba njengengubo athandelwe ngayo njengebhanti abotshwe ngalo lanini." **20** Sengathi lokhu kungaba yisijeziso sikaThixo kulabo abangethesa amacala, labo abakhulumka okubi ngami. **21** Kodwa wena, Oh Thixo woBukhos, ngenzela kuhle ngenxa yebizo lakh; ngenxa yokulunga kothando lwakho akungikhulule. **22** Ngoba ngingumuya niyiyaswela, lenhlizyo yami ilimele ngaphakathi kwami. **23** Ngiyafiphala njengethunzi lakuishlw; ngiyaphetshulwa njengentethe. **24** Amadol ami asebuthakathaka ngokuzila ukudla; umzimba nighlo leSigodi saseSukhothi. **25** Sengiyinto loManase ngowami; u-Efrayimi yisivikelo sekhandya yokuhlekisa kulabo abangibeka amacala; bathi bengibona banyikinye amakhandya abo. **26** Akungisize, Oh Thixo Nkulunkulu wami; ngisindisa ngokuya ngothando lwakho. **27** Kumele bakwazi ukuthi lokhu ngokwesandla sakho; wena, Oh Thixo, nguwe

yakho izathokoza. **29** Abangivukelayo kabembeswe ihlazo bagoqelwe ngokuyangeka njengengubo. **30** lokhu afuthelane, uzagedla amazinyo akhe, acikizeke Ngomlomo wami ngizambabaza kakhulu uThixo; ngisemphakathini ngizamdumis. **31** Ngoba umi ngakwesokunene salowo oswelayo, ukusindisa impilo yakhe kulabo abamnikela ekufeni.

**110** ElikoDavida. Ihubo. UThixo uthi enkosini yami: "Hlala ngakwesokunene sami ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho." **2** UThixo uzakwelula intonga yakhe elamandla eyobukhosu kusuka eZiyoni wena uzabusa phakathi kwezitha zakho **3** Amabutho akho azazinikela mhla uphuma impi. Wembethu ubukhosu obungcwele, phakathi komnyama wempondozankomo uzakwamukela amazolo obutsha bakho. **4** UThixo ufungile njalo kasoze ayiguqule ingqondo yakhe: "Wena ungumphristi kuze kube nini lanini emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi." **5** INKosi ikwesokunene sakho; izawachoboza amakhosu mhla wosutu lokuthukuthela kwayo. **6** Izazahlulela izizwe, yenize inqwaba yabafileyo njalo ibachoboze ababusu bomhlaba wonke. **7** Izanatha emfuleni oseceleni kwendlela; ngakho-ke izaliphakamisa ikhanda layo.

**111** Dumisani uThixo. Ngizambabaza uThixo ngenhlizyo yami yonke enkundleni yabaqotho lasemhlanganweni. **2** Mikhulu imisebenzi kaThixo; isemicabangweni yabo bonke abathokoza ngayo. **3** Zilenkazimulo lobukhosu izenzo zakhe, lokulunga Kwakhe kumi kuze kube laphakade. **4** Wenzile ukuthi izimanga zakhe zikhunjulwe; uThixo ulomusa lesihawu. **5** Uyabapha ukudla labo abamesabayo; uyasikhumbula isivumelwano Sakhe lanini. **6** Ubatshengisile abantu bakhe amandla emisebenzi yakhe, ngokubapha amazwe ezinye izizwe. **7** Imisebenzi yezandla zakhe ithembekile, ilungile; zonke iziqondiso zakhe ziyathembeka. **8** Zimi kaziguquki nini lanini, zenziwa ngeqiniso langobuqotho. **9** Wathumela abantu bakhe insindiso; wasingcwelisa isivumelwano Sakhe okwaninini lingcwele liyesabeka ibizo lakhe. **10** Ukumesaba uThixo kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho bonke abalandela iziqondiso zakhe balokuzwisia okuhle. Kungokwakhe ukudunyiswa kwaphakade.

**112** Dumisani uThixo. Ubusisiwe umuntu owesaba uThixo, othokoza kakhulu ngemilayo yakhe. **2** Abantwabakhe bazaba lamandla elizweni; isizukulwane soqotho sizabusisa. **3** Inotho lenzozo kusendlini yakhe, lokulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade. **4** Lasebumnyameni kuyavela ukukhanya kwabaqotho, emuntwini olomusa, olesihawu lolungileyo. **5** Ubuhle buzakwhelela kuye ophanoye loweboleka ekhululekile, oqhuba zonke izinto zakhe ngemfanelo. **6** Ngeqiniso kayikunyikinyeka; umuntu olungileyo uzakhunjulwa laninini. **7** Akayikwesaba imibiko emibi; inhlizyo yakhe ichumile, yethembele kuThixo. **8** Inhlizyo yakhe ikuhululekile, akalakwesaba; ekucineni uzakhangelia izitha zakhe ngokunqoba. **9** Uhlakazele izipho zakhe kubayanga ezindaweni zonke, ukulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade; uphondo lwakhe luzaphakanyiselwa

phezulu ngenhloniph. **10** Umuntu omubi uzakubona zincke zakhe, dumisani ibizo likaThixo. **11** Kalidunyiswe ibizo likaThixo, khona manje kanye laphakade. **12** Kusukela okuphuma khona ilanga kusiyafika lapho elitshona khona, kufanele lidunyiswe ibizo likaThixo. **13** UThixo uphakeme ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke, inkazimulo yakhe ngaphezelu kwamazulu. **14** Ngubani na onjengoThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, oNguye ohlezi ebukhosini phezulu, **15** okhothama akhangele phansi emazulwini lasemhlaben? **16** Uyabavusa abampofu othulini, aphakamise abaswelayo esilotheni; **17** abahlalise lamakhosana, amakhosana abantu bakibo. **18** Lomfazi oyinyumba umenza ahiale kuhle emzini wakhe afane lalowo ongunina wabantwana. Dumisani uThixo.

**113** Dumisani uThixo. Dumisani uThixo, lina zincke zakhe, dumisani ibizo likaThixo. **19** Kwathu ekuphumeni kuka-Israyeli eGibhithe, indlu kajakhobe isuka ebantwini bolimi lwezizweni, **20** uJuda waba yindlu engcwele kaNkulunkulu, u-Israyeli waba ngumbuso wakhe. **21** Ulwandle Iwakubona Iwabaleka, ijodani yabuyla emuva. **22** Izintaba zaqothuka njengenqama, amaqaqa enza njengamawundlu. **23** Kwakungani, we lwandle, wasuka wabaleka? Wena Jodani wabuyla emuva? **24** Lani zintaba laqolotsha njengenqama, lina maqaqa njengamawundlu? **25** Thuthumela, we mhlaba, phambi kukaThixo, phambi kukaNkulunkulu kajakhobe, **26** owaphendula idwala laba lichibi, idwala eliqinileyo laba ngumthombo wamanzi.

**114** Kakungabi kithi, Oh Thixo, hatshi kithi kodwa kwelakho ibizo kakube lenkazimulo, ngenxa yothondo lokuthembeka Kwakho. **2** Kungani izizwe zisithi, "Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo na?" **3** UNkulunkulu wethu usezulwini; wenza loba yini ayithandayo. **4** Kodwa izithombe zabo yisiliva legolide, zenziwe ngezandla zabantu. **5** Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhulumi, amehlo, kodwa kaziboni; **6** zilezindlebe, kodwa kazizwua, amakhala, kodwa kaziinu lutho; **7** zilezandla, kodwa kazelenisi ukuthinta, inyawo, kodwa kazihambi; njalo ngeke nje zenze umsindo ngemphimbo yazo. **8** Labo abazenzayo bazakuba njengazo, kubo njalo lakulabo abathemba kuzo. **9** Oh ndlu ka-Israyeli, methembe uThixo lusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo. **10** Oh, ndlu ka-Aroni, methembe uThixo lusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo. **11** Lina elimesabayo, thembani kuThixo ulusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo. **12** UThixo uyasikhumbula njalo uzasibusisa: Uzayibusisa indlu ka-Israyeli, uzayibusisa indlu ka-Aroni, **13** uzababusisa labo abamesabayo uThixo abancinyane labakhulu ngokufananayo. **14** Sengathi uThixo angalenza lande, lonke lina kanye labantwana benu. **15** Sengathi lingabusisa nguThixo uMenzi wezulu lomhlaba. **16** NgakaThixo amazulu aphezu kwakho konke, kodwa umhlaba wawuniwa abantu. **17** Kakuksibo abafileyo abadumisa uThixo, labo abangena phansi ekuthulen;

**18** yithi esimbabazayo uThixo, khona manje kanye laphakade. Dumisani uThixo.

**116** Ngiyamthanda uThixo ngoba walizwa ilizwi lami; wezwa ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa.

**2** Ngoba wangipha indlela yakhe, ngizambiza kokuphela nxa ngisaphila. **3** Izibopho zokufa zangithandela, ubuhlungu obukhulu bengcwaba bangehlela; ngagajewla yikuhlupheka losizi. (**Sheol h7585**) **4** Ngasengibiza ibizo likaThixo: “Oh Thixo ake ungisindise!” **5** UThixo ulomusa njalo ulungile; uNkulunkulu wethu ulesihawu. **6** UThixo uvikela abalenhlizyo ethobekileyo; ngathi ngihluphekile kakhulu wangisindisa. **7** Phumula njalo, we mphefumulo wami, ngoba uThixo ukwenzile ukulunga. **8** Ngoba wena Thixo, uwukhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni, amehlo ami ezinyembezini, lezinyawo zami azaze zakhubeka, **9** ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaThixo elizweni labaphilayo. **10** Ngathembela kuThixo; ngakho ngasengisithi, “Ngiyahulupheka kakhulu.” **11** Ngiphakathi kokulahla ithembwa ngathi, “Bonke abantu balamanga.” **12** Ngingambonga ngani uThixo ngabo bonke ubuhle bakhe kimi? **13** Ngizayiphakamisa inkezo yensindiso ngimemeze ibizo likaThixo. **14** Ngizazigcwalisa izifungo zami kuThixo phambi kwabo bonke abantu bakhe. **15** Kuligugu emehlwensi kaThixo ukufa kwabathembekileyo bakhe. **16** Oh Thixo, ngempela ngiyinceku Yakho, indodana yencekukazi yakho; usungikhulule emaketaneni ami. **17** Ngizakwenzela umhlatshelo womnikelo wokubonga ngilibize ibizo likaThixo **18** Ngizazigcwalisa izifungo zami kuThixo phambi kwabo bonke abantu bakhe, **19** emagumeni endlu kaThixo phakathi kwakho, wena Jerusalema. Dumisani uThixo.

**117** Dumisani uThixo lina zizwe zonke; mbabazeni lina bantu lonke. **2** Ngoba lukhulu uthando lwakhe kithi, lokuthembeka kukaThixo kumi kuze kube phakade. Dumisani uThixo.

**118** Mbongeni uThixo ngoba ulungile; uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade. **2** U-Israyeli katsho athi: “Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.” **3** Kayithi indlu ka-Aroni: “Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.” **4** Akuthi bonke abamesabayo uThixo bathi: “Uthando lwakhe lumi laphakade.” **5** Ngathi ngidabukile ngakhala kuThixo, waphendula ngokungikhulula. **6** UThixo ulami, angiyikwesaba. Umuntu angenzani kimi na? **7** UThixo ulami; ungumsizi wami. Ngizazinyonkoloza ngegunya izitha zami. **8** Kungcono ukuphephela kuThixo kulokuthembra umuntu. **9** Kungcono ukuphephela kuThixo kulokuthembra amakhosana. **10** Zonke izizwe zangihanqa, kodwa ngegama likaThixo ngazichitha. **11** Zangihanqa inxa zonke kodwa ngegama likaThixo ngazichitha. **12** Zangiminyezela njengezinyosi kodwa zafa masinyane njengokunguma komlilo warnea; ngebizo likaThixo ngazichitha. **13** Ngasunduzelwa emuva ngaphose ngawa, kodwa uThixo wangisiza. **14** UThixo ungamanida ami lengoma yami; yena useyikusindiswa kwami. **15**

Imisindo yentokozo lokunqoba iphuma emathenteni abalungileyo: “Isandla sokunene sikaThixo senzile izinto ezinkulu! **16** Isandla sokunene sikaThixo siphakanyisiwe kakhulu; isandla sokunene sikaThixo senzile izinto ezinkulu!” **17** Angizukuwa kodwa ngizaphila, ngizamemezelwa lokho akwenzileyo uThixo. **18** UThixo ungkinthayile kakhu, kodwa kanginikelanga ekufeni. **19** Ngivulela amasango okulunga; ngizangena ngimbonge uThixo. **20** Nanti isango likaThixo okungangena khona abalungileyo. **21** Ngizakubonga, ngoba ungiphendulile; usuyinsindiso yami. **22** Ilitshe ababelilahlie seliyilonia ilitshe lekhoneni; **23** uThixo ukwenzile lokhu; njalo kuyamangalisa emehlwensi ethu. **24** Leli lilanga alenzileyo uThixo; kasithokoze sijabule ngalo. **25** Oh Thixo, sisindise; Oh Thixo, siphumelelese. **26** Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo. Siyakubusisa sisendlini kaThixo. **27** UThixo unguNkulunkulu, wenzile ukukhanya kwakhe kwehlela phezu kwethu. Liphethe izingatshana, ngenani edibini longido lize liyefika empondwesi zealithare. **28** UnguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakuphakamisa. **29** Mbongeni uThixo ngoba ulungile; uthando lwakhe lumi kuze kube phakade.

**119** Babusisiwe labo abandlela zabo zingelansolo, abahamba ngomthetho kaThixo. **2** Babusisiwe labo abagcina imilayo yakhe, abayidinga ngenhlizijo yabo yonke. **3** Kaboni lutho; bahamba ezindleleni zakhe. **4** Wena ubekile izimiso ukuthi zilandelwe ngokupheleleyo. **5** He, aluba izindlela zami zithembekile ekulaleleni izimemezelo zakho! **6** Lapho-ke ngeke ngibe lenhloni nxa ngikhumbula yonke imilayo yakho. **7** Ngizakudumisa ngenhlizijo eqotho ngilokhu ngiyifunda imithetho yakho elongileyo. **8** Ngizazilalela izimemezelo zakho; ungangikhali ngempela. **9** Ijaha lingaphila njani impilo ehlambulukileyo? Ngokuphila ngendlela yelizwi lakho. **10** Ngikudating ngenhlizijo yami yonke; ungangiyekeli ngiphambuke emilaywensi yakho. **11** Ilizwi lakho ngilifihlile enhliziywensi yami ukuze ngingenzi isono kuwe. **12** Udumo kalube kuwe, Oh Thixo; ngifundisa izimemezelo zakho. **13** Ngezindebe zami ngiyayibala yonke imithetho ephuma emlonyenoi wakho. **14** Kuyangithokozisa ukulandela izimiso zakho njengomuntu ethabela inotho enku. **15** Ngianakanana ngezemiso zakho ngikhumbule ngezindlela zakho. **16** Ngiyathokoza ngezememezelo zakho; angiyukulidela ilizwi lakho. **17** Yenzele okuhle inceku yakho ukuba ngiphile; ngizalilalela ilizwi lakho. **18** Vula amehlo ami ukuze ngibone izinto ezimangalisayo emthethwensi wakho. **19** Ngiyisihambi emhlabeni; ungangifihleli imilayo yakho. **20** Umphefumulo wami uhugekile ngokulangazelela imithetho yakho ngezikhati zonke. **21** Uyabakuza abaklolodayo, abaalekisisiweyabo abaphambukayo emithethwensi yakho. **22** Susa kimi ihlazo lokweyisa, ngoba ngiyazigcina izimiso zakho. **23** Loba ababusi behlangana ngami bengigcona, inceku yakho izanakana ngezememezelo zakho. **24** Izimiso zakho ziyinjabulo yami; zingabacebisi

bami. 25 Ngehliselwe phansi othulini; londoloza angiyikuwukhohlwa umthetho wakho. 62 Phakathi impilo yami njengokwelizwi lakho. 26 Ngabalisa kobusuku ngivukela ukukubonga ngemithetho yakho izindlela zami wangiphendula; ngifundisa izimiso emihle. 63 Ngingumngane kubo bonke abakwesabayo, zakho. 27 Ngenza ngizwisise imfundiso yezimiso kubo bonke abalandela imithetho yakho. 64 Umhlabla zakho; lapho-ke ngizanakana ngezimanga zakho. 28 ugcwele uthando lwakho, Oh Thixo; ngifundisa izimiso Umphefumulo wami ukhathele ngosizi; ngiqinisa zakho. 65 Senzele okuhle isisebenzi sakho njengelizwi njengokwelizwi lakho. 29 Ngivikela ezindleleni lakho, Oh Thixo. 66 Ngifundisa ulwazi lokwahlulela zenkohlis; woba lobubele kimi ngokomthetho okufaneleyo, ngoba ngiyayikholla imilayo yakho. wakho. 30 Ngikhethethe indlela yequiniso; sengibe 67 Ngingakabi sekuhlupekeni ngalahlekla, kodwa inhlizyo yami emithetheni yakho. 31 Ngibambelele manje singalalela ilizwi lakho. 68 Ulungile njalo ezimisweni zakho, Oh Thixo; ungangiyekeli ngiyangeka. okwenzayo kulungile; ngifundisa izimiso zakho. 32 Ngigijima ngendlela yemithetho yakho, ngoba 69 Lokuba abaklolodayo bengihaceke ngamanga, uyikhulule inhlizyo yami. 33 Ngifundisa, Oh Thixo; ngiyazigcina izimiso zakho ngenhlizyo yami yonke. ukulandela izimemezelo zakho; ukuthi ngizigcine 70 Inhlizyo zabo zilolunya kazilazwelo, kodwa kuze kufike ekucineni. 34 Ngipha ukuzwisa tkuze mina ngijabula ngomthetho wakho. 71 Kwakukuhle ngigcine umthetho wakho ngiwulalele ngayo yonke kimi ukuthi ngihlutshwe ukuze ngifunde izimiso inhlizyo yami. 35 Ngiqondisa endleleni yemilayo zakho. 72 Umthetho ophuma emlonyeni wakho yakho, ngoba khonapho ngifumana ukuthokoza. 36 uligugu kimi okudlula inhlamu zesiliva legolide Phendulela inhlizyo yami ezimisweni zakho kungabi eziyizinkulungwane. 73 Izandla zakho zangenza ngokokuzuzela okungokwami. 37 Phendula amehlo zangibumba, ngipha ukuzwisa ukuze ngifunde ami asuke ezintweni ezingesilutho; londoloza impilo imilayo yakho. 74 Sengathi labo abakwesabayo yami njengokwelizwi lakho. 38 Gcwala isithembiso bangathokoza nxa bengibona, ngoba sengibeke ithemba sakho encekwini yakho, ukuze wesatshwe. 39 lami elizwini lakho. 75 Ngiyazi, Thixo, ukuthi Susa ihlazo engilesabayo, ngoba imithetho yakho imithetho yakho ilungile, lokuthi ungihkulukuluzile ilungile. 40 Ngizilangazelela kanjani izimiso zakho! ngenxa yokuthembeka kwakho. 76 Sengathi uthando Londoloza impilo yami ekulungeni kwakho. 41 Sengathi Iwakho olungaphuthiyo lungaba yinduduza kimi, Oh njengesithembiso sakho encekwini yakho. 77 Isihawu Thixo, insindiso yakho ize njengokuthembisa kwakho; sakho kasize kimi ukuze ngiphile, umthetho wakho 42 lapho-ke ngizamphendula lowo ongithukayo, uyikuthokoza kwami. 78 Sengathi abaklolodayo ngoba ngithembe ilizwi lakho. 43 Ungangemuki bangayangiswa ngokungigcina ngingonanga lutho; emlonyeni ilizwi leqiniso, ngoba ithemba lami ngilibeke kodwa mina ngizanakana ngemithetho yakho. emithethweni yakho. 44 Ngizahlala ngiwulalela 79 Sengathi labo abakwesabayo bangaphendukela umthetho wakho, okwanini lanini. 45 Ngizazihambela kimi, bona abezwisia izimiso zakho. 80 Sengathi ngikhululekile, ngoba ngiyidingsisile imithetho inhlizyo yami ingaba msulwa ngezimiso zakho, ukuze yakho. 46 Ngizakhulumu ngezimiso zakho phambi ngingayangiswa. 81 Umphefumulo wami uyangikizeka kwamakhosi ningabi lamahloni, 47 ngoba ngithokoza ngokulangazelela insindiso yakho, kodwa ngilibekile ngisemilayweni yakho ngoba ngiyayithanda. 48 ithemba lami elizwini lakho. 82 Amehlo ami aseze Ngizaphakamisa izandla zami emilayweni yakho efiphala ngokulinda isithembiso sakho; ngithi, "Uzaze engiyithandayo, ngenakanan geziememezelo zakho. ungiduduze nini na?" 83 Lanxa nginjengesixaxa 49 Khumbula ilizwi lakho encekwini yakho, ngoba sewayini esesikhumba sifuswe entuthwini, kangizibilili usungiphe ithemba. 50 Induduza yami phakathi izimiso zakho. 84 Inceku yakho iza Linda kuze kokuhlupeka kwami yile: Isithembiso sakho sigcina kube nini na? Uzabajeza nini abangihluphayo impilo yami. 51 Abaklolodayo bangihleka baze na? 85 Abaklolodayo bangigebhela amagodi, bakholise, kodwa kangiphambuki emthethweni wakho. bephikisa umthetho wakho. 86 Yonke imilayo yakho 52 Ngiyayikhumbula imithetho yakho yekadeni, ithembekile, ngisiza, ngoba abantu bayangichukuluza Oh Thixo, ngifumana ukududuza kuyo. 53 kungelasizatho. 87 Baphose bangesula emhlabeni, Ngithukuthela ngife ngenxa yababi, asebedele kodwa kangiyilahlanga imithetho yakho. 88 Ngivuseela umthetho wakho. 54 Izimemezelo zakho ziyyiyo injongo ngomusa wakho olothando, ukuze ngigcine izimiso yengoma yami loba ngingabe ngihlala ngaphi 55 zomlomo wakho. 89 Ilizwi lakho, Oh Thixo, kalipheli Ebusuku ngiyalikhumbula ibizo lakho, Oh Thixo, lanini; limi liqinile emazulwini. 90 Ukuthembeka njalo ngizawugcina umthetho wakho. 56 Le yiyo kwakho kukhona kuzozonke izizukulwane; wawumisa injayelo yokwenza kwami: Ngiyayilalela imithetho umhlabza, uzakuma kokuphela. 91 Imithetho yakho yakho. 57 Uyingxene yami, Oh Thixo, ngithembisile imi lanamhla lokhu, ngoba zonke izinto zikhonza ukulalela amazwi akho. 58 Ngiyabudinga ubuso wena. 92 Aluba umthetho wakho ubungesiyo injabulo bakho ngenhlizyo yami yonke; woba lobubele kimi yami ngabe ngabhubha ngiphakathi kokuhlupeka njengesithembiso sakho. 59 Sengizihlolile izindlela kwami. 93 Kangisozo ngafa ngayilibalwa imithetho zami ngaphendula izinyathelo zami zaya ezimisweni yakho, ngoba ngayo uylondolozile impilo yami. zakho. 60 Ngizaphangisa ngingaphuzi ukulalela imilayo 94 Ngisindisa ngoba ngingowakho; ngiyidingsisile yakho. 61 Loba ababi bengibopha ngentambo, imithetho yakho. 95 Ababi balindele ukungichitha,

kodwa ngizanakana ngezimiso zakho. **96** Kukho konke umlomo wami ngikhefuzele, ngilangazelela imilayo ukuphelela ngibona kulomkhawulo; kodwa imilayo yakho. **132** Phendukela kimi ube lomusa kimi, yakho ayilamingcele. **97** Oh, ngiwuthanda kangakanani njengoba uhlez ukwenza kwabathanda ibizo lakho. **133** umthetho wakho! Ngikhumbula ngawo ilanga lonke. Qondisa izinyathelo zami ngokwelizwi lakho; kakungabi **98** Imilayo yakho iyangihlakaniphisa kulezitha zami, lesono esingibusayo. **134** Ngihlenga ekuncin dezelwени ngoba ngihlezi ngilayo. **99** Ngicacile ukuqedisisa kwami ngabantu, ukuze ngilalele imithetho yakho. **135** Yenza kulabafundisi bami, ngoba ngiyankana ngezimiso ubuso bakho bukhanye encekwini yakho, ungifundise zakho. **100** Ngiyezwisa okudlula abadala, ngoba izimiso zakho. **136** Imifula yezinyembezi ijayuluka ngiyayilalela imithetho yakho. **101** Inyawo zami emehlwani ami, ngoba umthetho wakho kawulalewa, kaziyinyathelanga layiphi indlela embi ukuze ngilalele **137** Ulungile wena Thixo, lemithetho yakho ilungile, ilizwi lakho. **102** Kangiphambukanga emithetheni **138** Izimiso ozibekileyo zilungle; zithembekile yakho, ngoba wena ngokwakho ungifundisile. **103** ngokupheleleyo. **139** Utukshiseka kwami kuyangcoba, Amazwi akho anambitheka kammandi kimi, amnandi ngoba izitha zami kaziwananzi amazwi akho. **140** kulenyosi emlonyeni wami! **104** Ngiyazuza ukuqedisisa Izithembiso zakho zihlolisisiwe kakhulu, inceku emithetheni yakho; ngakho ngiyayizonda loba yakho iyazithanda. **141** Loba ngingumuntukazana layiphi indlela engalunganga. **105** Ilizwi lakho ngiseyiswa, angiyikhohlwa imithetho yakho. **142** liyisibane ezinyaweni zami liyikukhanya kwendlela **106** Sengenzile isifungo ngasiqinisa, ukuthi **143** Uhlupho losizi kuyakungehlele, ngizalandela imithetho yakho elungileyo. **107** kodwa imilayo yakho iyikuthokoza kwami. **144** Izimiso Sengihlupheke kakhulu; londoloza impilo yami, Oh zakho zihlezi zilungle; ngipha ukuzwisa ukuze Thixo njengokutshiwo yilizwi lakho. **108** Yamukela, ngiphile. **145** Ngiyamemeza ngayo yonke inhlizyo Oh Thixo, indumiso epeheleleyo ngomlomo wami, yami; ngiphendula, Thixo, mina ngizalalela imithetho ungifundise imithetho yakho. **109** Loba ngihlezi yakho. **146** Ngiyakubiza, ngisindisa mina ngizacina ngizibona sengingenengozini, kangiyi kuwlubala izimiso zakho. **147** Ngivuka emathathakusa ngikhale umthetho wakho. **110** Ababi sebengithiye ngomjibila kuwe ngicela usizo; sengibeke ithemba lami elizwini kodwa kangiphambukanga emithetheni yakho. **111** lakho. **148** Amehlo ami alala ekhangele ngemilindo Izimiso zakho ziyilifa lami laphakade; ziyintoko yonke yobusuku, ukuze ngicabange ngezhembiso yenhliziyo yami. **112** Inhlizyo yami izimisele zakho. **149** Zwana ilizwi lami ngokuya kothando lwakho; ukugcina imilayo yakho kuze kuge sekupheleni. **113** londoloza impilo yami, Oh Thixo ngokuya kwemithetho Ngiyabazonda abantu abangongqondombili, kodwa yakho. **150** Labo abakha amasu amabi baseduze, kodwa ngiyawuthanda umthetho wakho. **114** Uyisiphephelo bakhatsana lomthetho wakho. **151** Ikanti useduze, sami lesihlangu sami; sengibeke ithemba lami elizwini wena Thixo, lemilayo yakho yonke iqinisile. **152** lakho. **115** Sukani kimi lina benzi bobubi, ukuze Sekukade ngafunda ezimisweni zakho ukuthi wazenzela ngikwazi ukugcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu wami! **116** ukuthi zime lanininini. **153** Khangela ukuhawula kwami Ngisekela njengesithembiso sakho ukuze ngiphile; ungikhulule, ngoba kangiwukhohlwanga umthetho ithemba lami lingaze labhidlika. **117** Ngiqinisa wakho. **154** Ake ungimele ukuze ungihlenge; londoloza ukuze ngikhululwe; ngizahlala ngizinanza izimiso impilo yami njengesithembiso sakho. **155** Insindiso zakho. **118** Uyabalalahla bonke labo abaphambuka ikhatsana kwababi, ngoba kabazidngizimiso zakho. **156** Isihawu sakho sikhulu, Oh Thixo londoloza impilo **119** Bonke ababi bomhlaba uyabalalahela kude yami mayelana lemithetho yakho. **157** Zinengi izitha njengezibi; ngakho ngiyazithanda izimiso zakho. **120** ezingihluphayo, kodwa kangiphambukanga ezimisweni Inyama yami iyathuthumela ngokukwesaba; ngizwa zakho. **158** Ngikhangela abangakholwayo ngibenyanye, ngiyesebasu imithetho yakho. **121** Ngenzile okulungileyo ngoba kabalilaleli ilizwi lakho. **159** Ake ubone ukuthi lokufaneleyo; ungangiyekeleli abancindezel bami. **122** Qinisa impilakahle yenceku yakho; ungayekeli impilo yami, Oh Thixo, ngokothando lwakho. **160** abaklolodayo bangincindezele. **123** Amehlo ami Wonke amazwi akho aqinisile; yonke imithetho yakho asefiphala elokhu ekhangele insindiso yakho, ekhangele elungileyo ngeyaphakade. **161** Ababusy bayangihlupha isithembiso sakho esilungileyo. **124** Yenza encekwini kungelasizatho, kodwa inhlizyo yami iyaliquhuhela yakho ngokothando lwakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho. **162** Isithembiso sakho siyangithokozisa **125** Ngiyinceku yakho; ngipha ukuqedisisa ukuthi **163** Amanga ngizwisisce izimiso zakho. **126** Sekuyisikhathi sakho **164** Ngikudumisa kasikhombisa sokuthi wenze okwakho, Oh Thixo umthetho wakho **127** Ngoba ngiyayithanda imilayo **165** Kukhulu ukuthula abalakho labo abathanda njalo njengoba ngisithi imithetho yakho ilungle, umthetho wakho, kakulalutho olungabakhubekisa, ngiyayizonda yonke indlela engaqondanga. **128** **166** Ngiyilindele insindiso yakho, Oh Thixo njalo Izimiso zakho ziyamangalisa; ngakho ngiyazilalela. **129** **167** Ngiyazilalela imilayo yakho. **130** Ukwambulwa kwamazwi akho kuletha ukukhanya; **131** **168** kunika ukuzwisa kwabayizithutha. **132** Ngiyiva Ngiyayilalela imithetho yakho lezimiso zakho, ngoba

uyazazi zonke izindlela zami. **169** Sengathi ukukhala emazulwini! **2** Njengalokhu amehlo ezisebenzi kwami kungafika kuwe, Oh Thixo ngipha ukuzwisia ekhangela isandla somiqatshi wazo, lanjengoba amehlo njengelizwi lakho. **170** Sengathi ukuncenga kwami kungafika kuwe; ngikhulula njengesithembiso sakho. **171** Sengathi indebe zami zingageleza indumiso yakho, ngoba uyangifundisa imithetho yakho. **172** Sengathi ulimi lwami lungalihlabela ilizwi lakho, ngoba yonke imilayo yakho ilungile. **173** Sengathi isandla sakho singalungela ukungisiza, ngoba sengikhethe imithetho yakho. **174** Ngilangazelela insindiso yakho, Oh Thixo ngoba umthetho wakho uyinjabulo yami. **175** Kangiphile ukuze ngikudumise, sengathi njalo lemithetho yakho ingangisekela. **176** Ngiphambukile njengemu elahlekileyo. Yidinge inceku yakho, ngoba kangikayikhohlwa imilayo yakho.

**120** Ingoma yemiqanso. Ngiyambiza uThixo ngisosizini, laye angiphendule. **2** Ngisindisa, Oh Thixo, ezindebeni zamanga lezindimini zenkohliso. **3** Uzakwenzani kuwe, aphiinde enzeni njalo, wena limi lwenkohliso? **4** Uzakujezisa ngomtshoko obukhali owebutho, ngamalahle avuthayo esihlahla. **5** Maye mina ngokuhlala kwami eMesheki, ngokuthi ngihlala emathenteni aseKhedari! **6** Sengihlale isikhathhi eside kakhlulu phakathi kwalabo abazonda ukuthula. **7** Ngingumuntu wokuthula; kodwa ngithi ngingakhulumha, sebefuna impi.

**121** Ingoma yemiqanso. Ngiphakamisela amehlo ami ezintabeni usizo lwami luvela ngaphina? **2** Usizo lwami luvela kuThixo, uMenzi wezulu lomhlabu. **3** Kayikuyekela unyawo lwakho lutshelela yena okulindayo kayikuwozela; **4** ngempela yena olinda u-Israyeli akayikuwozela, akayikulala. **5** UThixo uyakulinda uThixo ungmunthunzi wakho esandleni sakho sokinene; **6** ilanga kalyikukutshisa emini nom loba inyanga ebusuku. **7** UThixo uzakuvikela kuzozonke izingozi uzalinda impilo yakho; **8** uThixo uzalondoloza ukufika kwakho lokusuka kwakho manje kuze kubephakade.

**122** Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikoDavid. Ngathokoza lalabo abathu kimi, "Kasiye endlini kaThixo." **2** Inyawo zethu zimi ngaphakathi kwamasango akho, wena Jerusalema. **3** Ierusalema yakhwe njengomuzi obambeneyo waqina. **4** Kulapho eziqansela khona iziwana, iziwana zikaThixo, ukudumisa ibizo likaThixo njengalokho okwamiselwa u-Israyeli, ukuba abonge ibizo likaThixo. **5** Kulapho okumi khona izihlalo zobukhosu ezokwahlulela, izihlalo zobukhosu ezendlu kaDavid. **6** Khulekelani ukuthula kwaseJerusalem: "Sengathi labo abakuthandayo bangaphepa. **7** Sengathi kungaba lokuthula ngaphakathi kwemiduli yakho lokuvikela ngaphakathi kwezingqaba zakho." **8** Ngenxa yabafowethu labangane bami, ngizakuthi, "Ukuthula akube ngaphakathi kwakho." **9** Ngenxa yendlu kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, ngizakhuthaza ukuphumelela kwakho.

**123** Ingoma yemiqanso. Ngiphakamisela amehlo ami kuwe, wena osesihlalweni sobukhosu

ekhangela isandla somiqatshi wazo, lanjengoba amehlo encekazi ekhangela isandla senkosikazi yayo, kanjalo amehlo ethu akhangela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, aze abe lomusa kithi. **3** Woba lomusa kithi, Oh Thixo, woba lomusa kithi, ngoba sesidiniwe yikweiyisa. **4** Sesibhensele ukuhozwa okunengi ngabazigqajayo, ukweiyisa yilabo abaklolodaya.

**124** Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikoDavid. Aluba uThixo ubengemanga lathi yekela u-Israyeli atsho njalo, **2** aluba uThixo ubengemanga lathi, lapho sasihlasewa ngabantu, **3** lapho ulaka lwabo lwalutshisa ngathi ngabe basiginya siphila; **4** ngabe izikhukhula zasigalulisa, umsinga wawuzasikhukhula, **5** amanzi ayabulayo ayezasikhucula. **6** Udumo kalube kuThixo ongasiyekelanga sadlithizwa ngamazinyo abo. **7** Siphunyukile njengenyoni emjibileni womthiyi; umjibila uqamukile sahle saphunyuka. **8** Usizo lwethu lusegameni likaThixo uMenzi wezulu lomhlabu.

**125** Ingoma yemiqanso. Labo abamethembayo uThixo banjengentaba iZiyoni, yona enganyikinyekiyo, emi kuze kube laphakade. **2** Njengezintaba ezigombolozele iJerusalema, ngokunjalo uThixo uzungeza abantu bakhe manje kuze kube laphakade. **3** Intonga yobukhosu eyababi kayiyikusala ezweni elabelwe abalungileyo, ngoba abalungileyo bangaqabuka sebesebenzisa izandla zabo ukwenza okubi. **4** Yenza okuhle, awu Thixo, kulabo abalungileyo, kulabo abaqotho enhliziyeweni **5** kodwa labo abaphambukela ezindeleni ezitshekileyo uThixo uzabaxotsha kanye labenzi bobubi. Ukuthula kakube ku-Israyeli.

**126** Ingoma yemiqanso. Kwathi lapho uThixo ebuya izithunjwa eZiyoni, sasinjengabantu abaphuphayo. **2** Imilomo yethu yayigcwele ngohleko, lezindimi zethu zicula izingoma zentokozo. Basebesithi abezizwe, "UThixo ubenzele izinto ezimangalisayo." **3** UThixo usenzele izinto ezimangalisayo, ngakho siyathokoza kakhlulu. **4** Buyisa ukuphumelela kwethu, Oh Thixo, njengemifula eseNegesi. **5** Labo abahlanyela ngezinyembezi bazavuna negezingoma zentokozo. **6** Lowo ophuma ekhala, ethwele inhlanyelo ukuba ayeahlanyela uzabuya negezingoma zentokozo, ethwele izinyanda.

**127** Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikoSolomon. Ngaphandle kokuba uThixo ayakhe indlu, abakhi bayo basebenzela ize. Ngaphandle kokuba uThixo awulinde umuzi, abalindi bawo balinda ize. **2** Kuyize ukuvuka kwenu ngovivi liphinde libambe kuze kuhlwe, lisebenzela ukudla kokufaka emlonyen'i ngoba upha ubuthongo kulabo abathandayo. **3** Amadodana ayilifa elivelu kuThixo, abantwana bangumvuzo ovela kuye. **4** Njengemitshoko esandleni sebutu anjalo amadodana azelwe ngumuntu esesemutsha. **5** Ubusingiwe umuntu omxhaka wakhe ugcwele wona. Kayikuyangeka nxa sebedibana lezitha entubeni.

**128** Ingoma yemiqanso. Babusisiwe bonke yokuhlala uMnininimandla kajakhobe.” 6 Sakuzwa lokhu abamesabayo uThixo, abahamba ngezindlela e-Efrathi, sakubona emangweni waseJayari: 7 “Kasiye zakhe. 2 Lizakudla izithelo zomsebenzi wenu; lapho ahlala khona; kasikhonze phansi kwesihlalo izibusiso lokuphumelela kuzakuba ngokwenu. 3 sakhe. 8 Phakama, Oh Thixo, ubuye endaweni yakho Umkakho wesifazane uzakuba njengevini elithela yokuphumula, wena umtshokotsho wesivumelwano kakhulu phakathi kwendlu yakho; amadodana akho elitschengisa amandla akho. 9 Sengathi abaphristi bakho azakuba njengamahlumela e-oliva esetafuleni yakho. 4 ibusisiwe kanjalo indoda eyesaba uThixo. 5 bakho bangahlabelela ngentokozo.” 10 Ngenxa yenceku Sengathi uThixo angakubusisa eseZiyoni insuku zonke zokuphila kwakho; sengathi ungakubona ukuphumelela kwejerusalem, 6 njalo sengathi ungaphila uze ubone isizukulwane sakho. Ukuthula kakube ku-Israyeli.

**129** Ingoma yemiqanso. Sebengihluphe kakhulu kusukela ebutsheni bami katsho njalo u-Israyeli, 2 sebengihluphe kakhulu kusukela ebutsheni bami, kodwa kabangehlulanga. 3 Abalimi bawulimile umhlane wami benza imifolo emide. 4 Kodwa uThixo ulungile; ungikhulule ezintanjeni zababi. 5 Akuthi bonke abayizondayo iZiyoni babuyiselwe emuva beyangekile. 6 Sengathi bangaba njengotshani obukhula ephahleni obubuna bungakkhuli; 7 umvuni angeka gwalisa isandla sakhe ngabo, loba lowo obuthayo agcwalisce izingalo zakhe. 8 Sengathi labo abadlulayo bangabokuthi, “Izibusiso zikaThixo mazibe kuwe; siyakubusisa ngegama likaThixo.”

13 Ngoba uThixo uyikhethile iZiyoni, uyithandile ukuba yindawo yakhe yokuhlala: 14 “Le yindawo yami yokuphumula lanini; lapha ngizahlala ngisebukhosini, ngoba ngiyithandile 15 ngizayibusisa ngokudla okunengi; abayanga bayo ngizabasuthisa ngokudla. 16 Ngizavunulisa abaphristi bayo ngensindiso, labathembikelyo bakhe bazahlabelela ngentokozo nini lanini. 17 Lapha ngizakhlulisa uphondo lukaDavida ngilungisele ogcotshiweyo wami isibane. 18 Ngizakwembathisa izitha ngehlazo, kodwa umqhele osekhandha lakhe uzakhazimula.”

**130** Ingoma yemiqanso. Ngingaphansi ekujuleni ngiyakhala kuwe, Thixo; 2 Thixo, zwana ilizwi lami. Indlebe zakho kazilalele ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa. 3 Aluba wena, Thixo ububhala phansi zonke izono, ngubani ongema na Nkosi? 4 Kodwa kuwe kulentethelole; ngalokho yesatshwa. 5 zake. 3 Kufana lokuthi amazolo aseHemoni akhithikela Ngiyamlin dela uThixo, umphefumulo wami uyalinda, eNtabeni iZiyoni. Ngoba lapho uThixo wehlisela ngibeka ithemba lami elizwini lakho. 6 Umphefumulo wami ulindela uThixo okudlula abalindi bemelele ukusa, okudlula abalindi bemelele ukusa. 7 We Israyeli, beka ithemba lakkhu kuThixo, ngoba kuye uThixo kulothando olungaphuthiyo njalo kuye kulensindiso epheleleyo. 8 Yena ngokwakhe uzahlenga u-Israyeli kuzozonke izono zabo.

133 Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida. Bheka kuhle, kuyabukeka kangakanani nxa abazalwane behlezi ndawonye ngokuzwana! 2 Kunjengamafutha aligugu athelwe ekhanda, ejuluka endevini, ejuluka endevini zika-Aroni, ehlele emabheqeni eziggoko Kodwa kuwe kulentethelole; ngalokho yesatshwa. 5 Kufana lokuthi amazolo aseHemoni akhithikela Ngiyamlin dela uThixo, umphefumulo wami uyalinda, eNtabeni iZiyoni. Ngoba lapho uThixo wehlisela isibusiso sakhe, esiyikuphila okwaphakade.

**134** Ingoma yemiqanso. Dumisani uThixo, lonke lina zincetu zikaThixo eliqhuba inkonzo endlini kaThixo ebusuku. 2 Phakamisani izandla zenu endlini engcwele lidumise uThixo. 3 Sengathi uThixo, uMenzi wezulu lomhlaba, angalibusisa eseZiyoni.

**135** Dumisani uThixo. Dumisani ibizo likaThixo; mdumiseni lina zincetu zikaThixo, 2 lina eliqhuba inkonzo endlini kaThixo, emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu. 3 Dumisani uThixo ngoba uThixo ulungile; hlabelani indumiso ebizweni lakhe ngoba lokho kuhle. 4 Ngoba uThixo usesmkethile uJakhobe ukuba ngowakhe, u-Israyeli ukuba yinotto yakhe eligugu. 5 Ngiyazi ukuthi uThixo mkhulu, lokuthi iNkosi yethu inkulu kulabonkulunkulu bonke. 6 UThixo wenza loba yini ayifunayo, emazulwini lasemhlaben, enlwandle lasezinzikini zazo. 7 Wenza amayezi aqubuka emikhawulweni yomhlaba; uthuma umbane kanye lezulu, avulele umoya oseziphalen zakhe. 8 Wawalahla phansi amazibulo aseGibhithe, amazibulo abantu lawezinyamazana. 9 Wathumela izibonakaliso lezimangaliso zakhe phakathi kwakho, wena Gibhithe, phezu kukaFaro lezincketu zakhe zonke. 10 Wazilahla phansi izizwe ezinengi wabulala

**131** Ingoma yemiqanso. ElikaDavida. Inhliziyo yami kayizikhukhumezi, Oh Thixo, amehlo ami kawaziphakamisi; kangizihluphi ngezindaba ezinkulu loba ngezinto ezimangalisayo kimi. 2 Kodwa ngiwupholisile ngawuthulisa umphefumulo wami; njengomntwana okhutshwe ebeleni likanina, njengomntwana okhutshwe ebeleni unjalo umphefumulo wami uthule ngaphakathi kwami. 3 Oh, Israyeli, beka ithemba lakkhu kuThixo manje kuze kuge phakade.

**132** Ingoma yemiqanso. Oh Thixo, khumbula uDavida ngezinhlupheko zonke azibhenselayo. 2 Wafunga isifungo kuThixo wenza isithembiso kuMnininimandla kajakhobe: 3 “Angizukungena endlini yami loba ngei embhedeni wami, 4 angiyikuwavumela amehlo ami ubuthongo, akukuba lakuwozela enkopheni zami, 5 ngize ngifumane indawo kaThixo, indawo

amakhosi alamandla, **11** uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, u-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani lawo wonke amakhosi aseKhenani **12** wanika ilizwe labo laba yilifa, ilifa “nkulunkulu” ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho. **2** labantu bakhe, u-Israyeli. **13** Ibizo lakho, Oh Thixo, limi kuze kube nininini, udumo lwakho, Oh Thixo, elingcwele ngidumise ibizo lakho, ngenxa yothando ezipukulwaneni zonke. **14** Ngoba uThixo uzabalamulela abantu bakhe abe lesihawu ezincekwini zakhe. **15** Izithombe zezizwe ziyyisiliva legolide, zenziwe ngezandla zabantu. **16** Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhulumi, amehlo, kodwa kaziboni; **17** zilezindlebe, kodwa kazizwa, njalo kazilamphefumulo emiloniyeni yazo. **18** Labo abazenzayo bazakuba njengazo, kube njalo lakulabu abathembu kuzo. **19** Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, dumisa uThixo; wena ndlu ka-Aroni, dumisa uThixo; **20** wena ndlu kaLevi, dumisa uThixo lina elimesabay, dumisani uThixo. **21** Udumo alube uThixo lusuka eZioni, kuye ohlala eJerusalem. Dumisani uThixo.

**136** Bongani uThixo, ngoba ulungile. **2** Bongani uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu. **3** Bongani uMbusi wababusi: **4** Kuye yedwa owenza izimanga ezinkulu, **5** Owathi ngokuzwisa kwakhe wenza amazulu, **6** Owendlala umhlaba phezu kwamanzi, **7** Owenza izibane ezinkulu, **8** Ilanga ukubusa emini, **9** Inyanga lezinkanyezi ukubusa ebusuku, **10** Kuye owtshaya walalisa amazibulo aseGibhithe, **11** Wakhupha u-Israyeli phakathi kwabo, **12** Ngesandla esilamandla lengalo eyeluliwego, **13** Kuye owdabula uLwandle oluBomvu lwehlukana, **14** Wakhuphula u-Israyeli phakathi kwalo, **15** Kodwa wakhukhulela uFaru lempi yakhe eLwandle oluBomvu, **16** Wahola abantu bakhe enkangala, **17** Ovalahla phansi amakhosi amakhulu, **18** Wabulula amakhosi esabekayo, **19** uSihoni inkosi yama-Amori, **20** lo-Ogi inkosi yaseBhashani, **21** Wanikela amazwe abo njengelifa, **22** Abayilifa encekwini yakhe u-Israyeli, **23** Kuye Yedwa owasikhumbula singesibantu balutho, **24** Wasikhulula ezitheni zethu, **25** Njalo onika ukudla izidalwa zonke, **26** Bongani uNkulunkulu wasezulwini,

**137** Ngasemifulen iayeBhabhiloni sahlala phansi sakhalo lapho sasikhumbula iZioni. **2** Khona lapho ezihlahleni zemidubu saphanyeka amachacho ethu, **3** ngoba khonapho abathumbi bethu bacela izingoma kithi, labahlukulizi bethu bafuna izingoma zentokozo; bathi, “Sihlabeleleni enye yezingoma zaseZionil!” **4** Singazihlabele kanjani izingoma zikaThixo siselizweni lemzini na? **5** Aluba ngikukhohlwa, Oh Jerusalem, isandla sami sokunene kasilahlekewle yibungcitshi baso. **6** Sengathi ulimi lwami lunganamathele elwangeni lomlomo wami uba ngingakukhumbuli wena, uba ngingathathi ijerusalem njengentokoza yami ephezu konke. **7** Khumbula, Oh Thixo, ama-Edomi akwenzayo mhla ijerusalem ithunjwa. “Lidilizeni,” baklabala, “lidilizeni kanye lezisekelo zalo!” **8** Wena Ndodakazi yaseBhabhiloni, oqunyelwe ukubhubha, ubusisiwe lowo okuphindiselayo ngalokho okwenzileyo kithi. **9** Ubusisiwe lowo othatha insane zakho, azisakazele ematsheni.

**138** Elikadavida. Ngizakudumisa, Thixo, ngenhliziyi yami yonke; phambi kwabo “nkulunkulu” ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho. **2** Ngizakothama ngikhangele ethempelin iakhoh limi kuze kube nininini, udumo lwakho, Oh Thixo, elingcwele ngidumise ibizo lakho, ngenxa yothando ezipukulwaneni zonke. **3** Ngabiza wena wangiphendula; wangenza ngaba lesibindi lenhliziyi eqinileyo. **4** Sengathi wonke amakhosi omhlaba angakudumisa, Oh Thixo, lapho esizwa amazwi omlomo lwakho. **5** Sengathi bangahlabelela ngezindlela zikaThixo ngoba inkazimulo kaThixo inkulu. **6** Loba uThixo ephakeme, uyabananza abathobekileyo, kodwa abazigqajayo ubazi ekhatshana labo. **7** Loba ngihamba phakathi kohlupho uyayilondoloza impilo yami; uyaselula isandla sakho ukungivikela elakeni lwezitha zami, ngesandla sakho sokunene uyangisindisa. **8** UThixo uzagcwala icebo lakhe ngami; uthando lwakho, Oh Thixo, lumi laphakade ungawutshiyi umsebenzi wezandla zakho.

**139** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Elikadavida. Ihubo. Oh Thixo, usungihlolile usungazi. **2** Uyakwazi lapho ngihlala lalapho ngiphakama; uyayibona imicabango yami lanxa ukhatshana. **3** Uyananzeela ukuphuma kwami lokulala phansi kwami; uzazi kuhle zonke izindlela zami. **4** Ilizwi lingakabi khona elimini iwami usulazi lonke, wena Thixo. **5** Uyangihonqolozela emuva laphambili; ubekile isandla sakho phezu kwami. **6** Ukwazi okunje kungumangaliso kimi, kuphakeme kakhulu ngeke ngikufinyelele. **7** Ngingaya ngaphi ngisuke eMoyeni wakho na? Ngingabalekela ngaphi ngisuke kuwe na? **8** Ngingakhuphukela emazulwini, ukhona lapho; nxa ngilala ezinzikini, ukhona lapho. (**Sheol h7585**) **9** Aluba ngindiza ngamaphiko okusa, aluba ngisehlela ngaphetsheya kowlande, **10** lalapho isandla sakho sizangikhokhela, isandla sakho sokunene sizangibamba singiqinise. **11** Nxa ngisithi, “Ngempela ubumnyama buzangifihla ukukhanya kube yibusuku eduze kwami,” **12** lalobo bummnyama kabukuba mynyama kuwe; ubusuku buzakhanya njengemini, ngoba ubumnyama buyukhanya kuwe. **13** Ngoba wadala ingaphakathi yobuyimi; wangiphetha kuhle ndawonye esiswini sikamama. **14** Ngiyakudumisa ngokuthi ngabunjwa ngesimanga esesabekayo; iyamangalisa imisebenzi yakho, lokho ngikwazi kamhlrophe. **15** Isimo samathambo ami sasingafihlekanga kuwe lapho ngangisensiwa endaweni esithekileyo. Lapho ngangiselukelwa ndawonye ezinzikini zomhlaba, **16** amehlo akho awubona umzimba wami ungakabi lesimo. Zonke insuku ezamiselwa mina zabhalwa encwadini yakho larunye lwazo lungakabi khona. **17** Iligugu elinganani kimi imicabango yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu! Bukhulu kanganani ubunengi bayo! **18** Aluba ngingayibala ingedlula ubunengi bezinhlamvu zetshebetshewa. Ngithi nxa ngivuka ngibe ngilokhu ngilawe. **19** Ungasake ubabulale ababi, awu Nkulunkulu! Sukani kimi lina bachithi begazil! **20** Bakhulumu ngawe beconde ububi; abakuphikisayo badlala ngebizo lakho.

**21** Kangibazondi yini abakuzondayo na Oh, Thixo, ngiphakamisela ilizwi lami kuThixo ngicela umusa. **2** ngibenyanye labo abakuvelayelo na? **22** Ngiyabazonda Ngithululela ukusola kwami phambi kwakhe; phambi ngenzondo yonke; ngithi bayizitha zami. **23** Ngihlola, Oh Nkulunkulu, uyazi inhliziyo yami; ngizama ukuze wazi ukunqineka kwemicabango yami. **24** Ake ubone ingabe kulendledlana embi kimi, ungihole ngendlela yaphakade.

**140** Kumqondisi wokuhlabela. Ihubo likaDavid. Ngilamulela, Oh Thixo, ebantwini ababi; ngivikela ebantwini bodlakela, **2** abakha amacebo amabi ezhnliziyeni zabo bahlokomise impi ukusa kwamalanga. **3** Benza izindimi zabo zicije njengezenyoka; ubuhlungu benhlangwana busezindebeni zabo. **4** Ngivikela, Oh Thixo, ezandleni zababi; ngiphephisa ebantwini bodlakela abaceba ukungigwenxa. **5** Abantu abaziqqajayo bangifihlele isifu; sebewanwebile amambule abo bangithiya lapha lalapha endleleni yami. **6** Oh Thixo, ngithi kuwe, "UnguNkulunkulu wami." Zwana, ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa. **7** Oh Thixo wobukhos, mhlengi wami olamanda, ovikela ikhanda lami ngelanga lempি **8** ungavumeli ababi izifiso zabo Oh Thixo; ungayekeli amacebo abo ukuthi aphumele, funa baziqqaje. **9** Akuthi ingqondo zalabo abangihanqileyo zandelwe luuhlupe oludalwe yizindebe zabo. **10** Akuthi amalahle avuthayo abakhithikele; sengathi bangaphoselwa emlilweni, emigodini ebbixa udaka, bangavuki futhi. **11** Akuthi abahlebayo bangatholi indawo elizweni; akuthi umnyama ubahlale izithende abantu bochuku. **12** Ngiyazi ukuthi uThixo ubenzela okulungileyo abayanga, ubamele abaswelayo. **13** Ngempela abalungileyo bazalidumisa ibizo lakho labaqotho bazahlala phambi kwakho.

**141** Ihubo likaDavid. Oh Thixo, ngyakubiza; woza masinyane kimi. Zwana ilizwi lami nxa ngikubiza. **2** Sengathi umkhuleko wami ungema phambi kwakho njengempeha; kuthi ukuphakama kwezandla zami kube njengomhlatselo wakushlw. **3** Ngibekela umlindi womlomo wami, Oh Thixo, qaphela umnyango wezindebe zami. **4** Ungayekeli inhliziyo yami ihugwe ngokubi, ngingene ezenzweni ezimbi labantu abayizigangi; mangingadli iziliboco zabo. **5** Ake ngitsaywe ngumuntu olungileyo, kungumusa; kake angikhuze, kungamafutha ekhanda lami. Ikhanda lami kalyikukwala. Ikanti umkhuleko wami uhlezi umelana lezenzo zezigangi. **6** Ababusi bazo bazaphoselwa phansi emaweni, lababi bazafunda ukuthi amazwi ami ayekhulunye kuhle. **7** Bazakuthi, "Njengalo olimayo eqegebula umhlabathi, kanjalo amathambo ethu achithiziwe emlonyeni weliba." (**Sheol h7585**) **8** Kodwa amehlo ami agxile kuwe, Oh Thixo woBukhos; kuwe ngiyaphephela unganginikeli ekufeni. **9** Ngivikela emijibileni asebeyithiye mina, ezifini ezhithiye yizigangi. **10** Akuthi ababi bawele emambuleni abo, mina ngidlule kuhle ngiphephile.

**142** Ihubo likaDavid. Lapho esebhalwini. Umkhuleko. Ngiyamemeza kakhulu kuThixo;

ngiphakamisela ilizwi lami kuThixo ngicela umusa. **2** kwakhe ngichaza ukuhlupheka kwami, ngiwe oyaziyo indlela yami. Endleleni engihamba ngayo abantu bangithiyile khona. **4** Khangela kwesokunene sami ubone; kakho lobani onginanzayo. Angilaso isiphephelo; kakho onakekela impilo yami. **5** Ngikhala kuwe, Oh Thixo; ngithi, "Uyisiphephelo sami, uyisabelo sami elizweni labaphilayo." **6** Lalela ukukhala kwami, ngoba ngileziswelo eezizikileyo, ngikhulula kabulo abaxotshana lami, ngoba balamandla kakhulu kulami. **7** Ngikhulula entolongweni yami, ukue ngidumise ibizo lakho. Lapho-ke abalungileyo bazangibuthanela ngenxa yokulunga kwakho kimi.

**143** Ihubo likaDavid. Oh Thixo, zwana umkhuleko wami, zwana ukukhala kwami ngicela umusa; ngokuthembeka kwakho langokulunga kwakho woza uzongiphumuza. **2** Ungangerisi irceku yakho ekwahlulelwani, ngoba kakho ophilayo ongabe ulungile kuwe. **3** Isitha siyangizingela, singincindezela phansi emhlabathini; singenza ngihlale emnyameni njengalabo abafa kudala. **4** Kanjalo umphefumulo wami uyaphela ngaphakathi kwami; inhliziyo yami ngaphakathi kwami idanile. **5** Ngiyazikhumbula insuku zekadeni; ngidla ingqondo ngayo yonke imisebenzi yakho nginakane ngalokho okwensiwe yizandla zakho. **6** Ngiyelula izandla zami kuwe; umphefumulo wami uyakomela njengomhlabathi owomileyo. **7** Ngiphendula masinyane, awu Thixo; umoya wami uyaphela. Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho funa ngibe njengalabo abaya egodini. **8** Akuthi ukusa kungilethlele ilizwi lothando lwakho olungaphuthiyo, ngoba sengibeke ithemba lami kuwe. Ngitsengisa indlela okumele ngihambe ngayo, ngoba ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami kuwe. **9** Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, Oh Thixo, ngoba ngizifihla kuwe. **10** Ngifundisa ukwenza intando yakho, ngoba unguNkulunkulu wami; sengathi uMoya wakho omuhle kakhulu ungangikhokhela emhlabathini ochayileyo. **11** Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Oh Thixo, londoloza impilo yami; ngokulunga kwakho ngikhupha ekuhluphekeni. **12** Ethandweni lwakho olungaphuthiyo, thulisa izitha zami; bhubbisa bonke abangizondayo, ngoba ngiyinceku yakho.

**144** ElikoDavid. Udumo kalube kuThixo iDwala lami, yena ofundisa izandla zami ukulwa impi, leminwe yami ukuhlasela. **2** UnguNkulunkulu wami othandekayo lenqaba yami, inqaba yami lomkhululi wami, isihlangu sami engiphephela kuso, othobisa abantu bami ngaphansi kwami. **3** Kambe Thixo, umuntu uyini ungaze umnanze, indodana yomuntu ukuthi uyikhumbule na? **4** Umuntu unjengomphefumulo; insuku zakhe zinjengesithunzi esidlulayo masinyane. **5** Yahlukanisa izulu lakho, Oh Thixo, wehlele phansi; thinta izintaba, ukuze zithunqe intuthu. **6** Thumela umbane uzhilkaze izitha; phosa imitshoko yakho zichitheke. **7** Yelula isandla sakho sisuka phezulu; ngihlenga ungikhulule emanzini

alamandla abezizweni **8** omilomo yabo igcwele amanga, ozandla zabo zokunene zilenkohli. **9** Ngizakuhlabele ingoma entsha, Oh Nkulunkulu; ngechacho lezintambo ezilitshumi ngizakutshayela ingoma, **10** kuye yedwa onika amakhosi ukunqoba, ohenga inceku yakhe uDavidu enkembeni ebulalayo. **11** Ngihlenge, ungikhulule ezandleni zabezizwe omilomo yabo igcwele amanga, ozandla zabo zokunene zilenkohli. **12** Kuzakuthi amadodana ethu ebutsheni bawo azakuba njengezihlahla ezikhulisia kuhle, kuthi amadodakazi ethu abe njengezinsika ezibazelwe ukucecisa isigodlo. **13** Iziphala zethu zizagcwala ngemihlobo yonke yokudla. Izimvu zethu zizakwanda ngezinkulungwane, ngamatshumi ezinkulungwane emadelwelni ethu; **14** inkabi zethu zizadonsa imithwale enzima. Akusayikuba khona ukubhidlizwa kwemiduli, ukuya ebugqilini, lokukhala kosizi emigwaqweni yakithi. **15** Babusisiwe labobantu lokhu okuzakwenzakala kubo; babusisiwe abantu oNkulunkulu wabo ngu Thixo.

## **145** Ihubo lokudumisa. ElikoDavida.

Ngizaphakamisa wena, Nkulunkulu wami oyiNkosi; ngizalidumisa ibizo lakho kuze kuge phakade. **2** Zonke insuku ngizakudumisa ngibabaze ibizo lakho kuze kuge phakade. **3** Umkhulu uThixo njalo ufanele kakhulu ukudunyiswa; ubukhulu bakhe kakho ongabulinganisa. **4** Yileso laleso isizukulwane sizababaza imisebenzi yakho kwesinye; sizatshelana ngezenzo zakho ezinkulu. **5** Sizakhuluma ngenkazimulo yakho ebenyezelayo ubukhosu bakho, lami ngizazidla ingqondo ngemisebenzi yakho emangalisayo. **6** Zizalandisa ngamandla emisebenzi yakho emangalisayo, lami ngizafakaza ngemisebenzi yakho emikhulu. **7** Bazakwenza umkhosi ngokulunga kwakho okukhulu bahlabele ngentokozo ngokulunga kwakho. **8** UThixo ulomusa njalo ulesihawu, uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, kodwa uyanda ngothando. **9** UThixo ulungile kubo bonke; ulesihawu kukho konke akwenzayo. **10** Konke owakwenzayo kuzakudumisa, wena Thixo; abathembekileyo bakho bazakubabaza. **11** Bazalandisa ngenkazimulo yombuso wakho bakhulume ngamandla akho, **12** kuze kuthi bonke abantu bazi ngezenzo zakho ezinkulu lokubenyelza kwenkazimulo yombuso wakho. **13** Umbuso wakho ungumbuso ongapheliyo, lobukhosu bakho bumi kuzozonke izizukulwane. UThixo uthembekile kuzozonke izithembiso zakhe njalo ulothando kukho konke akwenzayo. **14** UThixo uyabaxhasa bonke labo abawayo abaphakamise bonke abacubayo. **15** Amehlo abo bonke akhangela kuwe, wena upaphe ukudla kwabo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. **16** Uyavula isandla sakho usuthise izidingo zakho konke okuphilayo. **17** UThixo ulungile kuzozonke izindlela zakhe njalo uthembekile kukho konke akwenzayo. **18** UThixo useduze kulabu abacela kuye, kubo bonke abacela kuye ngeqiniso. **19** Uyagcwala izidingo zalabo abamesabayo; uyeza ukukhala kwabo abasindise. **20** UThixo uyabalinda bonke abamthandayo, kodwa bonke ababi uzababhubhisa. **21** Umlomo wami uzakhulumia

ngokudumisa uThixo. Akuthi izidalwa zonke zidumise ibizo lakhe elingcwele kuze kuge nini lanini.

**146** Dumisani uThixo. Dumisa uThixo mphefumulo wami. **2** Ngizamduumisa uThixo impilo yami yonke; ngizahlabele indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami nxa ngisaphila. **3** Lingabeki ithemba lenu emakhosini, ebantwini benyama, abangeke basindise. **4** Kuthi umoya wabo ungap huma, babuye emhlabathini; mhlalokho nje amacebo ahle abhidlike. **5** Ubusisiwe lowo osizo lwakhe lunguNkulunkulu kajakhobe, othemba lakhe likuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **6** UnguMenzi wamazulu lomhlaba, ulwandle lakho konke okulapho: uThixo owala elokhu ethembekile laphakade. **7** Uyabalwela abancindezelwayo anike abalambileyo ukudla. UThixo ukuhulula izibotshwa, **8** uThixo wenza iziphofu zibone, uThixo uyabaphakamisa labo asebebhazale, uThixo uthanda abalungileyo. **9** UThixo uyabalinda abezizweni asekele izintandane labafelokazi, kodwa anyampise izindlela zababi. **10** UThixo uyabusa nini lanini, uNkulunkulu wakho, wena Ziyoni, eizikulwanenii zonke. Dumisani uThixo.

**147** Dumisani uThixo. Kuhle kangakanani ukuhlabela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu, kumnandi njalo kufanele ukumbonga! **2** UThixo uyalakha ijeruselema; aqoqe labo abahlakazekileyo baka-Israyeli. **3** Uyabathoba abadabukileyo enhliyiwani abophe amanxeba abo. **4** Umisile ubunengi bezinkanyezi aziqambe leyo laleyo ngamabizo. **5** INkosi yethu inkulu, njalo makhulu amandla ayo; ukuzwisa kwayo kakulamkhawulo. **6** UThixo uyabasekela abathobekileyo kodwa abaphosele phansi ababi. **7** Hlabelani kuThixo ngokubonga; litshaye amachacho kuNkulunkulu wethu. **8** Uyembesa umkhathi ngamayeyezi; awuphe umhlaba izulu njalo akhulise utshani ezintabeni. **9** Unika inkomo utshani aphe lamatisiyane amawabayi nxa esekhala. **10** Ukuthokoza kwakhe kakukho emandleni ebhiza, loba injabulo yakhe ekuqineni kwemilenze yomuntu; **11** UThixo uthokoza ngalabo abamesabayo, ababeka ithemba labo ethandweni lwakhe olungaphuthiyo. **12** Umbabaze uThixo, Oh Jerusalema; dumisa uNkulunkulu wakho, Oh Ziyoni. **13** Ngoba uyaqinisa imigoqo yamasango akho, abusise labantu bakho ngaphakathi kwakho. **14** Wenza ukuthula emikhawulweni yelizwe lakho. Njalo ukusuthisa ngamabele amahle kakhulu. **15** Uthumela umlayo wakhe emhlabeni; ilizwi lakhe ligijima masinyane. **16** Wendlala unqwaqwane njengoboya bezimvu ahaze iliqhwa njengomlotha. **17** Uphosela phansi isiqhoto sakhe njengamatshie. Ngubani ongamelana lomfutho wakhe olomqando na? **18** Uthumela ilizwi lakhe konke kuncibilike; aphephethise umoya wakhe amanzi ageleze. **19** Ulivezile ilizwi lakhe kujakhobe, imithetho yakhe lezahlulelo ku-Israyeli. **20** Lokhu kazange akwenzele esinye isizwe; kaziyazi imithetho yakhe. Dumisani uThixo.

**148** Dumisani uThixo. Dumisani uThixo emazulwini, mdumiseni eziqongweni ngaphezulu. **2** Mdumiseni zingilosi zakhe zonke, mdumiseni lonke mabutho asezulwini. **3** Mdumiseni, langa lenyanga, mdumiseni lonke zinkanyezi ezikhazimulayo. **4** Mdumiseni lina ziqongo zamazulu lani manzi ngaphezulu komkhathi. **5** Konke kakudumise ibizo likaThixo ngoba yena watsho ilizwi kwadaleka. **6** Wazibeka ezindaweni zazo okwanini lanini; wanika isahlulelo esingela kuguquka. **7** Dumisani uThixo emhlabeni, lina zidalwa zasolwandle lezinzikzi zalo zonke, **8** umbane lesiqhotho, unggwaqwane lamayezi, umoya wesiphepho owenza intando yakhe, **9** lina zintaba lamaqaqa wonke, zihlahla zezithelo lemisedari yonke, **10** zinyamazana zeganga lenkomo zonke, zinanakazana lezinyoni eziphaphayo, **11** makhusi omhlaba lezizwe zonke, lina makhosana lababusi bonke emhlabeni, **12** majaha lezintombi, maxhegu labantwana. **13** Kabalidumise ibizo likaThixo, ngoba ibizo lakhe lodwa liphakeme; inkazimulo yakhe ingaphezulu komhlaba lamazulu. **14** Ubaphakamisele abantu bakhe uphondo, indumiso yabo bonke abathembekileyo bakhe, eka-lsrayeli, abantu abasesifubeni sakhe. Dumisani uThixo.

**149** Dumisani uThixo. Hlabelelani uThixo ingoma entsha, indumiso yakhe ebandleni labathembekileyo. **2** Akuthi u-lsrayeli athokoze ngoMenzi wakhe; akuthi abantu baseZiyoni bajabule ngeNkosi yabo. **3** Kabadumise ibizo lakhe ngokusina, batshaye amagedla lamachacho. **4** Ngoba uThixo uyathokoza ngabantu bakhe; abathobekileyo ubapha umqhele wensindiso. **5** Akuthi abathembekileyo bathokoze ngale inhloniphopho, bahlabele ngentokozo besemibhedeni yabo. **6** Sengathi indumiso kaNkulunkulu ingaba semilonyeni yabo lenkemba esika nxazonke ibe sezandleni zabo, **7** ukuthi benze impindiselero phezu kwezizwe lesijeziso phezu kwabantu, **8** babophe amakhosi azo ngentambo lezikhulu zabo ngezibopho zensimbi, **9** ukugcwalisa kubo isigwebo abasibhalelwayo. Lokhu kuyinkazimulo yabathembekileyo bakhe bonke. Dumisani uThixo.

**150** Dumisani uThixo. Dumisani uNkulunkulu endlini yakhe engcwele; mdumiseni emazulwini Akhe amakhulu. **2** Mdumiseni ngenxa yezenzo zakhe zamandla; mdumiseni ngenxa yobukhulu bakhe obudlula konke. **3** Mdumiseni ngokutshaya icilongo, mdumiseni ngechacho langomhubhe, **4** mdumiseni ngegedla langokusina, mdumiseni ngeziginci langomqangala, **5** mdumiseni ngamazenge akhencezayo; mdumiseni ngomsindo wamazenge ancencethayo! **6** Akuthi konke okupufefumulayo kumdumise uThixo. Dumisani uThixo.

# Izaga

**1** Izaga zikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida, inkosi yak-  
Israyeli: **2** ukuba abantu bazuze ukuhlakanipha  
lokuzithiba; ukuba bawisise amazwi okuqedisisa;  
**3** ukuba bazuze impilo yokuzithiba lobuqotho,  
besenza okulungileyo, okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo; **4**  
ukunika ulwazi kwabayizithutha, ulwazi lokukhetha  
okuqondileyo kwabatsha **5** ukuthi ohlakaniphileyo  
alalele engeze ukufunda kwakhe, kuthi obonisayayo  
azuze izeluleko, **6** ukuba abantu bawisise izaga  
lemizekeliso, izitsho lalamlibho abahlakaniphileyo.  
**7** Ukwesaba uThixo kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho,  
kodwa iziwula ziyakweyisa ukuqedisisa lokuzithiba.  
**8** Lalela, ndodana yami, izeluleko zikayihlo njalo  
ungadelo imfundiso kanyoko. **9** Kuzakuba ngumqhele  
omuhle ekhanda lakho lomgaxo wokucecisa intamo  
yakho. **10** Ndodana yami, aluba izoni zikuhuga,  
ungaze wavuma. **11** Nxa zisithi, "Woza sihambe;  
kasicathamele abantu sicheithe igazi, kasicwathele  
omunye umuntu ongelacala; **12** kasibaginye bephila  
njengengcwaba, sibajwamule njengabawele emgodini;  
(Sheol h7585) **13** sizazuza impahla ezhinhle ezechlukeneyo  
sigcwaliuse izindlu zethu ngempango; **14** phathisana  
lathi ukuze sibelesikhwama sinye" **15** ndodana yami,  
ungahambi lazo, ungalugxobi olwaho ezindleleni  
zazo; **16** ngoba ezabo inyawo zigijima ekonenii,  
bachitha igazi lula. **17** Kakusizi ukuthiya ngembule  
lithe dandalazi emehlwani ezinonyi! **18** Abantu  
laba bacathamelia ukuchitheka kwelabo igazi; bajuma  
okwabo ukuphila. **19** Sinjalo isiphetho salabo  
abadinga inzuzzo ngobugebenga; kuyayichitha impilo  
yalabo abayitholayo. **20** Ukuhlakanipha kuyamemeza  
emgwaqweni, kuphakamisa iliwi lakho ezinkundleni;  
**21** kuyanqongoloza lezindleleni okuxokozela khona,  
kuyatshumayela emasangweni omuzi kuthi: **22** "Koze  
kube nini lina zithutha lithanda ubuthutha benu  
na? Koze kube nini izideleli zikholisa ukudelela  
leziphukuphuku zizonda ulwazi na?" **23** Lalelani  
ukukhuza kwami liphenduke! Ngizalivulela isifuba sami,  
ngilivezele imicabango yami. **24** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi  
langifulathela ngilibiza, kwangabi khona originanzayo  
ngiselula isandla sami, **25** njengoba lala izeluleko zami  
njalo kalavuma ukukhuza kwami, **26** ngakho lami  
ngizahleka selihlupheka; ngizaliklolodela nxa lisehlelwa  
lusizi, **27** nxa usizi lulehlela njengesiphepho; nxa  
incithakalo ilikhukhula njengesivunguzane, nxa usizi  
lezinhlupheko zilighabheka. **28** Lapho-ke bazangibiza  
kodwa kangiyikusabela; bazangidinga bangangitholi. **29**  
Ngoba babeluzonda ulwazi kabaze bakhetha ukwesaba  
uThixo **30** ngoba kabavumanga iseluleko sami, badelela  
ukukhuza kwami, **31** bazakudla izithelo zokuhamba  
kwabo basuthiswe ngezithelo zamacebo abo. **32**  
Phela ubuhlongandlebe bezithutha buzazibulala,  
lokungananzi kweziphukuphuku kuzazibhubhisa;  
**33** kodwa lowo ongilaleloyo uzahlala evikelele  
ekhululekile, engesabi lutho olungamlimaza."

**2** Ndodana yami, nxa usamukela amazwi ami ugcine  
imilayo yami ngaphakathi kwakho, **2** uvule indlebe  
yakho izwe ukuhlakanipha umikele inhlizyo yakho  
ukuthi izwisise, **3** njalo nxa ucela ukuqedisisa  
ukhalela kakhulu ukuzwisa, **4** futhi ukudingisisa  
njengokudinga isiliva ukuphenye njengento eligugu  
efihiliweyo, **5** lapho-ke uzakuwisa ukumesaba  
uThixo njalo uluzuze ulwazi lukaNkulunkulu. **6**  
Ngoba uThixo uyapha ukuhlakanipha, emlonyeni  
wakhe kuphuma ulwazi lokuqedisisa. **7** Abaqotho  
ubapha ukungoba, ulihawu lalabo abahamba  
bengasoleki, **8** ngoba uyayilinda indlela yabalingileyo  
avikele ukuhamba kwabathembekileyo bakhe. **9**  
Yikho uzazwisa lokho okulungileyo lokuqondileyo  
lokufaneleyo zonke izindlela ezinhle. **10** Ngoba  
ukuhlanipha kuzangena enhliziyewi yakho,  
lolwazi lube mnandi emphefumulwani wakho.  
**11** Ukwazi ukukhetha kuzakuvikela, lokuzwisa  
kuzakulinda. **12** Ukuhlakanipha kuzakusindisa  
ezindleleni zabantu ababi, abantu abamazwi abolileyo,  
**13** abatshiya izindlela eziqondileyo, bahambe  
ngezindlela ezilamathunzi, **14** abathokoza ngokwenza  
okubi babajuble ngokungcola kokubi, **15** abandela  
zabo zitshekile lokuhamba kwabo kakuqondakali. **16**  
Kuzakukhulula njalo koyisiphingikazi, lasemfazini  
olamazwi akhohlisayo, **17** osetshiye indoda yakhe  
yobutsha bakhe wadela isifungo asenza phambi  
kukaNkulunkulu. **18** Ngoba indlu yakhe iholela ekufeni  
lezindlela zakhe zidonsela kwabafleyo. **19** Kakho  
ongena kuye obuyayo kumbe aphinde azuze izindlela  
zokuphila. **20** Ngakho uzahamba ezindleleni zabantu  
abalungileyo walele emikhondweni yabaqondileyo. **21**  
Ngoba abaqotho bazahlala elizweni, labangasolekiyo  
bazasala kulo; **22** kodwa izigangi zizasuswa elizweni,  
labangathembekanga bazakhutshwa kulo.

**3** Ndodana yami, ungakholwa imfundiso yami, kodwa  
ugcine imilayo yami enhliziyewi yakho, **2** ngoba  
izakwandisa impilo yakho okweminyaka eminengi,  
ikuphe ukuthula. **3** Akungsuki kuwe loba nini uthando  
lokuthembeka; kubophele entanyeni yakho, ukubhale  
egwalibeni lenhlizyo yakho. **4** Ngalokho uzathandeka  
uzuze ibizo elihle emehlwani kaNkulunkulu laphambi  
kwabantu. **5** Themba kuThixo ngenhlizyo yakho yonke,  
ungathembi ekuzwiseni kwakho; **6** mvume kuzozonke  
izindlela zakho, yena uzaqondisa zonke izindlela zakho.  
**7** Ungazensi ohlakaniphileyo ngokubona kwakho;  
yesaba uThixo uxwaye okubi. **8** Lokho kuzawuphilisa  
umzimba wakho kuwaqinise lamathambo akho. **9**  
Dumisa uThixo ngenotho yakho; ngezithelo zakho  
zokuhala zonke; **10** ngalokho iziphala zakho zizagcwala  
ziphuphume, lezimbiza zakho zewayini zize zichitheke  
ngewayini elitsha. **11** Ndodana yami, ungeyisi  
ukulaya kukaThixo njalo ungacaphukeli ukukhuza  
kwakhe, **12** ngoba uThixo ulaya labo abathandayo,  
njengoyise elaya indodana yakhe ayithandayo. **13**  
Ubusisiwe umuntu ozuza ukuhlakanipha, umuntu  
ozuza ukuqedisisa, **14** ngoba khona kulenzuzzo eyedlula  
isiliva lenzuzzo eyedlula igolide. **15** Kuligugu elidlula

amarubhi; kakukho okuloyisayo okungalinganisa umuntu. **17** Badla isinkwa sobubi banathe iwayini lakho. **16** Impilo ende isesandleni sakho sokunene; lobudlwangudlwango. **18** Indlela yabalungileyo kwesokhohlo kulenotho lodumo. **17** Izindlela zakhe injengovivi lokusa, kuhkule ukukhanya kwalo zilokuthokoza, lemikhondo yakhe ilokuthula. **18** kuze kuphelele emini. **19** Kodwa indlela yababi Kuyishlahla sokuphila kulabo abakwamukelayo; labo ifana lomnyama omkhulu; kabazi ukuthi kuyini abakuphatthayo bazabusingwa. **19** Ngokuhlakanipha okubakhubayo. **20** Ndodana yami, zwana lokhu uThixo wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba, ngokujedisa engikutshoyo; lalelisisa amazwi ami. **21** Ungawasusi wamisa izulu endaweni yalo; **20** ngolwazi lwakhe emehlweni akho, agcine enhliziyeni yakho; **22** inlwandle zehlukaniswa, lamayezi athontisa amazolo. ngoba ayikuphila kulabo abawafumanayo; lokuqina **21** Ndodana yami, gogosa ingqondo ehlela ngolwazi, komzimba wonke womuntu. **23** Phezu kwakho konke, ungayekeli kucukatsehe; **22** kuzakuba yikuphila gcina inhliziyo yakho, ngoba ingumthombo wokuphila kuwe, kube ngumcecciso omuhle entanyeni yakho. **23** kwakho. **24** Lahla izibozu zamazwi emlonyenoi wakho; Lapho-ke uzahamba ngendlela evikelweyo unyawo lwakho emjibileni. **25** Khangelisa amehlo akho nta phambili, uwathi uzalala ubuthongo obummandi. **25** Ungabi lovalo nhlo amehlo akho kulokho okuphambi kwakho. **26** nxa ujinywa ngumonakalo kumbe yikubhidlika lokho okwehlela ababi, **26** ngoba uThixo uzakuba lithemba lakho avikele unyawo lwakho emjibileni. **27** Ungaze wala ukusiza labo abadinga uncedo, wena ulakho ongabasiza ngakho. **28** Ungabokuthi kumakhelwane wakho: "Ubobuya kwesinye isikhathi; ngizakunika kusasa" wena ulalo lololutho. **29** Ungacebi okubi ngomakhelwane wakho, ohlezi lawe ekwethembra. **30** Ungaxabani lomuntu kungelasizatho yena engakonelanga ngalutho. **31** Ungamhawukeli umuntu othanda ukulwa loba nje ufise lakuphi ukwenza kwakhe, **32** ngoba uThixo uyamenyanya umuntu oxhwaliyelo kodwa oqotho umbeka ekhwapheni lakhe. **33** Isiqalekiso sikaThixo sehlela endlini yababi, kodwa uayibusisa indlu yabalungileyo. **34** Uyabahleka usulu abayizideleli ezizithembayo, kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo. **35** Abahlakaniphileyo baphiwa udumo kodwa abayiziwula ubathela ihlazo.

**4** Zwanini, madodana ami, izeluleko zikayihlo; lalelani lizuze ukuqedisia. **2** Ngilipa izifundo ezipheleleyo; ngakho lingalahlhi imfundiso yami. **3** Ngathi ngisengumfana emzinzi kababa, ngisebuthakathaka, ngiyimi ngedwa ingane kamama, **4** wangifundisa ubaba wathi, "Abambe amazwi ami ngenhlizyo yakho yonke; gcina imilayo yami ukuze uphile. **5** Zuza ukuhlakanipha, zuza ukuqedisia; ungawakhohlwa amazwi ami, kumbe ugudluke kuwo. **6** Unafulatheli ukuhlakanipha, kuzavukivela; kuthande, kuzakulinda. **7** Ukuhlakanipha kuyinqaba; ngakho zuza ukuhlakanipha. Zuza ukuqedisia loba kungathatha konke olakho. **8** Kugogose, kuzakuphakamisa; kugone, kuzakunika udumo. **9** Kuzakwethesa umqhele warnaluba omusa ekhanda lakho kukwethese umqhele wenkazimulo." **10** Zwana mntanami, yamukela lokho engikutshoyo, ukuze insuku zokuphila kwakho zibe zinengi. **11** Ngyakukhokhela endleleni yokuhlakanipha, ngikuqondise ezindleleni eziqondileyo. **12** Nxa uhamba kawuyikuthikaza; nxa ugijima kawuyikuhubeka. **13** Bambelela iziqondiso, ungayekethisi; zigcine kuhle ngoba ziyikuphila kwakho. **14** Ungayingeni indlela yababi njalo unghambti endleleni yezigangi. **15** Ixwaye, unghambti ngayo; itshiye uqhubeke negeyakho indlela. **16** Phela kabalali bengenzanga ukuganga; badela ubuthongo ukuze baqale balimaze omunye

Lungisa izindlela ukuze inyayo zakho zinyathole kuhle, uhambe ngezindlela eziqinileyo kuphela. **27** Ungaphambukeli kwesokunene loba kwesokhohlo; ucine unyawo lwakho lunganyatheli okubi.

**5** Ndodana yami, nanzeleta ukuhlakanipha kwami, ulalele kuhle amazwi ami alombono, **2** ukuze uhlele ukwazi ukukhetha okuqondileyo lokuze izindebe zakho zigcine ulwazi. **3** Phela izindebe zesifebekazi zithonta uluju, lenkulomo yaso iyatshelela kulamafutha; **4** kodwa ekucineni iyababa ingathi yinyongo, ibukhali njengenkemba esika nxa zombili. **5** Iriyayo zaso zehlela ekufeni; izinyathelo zaso ziqonda nta elibeni. (*Sheol h755*) **6** Kasikhathali ukuthi kuphilwa njani; izindlela zaso ziyazombeleza, kodwa kasikuboni lokho. **7** Ngalokho-ke, madodana ami, ngilalelan; lingaphambuki kulokho engikuhulumayo. **8** Hambani ngendlela ekhatshana kwaso, lingasondeli emnyango wendlu yaso, **9** funa unikele kwabanye amandla akho wonke lobudala bakho kulowo olesihluku, **10** funa abemzini bazitike ngenotho yakho lokusebenza kwakho kunothise umuzi wenye indoda. **11** Ekupheleni kokuphila kwakho uzabubula, lapho inyama yakho lomzimba wakho sekugugile. **12** Uzakuthi, "Uthi ngangikuzonda yini ukulaway! Inhliziyo yami yayikuzonda njani ukuqondiswai. **13** Ngangingafuni ukulalela abafundisi bami kumbe ukulalela abeluleki bami. **14** Ngacina sengisenkingeni enkuu ngiphakathi kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu." **15** Natha amanzi kowakho umgqomo, amanzi agelezayo kowakho umthombo. **16** Kambe imifudlana yakho ingayekelwa igelezela emigwaqweni, lezifula zakho zamanzi zigelezele ezinkundleni zabantu na? **17** Kazibe ngezakho wena wedwa, ungazabelani labafokazana nje. **18** Sengathi ungabusisa umthombo wakho njalo sengathi ungathokoza ngomfazi wobutsha bakho. **19** Oyimpalakazi ethandekayo, imbabala ebutshelezi amabele akhe sengathi angakusuthisa lanini, nini lanini ukhangwa luthando lwakhe. **20** Kungani ndodana yami, uthunjwa yisifebekazi? Kungani ugona iqolo lomfazi wenye indoda? **21** Phela izindlela zomuntu zisobala kuThixo, uayazihlola zonke izindlela zakhe. **22** Izenzo ezimbi zomuntu omubi ziayamthiya; izibopho zesono

sakhe zimuthe nko. **23** Uzabhubha ngoba engalayeki, elahlekiswa yibuphukuphuku bakhe.

**6** Ndodana yami, nxa wenzele umakhelwane wakho isibambiso, nxa libambene izandla ukuba uzamhlawulela imilandu yakhe, **2** aluba usuzihilele ngalokho okutshiloy, wazibambisa ngamazwi omlomo wakho, **3** lapho-ke yenza lokhu, ndodana yami, ukuzikhulula, njengoba usuwele ezandleni zakhe umakhelwane wakho: Hamba ufile uezhlide; mncengancenge umakhelwane wakho! **4** Ungabuvumeli ubuthongo emehlwani akho, ungavumeli ukuwozela enkopheni zakho. **5** Zikhulule njengempala ezandleni zomzingeli, njengenyoni esifini somthiyi. **6** Khangela ubunyonyo, wena vila; hlolisisa ukwenza kwabo uhlakaniphe! **7** Kabulamphathi, kabula mkhangeli loba umbusi, **8** kodwa buyaqqa umphako wabo ehlubo bubuthe ukudla kwabo nxa kuvunwa. **9** Uzalala khonapho kuze kube nini, vila ndini? Uzavuka nini ebuthongweni bakho? **10** Ukulala okuncane, ukuwozela okuncane, ukugoqa izandla kancane uphumula, **11** ubuyanga buzafika kuwe njengesela lokuswela njengesigebenga. **12** Isigangi lexisxhiali esihamba sikhuluma amanya, **13** esiqhweba ngelihlo sitshengise ngezinyawo zaso njalo sitshengise ngeminiwe yaso, **14** esiceba ububi ngenkohlio enhliziyeni yaso sithanda ukuvusa inkani kokuphela. **15** Ngakho lowo uzwelwa yingozи ngokuphazima; uzabhidiliza ngokuphangisa kungasekho okungensiwa. **16** Ziyisithupha izinto uThixo azizondayo, eziyisikhombisa eziyisinengiso kuye: **17** amehlo atshengisa ukudelela, ulimi oluqamba amanga, izandla ezichitha igazi elingelacala, **18** inhlizyo egaya iziboi, inyawo eziphangisa ukuya ebubini, **19** umfakazi wamanga, okhuluma inkohliso lomuntu oletha ukuxabana kubazalwane. **20** Ndodana yami, gcina imilayo kayihlo ungadeli imfundiso kanyoko. **21** Kubophele enhliziyeni yakho nini lanini; kugqize entanyeni yakho. **22** Nxa uhamba, lezizinto zizakukhkhela; lanxa ulele zizakulinda; uthi uvuka zikukhulumise. **23** Ngoba imilayo le iyisibane, imfundiso le iyikukhanya, leziqondiso zokuzithiba ziyindlela yokuphila, **24** zikuvikela kowesifazane ongaziphathanga, laselimini olummandi lomfazi ongelambeko. **25** Ungasuki umfise ngenhlizyo yakho ngenxa yobuhle bakhe kumbe akuhuge ngamehlo akhe. **26** Ngoba isifebe siyakululazisa ufane lesinkwa, kodwa umfazi womuntu uyayibhidiza impilo yakho uqobo. **27** Kambe umuntu angokhela umilo emathangazini akhe na zingaze zatsha iziqqoko zakhe? **28** Kambe umuntu angahamba phezu kwamalahle inyawo zakhe zingaze zatsha na? **29** Kunjalo kulowo olala lomfazi wenye indoda; kakho omthintayo ongayikujeziswa. **30** Abantu kabalithuki isela nxa lintshontsha ngoba liftuqwa liphang. **31** Kodwa lingabanja lihlawulisa kasikhombisa, lanxa inhlawulo ilithathela yonke impahla yendlu yalo. **32** Kodwa indoda efebayo kayilangqondo; lowo okwenzayo lokho uyazibulala yena ngokwakhe. **33** Izidutshulo lehlazo kuyisabelo sakhe, ukuyangeka kwakhe kakusoze

kwafa kwaphela. **34** Ngoba ubukhwele benda yallowomfazi buyiqqubula ulaka, ingabe isaba lozwelo lapho isiphindisela. **35** Kayizukuvuma inhlawulo; kayiyikwamukela isivalamlomo loba singakanani.

**7** Ndodana yami, agcine amazwi ami ulondoloze imilayo yami ngaphakathi kwakho. **2** Gcina imilayo yami ukuze uphile; ulinde imfundiso yami njengetegu lakho elikhulu. **3** Ibophele eminweni yakho; uyilobe enhliziyeni yakho. **4** Tshela ukuhlakanipha uthi, "Ungudadewethu wena," uthi ukuqedisisa kuyisihlobo sakho; **5** lezizinto zizakuvikela emfazini oyisifebe, lakumkakhoo ongelambeko ngamazwi akhe adukisayo. **6** Ngema ewindini lendlu yami ngalunguza ngesikhala. **7** Ngabona phakathi kwabayizithutha, ngananzeela phakathi kwamajaha ngabona ijaha elingelangqondo. **8** Lalisehla ngomgwaqo liseduze lejiko, liqonda endlini yowesifazane **9** ntambama sekunkunda amehlo, umnyama wobusuku usuiji. **10** Khonokho nje kwaqhamuka owesifazane elihlangabeza eggoke okwesifebe ngoba eqophile. **11** (Umfazi lowo, ngumuntu womsindo uyiqliholy, inyawo zakhe kazihlali phansi; **12** khathesi nangu emgwaqweni, njalo nangu enkundleni, utslobatshoba izindawana zonke.) **13** Wafika waligona lelijaha walanga wakhuluma engelanhloni wathi: **14** "Ngenzile umnikelo wobudlelwano ngekhaya; lamuhla ngizicgwalisile izifungo zami. **15** Yikho ngilapha ukukuhlangabeza; sengikudinge ngaze ngakuthola! **16** Sengiwendele umbheda wami ngamalineni eGibhithe awemibalabala. **17** Sengiuqholile umbheda wami ngemure, ngenhlaba langesinamoni. **18** Woza sizitike ngothando kuze kuse; kasizijabulise ngothando! **19** Indoda yami kayikho ekhaya; ihambile iye khatshana. **20** Ithwele isikhwama sayo sigewe imali, ngakho kayibuyi kuze kube phakathi kwenyanga." **21** Ngamazwi akhe ammandi waledukisa ijaha lelo; walihuga ijaha lelo ngolimi olumnandi. **22** Khonokho nje lahle lamlandela njengenkabi idonselwa ukuyabulawa, njengomziki uzingenisa emjibileni, **23** umtshoko uze ueyelaba isibindi, njengenyoni ithothela ngaphansi kwesifu, ingaboni ukuthi isizingenise ekufeni. **24** Ngakho-ke madodana ami, ngilalelan; zwanini lokhu engikutshoyo. **25** Lingayivumeli inhlizyo ikhangwe yizindlela zakhe, langabe iphumputhekele emikhubeni yakhe. **26** Banengi labo asebadilizile; izinkubela zakhe zilucaca olwesabekayo. **27** Indlu yakhe ingumgudu oya engcabeni, iholela phansi ezindongeni zokufa. (**Sheol h7585**)

**8** Ukuhlakanipha kakumemezi yini? Ukuqedisisa kakuphakamisi ilizwi lakho na? **2** Emiqolweni yezindlela, emahlanganweni ezindlela kulapho okujame khona; **3** emasangweni angena phakathi kwedolobho, ezintubeni kuyamemeza kakhulu kusithi: **4** "Ngimemeza lina, madoda; ilizwi lami libiza bonke abantu. **5** Lina eliyizithutha, zuzani ukuqondisa. **6** Lalelani ngoba ngilitshela izinto eziqakathetkileyo; ngivula izindebe zami ngikhuluma okuqondileyo. **7** Umlomo wami ukhuluma okuliqiniso, ngoba izindebe zami

ziyabenanya ububi. **8** Wonke amazwi omlomo wami aqondile; kalikho lelilodwa elitshekileyo loba elingcolileyo. **9** Kulowo ozwisisayo wonke alungile; akulankohliso kulabo abalolwazi. **10** Khetha iseluleko sami kulesiliva, ulwazi kulegolide elikhethiweyo, **11** ngoba ukuhlakanipha kuligugu okudlula amarubhi, njalo akulanto ongayifisa ezifisweni zakho okulingana lakho. **12** Mina, kuhlakanipha, niglihala ndawonye lokuqondisisa; ngilowlazi lokukhetha kuhle. **13** Ukwesaba uThixo yikuzonda ububi; ngiyakuzonda ukuzasiza lobuqholo, ukuziphatha kubi lenkulomo ukuhlakanipha kwakho kuzakusiza; aluba usiqiholo, ebolileyo. **14** Ukweluleka lokwahlulele okuhle uzahlupheka wedwa. **15** Amakhosi ulomsindo; kagobeki njalo kazi lutho. **16** Uthanda abusa ngenxa yami lababusi balakho ukutshaya ukuhlala emnyango wendlu yakhe, esihlalweni imithetho elunglelo; **17** amakhosana abusa endaweni esesiqongweni sedolobho, **18** abe ehuga ngami, lazozonke izikhulu ezibusa emhlabeni. **19** Ngiyabathanda labo abangithandayo, labo abangidingayo bayangithola. **20** Kimi kuhona inotho lodumo, inotho engapheliyo lokuphumelela. **21** Izithelo zami zingcono kulegolide elicengiweyo; okuphuma kimi kwedlula isiliva sekethetho. **22** Ngihamba ngendlela yokulunga, ngilandela umkhondo wokuqonda, **23** ngiyabela inotho kulabo abangithandayo ngicgcwali seziphalo zabo. **24** UThixo wangenza ngaba khona ngaqalela konke okukhona, kuqala kokwenza eziyine izinto; **25** ngaba khona ekudabukeni kwezinto, kwasekuqaleni, umhlabu ungakabi khona. **26** Kungakabi lezilwandle, ngasengizelwe, kungakabi khona izihotsha ezicgcwele amanzi; **27** izintaba zingakamiswa ensikeni zazo, engakabi khona amaqqa, ngasengizelwe, **28** uThixo engakawenzi umhlabu lamaganga, loba lonke uthuli lomhlabu. **29** Ngangikhona uThixo ehlela kuhle izulu, ephavula kuhle imingcele yomkhathi lolwandle, **30** esenza amayezi emkhathini wazizinzisa inziki zolwandle, **31** ebeka imingcele yowlandise ukuze amanzi angedluli izimiso zakhe, ngesikhathi lapho emisa izisekelo zomhlabu. **32** Ngakesosikhathi ngangingumbumbi eceleni kwakhe. Ngangilenjabulo enkuu insuku ngensuku, ngithokoza ukuba laye kokuphela, **33** ngithokoza ngomhlabu wakhe wonke ngijabulisa yibukhona babantu. **34** Ngakhoke, madodana ami, ngilalelanii; babusisekile labo abalondoloza izindlela zami. **35** Lalelani imfundiso yami ukuze lihlakaniphe; lingaqali ukuyidela. **36** Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ongilelayo, olinda imihla yonke eminyango yami, elindile entubeni yami. **37** Ngoba lowo ongifulumanayo uzuza ukuphila emukeliswe ukuthandwa nguThixo. **38** Kodwa lowo owehlulekayo ukungifumana uyzilimaza; bonke abangizondayo bathanda ukufa.”

**9** Ukuhlakanipha sekuzakhele indlu yakho, imisiwe ngezinsika eziyisikhombisa. **10** Isiphekiwe inyama yakho kwalungiswa lewayini; konke sekudekiwe etafuleni. **11** Usewathumile amantombazana, uyanxusa emi ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zedolobho. **12** “Akuthi ukuqondiswa utsshengisa indlela yokuphila, kodwa bonke abayizithutha beze lapha!” Esitsho kulabo lowo oyala ukwelulekwa wedukisa abanye. **13** Lowo abangaqadesisayo. **14** “Wozani lidle ukudla kwami linathe ofihla inzondo yakhe ulendebe ezelamanga, kuthi iwayini esengilungisile. **15** Lahlani izindlela zenu lowo onyeyayo yisiwula. **16** Lapho okwande khona zobuthutha lizaphila; hambani ngendlela yokuzwisia.” amazwi, isono kasisweleki, kodwa lowo ogcina ulimi

Iwakhe uhlakaniphile. **20** Ulimi lomuntu olungileyo UThixo uyabazonda abantu abalenhlizyo embi, kodwa luyisiliva esikhethiweyo, kodwa inhlizyo yesigangi uyathokoza ngalabo abandlela zabo zilungle. **21** Kodwa kayisiltutho. **21** Izindebe zolungileyo ziphilisa abanengi; yazi lokhu, ababi bazajeziswa kodwa abalungileyo kodwa iziwula ziyafa ngokuswela ingqondo. **22** bazahlala behkululekile. **22** Njengesongo legolide Isibusiso sikaThixo siletha inotho, leyonothro ingabi lifakte emakhaleni engulube, unjalo umfazi omuhle lahlupho. **23** Iziwula siyajabula ezenzweni zobubi, kodwa ongelambeko. **23** Izifiso zabalungileyo zizuza kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uthokoza ngokuhlakaniphila. okuhle kodwa ithemba lababi liphelela osizini. **24** **24** Lokho akwesabayo omubi kuzamfumana; kodwa Ophayo ngesihle uyazusa okunengi kulakuqala, lowo lokho akuloyisayo olungileyo uzakuphiwa. **25** Nxa ogodlao ungenelwa yibuyanga. **25** Lowo ophayo isiphepho sesikhukhule sedlula, ababi sebedlule, uzaphumelela; owonga abanye laye uzakongiwa. **26** kodwa abalungileyo bagxile lanini. **26** Njengeviniga Abantu bayamqaleksa lowo ogodla amabele, kodwa emlonyeni, lentuthu emehlwensi, unjalo olesidensi izibusiso zingumqhele walowo ovuma ukuwathengisa. kulabo abamthumayo. **27** Ukumesaba uThixo kuyengeza **27** Lowo odinga ukulunga uzuza umusa, kodwa ubude bempilo, kodwa iminyaka yababi iyafinyezwa. **28** okubi kwehlela lowo okudingayo. **28** Othembele ikusasa yabalungileyo iyikuthokoza, kodwa amathemba enothweni yakhe uzakuwa; kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ababi apheleta ezeni. **29** Indlela kaThixo yisiphephelo njengehlaム mu eliluhlaza. **29** Olethela abendu sabalungileyo, kodwa iyikubhidlika kwalabo abenza yakhe uhlupho ilifa lakhe yize, lesihawu sizakuba okubi. **30** Abalungileyo kabasiphuleki, kodwa ababi yinceku yohlakaniphileyo. **30** Izithelo zolungileyo kabayikusala elizweni. **31** Umlomo womuntu olungileyo ziyishlahla sokuphila, njalo lowo ozuza imiphefumulo ukhupha inhlakaniphile, kodwa ulimi oluxhwalileyo ukuhupna luzaqunywa. **32** Izindebe zabalungileyo ziyakwazi uhlakaniphile. **31** Nxa abalungileyo bezuza ukujezisa emhlabeni pho kuzakuba njani kwabangakholwayo okufaneleyo, kodwa umlomo wezigangi ukhupha labayizoni! izibozi.

## **11** UThixo uyazenyanya izilinganiso zokudleleza, kodwa uthokoza negezilinganiso eziqondileyo.

**2** Nxa kungena ukuzigqaja kungena lokweysa, kodwa ukuzithoba kuhamba lenhlakaniph. **3** Ubuqotho kwabaqondileyo buyabakhkhela, kodwa abangathembekanga babulawa yibumenemene babo. **4** Inotho kayisizi lutho ngosuku lweziphiphithiphi kodwa ukulunga kuyaphephisa ekufeni. **5** UKulunga kwabangelacala kuqondisa indlela yabo, kodwa ababi bawisa yibubi babo. **6** UKulunga kwabaqondileyo kuyabakhulula, kodwa abangathembekanga bagwenxwa yizinkanuko zabo ezimbi. **7** Umuntu omubi angafa ithemba lakhe liyaphela; konke abesithi uzakuza ngamandla akhe kuphelela ezeni. **8** Umuntu olungileyo uyakhululwa enkathazweni, kusuke kuyewela komubi. **9** Ngomlomo wakhe umuntu ongakholwayo uymichitha umakhelwane, kodwa ngolwazi abalungileyo bayaphepha. **10** Nxa kuphumelela abalungileyo umuzi uyathokoza; nxa kusifa omubi kuba lokujabula. **11** Ngokubusiswa ngabalungileyo omubi ubalodumo, kodwa ngomlomo wezigangi uyachitheka. **12** Umuntu ongelangqondo weyisa umakhelwane wakhe, kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uthiba ulimi lwakhe. **13** Onyeyayo wehluleka ukuvula isifuba sakhe, kodwa othembekileyo uyayigcina imfhilo. **14** Isizwe esingelabukhkheli obuqondileyo siyachitheka, kodwa ngobunengi babeluleki siyanqoba. **15** Lowo okhuphela omunye umuntu isibambiso uzahlpheka, kodwa ovalayo ukupha isibambiso uvikelekile. **16** Umfazi olomusa uyahlonitshwa, kodwa amadoda alesihluku azuza inotho kuperha. **17** Umuntu olomusa uyazisiza, kodwa umuntu ololunya uyazilimaza. **18** Umuntu omubi uhola umvuzo wobuqili, kodwa lowo ohlanyela ukulunga uvuna umvuzo omuhle. **19** Lowo omiyo ekulungeni uzuza ukuphila, kodwa oxotshana lobubi uya ekufeni. **20** Akukho ngozi ewela abalungileyo, kodwa izigangi

## **12** Othanda ukuqondiswa uthanda ulwazi, kodwa

ozonda ukukhuzwa uyisithutha. **2** Umuntu olungileyo uthola umusa kuThixo, kodwa uThixo uyamlahla owakha amacebo amabi. **3** Umuntu angazake amiswe yibubi, kodwa olungileyo angeke aquphuke. **4** Umfazi olesimilo ungumqhele womkakhe, kodwa umfazi oyangisayo unjengokubola kwamathambo akhe. **5** Izimiso zabalungileyo ziqondile, kodwa izeluleko zababi ziyinkohliso. **6** Amazwi ababi alindele ukuchitha igazi, kodwa inkulumo yabalungileyo iyabakhulula. **7** Abantu ababi bayachithwa bangabe besaba khona, kodwa indlu yolungileyo imi inizine. **8** Umuntu udunyiswa ngokuhlakaniphia kwakhe, kodwa abantu abalengqondo ezimbi bayewisaya. **9** Kungcono ukungabi ngubani kodwa tlesisebenzi, kuluokuzitshaya ulutho kodwa uswela lokudla. **10** Umuntu olungileyo uyayinanzelela imfuyo yakhe kodwa okuhle komuntu omubi yilunya. **11** Lowo osebenza nzima emasimini akhe uzathola ukudla okunengi, kodwa lowo ophika negezifiso eziyize akalangqondo. **12** Ababi bahawukela impango yezigangi, kodwa impande yabalungileyo imi iqinile. **13** Umuntu omubi uthiyeka ngenkulumo yakhe yesono, kodwa umuntu olungileyo uyaphepa enkathazweni. **14** Umuntu uzuza okuhle ngamazwi omlomo wakhe, umsebenzi wezandla zakhe umnika inzuzo. **15** Indlela yesiwula ikhanya iqondile kuso, kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyalalela izeluleko. **16** Isiwi siyaphangisa ukuthukuthela, kodwa umuntu olengqondo kananzi loba ethukwa. **17** Umfakazi oleqiniso upha ubufakazi obuqondileyo, kodwa umfakazi ongathembekanga ukhulumma amanga. **18** Amazwi okubhuda agwaza njengenkemba, kodwa ulimi lohlakaniphileyo luyelapha. **19** Izindebe zeqiniso zimi lanini, kodwa ulimi olulamanga luma umzuzuwana nje. **20** Inhlizyo zabacea ububi zigcwele inkohliso, kodwa kuluokuthokoza kwabaletha ukuthula. **21** Akukho ngozi ewela abalungileyo, kodwa izigangi

zikhulelwu zinhlupho. **22** UThixo uyazenyanya izindlela **25** Olungileyo uydala asuthe ntintinini, kodwa isisu ezilamanga, kodwa uyathokoza ngabantu abaleqiniso. somubi sihlala silamble.

23 Umuntu olengqondo kazitshengiseli ulwazi lwakhe, kodwa iziwula ziyabutshengisela ubuthutha bazo.

**24** Izandla ezikhutheleyo zizaletha inhlalakahle, kodwa ubuvila budonsela ekugqilazweni. **25** Inhliziyo ekhathazekileyo iyamcakisa umuntu, kodwa ilizwi eliomusa liyamthokozisa. **26** Umuntu olungileyo ukhetha abangane ngonanzelelo, kodwa indlela yababi iyabaphumputhekisa. **27** Umzingeli olivila kazuzi nyama yokosa, kodwa umuntu okhutheleyo uayazibula ngenotho yakhe. **28** Endleleni yokulunga kulokuphila, kuleyondlela kulokuphila okungapheliyo.

**14** Umfazi ohlakaniphileyo uykha indlu yakhe,  
kodwa lowo oyisisiwula uayyibhidiliza ngezandla  
takha. Ulaye shambha neqabutka uxwameexha “Uhiya”

zakhe, z lowo onamiba ngobuqotlo uyameesaba u niko,  
kodwa lowo ondlela zakhe zigobile uyameyisa. 3  
Inkulumo yesiwula isikhothisa ngoswazi emhlane,  
kodwa indebe zalowo ohlakaniphileyo ziyamvikela.

4 Lapho okungelankabi khona isibaya siyize,  
kodwa amandla enkabi aletha isivuno esinengi.  
5 Umfakazi oleqiniso kakhhohlisi, kodwa umfakazi

ongelaqiniso uhutsha amanga. **6** Oweyisayo uyakudinga ukuhlananipha kodwa kakutholi, kodwa ulwazi luyazizela koqondisisayo. **7** Suka emuntwini oyisiwula, waboga aywuluthole ulwazi ariqabebani zelka. **8**

ngoba awuyikuthiola uwazi ezinebem zakre. **8**  
Ukuhlakaniphia kwabaqondayo yikuthi bayacabanga  
ngalokhano abakwenzayo, kodwa ubuthutha beziwula  
buvinokohliso. **9** Izwila zikwenza ubuthutha

ukuphenduka ezonweni, kodwa abaqotho bafisa ukwenza uxolo. **10** Inhlizyo leyo laleyo iyakwazi ukudabuka kwayo, njalo kakho ongakwazi ukuthokoza

kwayo. **11** Indlu yomubi izadilizwa, kodwa ithente loqotho lizaphumelela. **12** Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emuntwini, kodwa isiphetho sayo siyikuwa. **13** Umlabulo ukuqala fihlelo, labulo, labulo.

**13** Ukuñieba kungabe kurinie ubuniungi benniiziyo,  
lokutuhokoza kucine sekulusizi. **14** Abangelakho  
bazavuzwa ngokubafaneleyo, lomuntu olungileyo  
lave ayuwe ngokwakhe. **15** Umumtu ovisithutha

ukholwa loba yini, kodwa olengqondo uyakucabangisisa konke akwenzayo. 16 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyamesaba uThixo, axwaye okubi, kodwa isiwula

kodwa abalengqondo betheswa umqhele wolwazi. 19  
Abantu ababi bazilahla phansi phambi kwabalingileyo,  
lezixhwali ziguqa emasangweni abalungileyo. 20  
Abayanga bahlanyukelwa langbomak helwane habo

Wadiyangi carinali akewwa langabangamakhelwane abeo, kumakhelwane izinothi zilabangane abanengi. 21 Lowo oweyisa kumakhelwane wenza isono, kodwa ubusisiwe olomusa kwabaswelayo. 22 Kabalahleki yini abaceba ububi?

Kodwa abamisa ukwenza okuhle bafumana uthando lokuthembeka. **23** Ukusebenza nzima konke kuletha inzuko, kodwa ukuqina ngomlomo kuthelela ubuyanga.

**24** Inotho yabahlakamiphileyo ingumqhele wabo, kodwa ubuphukuphuku beziwula buzala ubuthutha.  
**25** Umfakazi oleqiniso uyabakhulula abantu, kodwa umfakazi wemance uxelkobhlika. **26** Lowe qweesha

umilakazi wamanga uyakhomisa. **26** Lowo owsabaa uThixo ulenqaba eqinileyo, uzakuba yisiphephelo senzalo yakhe. **27** Ucumesaba uThixo kungumthombo wokuphila, kuvikela umuntu emijibileni yokufa,

**28** Ubunengi babantu elizweni kuludumo enkosini,  
kodwa nxa kungelabantu umbusi kasilutho. **29**  
Umuntu obekezelayo uyazwisa kakhulu, kodwa

ophanga ukuthukuthela uveza ubuthutha. **30** Ingqondo elokuthula iletha ukuphila emzimbeni, kodwa umhawu ubolisa amatambo. **31** Lowo oncindezelabaya anguvwezi uMazwi wabo kodusu elemusu luyashwesuleya

weyisa umenzi wabo, kodwa olomusa kwabaswelayo

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udumisa uNkulunkulu. **32** Nxa kufika ubunzima ukhihliza okubi. **29** UThixo ukhatshana kwababi, ababi bayadilika, kodwa abalungileyo balesiphephelo lasekufeni. **33** Ukuhlakanipha kuzinzile enhliziyweni yabaqedisisayo, kuyazineva kanye lakwabayiziwula. **34** Ukulunga kuyasiphakamisa isizwe, kodwa isono silihlazo lakubaphi abantu. **35** Inkosi iyathokoza ngenceku ehlakaniphileyo, kodwa inceku ehlazisayo iayithukuthelisa.

**15** Impendulo ethobekileyo iyaludedisa ulaka, kodwa ilizwi elilukhuni livusa ulaka. **2** Ulimi lomuntu ohlakaniphileyo lukhulisa ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wesiwula uphilihika ubuphukuphuku. **3** Amehlo kaThixo asezindaweni zonke, alinde ababi labalungileyo. **4** Ulimi oluletha ukuphola luyisihlahla sokuphila, kodwa ulimi olukhohlisayo luyawephula umoya. **5** Isiwula siyakulahla ukulaya kukayise, kodwa owemukela ukupondiswa uveza ukuhlakanipha. **6** Indlu yolungileyo igcweli inotho, kodwa inzuso yababi ibehlisesla uhlupho. **7** Izindlela zabahlakaniphileyo ziyalwandisa ulwazi, kodwa kazensi njalo inhliziyo zeziwula. **8** UThixo uyawenyanwa umhlatshelo wababi, kodwa umkhuleko wabaqotho uymthokozisa. **9** UThixo uayenyanya indlela yababi, kodwa uyabathanda labo abalandela ukulunga. **10** Ukujeziswa okubuhlungu kumlindele ophambuka endleleni; ozonda ukupondiswa uzakufa. **11** UKufa lokuBhujiwa kusobala phambi kukaThixo kangakanani ke inhliziyo zabantu! (**Sheol h7585**) **12** Isideleli siyakuzonda ukupondiswa; kasibuzi kwabahlakaniphileyo. **13** Inhliziyu ethokozayo yenza ubuso buchelese, kodwa inhliziyu ebuhlungu yephula umoya. **14** Inhliziyu eqedisisayo idinga ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wesiwula wongiwa ngobuthutha. **15** Zonke insuku zabancindezeweyo zilukhuni, kodwa inhliziyu ethokozileyo ihlezi iminza. **16** Kungcono ukuba lokulutshwana umesaba uThixo kulokuba lenotho enengi ulemlupho. **17** Kungcono ukutsheba ngemibhida lapho okulothando khona, kulkudla inyama enonileyo okugcwele khona inzondo. **18** Ololaka oluvuthayo ubanga ukuxabana, kodwa umuntu obekzelayo uqedo inkani. **19** Indlela yevila igcweli ameva, kodwa indlela yomuntu olungileyo ikhamisile. **20** Indoda ehlakaniphileyo iletha intokozo kuyise, kodwa indoda eyisiwula yeysina unina. **21** Ubuthutha bujabulisa umuntu ongelangqondo, kodwa umuntu olokuzwisia uhamba ngendlela eqondileyo. **22** Amaqhinga ayehluleka nxa kungazeluleko, kodwa ayaphumelela ngabeluleki abanengi. **23** Umuntu uyathokoza ngokupha impendulo eqondileyo yeka kuhle kangakanani ukuzwa ilizwi elifaneleyo! **24** Indlela yempilo iyimpumelelo kohlakaniphileyo ukuze angalengeli engcwabeni. (**Sheol h7585**) **25** UThixo uyayibhidiza indlu yomuntu ozipakamisayo, kodwa indawo yomfelokazi kayiyikuncitshiwa. **26** UThixo uyayizonda imicabango yababi, kodwa leyo eyabalungileyo iyamthabisa. **27** Indoda eyisiwuba iluhlupo kwabendlu yayo, kodwa lowo ozonda ukufunjathiswa uzaphila. **28** Olungileyo uyayihlolisia impendulo engakaphenduli, kodwa umlomo womubi

ukhihliza okubi. **29** UThixo ukhatshana kwababi, kodwa uyezwa umkhuleko wabalungileyo. **30** Ubuso obubobothekayo buletha intokozo enhliziyweni, lezindaba ezinhle ziqinisa umzimba. **31** Lowo olalela ukukhuzwa okumphilisayo, uzhahlala kuhle labahlakaniphileyo. **32** Lowo onganaki ukulaywa uyazeysa yena ngokwakhe, kodwa onanza iziqondiso uzuza ukuzwisia. **33** Ukumesaba uThixo kufundisa umuntu ukuhlakanipha, njalo ukuzithoba kwandulela udumo.

**16** Umuntu angawabumba amacebo ngenhliziyu yakhe, kodwa uThixo nguye omupha amazwi okuwachaza. **2** Umuntu angabona sengathi zonke izindlela zakhe ziqondile, kodwa uThixo uyazihlolisa zonke injongo zomuntu. **3** Nikela kuThixo konke okwenzayo, kuzaphumelelisa wonke amacebo akho. **4** UThixo uzlungisele isiphetho sakho konke kanyelababi usuku lokubhujisa. **5** UThixo uyabazona bonke abazikhukhumezayo. Ngempela kabayikuphepha ukujeziswa. **6** Isono siyahlawulelu ngothando langokwethembeka; ngokwesaba uThixo umuntu uyaphepha ebubini. **7** Nxa izindlela zomuntu zimthokozisa uThixo, uyenza lezitha zakhe zihlalisane laye ngokuthula. **8** Kungcono ukuzuza okulutshwana ngendlela elungileyo kulokuzuza okunengi ngobuqili. **9** Umuntu angalungisa indlela yakhe engqondweni yakhe, kodwa uThixo nguye olawula izinyathelo zakhe. **10** Izindebe zombusi zikhulumu kungathi lidlozi ngakho umlomo wakhe kawungaphambuli umthetho. **11** Izilinganiso eziqondileyo zivela kuThixo; zonke izisindo eziqondileyo zenziwa nguye. **12** Amakhosi ayakuzonda ukwenza okubi, ngoba isihlalo sobukhosu sakhelwe phezu kokulunga. **13** Amakhosi athokozisa yizindebe ezithembekileyo; ayamazisa umuntu okhulumu iqiniso. **14** Ulaka lwenkosi luyisithunywa sokufa, kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyaluxolisa. **15** Nxa ubuso benkosi bulentokozo, kukhomba ukuphila; ukuthandwa yiyo kunjengeyezi lezulu entwasa. **16** Kungcono kangakanani ukuzuza ukuhlakanipha kulegolide, ukukhetha ukuzwisia kulesiliva! **17** Umgwaqo womuntu oqotho uceza ububi; lowo onanzelelayo indlela yakhe unanzelela impilo yakhe. **18** Ukuzigqaja kwandulela ukubhujisa, umoya omubi ulandelwa yikuwa. **19** Kungcono umoya othobekileyo lokuhlala kwabancindezeweyo kulokwabelana impango labaziqqajayo. **20** Lowo olalela izeluleko uyaphumelela, njalo ubusisiwe lowo othermba uThixo. **21** Abahlakaniphileyo enhliziyweni kuthiwa bayaqedisisa, njalo amazwi amnandi aqinisa izeluleko. **22** Ukuzwisia kungumthombo wokuphila kulabu abalakho, kodwa ubuwula buletha isijeziso eziwuleni. **23** Inhliziyu yomuntu ohlakaniphileyo ikhokhela umlomo wakhe, kanti lezindebe zakhe zikhuthaza izeluleko. **24** Amazwi amahle alikhkekheba loliju, amnandi emphefumulweni njalo aylelapha emathanjeni. **25** Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emuntwini, kodwa isiphetho sayo siyikufa. **26** Isisebenzi sifuqua liphangi ukusebenza kakhulu; ukulamba yikho okusikhuthazayo. **27** Isixhwali siceba ububi,

lenkulumo yaso injengomlilo ohaqazayo. **28** Umuntu ongelacala, loba ukufaka uswazi izisebenzi ngenxa ongelangqondo udaza inkani, njalo lomuntu onyeyayo yobuqotho bazo. **27** Umuntu ololwazi ubeka amazwi wehlukanisa abangane. **29** Umuntu wodlakela uhuga umakhelwane wakhe amholele endleleni engalunganga. **30** Lovo ofica ngelihiloh lakeh uceba iziboz; lowo oluma indebe zakhe uqonde ububi. **31** Inwele ezimhlophe zingumqhele wobukhulu, zizuzwa ngempilo elungileyo.

**32** Ungcono umuntu obekezelayo kuleqhawe, umuntu ozinqandayo ulaka lwakhe kulaalow othumba idolobho. **33** Inkatho iphoselwa enkundleni, kodwa isinqumo sayo sisemandleni kaThixo.

**17** Lungcono uweweqwe lwasinkwa umuntu elokuthula kulendlu egcwele amaqibaghqibha okudla kodwa kulengxabano. **2** Isisebenzi esihlakaniphileyo sizabusa indodana eyangisayo, sizakwabelwa ilifa njengomunye warnadodana. **3** Isiliva sincibilikiselwa embizeni, imvutho ngeyegolide kodwa uThixo uhlola inhliziyo. **4** Umuntu oxhwaleleyo uyazilalela izindebe ezimb; lomqambimanga uyalulalela ulimi ololumona. **5** Lovo ohleka umyanga weyisa uMenzi wakhe; oklolodayo nxa konakele kayikuphepha isijeziso. **6** Abazukulu bangumqhele wabalupheleyo, njalo labantwana baziqhenya ngabazali babo. **7** Izindebe zokutshinga azisifanelanga isiwsila zimbi kangakanani ke izindebe zamanga kumbusi! **8** Isivalamlomo siyintelezi kulowo osinikayo; uyaphumelela kukho konke. **9** Ofihla ukona komunye uqinisa uthando, kodwa okhuluma ngakho kokuphela wehlukanisa abangane abasekhwapheni. **10** Ukukhuza kuyamqondisa umuntu olengqondo kulokutshaya isiwsila imvimvinya eziphepheli. **11** Umuntu omubi udinga ukuhlamuka kuphela; uzathunyelwa inxusa eliesihluku. **12** Kungcono ukujondana lebhele elithathelwe imidlwane yalo kulokuhlangana lesiwila ebuthutheni baso. **13** Nxa umuntu ephindisela okuhle ngobubi, ububi kabusoze basuka endlini yakhe. **14** UKusungula inkani kunjengokubhidiza umduli wedamu; ngakho yekela indaba ingakadaleki inkani. **15** UKukhulula olecalo lokugweba omsulwa uThixo uyakuzonda kokubili. **16** Isizani imali esandleni sesiwula, sivele singatshisekeli ukuzuza ukuhlakanipha? **17** Umngane ulothanda ngezikhathi zonke, lomzalwane uzalelw izikhathi zenhlupheko. **18** Umuntu organanzeleliyo uyaiziwesela anike isibambiso enceda umakhelwane wakhe. **19** Lovo othanda inkani uthanda isono; lowo owakha isango eliphakemeyo udinga ukubhidiliza. **20** Umuntu olenhlizio exhwaleleyo kaphumeleli; lowo olimi lwakhe luyakhohlisa uwela ekuhluphekeni.

**21** Ukuba lendodana eyisiwula kuthelela usizi; akulakuthokoza kuyise wesiwsila. **22** Inhliziyo ethokozayo ingumuthi omuhle, kodwa umoya oewephukileyo womisa amathambo. **23** Umuntu omubi wamukela isivalamlomo ensitha ukuze ahlankelele indlela yokwahlulela. **24** Umuntu ohluzisisayo izinto ukhokhelwa yikuhlakanipha, kodwa amehlo esiwula asabalala afike ekucineni komhlaba. **25** Indodana eyisiwula ithelela uyise usizi lokudabuka kulowo owayizalayo. **26** Kakukuhle ukujezisa umuntu

ongelacala, loba ukufaka uswazi izisebenzi ngenxa akhe ngokunanzelela, njalo umuntu oqedisisayo kathukutheli ngokuphangisa. **28** Lesiwula kuthiwa sihlakaniphile nxa sithule, kuthiwe siyaqedisisa nxa sibamba ulimi lwaso.

**18** Umuntu ongelamusua uzifunela okwakhe; uyazilahla zonke iziqondiso ezimhle. **2** Isiwula kasikuthakazeleli ukuzwisisa kodwa sithokoza ngokutsho eyaso imibono. **3** Nxa kufika ububi kufika lokweyisa, njalo ihlazo liza lokudumazeka.

**4** Amazwi omlomo womuntu ayinziki yamanzi, kodwa umthombo wokuhlakanipha ngumfudlana ontuntuzayo. **5** Kakukuhle ukulungisela ababi loba ukungehluleli kuhle abangelacala. **6** Izindebe zesiwsila zisilethela ingxabano, lomlomo waso unxusa ukutshaywa. **7** Umlomo wesiwsila yiwo osidilizayo, lezindebe zaso zingumjibila womphefumulo waso. **8** Amazwi omuntu onyeyayo anjengezibiliboco; angena ekujuleni kwenhliziyo yomuntu. **9** Lovo ovilaphayo emsebenzini wakhe ungumfowabu walowo odilizayo. **10** Ibizo likaThixo liyinqaba eqinileyo; abalungileyo babalekela kulo baphephe. **11** Inotho yezikhulu ingumuzi wazo ovikelwego; zicabanga ukuthi imiduli yawo ayikhweleki. **12** Umuntu uyzazikhukhumeza zamanga ngenhliziyo yakhe, mandulo kokuba awe, ikanti kuuzithoba kwandulela udumo. **13** Lovo ophendulayo zabahlakaniphileyo ziyakudinga. **16** Isipho siyamvulela indlela ophayo azuze ithuba lokubonana labakhulu. **17** Ecaleni okhuluma kuqala ubonakala enguye olungileyo, kuze kuhamuke omunye ambuzisise. **18** Ukwenza zabahlakaniphileyo ziyakudinga. **19** Umzalwane owoñelwego uba lukhuni kulomuzi ohonqolozelwego, lezingxabano zinjengamasango enqaba avaliweyo. **20** Iisisu somuntu sigcwaliswa yizithelo zomlomo wakhe; usuthiswa yisivuno sezindebe zakhe. **21** Ulimi lulamandla okuphila lokufa, njalo labo abaluthandayo bazakudla izithelo zalo. **22** Lovo ozuza umfazi ufumana okuhle, athole umusa kuThixo. **23** Umyanga uyancenga ukuthi axolelwe, kodwa isinotshi siphendula ngolaka. **24** Umuntu olabangane abanengi ucina kubi, kodwa kuba khona umngane othembeka okudlula umfowenu.

Umuntu olenhlizio exhwaleleyo kaphumeleli; lowo olimi lwakhe luyakhohlisa uwela ekuhluphekeni. **25** Kakulunganga ukutshiseka kodwa ungelalwazi, loba ukuwalazelza uze ulahlekelwe yindlela. **3** Ubuwula bomuntu budiliza impilo yakhe, ikanti inhliziyo yakhe ithukuthelela uThixo. **4** Inotho iletha abangane abanengi, kodwa umyanga ufulathelwa ngumngane wakhe weduze. **5** Umfakazi wamanga uthola isijeziso, alalovo ohutshuza amanga kayikuphunyuka. **6** Banengi abazincengela ukuthandwa ngumbus, njalo wonke umuntu ngumngane walowo ophanayo. **7** Umyanga

uhlyukuelo yizihlobo zakhe zonke, pho abangane bakhe bona bamnina kangakanani! Lanxa ebancenga kangakanani, ngeke esabathola. **8** Lowo ozuze ukuhlakanipha uthanda umphefumulo wakhe; lowo ogogosa ukuzwisa uyaphumelela. **9** Umfakazi wamanga uthola isijeziso, njalo lowo ohutshuza amanga uzabhubha. **10** Kakusifanelanga isiwula ukuthi sihlale enothweni kubi kangakanani ukuthi isigqili sibuse amakhosana. **11** Ukuhlakanipha komuntu kumupha isineke; kumupha udumo ukunganaki ukuqalwa. **12** Ukuthukuthela kwenkosi kunjengokubhonga kxesilwane, kodwa ukuthandwa yiyo kunjengamazolo esthanini. **13** Indodana eyisiwula iyamchitha uyise, lomfazi olenkaniunjengamanzi athonta ephahleni njalonje. **14** Izindlu lenotho yilifa elizuwza ebazalini, kodwa umfazi ozwisisayo uvela kuThixo. **15** Ubuvila buletha ubuthongo obukhulu, njalo umuntu owehluleka ukuzenwaya uyalamba. **16** Lowo olalela izeluleko uvikela impilo yakhe, kodwa lowo ozedelelayo uzakufa. **17** Olomusa kubayanga upha uThixo, uzamupha umvuzo ngalokho akwenzayyo. **18** Qondisa indodana yakho, ngoba lokho kuzayisiza; ungabi lengxenyen yokuyibulala. **19** Umuntu ololaka oluphuphumayo luyamtshayisa, ungamlamulela, usuzahlala umlamulela njalo. **20** Lalela ukucetshiswa, wamukele ukuqondiswa, ngoba ekucineni uzahlakanipha. **21** Inhliziyoyomuntu igcwele amacebo amanengi, kodwa yisimiso sikaThixo esimayo. **22** Umuntu uloyisa uthando olungaqamukyo; kungcono ukuba ngumyanga kulokuba lamanga. **23** Ukmesaba uThixo kuholela ekuphileni: olakho uhlala esuthisekile, engathintwa yizinhlupheko. **24** Iivilavoxo litshonisa isandla salo emganwini, liyehluleke ukubuya isandla emlonyeni lidle. **25** Thela uswazi isideleli, abathobekileyo bazafunda ukuhlakanipha; khuza umuntu oqedisayo, uzazuza ulwazi. **26** Lowo ontshontshela uyise, axotshe unina yindodana ethelela inhloni lehlazo. **27** Nxa uyekela ukulandela izeluleko, ndodana yami, uzalahleka utshiye amazwi okwazi. **28** Umfakazi oxhwaleleyo uyawudeleta umthetho, lomlomo womubi uminza ububi. **29** Izijeziso zilungiswelwe izideleli, loswazi ngolwemihlane yeziwula.

**20** Iwayini lenza ukudelela lotshwala buyaxabanisa, okhohliswa yilezi izinto kahlakaniphanga. **2** Ulaka lwenkosi lunjengokubhonga kxesilwane; lowo oyizondisayo udelo impilo yakhe. **3** Kumupha udumo umuntu ukubalekela ukuxabana, kodwa iziphukuphuku zonke ziphangisa ukuthenga inkani. **4** Iivila kalilimi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo; kuthi ngesikhathi sokuvuna liswele amabele. **5** Izifiso zenhliziyoyomuntu zingamanzi azikileyo, kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo uyazifinyelela. **6** Banengi abathi balothando olungapheliyo, kodwa ngubani ongamthola umuntu othembekileyo na? **7** Umuntu olungileyo uphilalimpilo encomekayo; babusisiwe abantwabakhe abamfuzayo. **8** Inkosi nxa ihlezi esihlalweni sayo isahlulela, iyakuhlungula konke okubi ngamehlo ayo. **9** Ngubani ongathi, "Ngiyigcinile inhliziyoyami imhlopho; nighlanzekile kangilasono?" **10** Izisindo ezitshiyayanolezilinganiso ezitshiyayanou uThixo uyakuzonda kokubili. **11** Lomntwana waziwa ngezenzo zakhe, ngokuthi isimilo sakhe sihle, siqotho. **12** Indlebe ezizwayo lamehlo abonayo kokubili kwensiwa nguThixo. **13** Ungathandani lobuthongo uzakuba ngumyanga, hlala uvukile uzakuba lokudla okunengi. **14** "Kubi, kubi!" kutsho umthengi; esuka lapho usezincoma ngakuthengileyo. **15** Likhona igolide lamatshe aligugu amanengi, kodwa izindebe ezikhulumula ulwazi zilivelakancane. **16** Thatha isembatho salowo owenzela ovezizweni isibambiso; sigcine nxa ebambisela owesifazane ongaziphatanga. **17** Ukudla okuzwaze ngenkohlisu mandi emuntwini, kodwa kucina sekungathi udlalitshebetsebe. **18** Nxa usenza amacebo dinga Onyeyayo ueyhuleka ukugcina imfhilo, ngakho yehlukana lomuntu okhulumua angathuli. **20** Nxa umuntu ethuka uyise loba unina, isibane sakhe sizacinywa abesemnyameni omubi. **21** Ilifa elizuzwa lula ekuqaleli alilakabusiswa ekucineni. **22** Ungabokuthi, "Lami ngizakulungisa ngalokhu ongenze khona!" Yekela, uThixo nguye ozakusiza. **23** UThixo uyazizonda izilinganiso eziguquguqlawayo, njalo kathokoziswa yizikali zokudlezel. **24** Izinyathelo zomuntu zikhokhelwa nguThixo. Pho umuntu angayazi kanjani na indlela yakhe? **25** Yikuzithiya ukuthembisa ngokuphangisa ukupha ulutho, phambili umuntu aphinde azisole ngalesosifungo. **26** Inkosi ehlakaniphileyo iyabahlungula ababi; iyabahadla njengelitshe lokuchola. **27** Isibane sikaThixo siyawuhlolisa umphefumulo womuntu; sihlolisisa ekujulenil kwemibilini yakhe. **28** Uthando lokwethembeka kuyayivikela inkosi; ngothando isihlalo sayo sobukhosivi kelele. **29** Uduomo lwamajaha lusemandleni awo, izimvu zekhanda ziyingazimulo yabadala. **30** Izidutshulo lamanxeba kugezisa okubi, lezibhaxulo zihlambulula ingaphakathi.

**21** Inhliziyoyenkosi isezandleni zikaThixo, uyiholeso lapho athanda khona njengomsele wamanzi. **2** Umuntu ubona kungathi zonke izindlela zakhe zilungile, kodwa uThixo uhlola inhliziyoy. **3** Ukwenza okulungileyo lokufaneleyo kuyathandeka kuThixo kulomhlatshelo. **4** Amehlo okuzikhukhumeza lenhliziyoyeziqqajayo, okuyikho okukhokhela ababi, konke yizonyo! **5** Amalungiselelo abakhutheleyo anika umvuzo njengoba nje amawala eletha ubuyanga. **6** Inotho ezuzwe ngendlela yamanga iyinkungu ememethekayo lomjibila wokufa. **7** Ukuhlukuluza kwababi kuzabakhukhula, ngoba bayala ukwenza okulungileyo. **8** Indlela yomuntu olecalia yathubezela, kodwa ukwenza kongelalo kuqondile. **9** Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophahlala lwendlu kulokuhlala ndlu yinyle lomfazi olomlomo. **10** Umuntu omubi utshisekela ububi; kalasiwha ngomakhelwane wakhe. **11** Nxa kujeziswaisideleli isithutha sizuza ukuhlakanipha; nxa ohlakaniphileyo eqondiswa uzuza ulwazi. **12** Olungileyo uyayinanzelela indlu yesigangi kuthi lesosigangi asibhubhise. **13** Nxa umuntu egcika indlele

## **21** Inhliziyo yenkosi isezandleni zikaThixo, uyiholela lapho athanda khona njengomsele wamanzi.

**2** Umuntu ubona kungathi zonke izindlela zakhe zilungile, kodwa uThixo uhlola inhliziyo. **3** Ukwenza okulungileyo lokufaneleyo kuyathandeka kuThixo kulomhlatsheyo. **4** Amehlo okuzikhukhumeza lenhliziyo ezigqajayo, okuyikho okukhokhela ababi, konke yizono! **5** Amalungiselelo abakhutheloye anika umvuso njengoba nje amawala eletha ubuyanga. **6** Inotho ezuwze ngendlela yamanga iyinkungu ememethekayo lomjibila wokufa. **7** Ukuhlukuluza kwababi kuzabakhukhula, ngoba bayala ukwenza okulungileyo. **8** Indlela yomuntu olecalia iyathubezela, kodwa ukwenza kongelalo kuqondile. **9** Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophaphla lwendlu kulu kuhllala ndlu yinye lomfazi olomlomo. **10** Umuntu omubi utshisekela ububi; kalasihawu ngomakhelwane wakhe. **11** Nxa kujeziswa isideleli isithutha sizuza ukuhlakaniphia; nxa ohlakaniphileyo egondiswa uzuza ulwazi. **12** Olungileyo uyayinanzelela indlu yesigangi kuthi lesosigangi asibhubhise. **13** Nxa umuntu egcika indlele

zakhe ukuze angezwa ukukhala kwabayanga, laye luzabuxotshela khatshana. **16** Lowo oncidezela uzakuthi esekhala angalalelwu muntu. **14** Isipho abayanga ukuze anothe ngabo, lalowo oncenga esiphiwa ensitha siyaludedisa ulaka, lesivalamlomo abanothileyo ngezipho, bonke bacina sebengabayanga. esifihlwe emajazini siyakudedisa ukuthukuthela. **15** **17** Lalela uwze amazwi ezihlakaniphi; nikela inhlizyo Ukwahlulela kuhle kuthokozisa olungileyo kodwa yakho ezifundweni zami, **18** ngoba kuyathokozisa izigangi kuzitshayisa uvalo. **16** Umuntu ophambuka nxa uzicina enhliziyeweni yakho, uztisho kalula endleleni yokuzwisia ucina esendawonye labafileyo. ngezindebe zakho. **19** Ukuze ithemba lakho lhliale **17** Lowo othanda ukuzithokozisa uzakuba ngumyanya; kuThixo, yikho ngikufundisa lamuhla wena ngokwakho. labola ngubani othanda iwayini lezibondlo ngeke **20** Kangikulobelanga yini izitsho ezingamatshumi anothe. **18** Ababi baba ngumhlawulelo wabalungileyo, amatathu, izitsho zokweluleka lolwazi, **21** ezikufundisa labangathembekanga bangumhlawulelo wabaqotho. amazwi eqiniso athembekileyo, ukuze ukwazi ukupha **19** Kungcono ukuhlal enkangala kuluokhala lomfazi impedululo ezilesindo kulowo okuthumileyo na? **22** olenkanli lothethayo. **20** Indlu yohlakaniphileyo igcwele amagegeleli abayanga ngoba bengabayanga njalo amaquaqua ezbiliboco lamafutha, kodwa umuntu ungaphoseli abaswelo entolongweni, **23** ngoba oyisithutha udla aqede du konke alakho. **21** Lowo odinga uThixo uzakuba ngumeli wabo abahlkuluze labo ukulunga lothando uzuza ukuphila, ukuphumelela ababahlkuluzayo. **24** Ungabi ngumngane womuntu lodumo. **22** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uhlaselma umuzi ololaka, ungahambi lomuntu ozonda masinyane, **25** wabalamandla adilizele phansi inqaba abayithembileyo. funa ufunde izindlela zakhe uzingenise emjibileni. **23** Lowo oqaphela umlomo wakhe lolimi Iwakhe **26** Ungabi ngumuntu ophanga ukwenza izithembiso uyaziphephisa ezingozini. **24** Umuntu ozigqajayo kumbe onika isibambiso ngezikwelede; **27** ungayiswela loyisiqhola ibizo lakhe ngu "Sidelei," wenza izinto inhlawulo uzakwemukwa noma ngumbheda wakho ngokuziqakisa okukhulu. **25** Izinkanuko zevila yizo olala kuwo. **28** Ungasusi ilitshe lakudala elomngcele ezilimazayo, ngoba izandla zalo ziyla ukusebenza. elabekwa ngokhokho bakho. **29** Uyambona umuntu **26** Ilanga lonke litshona lifisa okungapheliyo, kodwa oyingcitsi emsebenzini wakhe na? Uzasebenzela abalungileyo bayapha bengagodli. **27** Umhlatshelo amakhosi; akayikusebenzela abantukazana. wababi uyisinengiso kambe mubi kangakanani nxa ulethwa ngenhlizivo embi. **28** Umfakazi wamanga uzabhubha, kuthi lowo omlaleloyo uzabhujiwa lanini. **29** Umuntu omubi utshengisa isibindi samanga, kodwa umuntu oqotho uyanganzelela izenzo zakhe. **30** Akulakuuhlakanipha, akulambono, akulacebo okunganqoba uThixo. **31** Ibhiza liyalungiselelwu usuku lwempi, kodwa ukunqoba kulawulwa nguThixo.

**22** Ibizo elihle liyathandeka kulenothro enengi; ukuhlonitshwa kungcono kulesiliva kumbe igolide. **2** Abanothileyo labayanga bayafanana ngalokhu: UThixo unguMenzi wabo bonke. **3** Umuntu olengqondo uthi ebona ingozi acatshe, kodwa isithutha siyaphikelela singena enkathazweni. **4** Ukuzithoba lokwesaba uThixo kuletha inotho lodumo lokuphila. **5** Endleleni yababi kugcwele ameva lemjbilia, kodwa onanzeleta umphefumulo wakhe unqenqela khatshana. **6** Fundisa umntswana indlela ameletahambe ngayo, kuzakuthi esemdalayi kayikuphambuka kuyo. **7** Abanothileyo babusa abayanga, lalowo owebolekayo uyisichaka salowo omebolekayo. **8** Lowo ohlanyele ububi uvuna ukuhlupheka, njalo uswazi lolaka Iwakhe luzakwephulwa. **9** Umuntu ophanayo uzabusiswa, ngoba wabela abayanga ukudla kwakhe. **10** Xotsha isideleli, lenkani ihle iphume; ukuxabana lokuthukana kuyaphela. **11** Othanda inhlizyo ehlanzekileyo, onkulomo yakhe ipholie uzakuba ngumngane wombusi. **12** Amehlo kaThixo ayaluvikela ulwazi kodwa uyawadiliza amazwi abangathembekanga. **13** Ivilavoxo lithi, "Kulesilwane phandle! Ngizabulawa ezindleleni!" **14** Umlomo wesifebekazi unjengomgodi otshonayo; lowo othukwe nguThixo uzawobokela kuwo. **15** Ubuwula bugxilie enhliziyeweni yomntswana, kodwa uswazi lokuqondisa

**23** Nxa uhlala phansi usidla lombusi, nanzelela ukuthi kuyini okuphambi kwakho, **2** ungazifaki inqamu entanyeni nxa uhugwa yibuhwaba. **3** Ungahawukeli izibiliboco zakhe ngoba lokho kudla kuyakohlisa. **4** Ungazihlukulizi uzigugise ngomsebenzi uzama inotho; hlakanipha wazi ukuzikhuzu. **5** Ungayibona manje inotho, masinyane isinyamaale, ngoba ngempela izamila impiko iphaphelle emkhathini njengengqungqulu. **6** Ungakudli ukudla komuntu oncitshanayo, ungazihawukeli izibiliboco zakhe; **7** ngoba yena uhlezzi ebalsi ngendleko. Angathi kuwe, "Dlana unathe," kodwa kungasuki enhliziyeweni yakhe. **8** Uzakuhlanza okuncane lokho okudlileyo ube udlalise amazwi akho okubonga. **9** Ungakhulumi leshitutha ngoba sizakweyisa inhlakanipho yamazwi akho. **10** Ungasusi ilitshe lakudala elomngcele loba uzithathele amasimu ezintandane, **11** ngoba uMhleli wazo ulamandla; uzakuba ngumeli wazo aphikisane lawe. **12** Nikela inhlizyo yakho ekufundisweni lezindlebe zakho emazwini olwazi. **13** Ungayekeli ukumlaya umntswana; ukumtshaya ngoswazi akuyikumbulala. **14** Mjezise ngoswazi ukuze uphephise umphefumulo wakhe ekufeni. (**Sheol h7585**) **15** Ndodana yami, aluba inhlizyo yakho ihlakaniphile, inhlizyo yami layo izathokoza; **16** ingaphakathi yami izajabula lapho izindebe zakho zikhulumia okulungileyo. **17** Inhlizyo yakho mayingahawukeli izoni, kodwa hlala utshisekela ukwesaba uThixo. **18** Ngeqiniso lihle ikusasa lakho, lethemba lakho kalyikucitshwa. **19** Lalela, ndodana yami, uhlakaniphe, ubeke inhlizyo yakho endleleni elungileyo. **20** Ungahlangani leziminzi zewayini labazitika ngenyama, **21** ngoba izidakwa lezilhwaba ziba ngabayanga,

ukuwozela kwazo kuzembese amadabudabu. **22** Lalela uThixo uzakubona lokho asole abesepholisula ulaka uiyhlo owakuletha emhlaben, njalo ungeyisi unyoko lwakhe kuso isitha. **19** Ungazikhathazi ngenxa nxa eseluphele. **23** Thenga iqiniso ungalithengisi; yabantu ababi loba ubahawukele abaxhwalileyo, **20** zuza ukuhlananipha lokuzikhaza lokuzwisa. **24** ngoba umuntu omubi akalalo ithemba lakusasa, Uyise womuntu olungileyo uyathokoza kakhulu; lowo njalo isibane sezixhwali sizacinywa. **21** Yesaba olendodana ehlakaniphileyo uyathokoza ngayo. **25** uThixo lombusi, ndodana yami, unganganelani Sengathi uiyhlo lonyoko bangathokoza; sengathi lowo owakuzalayo angajabula! **26** Ndodana yami, ngipha inhliziyo yakho, amehlo akho ahiale ezindeleni zami, **27** ngoba isifebe singumgodi otshonayo lomfazi olibele lendule ungumthombo yingozi. **28** Uycathamelia njengesigebenga, andise amadoda angathembekanga. **29** Ngubani ohlaba umkhosi? Ngubani olosizi na? Ngubani otshingayo? Ngubani olensolo na? Ngubani omahluzuhluze ngeze? Ngubani omehlo abomvu gebhu na? **30** Yilabo abalibala ngewayini, abahamba bedinga inzwisa yewayini elidibaniwiye. **31** Ungahugwa liwayini ulibona libomvu, nxa likhazimula enkomitshini, lapho lisehla kammandi! **32** Eukucineni liluma njengenyoka libe lobuhlungu obubulalayo njengenhlangwana. **33** Amehlo akho azabona izinto ezingaqedakaliyo lengqondo yakho icabange izinto ezididayo. **34** Uzakuba njengomuntu ondendayo phakathi kolwandle, olele esiqongweni sensika yomkhumbi. **35** Uzakuthi, "Bangitshayile kodwa kangimalanga! Bangibethile kodwa kakubuhlungu! Ngizavuka nini bo ngiyodinga obunye utshwala?"

**24** Ungabahawukeli abantu abaxhwalileyo, ungfasi ubungane labo; **2** ngoba ezingqondweni zabo bahlose udlakela, lezindebe zabo zikhulumu ngokuvusa umsindo. **3** Indlu yakhwa ngokuhlananipha, imiswe ngokuzwisa; **4** amakamelo ayo agcwaliswe ngolwazi, agcwaliswe ngemicciso yakude eligugu. **5** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamandla amakhulu, njalo umuntu ololwazi uyandisa amandla; **6** ukuthi unqobe empini kufunkala izeluleko, lokunqoba kudinga abeluleki abanengi. **7** Ukuhlananipha kuphakeme kakhulu koyiswula; enkundeni kalalutho angalukhulumu. **8** Lowo oceba ububi uzakwaziwa njengomacebomabi. **9** Amacebo obuwula ayisono, njalo abantu bayasizonda isidelei. **10** Nxa uthikaza ngezikathhi zenhlupheko, mancinyane kanganani amandla akho! **11** Bahlangule labo abaholelwu ekufeni; banqande labo abadayizela besiya ekubulaweni. **12** Nxa usithi, "Angithi besingazi lutho ngalokhu," kambe lowo ohlola inhliziyo kakuboni lokho na? Kakwazi lokho yini onguye olinda ukuphila kwakho na? Akayikuvuza ubani lobani ngakwenzileyo na? **13** Dlana uluju ndodana yami, ngoba lulungile; uluju olujuluka ekhekhebeni lumnandi luyanambitheka. **14** Yazi njalo ukuthi ukuhlananipha kumnandi emphefumulweni wakho, aluba ukuzuza ikusasa lakho lilethemba elihle, njalo ithemba lakho aliykudaniswa. **15** Ungacathamelia indlu yomuntu olungileyo njengesigebenga, ungawuhlaseli umuzi wakhe; **16** ngoba loba angaze awe kasikhombisa umuntu olungileyo uyavuka futhi, kodwa ababi babhazalalisa yizinhlupheko. **17** Ungathatshisa yikuwa kwesitha sakho; nxa sikhubeka ungavumeli inhliziyo yakho ithokoze, **18** ngoba

uThixo uzakubona lokho asole abesepholisula ulaka lubabhubhise, ngoba phela ngubani kambe okwaziyo ukubhubhisa abangakwehlisa? **23** La ngamanye amazwi ezhilakaniphi: Ukwahlulela ngobandululo kakulunganga: **24** Loba ngubani othi kolecal, "Umsulwa," abantu bonke bazamqalekisa lezizwe zonke zizamhlamukela. **25** Kodwa kuzabalungela labo abamlahlayo olecal, lezibusiso ezinengi zizabehlela. **26** Impendulo eqotho injengokwangiwa ezindebeni. **27** Qeda umsebenzi wakho waphandle ulungise lamasimu akho; kuthi-ke usuqedile wakhe indlu yakho. **28** Ungafakazi ngokubethela umakhelwane kungelamlandu, kumbe usebenzise izindebe zakho ukhohlisa. **29** Ungabokuthi, "Ngizakwenza kuye njengoba enze kimi; ngizahlawulisa ngalokho angenze khona." **30** Ngedlula ensimini yevilavoxo, ngedlula esivinini somuntu ongelangqondo; **31** ameva ayesekhula indawo yonke, indawo yonke isithe phethu ukhula, lomduli wamatshes usudilikile. **32** Ngakunanzelela konke engangikubona ngafunda isifundu kulokho engakubonayo: **33** Ukulala okuncane, ukuwozela okuncane, ukugoja izandla kancane uphumula, **34** ubuyanga buzafika kuwe njengesela lokuswela njengesigebenga.

**25** Lezi ngezinye njalo izaga zikaSolomoni, ezabhalwa yizinceku zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda: **2** Kuyinkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ukufihla indaba; ukuchwayisisa indaba ludumo lwababusi. **3** Njengolokhu izulu liphakeme lomhlaba ujulile, karjalo imicabango yamakhosi kayifinyelelw. **4** Susa amakhafutha ahlangene lesiliva umkhandi athole ukulungisa isitsha sihle; **5** susa abantu ababi phambi kwenkosi, isihlalo sayo sizaqiniswa ngokulunga. **6** Ungaziphakamisi phambi kwenkosi, ungaziphendeli indawo phakathi kwezikhulu; **7** kuba ngcono ukuthi yona ithi, "Woza uhlae ngapha," kulokuthi yona ikehlelse phambi kwezikhulu. Lokho okubonileyo ngawakho amehlo **8** ungaphangisi ukukubika emthethwanda, ngoba uzathini nxa umakhelwane wakho esekuyangisa? **9** Nxa ungayad edale lomakhelwane wakho unghambu usuhlabela imfilho yenu, **10** funa lowo okuzwayo akuyangise uhlale usungumuntu olebizo elibi. **11** Ilizwi elikhulunywe ngesikhathi esifaneleyo linjengama-aphula egolide ananyekwe emcephehi wesiliva. **12** Njengecici legolide kumbe umceciso wegolide elicengiwego kunjalo ukuhluza komuntu ohlakaniphileyo, kolaleloyo. **13** Njengokuqanda kongqwaqwane ngesikhathi sokuvuna sinjalo isithunywa esithembekileyo kwabasithumileyo; sivuselela imiphefumulo yabaphathi baso. **14** Njengamayezi lomoya okungaleti izulu unjalo umuntu ozikhukhumeza ngamandla angelawo.

**15** Ngokubekezela inkosi ingancengwa ize ivume, izikhuni zomlilo kumbe imitshoko ebulalayo, **19** lolimi oluthambileyo lungalephula ithambo. **16** injalo indoda ephoxa umakhelwane wayo ibisisithi, Nxa uthole inyosi, dlana okwaneleyo ungedululisi “Bengizidlalela nje!” **20** Nxa kungaselankuni umlilo amalawulo, uzazihlanza. **17** Ungabi ngunsukuzonke uyangima; nxa kungaselakunyea ukuxabana kuyaphela. endlini kamakhelwane wakho uzacina usumdaka **21** Njengamalahle avuthayo loba njengenkuni abesekuzonda. **18** Unjengesagila loba inkemba emililweni,unjalo umuntu othanda ingxabano kumbe umtshoko obukhali umuntu ofakaza ekuvuseni inkari. **22** Amazwi omuntu onyeyayo amanga ngomakhelwane wakhe. **19** Njengezinyo anjengezibiliboco; angena ekujeleni kwenhliziyo elibuhlungu loba unyawo olwenyeleyo kunjalo yomuntu. **23** Njengesiliva egcotshwe esitsheni seumba ukwayema emuntwini ongathembekang ngesikathni sikhazimule kunjalo ukuthakazelela kwezindebe sokuhlupheka. **20** Njengomuntu okhumula ibhatshi zenhliziyo elobubi. **24** Umuntu olenhliziyo embi mhla kumakhaza, loba njengokuthela iviniga phakathi uvala ngezindebe ezimnandi, kodwa enhliziwayeni kwesoda unjalo ohlabelela izingoma emuntwini yakhe ufhile inkohliso. **25** Loba ukukhuluma kwakhe odabukileyo. **21** Nxa isitha sakho silambiliphe kunnandi, kodwa ungaze wamkholwa, ngoba inhliziyo ukudla sidle; nxa somile siphe amanzisinath. **22** yakhe igcwele izithuko eziyisikhombisa. **26** Inzondo Ngokwenza lokho, umokhela amalahle avuthayo yakhe angayivala ngobuqili, kodwa ububi bakhe ekhanda, njalo uThixo uzakubusa. **23** Njengomoya wasenyakatho uletha izulu, lunjalo ulimi olulobuqili luvusa ulaka. **24** Kungcono ukuhlala ekhulusini lophahla lwendlu kulokuhlala ndlu yinye lomfazi olomlomo. **25** Njengamanzi aqandayo emuntwini okhatheleyo, zinjalo izindaba ezimnandi ezivela elizweni elikude. **26** Njengesiziba esidungekileyo loba umthombo ongcolileyo unjalo umuntu olungileyo odedela umuntu omubi. **27** Kakukuhle ukudla inyosi wedlulise, njalo kakulasithunzi ukuzidingela ukudunyiswa. **28** Njengedolobho eselidilikwelengumthangala walo unjalo umuntu ongazithintyo.

**26** Njengongwaqwane ehlolo loba izulu ebusika kanjalo udumo alusifanelanga isiwsula. **2** Njengentaka ephaphazelayo loba inkonjane entwezayo, sinjalo isiqalekiso esingelasizatho kasinamateli. **3** Isiswebhu ngesebehiza, amatomu ngakababhemi, loswazi ngolwemihlane yeziwula! **4** Ungabophendula isiwsula ngendlela yobuwula baso, funa ubenjengaso wena ngokwaho. **5** Phendula isiwsula ngendlela yobuwula baso, sizabona kungathi sihlakaniphile. **6** Njengokuziquma inyawo zakho loba ukunatha itshefu, kunjalo ukuthumela umlayezo ngesiwsula. **7** Njengemilenze eqhugzelayo eyomuntu oqhulayo sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wesiwsula. **8** Njengokubophela ilitshe esavutheni kunjalo ukupha udumo koysiwsula. **9** Njengogatsha lwameva luhethwe yisidakwa sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wesiwsula. **10** Njengomtshoko ociba loba ngubani odlulayo unjalo oqhatsha isiwsula loba umuntu ozedlulelayo. **11** Njengenza ebuya emahlanzweni ayo kanjalo isiwsula siyabuphinda ubuthutha baso. **12** Uyambona yini umuntu oziboma engohlakaniphileyo? Kulethemba elingcongo ngesiwsula kulaye. **13** Ivilavoxo lithi, “Kulesilwane endleleni, kulesilwane emigwaqwensi!” **14** Njengesivalo esitshibilika ngamabantu aso kanjalo ivila liphendula embhedeni walo. **15** Ivilavoxo litphonisa isandla salo emganwini; livilaphe ukusa isandla emlonyeni lidle. **16** Iivila lizibona lihlakaniphile kakhulu okwedlula abantu abayiskhombisa abangaphendula ngokuhlakaniphila. **17** Njengomuntu odonsa injra ngendlebe unjalo umuntu othi edlula angenele ingxabano ingesiyakhe. **18** Njengohlanya luhphosa

**27** Ungazincomi ngelakusasa, ngoba kawukwazi ukuthi liza lithweleni. **2** Yekela omunye akudumise, hatshi owakho umlomo; akube ngomunye, kungabi ngezakho izindebe. **3** Ilitshe liyasinda, itshebetshabe ngumthwalo onzima, kodwa ukucatshulwa yisiwsula kunzima okudlula kokubili. **4** Ulaka lulolunya lentukuthelo iyagabha, kambe ngubani ongema phambi komhawu na? **5** Kungcono ukuthukwa obala kulokuthandwa ngokufihlakeleyo. **6** Ukulinyazwa ngumngane kakwesabeki, kodwa isiwsita sikhwanga sedlulise amalawulo. **7** Osuthiyo kathakazeleli uluju olulova ekhekhebeni, kodwa kolambileyo lokubabayu kunambitheka mnandi. **8** Njengenyoni elahleka esidlekeni sayo, unjalo umuntu otshya umusi wakhe. **9** Amakha lemphepa kuletha intokozo enhliziwayeni, lobumnandi bomngane busuka ezelulekweni zakhe eziqinileyo. **10** Ungadeli umngane wakho lomngane kayihlo, futhi ungayi endlini yomfowenu nxa wehlelwewi yizinhlupheko ungcono umakhelwane eduze kolomfowenu okhatshana. **11** Hlakaniphila, ndodana, ulethe intokozo enhliziwayeni yami; lapho ngizakwazi ukumphendula ongeyisayo. **12** Umuntu olengqondo uthi ebona ingozi acatshe, kodwa isithutha siyaphikelela singena enkathazweni. **13** Thatha isiqgoko salowo owenzela owemzini isibambiso; sigcine njengesithembiso aluba esenzela umfazi ongelasimilo. **14** Uba umuntu evukisa umakhelwane wakhe ngokumqolonga ekuseni kakhulu, kuzathiwa uyamqalekisa. **15** Umfazi olenkanji unjengamathonsi angapheliyo mhlana kusina; **16** ukumkuhuza kufana lokukhuza umoya loba lokubamba okulamagcobo ngesandla. **17** Njengensimbi ilola insimbi, kanjalo indoda ikhaliphisa enye. **18** Lowo onakekela isihlahla somkhiwa uzakudla izithelo zawo, kuthi lowo olondoloza umqhatshai wakhe abelodumo. **19** Njengamanzi etshengisa ubuso bomuntu, kanjalo inhliziyo yomuntu itshengisa ayikho khona. **20** UKufa leNcithakalo kakusuthi, anjalo lamehlo omuntu. (Sheol

**h7585) 21** Isiliva sincibilikiselwa embizeni imvutho ukuthi unyenelwa yibuyanga. **23** Lovo okhuza ngeyegolide, kodwa abantu bahlolwa ngodumo umuntu uzacina esethandeka kulalowo ololimi lwabo. **22** Ungaze uchole isiwula elitsheni, usichole olukhohlisayo. **24** Lovo ontshontshela uyise loba njengamabele ngembokodo kawusoze ubususe ubuwula unina athi, "Akusinto embi" ungumngane lomuntu baso. **23** Woba leqiniso ukuthi uhlala usazi kuhle obhidilzayo. **25** Umuntu olomhawu ubanga ingxabano, isimo sezifuyo zakho, nanzelea imihlambi yakho; kodwa lowo omethembayo uThixo uzaphumelela. **24** ngoba inotho kayiyikuhlaa kokuphela, lomqhele **26** Lovo ozithembayo yena uysisiwula, kodwa lowo wobukhosи kawuyikuba ngowezizukulwane zonke. **25** ohamba ngenhlakaniphо uvikelekile. **27** Lovo opha Utshani bungaquirywa kuqualse ukuhluma obunye abayanga kayikuswela lutho, kodwa ovala amehlo kuthi bonke obusikiweyo ezintabeni sebubuthiwe, ingathi kababoni uzuza iziqalekiso ezinengi. **28** **26** amawundlu azakupha uboya bezigqoko, lembizi Lapho izigangi zisiba yizipphathamandla abantu zikuphe imali elingana intengo yesiqinti. **27** Uzakuba bayacatsha; kodwa nxa kusifa ixixhwali abalungileyo lochago lwembuzi olunengi olwakho lolwendlu yakho bayaphumelela.

**28** Umuntu omubi uyabaleka loba engaxotshaniswa muntu, kodwa abalungileyo balesibindi njengesilwane. **2** Nxa ilizwe lihlamuka liba lababusi abanengi, kodwa umuntu ozwisisayo lololwazi ugcina ukuthula. **3** Umbusi oncindezelabaya yengezelu elinengi elikhukhula amabele. **4** yakhe. **4** Labo abaphikisa umthetho bakhuthaza izigangi, kodwa labo abawugcinayo bayazenzqabelo. **5** Abantu ababi kabakuzwisisi ukwahlulela kuhle, kodwa labo abamdingayo uThixo bayakuzwisia kakhulu. **6** Ungcono umyanga ohamba ngokulunga kulesinothi esilezindlela zokungcola. **7** Lovo ogcina umthetho yindodana eqedisisayo, kodwa umngane wezixhwali uyangisa uyise. **8** Lovo owandisa inotho yakhe ngenzaliso uyibuthela omunye ozaba lomusa kubayanga. **9** Loba ngubani ongawulaleliyo umthetho, lemkhuleko yakhe izakuba yisinengiso. **10** Lovo oholela olungileyo endleleni embi uzwela emjibileni wakhe, kodwa ongelacala uzakwamukela ilifa elihle. **11** Umuntu onothileyo angazibona ingathi uhlakaniphile, kodwa umyanga oqedisisayo uhole abone ukuthi kasumuntu. **12** Nxa olungileyo enqoba kulokujabula okukhulu; kodwa nxa omubi ethatha umbuso abantu bayacatsha. **13** Lovo ofihla iziphambeko zakhe kayikphumelela, kodwa lowo ozivumayo azitshiye ufumana umusa. **14** Ubusisiwe umuntu ohlala emesaba uThixo, kodwa lowo oyenza lukhuni inhlizyo yakhe uwela enkathazweni. **15** Njengesilwane esibhongayo loba ibhele elihlaselayo unjalo umuntu omubi nxa ebusa abantu abangelamandla. **16** Umbusi oncindezelayo wehluleka ukwahlulela kuhle, kodwa lowo ozonda inzuko yokuganga uzakuba lempilo ende. **17** Umuntu odiliwa ngumzwangedwa wokubulala omunye uzaba ngohlala ebaleka aze ayokufa; akungabi lomuntu omsekelayo. **18** Lovo ompilo yakhe ingelacala uvikelekile, kodwa ondlela zakhe zixhwali uzakuwa masinyane. **19** Lovo osebenza nzima emasimini akhe uzathola ukudla okunengi, kodwa lowo ophika ngezifiso eziyize uzakuba ngumnyanga onukayo. **20** Umuntu othembekileyo uzabusisa ngokuphumelela, kodwa ogijimela ukunotha kayikphepha ekujezisweni. **21** Ukubandlulula abantu kakulunganga ikanti umuntu uyona ukuze azuze ucezu Iwesinkwa. **22** Umuntu oncitshanayo utshisekela ukunotha kodwa kaboni

kanengi uzabhujswa ngesikhatshana kungabi lokuphepha. **2** Lapho kuphumelela abalungileyo abantu bayajabula; nxa kubusa izixhwali abantu bayabubula. **3** Umuntu othanda ukuhlakaniphо uletha intokozo kuyise, kodwa ohamba lezifebe utshaphaza inotho yakhe. **4** Ngokubusa kuhle inkosi iyalinqinisa ilizwe layo, kodwa leyo elihaga lezivalamlomo iyalibhidiliza. **5** Loba ngubani okhohlsa umakhelwane wakhe uzendlalela umambule wokuzithiya. **6** Umuntu omubi uthiywa yisono sakhe, kodwa umuntu olungileyo angahlabela athkoze. **7** Olungileyo uyawananza amalungelo abayanga, kodwa ababi kabazidubi ngalokho. **8** Izideleli zingalidunga idolobho, kodwa abantu abahlakaniphileyo bayaludedesa ulaka. **9** Nxa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo esiya emthethwandaba lesiwula, isiwula siyatshinga sibhede kube lomsindo. **10** Abadinga ukuchitha igazi bayamzonda umuntu oqotho njalo badinga ukubulala abalungileyo. **11** Isiwula siyalukhhliza lonke ulaka lwaso, kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyazithiba. **12** Nxa umbusi elalela amanga, zonke izikhulu zakhe ziba zimbi. **13** Umyanga lomncindezelu bakanye kulokhu: UThixo uvula amehlo abo bobabili. **14** Nxa inkosi isahlulela abayanga kungelabandlululo, isihlalo sayo sobukhosи sizaqina. **15** Uswazi lokuqondisa lunika ukuhlakaniph, kodwa umntwana oyekelwayo uhazlisa unina. **16** Nxa ababi bephumelela, lesono laso siyaphumelela, kodwa abalungileyo bazabawisa. **17** Qondisa indodana yakho, izakupa ukuthula; izaletu injabulo emphefumulweni wakho. **18** Lapho okungekho khona isamblelo, abantu badela ukuzithiba; kodwa ubusisiwe lowo ogcina umlayo. **19** Inceku kayiqondiswa ngamazwi nje wodwa, loba izwisisa kayiyikukwenza ekutshelwayo. **20** Uyambona umuntu owalazela ukukhulum? Kulethemba elingcono esiwuleni kulaye. **21** Umuntu ototoza inceku yakhe isakhula, leyonceku izamthwalisa nzima ekucineni. **22** Umuntu othukuthelayo udala ingxabano, kodwa lowo olicaphucaphu wenza izono ezinengi. **23** Ukuzigqaja komuntu kuyamehilsa, kodwa umuntu ozechlisayo uzuza udumo. **24** Osizana lesela uyazizonda yena; usezfungise kulo ngakho neke afakaze iquiniso. **25** Ukwesaba abantu kuba yizithiyo, kodwa lowo othembha uThixo uzaphepha. **26** Abanengi bazama ukuzisondeza kumbusi, kodwa ukwahlulela

okuhle kuvela kuThixo. **27** Abalungileyo bayabenyanaya abangathembekanga; abaxhwalileyo bayabenyanaya abalungileyo.

**30** Amazwi ka-Aguri indodana kajakhe, amazwi ahlakaniphileyo: Umuntu lo wathi ku-Ithiyeli:

"Ngikhathele, Oh Nkulunkulu, kodwa ngizophumelela.

**2** Angilwazi okudlula bonke abantu; angilakho ukuwisisa komuntu. **3** Angikufundanga ukuhlakanipha njalo kangilwazi ngaye oNgcwele. **4** Ngubani oseke waya ezelwini waphinda wehla na? Ngubani oseke wafumbatha umoya ngesandla sakhe na? Ngubani oseke wagqela amanzi ngesigqoko sakhe na? Ngubani omise yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba na? Lingubani ibizo lakhe, lebizo lendodana yakhe? Ngitsheha nxa usazi! **5** Wonke amazwi kaNkulunkulu akalamposiso; uyisihlangu kulabo abacatsha kuye. **6** Ungengezelel emazwini akhe, funa akukhuze akwenze umqambimanga. **7** Zimbili izinto engizicela kuwe, Oh Thixo; ungangincitshi zona ningakati: **8** Susa kimi inkohliso lamanga; ungangiphii ubuyanga loba inotho, kodwa ungiphe kuphulwa ukudla kwami kwansukuzonke. **9** Phela ngingaba lokunengi kakhulu ngikuphike wena ngithi, 'Ungubani uThixo?' loba ngibengumanya ngingtshontshe; ngalokho ngiliyangise ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami. **10** Ungahlebi inceku enkosini yayo, ngoba izakuqalekisa ungene enkathazweni. **11** Bakhona abathuka oyise, abangabusisiyo onina; **12** labo abazibona belungle ikanti kabahlambululwanga emanyaleni abo; **13** labo abamehlo abo ahlezi egcwele ulaka, abakhangela ngokudelela; **14** labo omazinyo abo zinkemba, omihlathi yabo inanyathiswel eizingqamu ukuze baginye abayanga baphele emhlabeni, labaswelayo abaphakathi kwabantu. **15** Umkhaza ulamadodakazi amabili; ayamemeza athi, 'Siphe! Siphe!' Zintathu izinto ezingasuthiyo, zine ezingakaze zithi, 'Sekwanele!': **16** lingcwaba yisisu senyumba, lomilhabathi ongasuthiyo amanzi, lomilo ongezukufa wathi, 'Sekwanele!' (**Sheol h7585**) **17** Ilihlo elihleka uyise, elidelela ukulalea unina, lizakotsholwa ngamawabayi asesigodini, lizadliwa ngamange. **18** Kukhona izinto ezintathu ezingimangalisayo kakhulu, ezine engingazwisisiyo: **19** indlela yengqungqulu emkhathini, umzila wenyoka edwaleni, indlela yomkhumbi olwandle, lendlela yejaha lentombi. **20** Le yindlela yesiphingikazi: siyadla sesule umlomo waso besisisithi, 'Angenzanga lutho olubi.' **21** Zintathu izinto eizizamazamisa umhlabi, zine ongeke uzithwale: **22** yinceku ebayinkosi, yisiwula esisuthiyo, **23** ngumfazi owendileyo ongathandwayo, lencekukazi ethathela inkosikazi indoda. **24** Kukhona emhlabeni izinto ezine ezincinyane, ikanti-ke zihlakaniphile kakhulu: **25** Ubunyonyo kabulamanda anganani, kodwa buyabuthelela ukudla kwabo ehlubo; **26** Iwakhe, lezimbila ziyyidala ezilamandla angatsho lutho, kodwa zenza izikhundla zazo ezingoxweni zamadwala;

**27** izintetha kazilankosi, kodwa zihamba ziludibi olwesabekayo; **28** umbankwa ungabanjwa ngesandla, kodwa ungena lasezigidlweni zamakhosi. **29** Kulezinto ezintathu ezihamba zinquekuza kamnandi, zine ezihamba zibeka kamnandi: **30** yisilwane, esilamandla

esabekayo phakathi kwezilo, esingabalekeli lutho; **31** liqhude eliditshazelayo, yimpongo, njalo lenkosi nxa ihanqwe libutho layo. **32** Nxa ube yisithutha waziphakamisa, kumbe nxa wakhe amacebo okwenza okubi, vala umlomo wakho ngesandla sakho. **33** Ngoba njengokuphela uchago kudala iphehla, lanjengoba ukugubha amakhala kubanga umungula, kunjalo ukuvusa ulaka kudala ingxabano."

**31** Amazwi enkosi uLemuweli, amazwi enhlakaniphophi awafundiswa ngunina: **2** Oh, ndodana yami! Oh

ndodana yethumbu lami! Oh, ndodana yezifungo zami, **3** ungadlalisi amandla akho ebafazini, izifutho zakho kulabo abadiliza amakhosi. **4** Kakusikho kwamakhosi, bakithi Lemuweli kakusikho kwamakhosi ukunatha

iwayini, kakusikho kwababusi ukunxwanelia utshwala, **5** funa badakwe bakhohlwe izimiso zomthetho, behluleke ukumisela kuhle abahluphekayo amalungelo abo. **6**

Phana utshwala kulabo abavele sebezifele, iwayini kulabo abalosizi olukhulu; **7** kabanathe bakhohlwe ubuyanga babo bakhohlwe nya usizi lwabo. **8**

Bamele labo abehlulekayo ukuzikhulumela, uwamele amalungelo alabo abangelalutho. **9** Khulumia njalo wahlulele ngokulunga; alwele amalungelo abayanga labaswelayo. **10** Ngubani na ongathola umfazi olesimilo? Uligugu elidlula kakhulu amatshe amahle.

**11** Indoda yakhe iyamthemba ngokupheleleyo njalo kayisweli lutho oluqakathekileyo. **12** Uyenzela okuhle, hatsi okubi, empilweni yakhe yonke. **13** Uyakhetha kuhle iwulu lesikusha akweluke kuhle ngezandla ezikhutheleyo. **14** Unjengemikhumbi yabathengisi, eletha ukudla okuvela kude. **15** Uvuka ekuseni kusesemnyama; alungisele abomuzi wakhe ukudla abele lezincekukazi zakhe. **16** Uyayihlolisia insimu mandulo kokuyithenga; ngalokho akuzuzyo uyahlanelya isivini sakhe. **17** Uwubamba ngokukhuthala umsebenzi wakhe; aqinise eizingalo zakhe emsebenizini. **18**

Uyananzelela ukuthi ukuthengisa kwakhe kulenuzzo, lokuthi isibane sakhe kasicimi ebusuku. **19** Uphatha uluthi lokuphotha ngesandla sakhe abesebamba ngeminwe yakhe isigudugudu sokweluka. **20** Welulela izandla zakhe kubayanga njalo ulezandla eziilula kwabaswelayo. **21** Lapho kukhithika unqwaqwane, kalakwesaba ngabendlu yakhe; ngoba bonke bagqoke ezibomvu. **22** Wendlala amalembu ombheda wakhe; agqoke ilineni elihle leziqqoko eziyibubende. **23**

Indoda yakhe iyahlonitshwa enkundleni lapho efika ihlale khona ndawonye labadala belizwe. **24** Uthunga iziqqoko zelineni azithengise, abathengi bemigaxo bayizuza kuye. **25** Wembethe amandla lesithunzi; uyahleka loba kusiza insuku ezimbi. **26** Ukhuluma ngenhlakaniphophi, lezeluleko eziqondileyo zisolimini isinkwa sobuvila. **28** Abantwabakha bayambonga bathi ubusisiwe; lendoda yakhe layo iyamendumisa ithi, **29**

"Banengi abafazi abenza izimangaliso zobuhle, kodwa wena uyabedlula bonke." **30** Ukuukeka kuyakohohlisa, lobuhle buyaphela; kodwa umfazi owesaba uThixo

kadunyiswe. **31** Kaphiwe umvuzo wobuhle abenzayo,  
imisebenzi yakhe imlethele udumo enkundleni.

# UmTshumayeli

**1** Amazwi oMtshumayeli, indodana kaDavidia inkosi yaseJerusalema: **2** “Ize! Izel!” kutsho uMtshumayeli. “Ize elipheleleyo! Konke kuyize.” **3** Umuntu uuzuzani ngawo wonke umsebenzi wakhe awusebenza nzima ngaphansi kwelanga? **4** Izizukulwane ziyafika, izizukulwane ziyyedlula, kodwa umhlaba umi lanini. **5** Ilanga liyaphuma njalo ilanga liyatshona, liphinde liphange libuye lapho eliphuma khona. **6** Umoya uphephethela eningizimu ujike uye enyakatho; uyabhoda, ubhode njalo ujinge ubuyela endleleni yawo. **7** Zonke izifula zigelezela olwandle, kodwa ulwandle kalugcwali. Endaweni lapho izifula ezidabuka khona zicina zibuyela khona njalo. **8** Zonke izinto ziyadina, lokho okungelandiswe muttu. Ililho kalidinwa yikubona, lendlebe layo kayigcwali ngokuzwa. **9** Lokho okwake kwaba khona kuzakuba khona njalo; okwake kwenzewi kuzakwenziwa njalo; akulalutho olutsha ngaphansi kwelanga. **10** Kukhona yini umuntu angathi ngakho, “Khangel! Lolulutho lutsha?” Selwake lwaba khona ngaphambili, kudala; lwalukhona singakabi khona. **11** Kayikho imikhumbulo ngabantu bakudala, njalo labalo abezayo abayikuhunjuwa yilabo abalandelayo. **12** Mina Mtshumayeli, ngangiyinkosi yako-Israeli ejerusalem. **13** Ngazinikela ekufundeni lokudingisisa ngolwazi konke okwenzewiwayo ngaphansi kwezulu. Unzima kangakanani umthwalo uNkulunkulu awethese abantu! **14** Sengizibonile zonke izinto ezenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga; zonke kazitsho lutho, kuyikuxotshana lomoya. **15** Okutshileneyo kungaze kwaqondiswa; okungekho kungaze kwabalwa. **16** Ngacabanga ngedwa ngathi, “Khangela, sengikhulile njalo kwanda ukuhlakanipha kwami okudlula bonke asebake babusa ejerusalem ngaphambi kwami; sengive lakho ukuhlakanipha okuhulu lolwazi.” **17** Ngasengizimisela ukuzwisa ukuhlakanipha, njalo lokuphambana ingqondo lobuwula, kodwa ngafunda ukuthi lokhu lakho kuyikuxotshana lomoya. **18** Phela ngokwanda kokuhlanipha kuyanda lokukhathazeka; ukwandisa ulwazi yikwandisa usizi.

**2** Ngacabanga ngenhlizyo ngathi, “Kulungile, ake ngizame ukuzithokozisa ngibone ingabe kuhle yini.” Kodwa lokho lakho kwakhanya kuyize. **2** Ngathi, “Ukuhleka kuyibuthutha. Ukuzithokozisa khona kusizani?” **3** Ngazama ukuzithabisa ngewayini, ngisenza ubuwula kodwa ingqondo yami lokhu ingikhokhela ngokuhlanipha. Ngangifuna ukubona ukuthi kuyini okumlungelyo umuntu ukuthi akwenze lapha ngaphansi kwezulu ngezinsukwana lezo zokuphila kwakhe. **4** Ngaqalisa imisebenzi emikhulu: ngazakhela izindlu ngahlanyela amavini. **5** Ngasungula izivande lezicgawu zokubukwa ngahlanyela kuzo yonke imihlobo yezihlahla lezithelo. **6** Ngenza iziziba zamanzi okuthelela izihlahla ezazikhula kuhle. **7** Ngathenga izigqili zesilisa lezesifazane, ngilezinye futhi izigqili ezazalelwu emzini wami. Ngaba lemihlambihlambi yenkomo lezimvu okwedula

bonke abake babakhona ejerusalem ngaphambi kwami. **8** Ngabuthelela isiliva legolide, kanye lempahla yamakhosi eligugu ivela ezigodini. Ngazidingela abahlabeleli besilisa labesifazane, lesithembo esikhulu, khona okujabulisa inhlizyo yendoda. **9** Ngaba mkhulu ngokwedluleyo kulaloba ngubani owaba sejerusalem ngaphambi kwami. Phakathi kwayo yonke inyakanyaka le ukuhlanipha kwami kwahlala kukhona. **10** Angizincitshanga lutho olwalufiswa ngamehlo ami; inhlizyo yami angiyalelanga layiphi intoko. Inhlizyo yami yathokoza ngawo wonke umsebenzi wami, lokhu kwaba ngumvuzo wezithukuthuku zami. **11** Kanti lanxa ngahlolisisa konke okwenziwa yizandla zami lalokho engangibhensela ukukuzuza, konke kwakuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya; kwakungela nzudo ngaphansi kwelanga. **12** Ngasengigxilisa imicabango yami ukuhlolisensi ukuhlakanipha, njalo lobuhlanya kanye lobuwula. Kambe angenzani othatha isikhundla senkosi ngaphandle kwalokho obekuvele sekwenziwe? **13** Ngabona ukuhlakanipha kungcono kulobuwula, njengokukhanya kungcono kulomnyama. **14** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamehlo ekhanda, ikanti isiwula sihamba ebunmyameni; kodwa ngacina sengibuna ukuthi isiphetho sabo bonke sinye. **15** Ngasengicabanga enhliziyeweni yami ngathi, “Isiphetho sesiwula sizangehlela lami. Pho, ngizuzani ngokuhlanipha?” Ngathi ngenhlizyo yami, “Lokhu lakho kuyize.” **16** Ngoba umuntu ohlakaniphileyo, njengesiwula, akazukuhunjuwa kokuphela; ngezinsuku ezizayo bobabili bazakhohlakala. Njengesiwula, umuntu ohlakaniphileyo laye uzakufa! **17** Yikho-ke ngasengikuzonda ukuphila, ngoba umsebenzi owenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga wawubuhlungu kimi. Wonke uyize, yikuxotshana lomoya. **18** Ngazizonda zonke izinto engangiziginqele ngaphansi kwelanga, ngoba ngimele ngitshiyele lowo oza ngemva kwami. **19** Njalo ngubani owaziyo ingabe uzakuba ngumuntu ohlakaniphileyo loba isiwula? Kodwa nguye ozalawula wonke umsebenzi wamaginquo ami lobungcitsi bami. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **20** Ngalokho inhlizyo yami yaqalisa ukuphela amandla ngikhumbula konke lokho engakuginqelayo ngaphansi kwelanga. **21** Ngoba umuntu angenza umsebenzi wakhe ngokuhlanipha, ngolwazi langamasu, kodwa utshiyela konke alakho komunye ongazange akusebenzele. Lokhu lakho kuyize, kungumnyama. **22** Umuntu uuzuzani ngakho konke ukusebenza nzima langokutshikatshika kabuhlungu lapha emhlabeni? **23** Ubuhlungu umsebenzi wakhe awenzayo kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe; kwala kanye lebusuku umkhumbulo wakhe kawuphumuli. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **24** Akukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphandle kokuthi adle, anathe njalo azuze ukusuthiseka ngomsebenzi wakhe. Lokhu lakho ngiyakubona ukuthi kuvela kuNkulunkulu, **25** ngoba ngaphandle kwakhe ngubani ongadla kumbe azuze intoko? **26** Kulowo omthokozisayo uNkulunkulu umupha ukuhlakanipha, ulwazi lokuthaba, kodwa koyisoni umupha umsebenzi wokuqoqa lokulonda

inotho ukuze ayiphe lowo othokozisa uNkulunkulu. Lokhu lakho kuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya.

**3** Zonke izinto zilesikhathi sazo, konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga kulesibanga sakho: **2** isikhathi sokuzala lesikhathi sokufa, isikhathi sokuhanyela lesikhathi sokusiphuna, **3** isikhathi sokubulala lesikhathi sokuhilisa, isikhathi sokubhidliza lesikhathi sokwaka, **4** isikhathi sokukhala lesikhathi sokuhleka, isikhathi sokukula lesikhathi sokugida, **5** isikhathi sokuchithiza amatshe lesikhathi sokuwabutha, isikhathi sokugona lesikhathi sokunina, **6** isikhathi sokudinga lesikhathi sokukhalala, isikhathi sokugcina lesikhathi sokulahla, **7** isikhathi sokudabula lesikhathi sokuthunga, isikhathi sokuthula lesikhathi sokuhulum, **8** isikhathi sokuthanda lesikhathi sokuzonda, isikhathi sempi lesikhathi sokuthula. **9** Umuntu osebenzayo uzuzani na ngokusadalala kwakhe? **10** Sengiwubonile umthwalo uNkulunkulu awethese abantu. **11** Yonke into uyenze yabanhle ngesikhathi sayo. Wamupha umuntu iphakade enhliziyeni yakhe; kodwa abantu bangeke bafinyelele kulokho uNkulunkulu asakwenzayo kwasekuqaleni kusiya ekupheleni. **12** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi kakukho okungcono ebantwini kulokuthi bajabule njalo benze okuhle besaphila. **13** Ukuthi wonke umuntu adle, anathe asuthiseke ekusebenzeni kwakhe gadalala, lokhu kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu. **14** Ngiyazi yonke into eyenziwa nguNkulunkulu izakuba khona kokuphela; akulalutho olungegezwa kukho loba kususwe kukho. UNKulunkulu uyenza lokho ukuze abantu bamkhonze. **15** Loba yini ekhona seyake yaba khona, kulalokho okuzakuba khona sekwaba khona ngaphambili; njalo uNkulunkulu uzakubalisa okwedlulayo. **16** Njalo ngabona okunye ngaphansi kwelanga: endaweni yokwahlulela, ububi babukhona, endaweni yokulungisa, ububi babukhona. **17** Ngacabanga ngenhliziyi yami, “UNKulunkulu uzabehlulela bonke abalungileyo lababi, ngoba sizaba khona isikhathi sezenzakalo zonke, isikhathi sawo wonke umsebenzi.” **18** Ngacabanga njalo ngathi, “UNKulunkulu uyabahlola abantu ukuze babone ukuthi banjengezinyamazana. **19** Isiphetho somuntu siyafana lesezinyamazana; isiphetho sinye sibalindele bonke: njengoba lokhu kuyafa, kanjalo lokunye kuyafa. Konke kokubili kulomphefumulo munye; umuntu kangcono kulenyamazana. Konke kuyize. **20** Konke kuya ndawo yinye; konke kuvela othulini, yikho konke kubuyela othulini. **21** Ngubani owaziyo ingabe umphefumulo womuntu uyakhwela uye phezulu kuthi owenyamazana wehlele phansi phakathi emhlabathini?” **22** Yikho ngabona ukuthi kakukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphandle kokuthi akholise umsebenzi wakhe ngoba leso yiso isabelo sakhe. Ngoba kambe ngubani ongamenza ukuthi abone lokho okuzakwenzakala yena esedlule?

**4** Ngakhangela njalo ngabona konke ukuncidezelwa okwakukhona ngaphansi kwelanga: Ngabona inyembezi zabancidezelwayo babengelabaduzu; amandla ayekulaba abancidezelayo abalaye umduduvi. lamalungelo, ungamangaliswa yilezozinto; ngoba phela

**2** Ngangifakaza ukuthi abafileyo, abavele sebefile, bayathokoza kulabaphilayo, abalokhu besaphila. **3** Kodwa okungcono kulakho kokubili ngulowo ongakabikhona, ongakaboni ububi obenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga. **4** Ngasengibona ukuthi konke ukusebenza lokuphumelela konke kuvela emhawini womuntu ngomakhelwane wakhe. Lokhu lakho kuyize, kuyikuxotshana lomoya. **5** Isiwlula sigoqa izandla zaso sidilize impilo yaso. **6** Kungcono isandla esisodwa esigcweleyo silokuthula kulezandla ezimbili ezingcwalanga ezilomtshikatshika lokuxotshana lomoya. **7** Njalo ngabona okunye okuyize ngaphansi kwelanga: **8** Kwakulendoda eyayiyodwa zwi; yayingelandodana loba umfowabo. Yayebeenza gadalala ingaphumuli, kodwa amehlo ayo ayengasuthiswa yinotto yayo. Yabuza yathi, “Ngiginqela bani kangaka, njalo kungani ngizincitsha intokozo?” Lokhu lakho kuyize umsebenzi othelela usizi! **9** Ababili bangcono kuloyedwa, ngoba balomvuzo obonakalayo ngomsebenzi wabo. **10** Omunye angawa, umngane wakhe uyamncedisa amvuse. Kodwa maye lowomuntu owayo kungelamuntu ongamsiza amvuse! **11** Njalo nxa ababili belala ndawonye bazakhudumezana. Kanti umuntu angakhudumala kanjani eyedwa na? **12** Loba umuntu engehlulwa nxa eyedwa, ababili bangazivikela. Intambo elemic emithathu kayiqamuki lula. **13** Lingcono ijaha elingumyangka kodwa lihlakaniphile kulenkosu endala eyisiwula eyalayo ukwamukela izixwayiso. **14** Ijaha lelo kungabe ngeliphuma ejele libe yinkosi, loba lingelazalelwya ebuyangeni elizwensi lalowombuso. **15** Ngabona ukuthi bonke ababephila behamba ngaphansi kwelanga balilandela lelojaha elathatha isikhundla sobukhosu. **16** Amakhosi la (endala lencinyane) kungabe ayelodumo elandelwa ngabantu abanengi abangelakubalwa. Kodwa izizukulwane ezilandelayo azimthandanga lowo owhathatha ubukhosu. Lokhu lakho kuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya.

**5** Qaphela izinyathelo zakho nxa usiya endlini kaNkulunkulu. Sondela ulalele kulokuthi wenze imihlatshelo yeziwula ezingaziyo ukuthi ziyona. **2** Ungawalazeli ngomlomo wakho, ungabi lephaphu uphange uthembise kuNkulunkulu. UNKulunkulu usezulwini ikanti wena usemhlabeni, ngakho kawabe malutshwana amazwi akho. **3** Njengephupho elifika nxa kulezinkathazo ezinengi, injalo inkulomo yesiwula nxa ilamazwi amanengi. **4** Nxa useenza isifungo kuNkulunkulu, ungaphuzi ukusigcwala. Kathokozi ngeziwula; gcwala isifungo sakho. **5** Kungcono ukungafungi kulokwenza isifungo ungabe usasigcwala. **6** Ungavumeli umlomo wakho ukungenise esonweni. Njalo ungtashilingi isithunywa sethempelinu usithi, “Isifungo sami besiyisiphosiso.” UNKulunkulu angakuthukuthelelani lokho okutshoyo abesebhidliza umsebenzi wezandla zakho na? **7** Ukupupha kanengi lamazwi amanengi kuyize. Ngakho mesabe uNkulunkulu. **8** Nxa ubona abayanga esiqintini bencindezelwa, bencitshwa ukwahlulelwya okuhle kanye amandla ayekulaba abancidezelayo abalaye umduduvi. lamalungelo, ungamangaliswa yilezozinto; ngoba phela

induna nganye ikhangelwe ngomunye ongaphezu sekusaziwa; akulamuntu ongaphuthumana lomunye kwayo, kuthi ngaphezu kwabo bonke kube labanye olamandla kulaye. **11** Ngokwanda kwamazwi siyancipha njalo abangaphezulu. **9** Inala elizweni ngeyomuntu lesisindo sawo; pho kumsiza ngani umuntu? **12** Kambe wonke; inkosi ngokwayo ithola inzuzo ngalokho ngubani okwaziyo okulungele umuntu ekuphileni okuvela emasimini. **10** Lowo othanda imali akaneliswa kwakhe ngensuku ezimbawla ezingatsho lutho yiloba yimalini; lowo othanda inotho akasuthiswa adlula kuzo njengethunzi na? Ngubani ongamtshela yilokho akuzuzayo. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **11** Nxa okuzakwenzeka ngaphansi kwelanga yena esedlule? inotho isanda, bayanda lalabo abayisebenzisayo. Imsiza ngani umminiyi ngaphandle kokuyithapha ngamehlo nje kuphela? **12** Bummandi ubuthongo besibebenzi, loba sisidla okuncane loba okunengi, kodwa isinothi asilali ngenxa yenotho yaso. **13** Sengibone ububi obudanisayo ngaphansi kwelanga: ubuhaga ngenotho okulimaza umnikazi, **14** loba inotho esuke yachitheka ngomnyama othile, okuthi nxa umuntu elendodana ayisayikuthola lutho. **15** Umuntu uphuma esiswini sikanina engelalutho, njengokufika kwakhe ubuyela enjalo. Kazuzi lutho olusuka emsebenzini wakhe angaluphattha ezandleni zakhe. **16** Lobu labo yibubi obudanisayo: Njengokufika kwakhe, umuntu uzabuyela enjalo, ngakho uzuzani, njengoba eseenza esadalalela umoya? **17** Zonke insuku zakhe udlela emnyameni, ekhathazekile, ehluphekile, ezondile, **18** Ngasengibona ukuthi kuhle kuqondile ukuthi umuntu adle njalo anathe, njalo azuze ukusuthiseka ekutshikatshikeni kwakhe ngomsebenzi ngaphansi kwelanga ngalezonksu ezilutshwane ezokuphila uNkulunkulu asamupwe zona ngoba lesi yisabelo sakhe. **19** Kunjalo futhi ukuthi nxa uNkulunkulu esipha umuntu inotho lempahla, amvumele ukuthi akholise ngazo, emukele isabelo sakhe athokoze emsebenzini wakhe, lesi yisipho sikaNkulunkulu. **20** Kahlal ekhumbula ngezinsuk zempilo yakhe ngoba uNkulunkulu umenza ahiale ngenjabulo enhliziyeni.

**6** Sengibone obunye ububi ngaphansi kwelanga engibona ukuthi bunzima kakhulu ebantwini: **2** UNkulunkulu upha umuntu inotho lempahla lodumo ukuze angasileli lutho oluloyiswa yinhlizyo yakhe, kodwa uNkulunkulu kanniki amandla okuthi azikhollise lezozinto, zikhollisa ngowemzini. Lokhu kuyize, ububi obudanisayo. **3** Umuntu angaba labantwana abalikhulu aphile okweminyaka eminengi; ikanti loba angaze aphile kanganani kodwa nxa engeke akholise inotho yakhe njalo angangcwatshwa ngendlela eqondileyo, ngithi umphunzo ungcono kulaye. **4** Ufika ungasilutho, unyamalale emnyameni lebizo lawo liphelele emnyameri. **5** Loba lowomphunzo ungazange ulibone ilanga loba wazi ulutho usekuphumuleni okungcono kula lowomuntu **6** loba angaze aphile okweminyaka eyinkulungwane iphindwe kabilo kodwa angaze akholisa inotho yakhe. Kabayi ndawonye bonke na? **7** Yonke imizamo yomuntu iya emlonyen i wakhe, kodwa iphango lakhe kalicgwali. **8** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ungcono ngani kulesiwula? Umuntu ongumyanga uzuzani ngokwazi ukuziphatha kuhle phambi kwabanye na? **9** Kungcono okubonwa lilihlo kulokuhwaywa liphango. Lokhu lakho kuyize, yikuxotshana lomoya. **10** Loba yini ekhona seyavele yethiwa ibizo, laloba yini umuntu ayiyo yona kuvele

sekusaziwa; akulamuntu ongaphuthumana lomunye olamandla kulaye. **11** Ngokwanda kwamazwi siyancipha njalo abangaphezulu. **12** Bummandi ubuthongo besibebenzi, loba sisidla okuncane loba okunengi, kodwa isinothi asilali ngenxa yenotho yaso. **13** Sengibone ububi obudanisayo ngaphansi kwelanga: ubuhaga ngenotho okulimaza umnikazi, **14** loba inotho esuke yachitheka ngomnyama othile, okuthi nxa umuntu elendodana ayisayikuthola lutho. **15** Umuntu uphuma esiswini sikanina engelalutho, njengokufika kwakhe ubuyela enjalo. Kazuzi lutho olusuka emsebenzini wakhe angaluphattha ezandleni zakhe. **16** Lobu labo yibubi obudanisayo: Njengokufika kwakhe, umuntu uzabuyela enjalo, ngakho uzuzani, njengoba eseenza esadalalela umoya? **17** Zonke insuku zakhe udlela emnyameni, ekhathazekile, ehluphekile, ezondile, **18** Ngasengibona ukuthi kuhle kuqondile ukuthi umuntu adle njalo anathe, njalo azuze ukusuthiseka ekutshikatshikeni kwakhe ngomsebenzi ngaphansi kwelanga ngalezonksu ezilutshwane ezokuphila uNkulunkulu asamupwe zona ngoba lesi yisabelo sakhe. **19** Kunjalo futhi ukuthi nxa uNkulunkulu esipha umuntu inotho lempahla, amvumele ukuthi akholise ngazo, emukele isabelo sakhe athokoze emsebenzini wakhe, lesi yisipho sikaNkulunkulu. **20** Kahlal ekhumbula ngezinsuk zempilo yakhe ngoba uNkulunkulu umenza ahiale ngenjabulo enhliziyeni. **21** Ibihlo elihle lingcono kulamakha amnandi, elangala lokufa lingcono kulelanga lokuzalwa. **2** Kungcono ukuya endlini yesililo kulokuya endlini yamadili, ngoba ukufa kuyisiphetho somuntu wonke; abaphilayo kabakunanzele lokho. **3** Usizi lungcono kulokuhleka, ngoba ubuso obudanileyo buyayisiza inhlizyo. **4** Inhlizyo yabahlakaniphileyo isendlini yokulila, kodwa inhlizyo yeziwula isendlini yokuzithokozisa. **5** Kungcono ukulalela izixwayiso zomuntu ohlakaniphileyo kulokulalela ingoma yeziwula. **6** Njengokuchachamba kwameva ngaphansi kwembiza, lunjalo uhleko lweziwula. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **7** Ukuqilibeza kwenza ohlakaniphileyo abe yisiwula, lesivalamlo siayona inhlizyo. **8** Isiphetho sendaba singcono kulokuqala kwayo, lokubekeza kungcono kulokuqinisa intamo. **9** Ungaphangisi ukufuthelana ngaphakathi, ngoba ulaka luhlezi lugonwe yiziwula. **10** Ungaze wathi, “Kungani insuku zayizolo zasingcono kulalezi?” Ngoba kakukuhle ukuba imibuzzo enjalo. **11** Ukuhlakanipa, njengelifa, kuyinto enhle njalo kuyabasiza bonke abaphilayo. **12** Ukuhlakanipa kuyisiphetho njengoba imali iyisiphetho, kodwa ubungcono bolwazi yilobu: ukuthi ukuhlakanipa kuyayilondoloza impilo yalowo olakho. **13** Nakana ngalokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo: Ngubani ongakuqondisa lokho akwenze kwagoba na? **14** Ngezikathhi konke kukuhle, thokoza; kodwa ngezikathhi zobubi, cabanga ukuthi: uNkulunkulu ukwenzile lokhu kanye lalokhuyana njalo. Ngakho ke umuntu neke akwazi ukuthi ikusasa lakhe lizakuba yini. **15** Kuyonale impilo yami eyize sengizibone izinto lezi zombili: umuntu olungileyo uyafa elungile enjalo, lomuntu omubi uba lempilo enhle emubi enjalo. **16** Ungalungi wedlulise, futhi ungabe lokuhlakanipa okweqileyo kambe uzbilalelanina? **17** Ungakhwali okudlulisleyo, njalo ungabe yisiwula kambe ufelani singakafiki isikhathi sakho? **18** Kuhle ukuthi uthi ubambe lokhu ungayekeli uphunyukwe ngokunye. Umuntu owesaba uNkulunkulu kedulisi amalawulo. **19** Ukuhlakanipa kwenza umuntu ohlakaniphileyo oyedwa abe lamandla kulababusi abalitshumi edolobheni. **20** Akulamuntu loyedwa olungileyo emhlabenzi owenza okulungileyo ongazake enze isono. **21** Ungaphiki ngokulalela wonke amazwi akhulunywa ngabantu, funa uzwe inceku yakho ikuthuka **22** ngoba uyakwazi enhliziyeni yakho ukuthi wena ngokwakho uyawubathuke abanye. **23** Konke lokhu ngakuhlolisa ngokuhlaniphila ngathi, “Ngizimisele ukuhlaniphila” kodwa lokhu kwakungaphezu kwami. **24** Ukuhlakanipa okungabe kukhona, kukhatshana kakhulu njalo kuzikile kakhulu:

ngubani ongakufinyelela na? **25** Ngasengibeka uthokoze. Lapho-ke injabulo izahlala injalo kuye ingqondo yami ukuthi ngizwisise, ngidingisise emsebenzini wakhe zonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe njalo ngichwayisisce ukuhlakanipha kanye lesimo sezinto lokuzwisa ubuphukuphuku bokuxhwala lobuhlanya lobuwula. **26** Ngibona ukuthi uyingozzi eyedlula ukufa umfazi ongumjibila, onhlizyo yakhe iyisithiyo njalo ozandla zakhe zingamaketane. Indoda eyesaba uNkulunkulu izaphepha kuye, kodwa isigangi uzasihilela. **27** Uthi uMtshumayeli, "Khangel, nanku esengikunanelele: Ngihlanganisa lokhu lalokhu ngizama ukubona isimo sezinto **28** ngilokhu ngisachwayisisa kodwa ngingatholi ngafumanisa indoda eyodwa elungileyo kwabayinkulungwane, kodwa ngitsho loyedwa umfazi oqondileyo kubo. **29** Yilokhu kuphela esengikufumene: UNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu wabaqotho, kodwa abantu basuka bazenzele okwabo."

**8** Ngubani onjengomuntu ohlakaniphileyo na? Ngubani oyaziyo ingcabelo yezinto na? Ukuhlakanipha kuyabukhanyisa ubuso bomuntu njalo kuguqula ukunyukubala kwabo. **2** Ngithi hloniipha umlayo wenkosi ngoba wenza isifungo phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Ungawalazeli ukusuka phambi kwenkosi. Ungalumeli ulutho nxa lungaqondanga ngoba yona ingenza loba yini eyithandayo. **4** Njengoba ilizwi lenkosi lingaphikiswa ngubani ongathi kuyo, "Kanti wenzani?" **5** Lowo ohlonipha imilayo yayo akayikwehlewa ngokubi, lenhlizyo ehlakaniphileyo iyasazi isikhathi lendlela yokwenza. **6** Ngoba into yonke ilesikhathi esiqondileyo lendlela yokwenza eqondileyo, lanxa umuntu eyabe esindwa yizinkathazo zakhe. **7** Njengoba kungekho muntu olaziyo ikusasa, ngubani pho ongamtshela okuzayo na? **8** Njengoba kungelamuntu olamandla phezu komoyo ovunguzayo Akulamuntu olamandla phezu kosuku lwakhe lokufa. Njengoba ibutho lingakbululwa ngesikhathi sempi, kunjalo ukuxhwa akyukubakbululwa labo abaphila ngakho. **9** Konke lokhu ngakubona lapho ngangihlolisa ngengqondo yami konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga. Kukhona isikhathi lapho umuntu aphatha khona abanye ngochuku kanti uya zilimaza yena. **10** Ngabona njalo ababi bengcwatsha, labo ababehlala befika bahambe endaweni engcwele bazuze udumo kulelodolobho ababeganga khona. Khona lakho kuyize. **11** Nxa isigwebo secala singenziwanga masinyane, abantu basuka bacabange ukuuhubeka ngokuganga kwabo. **12** Loba umuntu ogangileyo engenza amacala alikhulu ajinge aphile okwesikhathi eside, ngiyazi ukuthi kuzakuba ngcono kulabo abamesabayo uNkulunkulu, abazithobayo kuNkulunkulu. **13** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi izixhwali kazimesabi uNkulunkulu, kakuzukuzilungela, lezinsuku zazo kaziyukweluleka njengesithunzi. **14** Kukhona njalo enye into eyize eyenzakalayo emhlabeni: abantu abalungileyo abazuza okufanele ababi, labantu ababi abazuza okufanele abalungileyo. Ngithi lokhu lakho kudida ingqondo. **15** Ngakho-ke ngikhuthaza ukuzithokozisa empilweni ngoba kakukho okungcono emuntwini ngaphansi kwelanga kulokuzitika, unathe, ngubani ongakufinyelela na? **25** Ngasengibeka uthokoze. Lapho-ke injabulo izahlala injalo kuye ingqondo yami ukuthi ngizwisise, ngidingisise emsebenzini wakhe zonke insuku zokuphila kwakhe njalo ngichwayisisce ukuhlakanipha kanye lesimo sezinto lokuzwisa ubuphukuphuku bokuxhwala lobuhlanya lobuwula. **26** Ngibona ukuthi uyingozzi eyedlula ukufa umfazi ongumjibila, onhlizyo yakhe iyisithiyo njalo ozandla zakhe zingamaketane. Indoda eyesaba uNkulunkulu izaphepha kuye, kodwa isigangi uzasihilela. **27** Uthi uMtshumayeli, "Khangel, nanku esengikunanelele: Ngihlanganisa lokhu lalokhu ngizama ukubona isimo sezinto **28** ngilokhu ngisachwayisisa kodwa ngingatholi ngafumanisa indoda eyodwa elungileyo kwabayinkulungwane, kodwa ngitsho loyedwa umfazi oqondileyo kubo. **29** Yilokhu kuphela esengikufumene: UNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu wabaqotho, kodwa abantu basuka bazenzele okwabo."

**9** Yikho ngakucabanga konke lokhu ngabona ukuthi abalungileyo labahlakaniphileyo labakwenzayo kusezandleni zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa kakho owaziyo ingabe ulindelwe luthando langabe yinzondo. **2** Bonke balesiphetho sinye, abaqondileyo labaxhwalileyo, abalungileyo lababi, abahlambulukileyo labangcolileyo, abenza imihlatshelo labangayenziyo. Njengoba kunjalo emuntwini olungileyo, kunjalo lakoyisoni; njengoba kunjalo kwabenza izifungo, kunjalo lakulabu abesaba ukuzenza. **3** Lobu yibo ububi obuvelela zonke izinto ngaphansi kwelanga: Konke kulesiphetho sinye. Njalo inhliziyo zabantu zigcwele izibizo futhi kulokubheda phakathi kwazo nxa besaphila, ikanti emva kwakho konke baya kwabafileyo. **4** Loba ngubani olethemba nxa esahlezi kwabaphilayo, yebo kambe phela inja ephilayo ingcono kulesilwane esifileyo! **5** Ngoba abaphilayo bayakwazi ukuthi bazakufa, kodwa abafileyo kabazi lutho; kabaselawo omunye umvuzo, ngitsho lokukhumbula ngabo kuyaphela. **6** Uthando lwabo, inzondo yabo lomona wabo sekwedulla nya; nini lanini kabasayikuba lengxenyne loba kukuphi okwenzakalayo ngaphansi kwelanga. **7** Hamba nje uyezidlela ukudla kwakho uchelesile, unathe iwayini lakho ngenhlizyo emhlophe, ngoba uNkulunkulu usavukumvele okwamanje. **8** Gqoka ezimhlophe negezikhathi zonke, ugcobe ikhanda lakho ngamafutha. **9** Kholisa impilo lomfazi wakho omthandayo kuzozonke insuku zale impilo eyize uNkulunkulu akumike yona ngaphansi kwelanga, zonke insuku zakho eziyize. Phela lesi yiso isabelo sakho empilweni phakathi kokutshikatshika kwakho ngaphansi kwelanga. **10** Lokho isandla sakho esingakwenza kwenze ngamandla akho wonke, ngoba engcwabeni lapho oya khona akusetshenzwa, akulakulungiselela, kakulalwazi kumbe ukuhlanipha. (*Sheol h7585*) **11** Ngikubonile okunye njalo ngaphansi kwelanga: Ukutshiya abanye kakuyi ngesiqubu kumbe ukunqoba impi kuye ngamandla; kakutsho ukuthi ukudla kuya kwabahlakaniphileyo kumbe inotho kwabakhaliphileyo loba okuhle kwehlele abafundileyo; kodwa kuya ngesikhathi langenhlanhla kubani lobani. **12** Futhi kakho owaziyo ukuthi isikhathi sakhe sizafika nini: Njengezinhanzi ezigolwa kabuhlungu ngamambule loba izinyoni zibanwa esifini, kunjalo abantu bafikelwa yizikhathi ezimbi ezibafikela belibe. **13** Ngaphinda ngabona ngaphansi kwelanga lesisiboneko sokuhlanipha esagxila engqondweni yami: **14** Kwake kwaba khona idolobho elincinyane elalilabantu abalutshwana kulo. Kwasuka inkosi elamandla yalihlasela, yalihonqolozela

yakha amadundulu amakhulu okuvimbezela. **15** Nxa amayezi ethwele, anisa izulu emhlabathini. Kulelodolobho kwakuhlala indoda ethile engesulutho Aluba isihlahla singawela eningizimu loba enhla, kodwa ihlakaniphile, ngakho yawusindisa umuzi silala khonapho esiwele khona. **4** Lowo onanzelela lowo ngokuhlakaniphia kwayo. Kodwa kakho loyedwa umoya kayikuhlanyela; lowo okhangela amayezi owaphinde wayikhumbula leyondoda eyayingebani. akazukuvuna. **5** Njengoba ungayazi indlela yomoya, **16** Yikho-ke ngasengisithi, "Ukuhlakaniphia kungcono loba ukubunjwa komzimba esiswini sikanina, yikho kulamandla." Kodwa ukuhlakaniphia komuntukazana ungeke uwisise umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, uMenzi kuyeyiswa lamazwi akhe akasanakwa. **17** Amazwi wezinto zonke. **6** Hlanyela inhlanyelo yakho apholileyo abahlakaniphileyo afanele alalelw ekuseni, kuthi ntambama uphumuze izandla zakho, ngcono kuloskumemeza kombusi weziwula. **18** Ngoba kawukwazi okuzaphumelela, kumbe yilokhu loba yilokhuyana, langabe kokubili kuzalunga ngokufananayo. **7** Ukukhanya kumnandi, njalo kuhle emehlweni ukubona ilanga. **8** Umuntu angaze aphile iminyaka emingaki, kayikholis yonke. Kodwa makakhumbule insuku zobumnyama, ngoba zizabe zizinengi. Konke okuzakuza kuyize. **9** Inhlizyo yolungileyo ikhungathekela ekulungeni, Jabula nsizwa usesemutsha, uvumele inhlizyo yakho ikuthokozise ensukwini zubitsha bakho. Landela izindlela zenhlizyo yakho lakho konke amehlo akho akubonayo, kodwa yazi ukuthi ngenxa yazo zonke lezizinto uNkulunkulu uzakumisa ekwahluleweni. **10** Ngakho-ke, susa ukukhathazeka enhliziyeni yakho ulahlele kude inhlupheko zomzimba wakho, ngoba ubutsha lamadlabuzane kuyize.

**10** Njengoba impukane ezifele phakathi kwamakha ziwenza anuke kubi, kunjalo lobuwula obuncinyane bugabbela ukuhlakaniphia lodumo. **2** Aluba umbusi ekuthukuthelela, ungasuki esikhundleni sakho; ukuthobeka kungathoba umonakalo obungaba khona. **5** Bukhona ububi esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga, kuliphutha elenziwa ngumbusi: **6** Iziwula ziphakanyiselwa ezikhundleni ezinengi eziphezulu, kodwa abanothileyo belezikhundla eziphansi. **7** Sengibone izichaka zigade amabhiza, kuthi amakhosana ahame ngezinyawo njengezichaka. **8** Lowo ogebha umgodi angawela kuwo; odiliza umduli angalunywa yinyoka. **9** Oqhekeza amatshe angalinyazwa yiwo; obanda inkuni angaba sengozini yazo. **10** Lapho ihloka libuthundu ubukhali balo bungololwanga, kudingeka amandla amanengi kodwa ubungcitsi buyaphumelelisa. **11** Nxa inyoka ihle ilume ingakalunja, umlumbi kaselanzu. **12** Amazwi aphuma emlonyeni wesihlakaniphia amnandi, kodwa isiwlula sichithwa yizindebe zaso. **13** Ekuqaleni amazwi aso ayibuwula; ekucineni aseyikuwumana okubi **14** njalo isiwlula sanda ngamazwi. Kakho okwaziyo okuzayo ngubani ongamazisa okuzakwenzakala ngemva kwakhe na? **15** Umtshikatshika wesiwula uyasidinisa; kasiyazi indlela eya edolobheni. **16** Maye kuwe, wena lizwe onkosi yalo yayiyisichaka, amakhosana akho azitika ngamadili ekuseni. **17** Ubusisiwe wena, wena lizwe onkosi yalo izalwa esikhosini amakhosana alo adla ngezikathathi eziqdileyo edlela ukuqina hatshi ukudakwa. **18** Nxa indoda ilivila intungo ziyabhensa; nxa izandla zayo ziyekethisa indlu iyavuza. **19** Idili lenzelwa ukujabula, lewayini lenza impilo ibe mnandi, kodwa imali yiyo impendulo yakho konke. **20** Ungayithuki inkosi lasemicabangweni yakho, loba uqalekise abanothileyo loba usendlini yakho yokulala, ngoba mhlawumbe inyoni yasemoyeni ingawathwala amazwi akho, loba inyoni ephaphayo ingayabika okutshoyo.

**11** Phosela isinkwa sakho phezu kwamanzi, ngoba ngemva kwensuku ezinengi uzasifumana futhi. **2** Yabela abayisikhombisa, yebo abayisificaminwembili, ngoba kawuwazi umonakalo ongehlela elizweni. **3**

**12** Khumbula uMdali wakho ngezinsuku zubitsha bakho, kungakafiki insuku zokuhlupheka njalo kusondele lemnyaka lapho ozakuthi, "Angizumi kuthokoza kuyo" **2** andubana ilanga lokukhanya kanye lenyanga lezinkanyezi kufiphale, lamayezi achitheke ngemva kwezulu; **3** lapho abalindi bendlu bezathuthumela, amadoda aqinileyo akhokhobe, labacholi batshiye umsebenzi ngoba sebebalutshwana, kuthi labalunguzayo ngamawindi sebebona lufifi; **4** lapho iminyango euphumele emigwaqweni isivaliwe lomsindo wokuchola usufiphal; lapho abantu besethuswa yikukhala kwenyoni, lezingoma zazo aso zincipa; **5** lapho abantu sebesesaba izindawo eziphakemeyo lezingozi emigwaqweni; lapho isihlahla se-alimondi sesiqhakaza lentethe isihamba ngokuzihudula njalo kungasekho ukulangazelela. Lapho-ke umuntu usesiya ekhaya lakhe laphakade njalo abalilayo bagcwale emigwaqweni. **6** Mkhumbule intambo yesiliva ingakaqamuki, kumbe umganu wegolide ungakabhidlwiza; lodiwo lungakahlikizwa emthonjeni, loba ivili lephulwe emgodini wamanzi, **7** kuthi umhlabathi ubuyele emhlabathini lapho owavela khona, lomphefumulo ubuyelete kuNkulunkulu ongyue owawuphayo. **8** "Ize! Izel!" kutsho uMtshumayeli, "Konke kuyize!" **9** UMTshumayeli wayehlakaniphile, njalo esabela abantu ulwazi. Wazidla ingqondo wadingisia wamisa kuhle izaga ezinengi. **10** UMTshumayeli wadingisia ukuze azuze amazwi ayiwonawona, kwathi-ke konke akulobayo kwaqonda njalo kuliqiniso. **11** Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo anjengenswazi zokwethusa izimvu, izitsho zabo eziqoqiweyo zinjengezipikili ezibethelwe zatshona, zivela kuMalusi munye. **12** Limuka, ndodana yami, loba kuyini okudlula lapho. Ukolotshwa kwezincwadi

ezinengi akulamkhawulo, njalo ukufunda kakhulu  
kuhlukuluza umzimba. **13** Manje-ke konke sekuzwakele;  
nansi isiphetho sendaba: Mesabe uNkulunkulu ugcine  
imiyalo yakhe, ngoba lo yiwo wonke umlandu  
womuntu. **14** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uzazahlulela zonke  
izenzo, lalokho okufihliweyo loba kuhle loba kubi.

# Ingoma Yezingoma

**1** Ingoma yezingoma kaSolomoni. **2** Kangange ngezangiwo zomlomo wakhe ngoba uthando lwakho lumnandi kulewayini. **3** Limnandi iphunga lamagcobo akho; ibizo lakho linjengamakha atheliweyo. Yikho izintombi zikuthanda kangaka! **4** Ngithatha uhamble lami, kasiiphangise! Inkosi kayingenigenise endlini yayo. Abangane Siyathokozza njalo siyajabula ngawe; sizalubabaza uthando lwakho okudlula iwayini. Umllobokazi Kabazensi ukuba bakuthande! **5** Ngimnyama kodwa ngiyabukeka, lina madodakazi asejerusalema ngimnyama okwamathente aseKhedari, okwamakhetheni amathente kaSolomoni. **6** Linganginyonkolzo ngoba ngimnyama, ngimnyama ngenxa yokutshiswa lilanga. Abanewethu bangizondela bangenza umlindi wesivini; angabe ngisanaka esami isivini. **7** Akungitshele, wena engikuthandayo, uyelesela ngaphi imihlambi yezimvu zakho lokuthi ziphumula ngaphi izimvu zakho emini? Kungani ngisiba njengomfazi ombozileyo eceleni kwemihlambi yabangane bakho na? **8** Nxa ungazi, wena omuhle okudlula bonke abesifazane, landela umkhondo wezimvu udlidele amazinyane embuzi zakho eduze lamathente abelusi. **9** Sithandwa sami, ngikufanisa lebhiza elisikazi elibotshwe enqoleni kaFaro. **10** Izihlathi zakho zinhlengokuceciswa, intamo yakho ngobuhlu obucazimulayo. **11** Sizakwenzela amacici egolide, ebalazwe ngesiliva. **12** Khonapho inkosi isetafuleni amakha ami enadi alanqua iphunga lawo eliminandi. **13** Kimi isithandwa sami sinjengmfuko yemure ithe khoxo phakathi kwamabele ami. **14** Kimi isithandwa sami sinjengelixha lempoko zehena eliphuma esivinini se-Eni-Gedi. **15** Bakithi, umuhle njani sithandwa sami! Ngeqiniso umuhle! Amehlo akho angamajuba. **16** Umuhle ngempela, sithandwa sami! Bakithi, uyabukeka! Umbheda wethu butshani obuluhlaza tshoko. **17** Izinsika zendlu yethu ngezomsedari lezintungo ngezezfire.

**2** Ngililuba laseSharoni, imbali yasezigidini. **2** Njengembali phakathi kwameva sinjalo isithandwa sami phakathi kwezintombi. **3** Njengesihlahla se-aphula phakathi kwezihlahla zeganga sinjalo isithandwa sami phakathi kwamajaha. Kumnandi kimi ukuhlala emthunzini waso, lezithelo zakhe ziyahlabusa kimi. **4** Useke wangisa endlini yedili, lophawu lwakhe kimi luthando. **5** Ngiqinisan ngamavini awonyisiweyo, lingivusele ngamaphula, ngoba sengiyathiswa luthando. **6** Ingalo yakhe yobunxele niyiqamele, kuthi ingalo yakhe yokunene ingigonile. **7** Madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngeqaliqonqosela ngezimpala langezimpalakazi zeganga. Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse uthando luze luzifunele lona. **8** Zwanini! Yisithandwa sami! Khangelani! Nansi siyeza, siseqa ezintabeni siqolotsha emaqaqeni. **9** Isithandwa sami sinjengempala loba ithole lomziki. Khangelani! Nansiyana simi ngale komduli wakwethu, sikhangeli sibona emawindini, silunguza

ngezimbotschana. **10** Isithandwa sami sakhuluma sathi kimi, "Sukuma, sithandwa sami, wena omuhle, woza sihambe. **11** Khangelani! Ubusika sebululile; isikhathi sezulu sesidlule. **12** Amaluba asebonakala emangweni; isikhathi sokuhlabela kwezinyoni sesifikile, ukukhala kwamajuba sekuizwakala elizweni lakithi. **13** Umkhiwa usuthela izithelo zawa zakuqala; amavini aqhakazayo aseletha iphunga eliminandi. Sukuma, woza sithandwa sami; wena omuhle wami, woza sihambe." **14** Juba lami elisezingoxweni zedwala, ekusithekeni kwamawa entaba, akungitshengise ubuso bakho, akungizwise ilizwi lakho; ngoba limnandi ilizwi lakho, lobuso bakho buyabukeka. **15** Sibambeleni amakhanka, amakhanka amancinyane onayo ezivinini, izivini zethu esezithela. **16** Isithandwa sami ngesami lami ngingowakhe; uzithokozisa ngoba phakathi kwamaluba. **17** Akuze kube emadabukakusa lapho kunyamalala khona izithunzi, phenduka sithandwa sami, ube njengempala loba njengegogo Elisengumntwana phezu kwezintaba ezilamakheleketha.

**3** Ubusuku bonke ngisembhedeni wami ngamdinga lowo othandwa yinhliziyo yami; ngamdinga kodwa kangimfumananga. **2** Sengivuka manje ngizulazule phakathi kwedolobho, emigwaqweni lasemagekeni alo; ngizalibhudula ngidinga othandwa yinhliziyo yami. Kanjalo ngamdinga kodwa angaze ngamthola. **3** Abalindi bangifica belokhu benquma phakathi kwedolobho. "Like lambona yini lowo othandwa yinhliziyo yami?" **4** Ngathi ngisedlula kubo ngabe ngimbona othandwa yinhliziyo yami. Ngambamba angaze ngamyekela ukuba ahambe ngaze ngamletha endlini kamama, endlini yakhe lowo owangizalayo. **5** Madodakazi aseJerusalema, ngeqaliqonqosela ngezimpala langezimpalakazi zeganga. Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse uthando luze luzifunele lona. **6** Ngubari lo ozayo eqhamuka enkangala kungathi yisikhatha sentuthu, eziqhole ngamakha emure lenhlaka eyenziwe ngemhlobo yonke yezinongo zomthengisi? **7** Khangelani! Yincola kaSolomoni, isekelwe ngamabutho angamatshumi ayisithupha, angabatherenja abyinqaba ko-Israyeli, **8** bonke begqize izinkemba enqulwini, bonke sebake bazilwa izimpi, ngulowo lalowo inkemba yakhe eceleni kwakhe, elungele ukuhlatshwa komkhosi ebusuku. **9** Inkosi uSolomoni yazenzenza inqola leyo; yayenza ngezigodo zeLebanoni. **10** Imijabo yayo yayenza ngesiliva, isisekelo sayo yasenza ngegolide. Isihlalo sayo yasithungela ilembu eliyibubende ingaphakathi yayo yaceciswa ngothando ngamadodakazi aseJerusalema. **11** Phumaniphandle madodakazi aseZioni, libone iNkosi uSolomoni ithwele umqhele, umqhele ewetheswa ngumina mhla welanga atshada ngalo, ilanga inhliziyo yakhe yathokoza ngalo.

**4** Kayisibuhle bakho, sithandwa sami! Awu, ayisibuhle, bakithi! Amehlo akho embeswe liveli, angamajuba. Inwele zakho zinjengomhlambi wembuzi zisehla entaben iGiliyadi. **2** Amazinyo akho anjengomhlambi wezimvu zisanda kugundwa, zivela geziswa yileyo

ihamba laleyo efanana layo; kayikho ethe qekele ngasisiwela. Ngasimemeza kodwa kasisabelanga. 7 yodwa. **3** Izindebe zakho zinjengozewze olubomvu; Abalindi bangibona ngesikhathi bebhodabhoda, behlola muhle umlomo wakho. Izihlathi zakho ezembeswe idolobho. Bangitshaya bangilimaza; bangihlubula liveli lakho ezinjengephomegranathi elidatshulwe bathatha ibhatshi lami, lababalindi bemiduli! **8** Lina phakathi. **4** Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo madodakazi asejerusalem, ngiyaliqonqosela nxa wokulinda kaDavid, owakhiwa waba muhle kakhulu; lisithola isithandwa sami lizasitshelani? Sitsheleni kulengiswe kuwo amahawu ayinkulungwane, ukuthi mina sengiyathisa luthando. **9** Isithandwa wonke angamahawu amaqhawe. **5** Amabele akho sakho singcono ngani kulezinye izithandwa wena omabili anjengamazinyane amibili, njengamaphahlha omuhle okudlula bonke abesifazane? Singcono ngani amazinyane empala adla utshani phakathi kwezimbali. isithandwa sakho kulezinye osungaze usiqonqosele **6** Nxa kusesemadabukakusa izithunzi zingakabaleki kangaka? **10** Isithandwa sami siyakhazimula emuntwini, ngizakuya entaben'i yemure laseqaqeni sincwaba, siyabonakala laphakathi kwezinkulungwane lwamakha amnandi. **7** Umuhle kakhulukazi, ezilishumi. **11** Ikhanda laso lilolide elicengwe ntokazi yami; kakulanto engenhe kuwe. **8** kakhulu; inwele zaso ziyibulembu, zimnyama Woza, mllobokazi wami, sisuke eLebhanoni, woza okwewabayo. **12** Amehlo aso anjengamajuba esezipulen'i sisuke eLebhanoni. Yehla emaweni ase-Amana, ezilamanzi, ageze ngochago, amiswa njengamatshes' wehle esiqongweni saseSeniri, isiqongo seHemoni, engecebo. **13** Izihlathi zaso zinjengendima yeziyoliso ezimbawini zezingonyama lezintaben'i okuhlala ingwe ezilephunga lamakha. Izindebe zaso zinjengezimbali, kuzo. **9** Uyithumbile inhlizyo yami, dadewethu, ziconsa imure. **14** Izingalo zaso yimiqwayi mllobokazi wami; uyithumbile inhlizyo yami yegolide elixutshwe ngekhrisolithe. Umzimba waso ngokungithi jeqe ngamehlo akho, langengqongqo unjengophondo lwendlovu olulolongiweyo lwaceciswa elilodwa lobuhluu bakho. **10** Luthokozisa kanganani uthando Iwakho, dadewethu, mllobokazi wami! Lumrandi kakhulu kulewayini, lephunga lamakha akho kulawo wonke amafutha! **11** Izindebe zakho ziconsa ubumandi njengoluju, mllobokazi wami; uchago loluju kungaphansi kolimi Iwakho. Iphunga lezivunulo zakho linjengeleLebhanoni. **12** Uyisivande esibiyelweyo, dadewethu, mllobokazi wami; ungumthombo obiyelweyo, lesiphethu esihuvelweyo sagcikwa. **13** Izilimo zakho ziyisivande samaphomegranathi alezithelo ezinhle zilehena lenadi, **14** inadi lesafuroni, ikhalamu lesinamoni, lemhlobo yonke yezihlaha zempepha, imure lenhlaba lazozonke iziyoliso zekhethelo. **15** Uyisiphethu sesivandeni, umthombo ogeleza amanzi ugeleza usehla eLebhanoni. **16** Vuka moya wenjakatho, woza moya weningizimu! Phephetha esivandeni sami, ukuze amakha aso agcwale indawo yonke. Akuthi isithandwa sami size esivandeni saso sikholiise izithelo zaso zekhethelo.

**5** Singingenile esivandeni sami, dadewethu, mllobokazi wami; sengiyibuthile imure yami lesiyoliso sami. Sengizidile inhlanga zami loluju Iwami; sengiyinathile iwayini yami lochago Iwami. **6** Sengizidile inhlanga zami loluju Iwami; sengiyinathile iwayini yami lochago Iwami. **7** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **8** Kungabe kukhona amakhosikazi Abangane Dlanini, bangane, linathe; nathani lizidele, lina zithandani. **9** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **10** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **11** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **12** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **13** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **14** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **15** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **16** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **17** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **18** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **19** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **20** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **21** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **22** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **23** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **24** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **25** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **26** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **27** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **28** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **29** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **30** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **31** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **32** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **33** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **34** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **35** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **36** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **37** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **38** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **39** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **40** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **41** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **42** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **43** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **44** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **45** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **46** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **47** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **48** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **49** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **50** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **51** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **52** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **53** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **54** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **55** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **56** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **57** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **58** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **59** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **60** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **61** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **62** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **63** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **64** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **65** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **66** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **67** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **68** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **69** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **70** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **71** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **72** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **73** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **74** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **75** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **76** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **77** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **78** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **79** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **80** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **81** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **82** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **83** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **84** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **85** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **86** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **87** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **88** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **89** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **90** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **91** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **92** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **93** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **94** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **95** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **96** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **97** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **98** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **99** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile. **100** Ngalala kodwa inhlizyo yami ivukile.

phenduka, ukuze sikubuke! Umyeni Liyabe limbukelani umShulamithi kungathi libuka umgido kaMahanayimi?

**7** Zinhle kakhulu inyawo zakho emanyathelweni, awu ndodakazi yenkosana! Amathebe mahle anjengamatshe aligugu, ingathi abunjwa kuhle yingcitshi. **2** Inkaba yakho yindingilizana yesiphatheko esihle esihlala sigcwele iwayini elixutshiweyo. Ukhalo lwakho luyinquinjana yengqoloyi ezingelezwe yizimbalu. **3** Amabele akho anjengamazinyane amabili, njengamaphahla empala. **4** Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo wempondo zendlovu. Amelelo akho ayizibiza zeHeshibhoni eduze lesango laseBhathi Rabhimi. Impumulo yakho injengomphotshongo waseLebanoni ukhangale eDamaseko. **5** Ikhanda lakho lingumqhele kuwe njengentaba iKhameli. Inwele zakho zingumceciso wobukhos; inkosi ithunjiwe ngamagoda azo. **6** Wamuhle bantu njalo uyathokozisa, wena sithandwa, ngezintokoza zakho! **7** Uluthi lwakho luthe klwi, njengesihlahla sephamu, lamabele akho anjengelixha lezithelo. **8** Ngathi, "Ngizakhwela esihlahleni sephamu; ngizaziphatha lezozithelo zalo." Sengathi amabele akho angaba njengamaxha evini, amakha okuphefumula kwakho abe njengama-aphula, **9** lomlomo wakho ube njengewayini elidlula wonke. Umlobokazi Sengathi iwayini lelo lingaya kusithandwa sami, ligeleze kakuhle ezindebeni lasemazinyweni. **10** Ngingowaso isithandwa sami, silangathela mina. **11** Woza, sithandwa sami, kasihambe siye emaphandleni, kasiyolala emizini. **12** Kasihambe ekuseni ezivinini ukuyabona ingabe amavini asenunkula na, ingabe amaluba amaphomegranathi awo aseqhakazile lapho ngizakupha uthando lwami. **13** Izihlahla zamamandraki zikhupha iphunga eliminandi, kuthi emnyango wakwethu kube lezibiloboco zonke ezintsha lezindala, engikubekela zona, sithandwa sami.

**8** Aluba nje unjengomfowethu kimi, owondliwa emunya emabeleni kamama! Lapho-ke, nxa ngikufica phandle, ngithi loba ngikwanga, angabikhona ongisolayo. **2** Ngabe ngiyakudonsa ngikuse endlini kamama yena owangikhulisayo. Ngabe ngikupha iwayini elixutshiweyo unathe, uluju lwamaphomegranathi ami. **3** Ingalo yakhe yobunxele ngiyiqamele kuthi ingalo yakhe yokunene ingigonile. **4** Madodakazi aseJerusalem, ngiyaliqonqosela: Lingalunyakazisi loba liluvuse uthando luze luzifunele lona. **5** Ngubani lo oqhamukayo evela enkangala na, eyeme isithandwa sakhe? Umlobokazi Ngikuvusile ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-aphula; kulapho unyoko akumithela khona, kulapho ahelelwa wakuzalela khona. **6** Ngibeka ngibe njengesidindo enhliziyweni yakho, njengesidindo engalweni yakho; ngoba uthando lulamandla njengokufa, ubukhwele balo kabuyekethisi njengengcwaba. Luyatshisa njengomilo obhebha kakhulu, njengelangabi elivuthayo. (**Sheol h7585**) **7** Impophoma zamanzi ngeke zilucime uthando; imifula ngeke ilukhukhule. Nxa umuntu enganika yonke inotho yomuzi wakhe ngenxa yothando kungaba yinhlekisa. **8** Silentombazana

engumnawethu, njalo kayikaphuhli. Sizamenzelani kambe umnawethu mhla sekuthiwa uyacelwa? **9** Uba engumduli, sizakwakha imiphotshongo yesiliva phezu kwakhe. Uba engumnyango, sizamvala ngamapulanka esihlahla somsedari. **10** Ngingumduli, lamabele ami anjengemiphotshongo. Yikho-nje emehlwani akhe sengifana lalowo olethe ukusuthiseka. **11** USolomoni wayellesivini eBhali Hamoni; wasiqhatshisela ebalimini isivini sakhe. Munye ngamunye kwakumele athele umthelo wezithelo zaho ongamashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane. **12** Kodwa esami isivini ngesami ukupha santando; amashekeli lawo ayinkulungwane ngawakho, bakithi Solomon, lamakhulu amabili amashekeli ngawalabo abalondoloza izithelo zaho. **13** Wena ohlala ezivandeni labangane bekususa isizungu, ake ngilizwe ilizwi lakho! **14** Masihambe, sithandwa sami, woba njengembabala kumbe njengejongosana lomziki ezintabeni ezigcwele amakha.

# U-Isaya

**1** Umboño omayelana ngoJuda lejerusalemə owabonwa ngu-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi ensukwini zokubusa kuka-Uziya, loJothamu, lo-Ahazi loHezekhiya amakhosi akoJuda. **2** Zwanini, mazulu! Lalelani, mhlabla! Ngoba uThixo usekhulumile: “Ngondla abantwana ngabakhulisa, kodwa sebegihlamuke. **3** Inkabi iyamazi umniniyo, lobabbemi uyasazi isibaya somnikazi wakhe, kodwa u-Israyeli kazi, abantu bamni kabaqedisisi.” **4** Maye kuso isizwe esonayo, abantu abathwele amacala, inzalo yabenza okubi, abantwana abaxhwalileyo! Sebemlahlile uThixo; bamdelele oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, bamfulathela. **5** Kungani kumele litshaywe futhi? Kungani liqhubeka ngokuhlumaka? Ikhanda lakho lonke llimele, yonke inhliziyo yakho ihlukuluziwe. **6** Kusukela ngaphansi kwentende yonyawo lwakho kusiya esicholo sekhandā lakho akukho kuphelia, kodwa izilonda lemivinya kuphela, kanye lamanxeba; akugeziswanga, akubotshwanga kumbe kwathanjiswa ngamafutha. **7** Ilizwe lenu lichithekile, amadolobho enu atshiswa ngomilo, umhlaba wenu uphundlu ngabezizweni, phambi kwenu uqobo, uchitheka njengalapho udilizwa ngabezizweni. **8** Indodakazi yaseZiyoni isele njengedumba esivinini, njengendlwana ensimini yamajodo, njengedolobho elihongolozelwego. **9** Aluba uThixo uSomandla kasishtiyelanga abalutshwana abasindayo, sasizakuba njengeSodoma; sasifanaya leGomora. **10** Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lina babusi baseSodoma, lalelani umthetho kaNkulunkulu wethu, lina bantu baseGomora! **11** “Ubunengi bemihlatshelo yenu buyini kimi?” kutsho uThixo. “Ngileminikelo yokutshiswa eddlula efunekayo, eyenqama lamahwahwa ezifuyo ezinonisewyo; igazi lenkunzi, lelamawundlu lelembuzi kalingithokozisi. **12** Lapho lisiza phambi kwami, ngubani othe linyatthele amaguma ami na? **13** Yekelani ukuletha iminikelo eyize! Imphepa yenu iyisinengiso kimi. Anginge ngibekezelele imbuthano yenu yobubi, eyokuThwsa kweNyanga, amaSabatha lemihlangano. **14** Umphefumulo wami uyawazonda amadili enu okuthwsa kwezinyanga lemikhosi yenu emisiwego. Sekube ngumthwalo kimi; sengikhathelle ngokukuthwala. **15** Lapho lichaya izandla zenu likhuleka, ngizalifihlela amehlo ami; loba selikhuleka imikhuleko eminengi, angiyikulalela. Izandla zenu zigcwele igazi! **16** Gezani libe ngabahlambulukileyo. Susani izenso zenu ezimbi phambi kobuso bam; yekelani ukwenza okubi. **17** Fundani ukwenza okulungileyo; funani ukwahlulela okuhle. Khuthazani abancidezelwego. Vikelani izintandane; lamulelani umfelokazi. **18** Wozani, siqondisanē sindawonye,” kutsho uThixo. “Larxa izono zero zibomvu gebhu, zizakuba mhlophe njengonqaqwane, loba zibomvu njengegazi, zizakuba njengoboya bezimvu. **19** Nxa livuma njalo lilalela, lizakudla okuhle kwelizwe; **20** kodwa nxa linqaba, lihlamuka, lizadliwa yinkemba.” Ngoba umlomo kaThixo usukhulumile. **21** Khangelani

ukuthi idolobho elithembekileyo seliphenduke laba yisifebe kanjani! Lake lagcwala ngokufaneleyo; ukulunga kwakuhlala kulo, kodwa khathesi sekuhlala ababulali! **22** Isiliva senu sesingamanyele, iwayini lenu elihle selihlanganiswe lamanzı. **23** Ababusi benu bangabahlamuki, abangane bamasela; bonke bathanda izivalmomo, bafune izipho. Izintandane kabavizikeli; indaba yomfelokazi kayifikasi kibo. **24** Ngakho-ke iNkosí, uThixo uSomandla, uMnininimandla ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Yebo! Ngizabhadlisela ezitheni zami, ngibuye ngiphindisele kwabayizitha zami. **25** Ngizaphakamisela isandala sami kini; ngizawahlambulula ngokupheleleyo amanye enu, ngisuse lakho konke ukungcola kwenu. **26** Ngizabuyisa abehluleli benu njengezinsukwini zakudala, labeluleki benu njengasekuqaleni. Muva uzabizwa ngokuthi iDolobho Lokulunga, iDolobho Elithembekileyo.” **27** IZiyoni izahlengwa ngemfanelo, abaphendukayo bayo bahlengwe ngokulunga. **28** Kodwa abahlamuki lezoni bazachithwa, labalo abalahla uThixo bazabhubha. **29** “Lizayangeka ngenxa yeziyahla zom’okhi ezingcwele elazithokozisa ngazo. Lizadana ngamasimu elawakhethayo. **30** Lizafana lom’okhi olamahlamvu asebuna, lanjengensimu engelamanzi. **31** Indoda elamandla izafana lencwathi, umsebenzi wayo ufane lenhansi; kokubili kuzakutsha kanyekanye, kungekho ozacitscha umlilo.”

**2** Lokhu yikho okwabonwa ngu-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi mayelana loJuda lejerusalemə: **2** Negezinsu zokucina intaba yethempeli likaThixo izamiswa njengenholoko phakathi kwezintaba; izaphakanyiselwa phezu kwezintaba njalo izizwe zonke zizabekela zisiza kuyo. **3** Abantu abanengi bazakuza bathi, “Wozani siye phezu kwentaba kaThixo, siye ethempelini likaNkulunkulu kaJakhobe. Uzasifundisa izindlela zakhe, ukuze sihambe emikhondweni yakhe.” Umthetho uzavela eZiyoni, ilizwi likaThixo livele ejerusalemə. **4** Uzakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe, alamule ingxabano zabantu abanengi. Bazakhanda izinkemba zabo zibe yimihlathi yamakhuba, lemikhonto yabo ibe ngamahloka okuthena izihlahla. Isizwe asiyikuholmela isizwe ngenkemba loba sifundele ukulwa impi futhi. **5** Woza, ndlu kajakhobe, kasihambe ekukhanyeni kukaThixo. **6** Wena, Thixo, usubalahlide abantu bakho, isizukulwane sikajakhobe. Bagcwele ukholo oluyize lwaseMpumalanga benza lemisebenzi yobungoma njengamaFilisti, njalo babambana izandla labangakholwayo. **7** Ilizwe labo ligcwele isiliva legolidi; inotho yabo ayilakuphela. Ilizwe labo ligcwele amabhiza; izinqola zabo zempi kazipheli. **8** Ilizwe labo ligcwele izithombe; bakhothamela umsebenzi wezandla zabo, lakkulho okwenziwa yiminwe yabo. **9** Ngakho abantu bazakwehlisela phansi bonke bazebliswa ungabathethelei. **10** Ngenani ezimbawini zamatshe lasemhlabathini, licatshele ukwesabeka kukaThixo lenkazimulo yobukhosu bakhe! **11** Amehlo omuntu oziphakamisayo azathotshiswa, lokuziphakamisa kwabantu kwehliselwe phansi; uThixo kuphela nguye ozaphakanyiswa ngalolosuku. **12** UThixo uSomandla ulosuku alubekele bonke abazigqajayo

labazikhukhumezayo; lakho konke okuphakemeyo ngokuchoboza abantu bami langokuchola ubuso (kuzathotshiswa), **13** olwazo zonke izihlahla zemisedari babayanga?" kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla. **16** zaseLebanoni ezinde leziphakemeyo, lazoonke UThixo uthi, "Abesifazane baseZiyoni bayaziphakamisa, izihlahla zom'Okhi zaseBhashani, **14** olwazo zonke bahamba belule izintamo, behuga ngamehlo abo, izintaba ezindekazi lamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo, begwenxeka ngamanyathelo amancane, iziqqizo **15** olwayo yonke imiphotshongo ephakemeyo layo zikhenczelu enqagaleni zabo. **17** Ngakho-ke uThixo yonke imiduli eyinqaba, **16** olwemikhumbi yonke uzakwenza amakhanda abesifazane baseZiyoni abe yaseThashishi layo yonke imikolo emihle. **17** lezilonda; uThixo uzakwenza isikhumba samakhanda Ukuziphakamisa kwabantu kuzakwehliselwa phansi, abo siphuceke." **18** Ngalolosuku uThixo uzahluthuna ukuzazisa kwabantu kuthobekiswe; uThixo kuphela imiceciso yabo: amasongo, imincwazi, lemigaxo nguye ozadunyiswa ngalolosuku, **18** izithombe yentanyeni **19** amacici, iziqqizo lezimbombozo, **20** zizanyamalala zithi nya. **19** Abantu bazabalekela amaqakiye, izigetsho lamabhanti; amambodlela amakha ezimbawini zamatshe lasemilindini emhlabathini lezintibe, **21** indandatho ezilophawu lamasongo bebalekela ukwesabeka kukaThixo lenkazimulo empumulo, **22** izembatho ezinhle lezingubo lezinqoko, yobukhosu bakhe lapho ephakama ukuba anyikinye izikhwama **23** lezibuko, lezigqoko zelineni, imiqhele umhlaba. **20** Ngalolosuku abantu bazazilahlela lamaveli. **24** Endaweni yephunga eliminandi kuzakuba emvukuzaneni lakubomalulwane izithombe zabo lomnuko omubi; endaweni yebhanti kuzakuba legoda, zesiliva lezegolide abazenzela ukuba bazikhonze. **21** endaweni yenwele ezelungiswe kuhle kuzakuba Bazabalekela ezimbawini zamatshe lasezingoxweni zamawa bebalekela ukwesabeka kukaThixo lenkazimulo yobukhosu bakhe, lapho ephakama ukuba anyikinye **22** Yekelani ukwethemba umuntu lamabutho akini empini. **25** Amadoda akini azakuwa ngenkemba, kanjalo olomphefumulo nje kuphela emakhaleni akhe. Ngoba azakhala alile, kuthi yona ihlale phansi ichithekile. uyini yena na?

**3** Khangelani khathesi UThixo, uThixo uSomandla useszasusa ejerusalema lelizweni lakoJuda okufunekayo losizo: konke ukudla lamanzi, **2** iqhawe lebutho, umahluleli lomphrofethi, isangoma lomuntu omdala, **3** induna yebutho labangamatshumi amahlana lamadoda ayizikhulu, umeluleki, ingcithi yemisebenzi, lesanuse esihlakaniphileyo. **4** "Ngizakwenza abafana babeyizikhulu zabo; abantwana nje bazababusa." **5** Abantu bazancindezelana, umuntu avukele umuntu, umakhelwane avukele umakhelwane. Abatsha bazavukela abadala, abeyisekayo bavukele abahlitonitshwa. **6** Indoda izabamba omunye wabafowabo emzini kayise ithi, "Ulesembatho, woba ngumkhokheli wethu, inqwaba yamanxiwa le izakuba ngaphansi kombuso wakho." **7** Kodwa ngalolosuku uzakhala athi, "Angilamasiza. Endlini yami akulakudla loba izigqoko; ungangenzi umkhokheli wabantu." **8** Ijerusalema liyadiyazela, uJuda uyawa; amazwi abo lezenzo zabo kuphambene loThixo, kweysa ubukhosu bakhe. **9** UkuKhangeleka kobuso babo kufakaza kubi ngabo; babukisa izono zabo njengeSodoma; kabazifihli. Maye kubo! Bazilethele incithakalo phezu kwabo. **10** Tshela abalungileyo ukuthi kuzakuba kuhle kubo, ngoba bazakholisa izithelo zezenzo zabo. **11** Maye kwababi! Incithakalo isiphezu kwabo! Bazaphindiselwa ngalokho izandla zabo ezikwenzileyo. **12** Abatsha bancindezelana abantu bami, abesifazane bayababusa. Awu, bantu bami, abakhokheli benu bayaliduhisa; bayaliphambula endleleni. **13** UThixo uphakama ukuba afakaze indaba yakhe, uyasukuma ukuba ahlulele abantu. **14** UThixo uqalisa ukwahlulela abadala labakhokheli babantu esithi, "Yini elitshabalise isivini sami; elikuthumbe kubayanga kusezindlini zenu. **15** Litshoni

**4** Ngalolosuku abesifazane abayisikhombisa bazabamba indoda yinye bathi, "Sizakudla ukudla kwethu sigqoke izigqoko zethu; sivumele kuphela nje ukuba sibizwe ngebizo lakho. Susa ihlazo lethu." **2** Ngalolosuku uGatsha lukaThixo luzakuba luhle lube yinkazimulo, lezithelo zelizwe zizakuba ligugu lenkazimulo kwabasindayo ko-Israyeli. **3** Labo abatshiwe eZiyoni, abasele ejerusalema, kuzathiwa bangcweli, labo borike abalotshiweyo phakathi kwabaphilayo ejerusalema. **4** INkosi izagezisa ingekeza yabesifazane baseZiyoni, izahlambulula amachatha egazi ejerusalema ngomoya wokwahluela langomoya womilo. **5** Lapho-ke, phezu kwayo yonke iNtaba iZiyoni langaphezulu kwabo bonke abahlangana khona, uThixo uzakwenza iyezi lentuthu emini, lokukhanya kwamalangabi omilo ebusuku; ngaphezu kwenkazimulo yonke kuzakuba lesivikelo esinjengophahla. **6** Sizakuba yisisitho lomthunzi wokuvika ukutshisa kwemini, isiphephelo lendawo yokucatshela isiphepho lezulu.

**5** Ngizahlabelela lowo engimthandayo ingoma ngesivini sakhe: Othandwa yimi wayelesivini eqaqeni oluvundileyo. **2** Wasigebhla, wasusa amatshe kuso, wahlanyela kuso amavini amahle. Wakha umphotshongo ophakemeyo phakathi kwaso njalo wagebhla lesikhamele sewayini kuso. Walindela izithelo ezinhle, kodwa amavini athela ezimbi kuphela. **3** "Manje-ke lina abahlala ejerusalema lani madoda ajoJuda, yahlulelani phakathi kwami lesivini sami. **4** Kuyini okudlula lapho okwakumele kwensiwe esivinini sami engingakwenzanga kuso na? Lapho ngangilindele izithelo ezinhle kungani sona sathela ezimbi kuphela na?" **5** Khathesi-ke sengizalitshela engizakwenza esivinini sami: Ngizasusa uthango lwaso; sizadilizwa. Ngizabhidliza umduli waso, sizagxotshwa

ngezinyawo. **6** Ngizasenza sibe liganga kungabikho lokhu ulaka lwakhe kaluphelanga, isandla sakhe silokhu ukuthenwa kumbe ukuhlakulwa; inkotha lameva siphakanyisiwe. **26** Uphakamisela izizwe ezikude kuzakhula kuso. Ngizalaya amayezi anganisi zulu kuso.” **7** Isivini sikaThixo uSomandla yindlu ka-Israyeli; abantu bakoJuda bayinsimu eligugu kuye. **27** Kakho omunye wabo odinwayo loba okhubekayo, Wayelindele okufaneleyo, kodwa wabona ukuchitheka kakho owozelayo kumbe olalayo, akukho bhanti kwegazi; endaweni yokulunga, wezwa ukukhala kosizi. **8** Maye kini elengeza izindlu ngezindlu lihlanganise insimu ensimini kuze kusweleke indawo eseleyo, njalo lihlala lodwa elizweni. **9** UThixo uSomandla useshilo ngisizwa wathi: “Ngeqiniso izindlu ezinengi zizakuba ngamanxiwa; ezinkulu ezhinle zisale zingaselamantu ohlala kuzo. **10** Izindima ezilitsumu zesivini zizathela ifatshi elilodwa lewayini, ihomeri lenhlanyelo litheli ihefa lamabele.” **11** Maye kulabo abavuka ngovivi ekuseni begijimela ukunatha utshwala; abaqhubekeyo kuze kube phakathi kobusuku baze badakwe butshwala. **12** Balamachacho lemihubhe emadilini abo, amagedla, imihlanga, lewayini, kodwa kabazinaki izenzo zikaThixo, akukho nhlonipho yomsebenzi wezandla zakhe. **13** Ngakho-ke abantu bami bazakuya ekuthunjweni ngenxa yokungazwisisi; izikhulu zabo zizabulawa yindlala lenengi labo lizakoma ngomhawu wamanzi. **14** Ngakho indawo yabafileyo izakwelula imihlathi yayo, ikhamise umlomo wayo okungelamkhawulo; izikhulu zabo lenengi labo bawele phakathi labo bonke abaxokozelayola labazithokozisayo. (**Sheol h7585**) **15** Abantu bazakwehliselwa phansi, abantu bazathobekiswa, amehlo abaziphakamisayo athotshiswe. **16** Kodwa uThixo uSomandla uzaphakanyiswa ngokwahlluleka kwakhe okuhle; ubungcwele bukaNkulunkulu buzabonakala ngokulunga kwakhe. **17** Lapho-ke izimvu zizakudla angathi kusemadlelweni azo, amazinyane adle emanxiweni ezinotti. **18** Maye kulabo abahudula isono ngentambo zenkohlislobubi kungathi kungamagoda enqola, **19** kulabo abathi, “UNkulunkulu kaphangise, kaphangisise umsebenzi wakhe ukuze siwbune. Kalisondele icebo loNgcwele ka-Israyeli kalize ukuze silazi.” **20** Maye kulabo abathi okubi kuhle bathi okuhle kubi, ababeka umnyama esikhundleni sokukhanya; ukukhanya esikhundleni somnyama; ababeka okubabayeo esikhundleni sokumannandi, okumannandi esikhundleni sokubabayeo. **21** Maye kulabo abahlakaniphileyo emehlwani abo njalo besile ekuboneni kwabo. **22** Maye kulabo abangamaqhaweh ekunatheni iwayini njalo bezintshantshu ekuhlanganiseni okunathwayo, **23** abakhulula abalamacala ngenxa yokufunjathiswa. Kodwa banqabele abamsulwa imfanelo yabo. **24** Ngakho-ke, njengalokhu umlilo utshisa inhlanga, utshani obomileyo buphelela phakathi kwamalangabi, ngokunjalo impande zabo zizabola. Lamaluba abo aphephuke njengothuli; ngoba bawalile umthetho kaThixo uSomandla balidelela ilizwi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **25** Ngakho ulaka lukaThixo luzavutha ebantwini bakhe; isandla sakhe siphakeme njalo uyabatshaya. Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka, izidumbu zabafileyo zinjengezibi ezindleleni. Ikanti kukho konke lokhu ulaka lwakhe kaluphelanga, isandla sakhe silokhu uphawu, ubatshayela ikhwelo abasemaphethelwani omhlaba. Nampa besiza ngokuphangisa langejubane! **26** Kakho omunye wabo odinwayo loba okhubekayo, afana lelitshe elilukhuni, amavili ezingola zabo zokulwa anjengesivunguzane. **27** Ukubhonga kwabo kufana lokwesilwane, babhonga njengezilwane ezikhulayo, bayabhavuma lapho bebamba inyamazana edliwayo, babaleke layo kungekho ongabemuka. **30** Ngalolosuку bazabhvumela phezu kwayo njengokubhvumola kolwandle. Njalo nxa umuntu ekhangela ilizwe, uzabona umnyama losizi; lelanga lizakwenziwa libe mnyama ngamayezi.

**6** Ngomnyaka inkosi u-Uziya eyafa ngawo, ngabona uThixo ehelezi esihlalweni sobukhosisiphezulu esiphakemeyo, injobo yesembatho sakhe igcwelle ithempeli. **2** Ngaphezu kwakhe kwakulamaserafimu, elinye lelinye lilempiko ezyisithupha. Ayegubuzele ubuso bawo ngezimpiko ezimbili, egubuzele inyawo zavo ngezimbili, ephapha ngezimbili. **3** Elinye lamemezela kwelinye lisithi: “Ungcwele, ungwele, ungwele uThixo uSomandla, umhlaba wonke ugwele inkazimulo yakhe.” **4** Ekuzwakaleni kwamazwi awo imigubazi lombundu kwanyikinyeka, kwathi ithempeli lagcwala intuthu. **5** Mina ngakhala ngathi, “Maye mina! Sengibhujisiwe! Ngoba ngingumuntu olezindebe ezingcolileyo, njalo nighlala phakathi kwabantu abalezindebe ezingcolileyo, lamehlo ami asebone iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla.” **6** Lapho-ke elinye lamaserafimu laphaphela kimi liphethe ilahle elivuthayo esandleni salo elalilithethe ngodlawu e-alilarenai. **7** Lathinta umlomo wami ngalo lathi, “Khangelia, lokhu sekuthinte izindebe zakho; icala lakho selisusive, njalo lesomo sakho sesihlawulele.” **8** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi leNkosi lisithi, “Ngizathuma bani na? Ngubani na ozasihambla?” Mina ngathi, “Ngilapha. Ngithuma!” **9** Yasisithi, “Hamba uyetshela abantu uthi: ‘Zwanini kokuphela, kodwa lingaqedisisi; libone kokuphela, kodwa lingabonisisi.’ **10** Yenza inhliziyo yalababantu ibe lukhuni; wenze indlebe zabo zibe buthundu, uvale amehlo abo. Hlezibabone ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngezindlebe zabo, baqedisisi ngezinhliziyo zabo, baphenduke basiliswe.” **11** Ngasengisithi, “Koze kube nini, Nkosi?” Yona yaphendula yathi: “Amadolobho aze achitheke njalo kungaselabantu kuwo, izindlu zize zisale zingaselabantu, lamasimu ephundleke abhuquzeka, **12** uThixo aze axotshele umuntu wonke khatshana njalo ilizwe lidelwe ngokupheleleyo. **13** Lanxa ingxene eyodwa etshumini isala elizweni izachithwa futhi. Kodwa njengezihlahla zetherebhinti lemi-okhi zitshiya izidindi lapho seziganyulwe, ngokunjalo inhlanyelo engcwele izakuba yisidindi elizweni.”

**7** Kwathi u-Ahazi indodana kajothamu, indodana ka-Uziya, eyinkosi yakoJuda, uRezini inkosi yase-Aramu loPhekhka indodana kaRemaliya inkosi yako-Israyeli basuka bayahlasela ijerusalema, kodwa kabalinqobanga. **2** Indlu kaDavida yatshelwa kwathiwa, “I-Aramu isimanyene lo-Efrayimi,” inhlizyo ka-Ahazi lezabantu bakhe zanyikinyeka njengezihlahla zegusu zinyikinywa ngumoya. **3** UThixo wasesithi ku-Isaya, “Hamba wena lendodana yakho uSheyar-Jashubi ukuba lihlhangabeze u-Ahazi ekucineni komgelo wamanzi oweChibi Elingaphezulu, emgwawqweni oya Ensimini Yomgezisi. **4** Lithi kuye, ‘Nanzelela, hlala ngokuthula, njalo ungesabi. Inhlizyo yakho kayingadeli ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo lukaRezini lo-Aramu lolwendodana kaRemaliya.’” **5** U-Aramu lo-Efrayimi lendodana kaRemaliya sebecebe ukukutshabalalisa besithi, **6** “Kasihseleni ilizwe lakoJuda; kasilidabuleni phakathi silabelane, senze indodana kaThabbeli ibe yinkosi yalo.” **7** Kodwa-ke lokhu yikho okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhosu ukuthi: “Akuyikuphumelela, akuyikwenzakala, **8** ngoba inhloko ye-Aramu yiDamaseko, inhloko yeDamaseko nguRezini kuphela. Phakathi kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlana u-Efrayimi uzakuba esetshabalele engaseyiso sizwe. **9** Inhloko ka-Efrayimi yiSamariya, inhloko yeSamariya yindodana kaRemaliya kuphela. Nxa lingami liqine okholweni lwenu alisoze livele lime.” **10** UThixo wakhulumu njalo ku-Ahazi wathi, **11** “Cela isibonakaliso kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, ingabe ekujulenli kwezulu loba phezulu engongwensi.” (**Sheo h7585**) **12** Kodwa u-Ahazi wathi, “Angiyikucela. Angiyikulinga uThixo.” **13** U-Isaya wasesithi, “Khathesi-ke zwana wena lendlu kaDavida. Akwenelanga na ukulinga ukubekezelu kwabantu? Uzalinga lokubekezelu kukaNkulunkulu wami njalo na? **14** Ngakho-ke iNkosi ngokwayo izanika isibonakaliso: Intombi egcweleyo izakhulelwu izale indodana bayibize ngokuthi ngu-Emanuwei. **15** Uzakudla amasi loluju lapho eselolwazi olwaneleyo ukuba ale okubi akhethe okulungileyo. **16** Kodwa-ke umfana engakazi okwaneleyo ukuba ale okubi akhethe okulungileyo, ilizwe lamakhosi amabili ovesabayeo lizachithwa. **17** UThixo uzakwehilsela phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho, laphezu kwendlu kayihlo, isikhathi esingafani lesinye kusukela u-Efrayimi ebhazuka kujuda, uzaletu inkosi yase-Asiriya.” **18** Ngalelolanga uThixo uzatshaya ikhwelo ebiza impukane ezisekudabukeni kwezifula zaseGibhithe lezinyosi eziselizweni lase-Asiriya. **19** Zizakuza zonke zihlale ezingoxweni ezingamawa, ezimbawini zamadwala, ezihlahleni zonke zameva kuwo wonke amagodi amanzi. **20** Ngalolosuku iNkosi izasebenzisa impuco ebolekwe enkosini yase-Asiriya ngaphetsheya koMfula iYufrathet ukuphuca ikhanda lakho loboya obusembaleni yakho, lokugunda indevu zakho lazo. **21** Ngalolosuku umuntu uzafuya ithokazi eliodwa lembuzi ezimbili. **22** Ngenxa yobunengi bochago oluzavela kuzo, uzakuba lamasi azawadla. Bonke abazasala elizweni bazakudla amasi loluju. **23** Ngalolosuku, ezindaweni zonke lapho okwakulamavini ayinkulungwane alingana amashekeli esiliva ayinkulungwane, kuzakuba lokhula lameva kuphela. **24** Abantu bazakuya khona belamadandili lemitshoko ngoba ilizwe lizakuba seligcwele ukhula lameva. **25** Emaqaqeni wonke ake alinywa ngekhuba kawusayikuya khona ngenxa yokwesaba ukhula lameva, azakuba yindawo yokwelusela inkomo lamadlelo ezimvu.

**8** UThixo wathi kimi, “Thatha isibhebhedu selitshe esikhulu ulobe kuso ngolimi olujwayelekileyo ukuthi: Maheri-Shalali-Hashi-Bhazi (okutsho ukuthi: abaphanga ukuhuqululu okuphangiweyo). **2** Ngizabiza u-Uriya umphristi loZakhariya indodana kajebherekhiya njengabofakazi bami abathembekileyo.” **3** Ngemva kwalokho ngaya kumphrofethikazi, wathatha isisu, wazala indodana. UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Mbize ngokuthi nguMaheri-Shalali-Hashi-Bhazi. **4** Kuzakuthi umfana engakawazi ukuthi ‘Ubaba’ loba ‘Umama,’ inotho yaseDamaseko lempahla ethunjwe eSamariya kuzathathwa yinkosi yase-Asirya.” **5** UThixo wakhulumu kimi futhi wathi: **6** “Ngenxa yokuthi abantu laba sebewalulu amanzi ageleza kuhle aseShilowa bethokozela uRezini lendodana kaRemaliya, **7** ngakho-ke iNkosi isiseduze ukubalethela izikhukhula zamanzi ezilamandla, eziyinkosi yase-Asirya lobukhosu bayo bonke, zivelva eyufrathe. Azachithekelu ngaphandle kwayo yonke imigelo yawo, ageleze phezu kwamakhumbi ayo wonke, **8** afohlele koJuda, agcwale kulo, adlule phakathi kwalo efika entanyeni. Impiko zawo ezeluliweyo zizakwembesa ububanzi belizwe lakho, Awu, Emanuwei!” **9** Hlabani umkhosu wempi lina zizwe, lichithwe! Lalelani lonke lina mazwe akude. Lungiselani impi, lichithwe! Lungiselani impi lichithwe! **10** Lungisanicebo lenu, kodwa kalisozie liphumelele: bumbani isu lenu, kodwa kalyikuma, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulathi. **11** UThixo wakhulumu kimi isandla sakhe esilamandla sipezu kwami, engixwayisa ukuba ngingalandeli indlela yalababantu. Wathi: **12** “Ungabokuthi kungamacebo amabi konke abantu laba abathi kungamacebo amabi; ungakwesabi abakwesabayo njalo ungaquhuqhi. **13** UThixo uSomandla nguye okumele limazi engongcwele, nguye okumele limesabe, nguye okumele limqhuqhe. **14** Uzakuba yisiphephelo; kodwa kuzo zombili izindlu zako-Israyeli uzakuba yilitshe elikhubezika abantu ledwala elibenzo bawe. Ebantwini baseJerusalema uzakuba yisifu lomjibila. **15** Inengi labo lizakhubeka; bazakuwa bephuke, bazathiywa bathunjwe.” **16** Bophu ubufakazi besixwayiso, uqinise umthetho phakathi kwabafundi bakaNkulunkulu. **17** Ngizamlindela uThixo, ofihlela indlu kajakhobe ubuso bakhe. Ngizabeka ithemba lami kuye. **18** Mina nglapha, kanye labantwana uThixo angiphe bona. Siyizibonakaliso lempawu ku-Israyeli ezivela kuThixo uSomandla, ohlala entaben iZiyoni. **19** Nxa abantu bekuftshela ukuthi buza abalamadlozi labalemimoya yobuthakathi, labanyenyezayo bengunguza, kambe abantu akumelanga babuzisise uNkulunkulu wabo

na? Kungani abaphilayo libabuzela kwabafayo na? **20** sayo silokhu siphakanyisiwe. **18** Ngeqiniso ububi Emthethweni lakubo ubufakazi! Nxa bengakhulumi ngokumayelana lelizwi leli, kabalakho ukukhanya kokusa. **21** Bazazula lelizwe behlulukelwe, belambile. Lapho sebephalwe yindlala, bazathukuthela, bathuke inkosi yabo loNkulunkulu wabo bekhangeli phezelu. **22** Emva kwalokho bazakhangelia emhlabeni babone usizi kuphela, lomnyama owesabekayo, njalo bazaphoselwa emnyameni opheleleyo.

**9** Kodwa-ke akusayikuba khona ukudangala kulabo ababesosizini. Ensukwini ezedlulayo walithobisa ilizwe likaZebuluni lelizwe likaNafithali. Kodwa ensukwini ezizayo uzayipha udumo iGalile yabezizweni, eNdleleni eya oLwandle elandela ijodani: **2** Abantu abahamba emnyameni sebebene ukukhanya okukhulu; kulabo abahlala elizweni lethunzi lokufa ukukhanya sekukhanyisile. **3** Usikhulisile isizwe wandisa intokoza yabo, bayathokoza phambi kwakho njengabantu bethokoza ekuvuneni, njengempi ithokoza isaba impango. **4** Ngoba njengamhla wokwehlulwa kukaMidiyani usulephule ijogwe elibasindayo, umgogo onqume emahlombe abo, intonga yomncindezelzi wabo. **5** Lonke inyathela lebutho elisetshenziswe empini, kanye lazononke iziqqoko ezigiqwe egazini kuzakuya ekutshisweni; kuzakuba ngokokubasisa umlilo. **6** Ngoba sizalelwne umntswana, siphewe indodana, umbuso uzakuba phezu kwamahlombe akhe. Uzabizwa ngokuthi uMeluleki Orangalisayo, uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uBaba Waphakade, iNkosana yokuThula. **7** Ukwanda kombuso wakhe lokuthula akuyikuba lomkhawulo. Uzabusa esihlalweni sobukhosи sikaDavid a laphezu kombuso wakhe, ewumisa njalo ewuqinisa ngokufaneleyo langokulunga, kusukela ngalesisikhathi kuze kube nini lanini. Ukutshiseka kukaThixo uSomandla kuzakufiza lokhu. **8** INkosi isithumele ilizwi lesixwayiso kujakhobe lizakwellela phezu kuka-Israyeli. **9** Abantu bonke bazakwazi u-Efrayimi labakhele eSamariya, abathi ngokuzigqaja langokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliyo, **10** “Izitintse sezdilikile phansi, kodwa sizakwakha njalo ngamatshe abaziwewo; imikhiwa isiganyulelwne phansi, kodwa sizafaka imisedari endaweni yayo.” **11** Kodwa uThixo usebaqinisele izitha zikaRezini, njalo useshotshotzele izitha zabo. **12** Ama-Aramu avela empumalanga lamaFilistiya avela entshonalanga asedle u-Israyeli ngomlomo ovulekileyo. Kodwa kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli, isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe. **13** Kodwa abantu abakabuyeli kuye owabatshayayo. Loba badinge uThixo uSomandla. **14** Ngakho uThixo uzaquma ko-Israyeli ikhanda lomsila, ugatsha lwelala lomhlanga ngasuku lunei; **15** abadala lezikulu balikhanda, abaphrofethi abafundisa amanga bangumsila. **16** Labo abakhokhela abantu laba bayabalalikisa, labo abakhokhelwayo bayedukiswa. **17** Ngakho iNkosi kayiyikuthokoza ngezinsizwa zabo, izintandane labafelokazi kayiyikuba lozwelo kubo, ngoba bonke bayameyisa uNkulunkulu, njalo babi; imilomo yonke ikhuluma amanyala. Kodwa kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwayo akupheli, isandla

butshisa njengomlilo, budla ukhula lameva, buthungleza izixuku zehlathi zivuthe amalangabi izikhatha zentuthu ziqonga zisiya phezelu. **19** Ngolaka lukaThixo uSomandla ilizwe lizatshiswa, abantu bazakuba zinkuni zomlilo, kakho ozaphephisa umfovaboso. **20** Bazaqedza kwesokudla kodwa babe belokhu belambile; bazakudla kwesokhohlo, kodwa bangasuthi. Omunye lomunye uzakudla abantwabakhe: **21** UManase uzakudla u-Efrayimi, u-Efrayimi adle uManase; bobabili bazamelana loJuda. Kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli, isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe.

**10** Maye kulabo abenza imithetho emibi, lakulabo ababhala izimiso ezincidezelayo, **2** ukuba kwamukwe abayanga amalungelo abo lokugodla okufaneleyo kwabantu bami abancindezelweyo; bazingela abafelokazi baqhwege izintandane. **3** Lizakwenzani ngosuku lokuthonisawa lapho incithakalo isiza ivela khatshana? Lizabalekela kubani ukuba lithole usizo na? Lizayitshiya ngaphi inotho yenu? **4** Akukho okuzasala, kodwa ukuba baquthe phakathi kwabathunjiweyo loba bafe lababuleweyo. Ikanti kukho konke lokhu, ukuthukuthela kwakhe akupheli, isandla sakhe silokhu siphakanyisiwe. **5** “Maye kum’Asiriya, intonga yentukuthelo yami, esandleni sayo kulesagila solaka lwami! **6** Ngimthumela ukuyamelana lesizwe esingelankulunkulu, ngimthumela ukuyamelana labantu abangithukuthelisayo, ukuba athumbe ahluthune impahila yokuthunjwa, lokubanyakathelela phansi njengodaka ezindleleni. **7** Kodwa lokhu akusikho akjongileyo, lokhu akusikho okusengqondweni yakhe; injongo yakhe yikutshabalisa, abhubhise izizwe ezinengi. **8** Uthi, ‘Izinduna zami zebutho kazismakhosi zonke na? **9** IKhaliwo kaliphumelelanga njengekharikhemishi na? IHamathi kalinjenge-Ariphadi na? LeSamariya kayinjengeDamaseko na? **10** Lanjengoba isandla sami sabamba imibuso yezithombe, imibuso ezifanekiso zayo zedlula ezejerusalemale lezeSamariya, **11** angiyikuliphatha iJerusalemale lezithombe zalo ngendlela engaphatha ngayo iSamariya lezithombe zayo na?” **12** Lapho uThixo esewuqedile wonke umsebenzi wakhe mayelana lentaba iZyoni lejerusalemale uzakuthi, “Ngizayijezisa inkosi yase-Asiriya ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwayo lokuzazisa okubonakala emehlwani ayo.” **13** Ngoba uthi: “Ngamandla esandla sami langokuhlanipha kwami sengenze lokhu ngoba ngilokuqedisisa. Ngayisusa imingcele yezizwe, ngathumba inotho yazo; njengolamandla nganqoba amakhosi azo. **14** Njengomuntu efinyelela isidleke senyon, ngokunjalo isandla sami safinyelela enothweni yezizwe, njengabantu bebutha amaqanda atshiyiwewo, karjalo ngaoqa amazwe wonke; akukho okwaphaphazelisa amaphiko loba okwavula umlomo wakho kwatshioyo.” **15** Konje ihloka liyaziphakamisela ngaphezu kwalowo olizulisyao na, loba isaha izincome imelane lalowo oyisebenzisayo na? Njengangathi induku izanyikinya

lowo oyiphakamisayo, kumbe isagila sinyikinye umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe; ngomoya lowo ongasiso sigodo! **16** Ngakho-ke, iNkosi, wendebe zakhe uzabulala ababi. **5** Ukulunga uThixo uSomandla, uzathumela isifo esicikizayo kuzakuba libhanti lakhe, ukwethembeka cube luzwezwe emabuthweni ayo aqinileyo; ngaphansi kobukhosu bayo ekhalweni lwakhe. **6** Impisi izahlala lezinyane lemu, kuzaphembeka umlilo njengelangabi elibhebhayo. ingwe izalala phansi lembuzi, ithole kanye lesilwane **17** Urukhanaya kuka-Israyeli kuzakuba ngumlilo, kudle ndawonye; umntwana omncane akukhokhele. oNgcwele wabo abe lilangabi, ngosuku olulodwa **7** Inkomokazi izakudla lebhele, amankonyane akho lizatshisa liqede ameva akhe lokhula lwakhe. **18** ale ndawonye; njalo isilwane sizakudla utshani Ubuhle barnahlathi akhe lamasimu akhe avundileyo, njengenkabi. **8** Usane luzadlalela phansi komlindi uzakuqeda ngokupheleleyo njengalapho umuntu webululu, umntwana omncane angenise isandla sakhe ogulayo ecikizeka. **19** Izihlahla zamahlathi eizisalayo emlonyeni womlindi wenhangwana. **9** Abayikulimasa zizakuba zilutshwana, okungathi lomntwana azibale. **20** loba badilize kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele, ngoba Ngalolosuku insalela yako-Israyeli, abendlu kajakhobe umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi lukaThixo njengamanzi abasindayo, kabasayikwethemba kuye owabatshayayo egcwala ulwandle. **10** Ngalolosuku iMpande kajese wababhubhisa kodwa ngeqiniso bazathembela kuThixo, izakuma njengophawu ebantwini; izizwe zizabuthana oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **21** Insalela izabuyela, insalela kuye, indawo yakhe yokuphumula izakuba lodumo. kajakhobe izabuyela kuSomandla uNkulunkulu. **22** **11** Ngalolosuku uThixo uzakwelula isandla sakhe Loba abantu bakho, we Israyeli, benjengetshebetshabe okwesibili ukuba abuyise insalela zabantu bakhe olwandle, kuzabuya insalela kuphela. Incithakalo abasala e-Asiriya, eGibhithe, ePhathrosi, eTiyopiya, isimenyezelwe, iyabakhulela kodwa ilungile. **23** eKhushi, e-Elamu, eShinari, eHamathi lasezihlengeni INkosi, uThixo uSomandla, uzasifeza isimemezelo zolwandle. **12** Uzaphakamisela izizwe uphawu sokubhujiswa elizweni lonke. **24** Ngakho-ke lokho aqoqe abaxotshwayo ko-Israyeli. Uzahlanganisa yikho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla akutshoyo: “Awu abantu bakoJuda abahlakazeleyo bevela emagumbini bantu bami abahlala eZiyoni, lingawesabi ama- amane omhlaba. **13** Ubukhwele buka-Efrayimi Asiriya alitshaya ngentonga njalo lawo alphakamisela buzaphela, izitha zikajuda zizaqunywa; u-Efrayimi isagila njengokwenziya yiGibhithe. **25** Masinyane akayukhweleza ujuda, kumbe ujuda abe lobutha ukulithukuthelela kwami kuzaphela, ulaka lwami ku-Efrayimi. **14** Bazahwitha phansi emithezukweni luzaqondiswa ekubhujisweni kwabo.” **26** UThixo yaseFilistyia ngasentshanalonga; bebonke bazaphanga uSomandla uzabatshaya ngomchilo njengalapho abantu basempumalanga. Bazanqoba i-Edomi leMowabi atshaya iMidiani edwaleni lase-Orebi, njalo lama-Amoni azakuba ngaphansi kwabo. **15** uzaphakamisela intonga yakhe ngaphezu kwamanzi UThixo uzacitsha umsele wolwandle lwaseGibhithe, njengalokhu akwenza eGibhithe. **27** Ngalolosuku ngomoya otshisayo uzadlulisa isandla sakhe phezu imithwalo yabo izasuswa emahlombe enu, lejogwe komfula uYufrathe. Uzawahlukanisa ube yizifula labo entanyeni zenu; ijogwe lizakwephulwa ngoba eziyisikhombisa ukuze abantu bawuchaphe befake selizimukile. **28** Bayangena e-Ayathi; badabula phakathi kweMigironi; bagcina impahlala eMikhimashi. **29** Badlula emkhandlwini bathi, “Ebusuku sizalala wezinsalela zabantu bakhe abasele e-Asiriya, njengoba kwakunjalo ko-Israyeli ekubuyeni kwabo bevela eGebha.” IRama liyathuthumela; iGibhiya likaSawuli liyabaleka. **30** Hlabu umkhosi, Wel Ndonakazi kaGalimi, lalela we Layisha! Anathothi ozihawuleloyo! **31** IMadimena iyabaleka; abantu baseGebhimu bazacatsha. **32** Ngalolosuku bazakuma kancane, kancane eNobhi, bazakhomba ngezinqindi zabo intaba yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni, eqaqeni lwaseJerusalem. **33** Khangelani, iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, uzaquma ingatsha ngamandla amakhulu. Izihlahla ezidephileyo zizaqunywa. Ezinde zazo zizakwehliselwa phansi. **34** Ngehloka uzagamula ixizuku zehlathi; iLebanoni izakuwa phambi kwakhe olaMandla.

**11** Ihlumela lizavela esidindini sikaJese; uGatsha oluhlume empandeniz zakhe lutzathela izithelo. **2** UMoya kaThixo uzakuba phezu kwakhe, uMoya wokuhlakanipa lowokuqedisisa, uMoya wokweluleka lowamandla, uMoya wokwazi lowokwesaba uThixo, **3** njalo uzathokozisa yikwesaba uThixo. Kayikwahlulela ngalokho akubona ngamehlo akhe, loba aqume ngalokho akuzwa ngendlebe zakhe; **4** kodwa abaswelayo uzabehlulela ngokulunga athathe izinqumo ngabayanga basemhlabeni ngokulunga. Uzatshaya

**12** Ngalolosuku wena uzakuthi: “Ngizakubonga Oh Thixo. Lanxa wawungithukuthelele ulaka lwakho seluphelile, njalo usungiduduzile. **2** Ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu uyinsindiso yami; ngizathembaga ngingesabi. UThixo, uThixo ngokwakhe ungamandla lengoma yami; usebe yinsindiso yami.” **3** Ngentokozo uzakukha amanzi emithonjeni yensindiso. **4** Ngalolosuku uzakuthi: “Mbongeni uThixo, bizani ibizo lakhe, zaziseni izizwe ngalokhu akwenzileyo, limemezele ukuthi ibizo lakhe liphakeme. **5** Hlabelelani kuThixo, ngoba wenze izinto ezhinle kakhulu; lokhu kwzeneni kwazakale emhlabenin wonke. **6** Memezani kakhulu lihlabele ngokuthokoza, bantu baseZiyoni, ngoba mkhulu oNgcwele ka-Israyeli phakathi kwenu.”

**13** Leli yilizwi elimayelana leBhabhiloni elaboniswa u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi: **2** Phakamisa uphawu phezu koqaqa oluligceke, umemezele kubo, ubaqhwebe ngesandla ukuba bangene emasangweni asesikhosini. **3** Sengibalayile abangcwale bami, sengiwalayile amaqhawe ami ukuba afeze ulaka

lwami, lawo athokozela ukunqoba kwami. **4** obulesihluku, **4** lizakutsho la amazwi okukloloda Lalelani, umsindo phezu kwezintaba, onjengowexuku enkosini yaseBhabhiloni lithi: Umcincdezeli usefikile elikhulu. Lalelani, ukuxokozela phakathi kwemibuso njengezizwe zibuthana ndawonye! uThixo uSomandla ubutha ibutho elibuthela impi. **5** Bavela emazweni akude, emikhawulweni yamazulu, uThixo lezikhalilangokugalela okungapheliyo, banqoba izizwe zolaka lwakhe, ukuba kuchithwe ilizwe lonke. **6** Lilani ngoba usuku lukaThixo seluseduze. Luzafika njengokuchithakala okuvela kuSomandla. **7** Ngenxa yaloku izandla zonke zizakuba buthakathaka, inhliziyozabantu bonke zizaphela amandla. **8** Bazakuba lokwesaba okukhulu, baphathwe yibuhlungu losizi; bazabhinqika njengowesifazane ehelelwa. Bazakhangelana bemangele, ubuso babo bungamalangabi. **9** Khangelani usuku lukaThixo luyenza, usuku lwestihluku, ulaka lokuthukuthela okukhulu, ukwenza ilizwe lichitheke, kubhujiswe izoni eziphakathi kwalo. **10** Izinkanyezi zezulu lemithala yazo akuyikuhanyisa. Ilanga eliphumayo lizafipazwa lenyanga ayiyikuhanyisa. **11** Umhlabo ngizawujezisa ngenxa yobubi bawo, lababi ngenxa yezonzo zabo. Ngizaqeda ukukloloda kwabazikhukhumezayo, ngehlise ukuziggajja kwabalesihluku. **12** Ngizakwenza abantu basweleke okudlula igolide elicengekileyo, basweleke okudlula igolide lase-Ofiri. **13** Ngakho-ke ngizakwenza amazulu anyikinyekе; lomhlaba uzamazame endaweni yawo ngokuthukuthela kukaThixo uSomandla, ngosuku lolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo. **14** Njengempala ezingelwayo, lanjengezimvu ezingelamelusi, omunye lomunye uzabuyela ebantwini bakibo, omunye lomunye uzabalekela elizweni lakibo. **15** Lowo ozathunjwa uzagwazwa; bonke abazabanja bazabulawa ngenkemba. **16** Izingane zabo zizamahazelwa phambi kwamehlo abo; izindlu zabo zizakhuthuzwa, omkabo babanjwe ngodlakela. **17** Khangelani, ngizabavusela amamede angelandaba lesiliva, njalo engalijabuleli legolide. **18** Imitshoko yawo izabulala izinsizwa; kawayikuba lozwelo ezinganeni loba abe lesihawu ebantwaneni. **19** IBhabhiloni, igugu lembuso, ubukhazikhazi bokuqihenya kwamaKhaladiya, lizachithwa ngenKulunkulu njengeSodoma leGomora. **20** Akuyikuhlalwa kulo futhi loba kwakhie kulo kuzonkonke izizukulwane; akulama-Arabhu azamisa amathente awo khona, loba umelusi ozaphumuza imihlambi yakhe khona. **21** Kodwa izinyamazana zeganga zizahlala khona, amakhanka azahlala ezindlini zakhona lezikhova zizahlala khona, lamagogo aqolotshe khona. **22** Impisi zizakhala ezingqabeni zakhona, amakhanka ezindlini ezhinle zobukhosu. Isikhathi salo sesifika njalo insuku zalo kaziykwandiswa.

**14** uThixo uzakuba lesihawu kujakhobe; uzamkhetha njalo u-Israyeli, abahlalise elizweni labo. Abeziwe bazahlangana labo bamanyane lendlu kajakhobe. **2** Ibizwe zizabathatha zibase endaweni yabo. Indlu ka-Israyeli izathumba izizwe zibe yizisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane elizweni likaThixo. Bazakwenza abathumbi babo babe yizigqili, babuse abancindezelu babo. **3** Ngosuku uThixo azaliphumaza ngalo ekuhluphekeni, ekutshikatshikeni, lasebugqilini

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Amazwe wonke alokuphumula lokuthula; aphahluka ahlabelele izingoma. **8** Lezihlahla zamaphayini lemisedari yaseLebanoni ziyyathokoza ngawewe zithi, "Njengoba khathesi usuwiselwe phansi akula ozukuzasigamula." **9** Ithuna ngaphansi liyanyakaza ukuba likuhlangabeze ekufikeni kwakho. Livusa imimoya yabafayo ukuba ikubingelete, bonke labo ababengababusi emhlabeni; libenza basukume ezhilalweni zabo zobukhosu, bonke labo ababengamakhosu eizizwe. (**Sheol h7585**) **10** Bazaphendula bonke, bazakuthi kuwe, "Lawe usubuthakathaka njengathi, usube njengathi." **11** Bonke ubukhosu bakho sebehliselwe phansi ethuneni, kanye lomsindo wamachacho akho. Impethu zendlaliwe ngaphansi kwakho, inhlavane zikwembesile. (**Sheol h7585**) **12**

Yeka ukuwa kwakho uvela ezelwini, wena nkanyezu yekuseni, ndodana yokusal! Upboselwe phansi emhlabeni, wena owake wehlisela izizwe phansi! **13** Wathi enhliziyeweni yakho, "Ngizakwenyukela ezelwini, ngizaphakamisa isihlalo sami sobukhosu ngaphezu kwezinkanyezi zikaNkulunkulu; ngizahlala ebukhosini phezu kwentaba yombuthano, ezingqongweni zentaba engcwele. **14** Ngizakwenyukela phezu kwezindawo ezipifikemeyo emayezini; ngizazenza ngibe njengoPhezukonke." **15** Kodwa ulethwe phansi ethuneni, ekuzikeni kwegodi. (**Sheol h7585**) **16** Labo abakubonayo bakudonsela amehlo, bayacabanga ngowakudalewayo bathi: "Nguye lo na umuntu owanyikinya umhlabu wenza imibuso yaqhaqazela, **17** umuntu owenza umhlabu waba lugwadule, owdiliza amadolobho awo, kazavumela abathunjwayo bakhe ukubuyela ekhaya na?" **18** Wonke amakhosi eizizwe ale ebukhosini, enye lenye ethuneni layo. **19** Kodwa wena uphoselwe ngaphandle kwethuna lakho njengogatsha olulahliweyo; welekwe ngababulawayo, lalabo abagwazwa ngenkemba, labo abehlela ematsheni egodi. Njengesidumbu esinyathelwe ngezinyawo, **20** kawayikuhlanguana labo ekungcwatshweni; ngoba usulichithile ilizwe lakho wabulala labantu bakini. Inzalo yababi kakungakhulunyuwa ngayo futhi. **21** Lungisa indawo yokubulalela abantwabakhe ngenxa yezonzo zabokhoko babo. Kabamelanga bavuke ukuba bathathe ilizwe bagcwaliise umhlabu ngamadolobho abo. **22** "Ngizabavukela," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. "Ngizakwesula iBhabhiloni labasindayo abantwabakhe lezizukulwane," kutsho uThixo. **23** "Ngizalenza libe yindawo yezikhova lelizwe elilihaphozi. Ngizalithanyela ngomthanyelo wencithakalo," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **24** uThixo uSomandla ufungile wathi, "Ngeqiniso, njengoba sengilungisile kuzakuma kanjalo. **25** Ngizamchoboza um'Asirya elizweni lami; ezintabeni

zami ngizamnyathelela phansi. Ijogwe lakhe lizasuswa elizweni. **5** Ngothando, kuzamiswa isihlalo sobukhos; ebantwini bami, umthwalo wakhe ususwe emahломbe ngokwethembeka, indoda izahlala kuso, ivela endlini abo.” **26** Lokhu yikho okumiselwe umhlaba wonke, kaDavida, yona ethi ekwahlueleni ifune imfanelo, lesi yisandla eseluelwel phezu kwezizwe zonke. **27** njalo iphangisia indlela yokulunga. **6** Sizwile Ngoba uThixo uSomandla userenze isimiso, ngubani ngokuzigqaja kukaMowabi. Ukuzigqaja kwakhe ongambimbela na? Isandla sakhe siphakanyisiwe, kokuzikhukhumeza lokuzazisa, ukuzigqaja kwakhe ngubani ongasibuyisela emuva na? **28** Ilizwi leli lobuqholo bakhe, kodwa ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe lafika nyakana kusifa inkosi u-Ahazi: **29** Lingathokozi, kuyize. **7** Ngakho-ke abaseMowabi bayalila, balilela lonke lina maFilistiya, lisithi intonga eyalitshayayo iMowabi bonke. Khalani libubulele izinkwa ezilezithelo yephukile; ngoba empanden yenyokeya leyana kuzavela zevini eKhiri-Haresethi. **8** Amasimu aseHeshiboni inhlanguwana, inzalo yayo izakuba yinyoka elobuthu obutshokayo. **30** Abangabayanga kubayanga bazathola amadlelo, abaswelayo bazalala phansi bevikelekile. Kodwa impande yakho ngizayitshabalala ngenndlala; izabulala abaseleyo bakho. **31** Lila wena sangol Bubula wena dolobho! Chithekan lonke lina maFilistiya! Iyezi lentuthu livela enyakatho; njalo akulamatshida eviywensi lalo. **32** Yimpendulo bani ezanika izithunywa zalesosizwe na? “UThixo useyakhile iZiyoni, abantu bakhe abahluphekileyo bazaphephela kuye.”

**15** Isiqalekiso esimayelana leMowabi: I-Ari eMowabi itshabalalisiwe, idilizwe ngobusuku obubodwa. iKhiri eMowabi itshabalalisiwe; idilizwe ngobusuku obubodwa. **2** IDibhoni iya phezulu ethempelinu layo; ezindaweni zayo eziphakemeyo ukuyalila; iMowabi ililela iNebho leMedebha. Amakhanda wonke aphuciwe; indevu zonke zigeliwe. **3** Ezindeleni bagqoka amasaka, phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu lasezindaweni zabantu bonke, bayalila bonke, baphele amandla ngokulila. **4** iHeshiboni le-Eliyale kuyakhala, amazwi akho azwakala lasejahaazi. Ngakho-ke amabutho aseMowabi ayakhala, inhlizyo zavo zidangele. **5** Inhlizyo yami ikhalela iMowabi, ababalekayo bayo babaleka baze bayefika kude eZowari; kude njengase-Egilathi Shelihiya. Bahamba ngendlela eya eLuhithi, bakhala ohanjweni lwabo; endleleni eya eHoronayimi balilela ukubhujiswa kwabo. **6** Amanzi aseNimirimi acitshile, utshani bubunile, uhlaza kalusekho, akukho lutho oluluhlaza oluseleyo. **7** Ngakho inotho abayizuzileyo bayigcina, bayithwala ngaphetsheya kweSifula semiDubu. **8** Urukabalaala kwabo kuzwakele emngceleni waseMowabi, ukukhala kwabo kufika kude e-Egilayimi, ukulila kwabo kufika eBheri-Elimi. **9** Amanzi aseDimoni agcwele igazi kodwa ngizajinge ngilethe okunengi phezu kweDimoni, isilwane phezu kwababalekayo baseMowabi, lakulabo abazasala elizweni.

**16** Thumelani izimvu njengendlela yokuhloniphakumbusi welizwe evela eSelu, edabula enkangala, esiya entabenyeNdodakazi yeZiyoni. **2** Njengenyoni ephaphazeloya isuswe esidlekeni, banjalo abesifazane baseMowabi emazibukweni ase-Arinoni. **3** UMowabi uthi, “Zinzisani inggondo zenu lenze isinqumo. Yenzani isithunzi senu sibe njengobusuku emini enkulu; bafihleni ababalekayo, linganikeli iziphepheli. **4** Vumelani iziphepheli zamaMowabi zihlale kini; libe yisiphepheli sazo kubachithi.” Umnincidezeli uzakufa, ukuchitheka kuzaphela, umhlaseli uzanyamalala

elizweni. **5** Ngothando, kuzamiswa isihlalo sobukhos; ebantwini bami, umthwalo wakhe ususwe emahломbe ngokwethembeka, indoda izahlala kuso, ivela endlini abo.” **26** Lokhu yikho okumiselwe umhlaba wonke, kaDavida, yona ethi ekwahlueleni ifune imfanelo, lesi yisandla eseluelwel phezu kwezizwe zonke. **27** njalo iphangisia indlela yokulunga. **6** Sizwile Ngoba uThixo uSomandla userenze isimiso, ngubani ngokuzigqaja kukaMowabi. Ukuzigqaja kwakhe ongambimbela na? Isandla sakhe siphakanyisiwe, kokuzikhukhumeza lokuzazisa, ukuzigqaja kwakhe ngubani ongasibuyisela emuva na? **28** Ilizwi leli lobuqholo bakhe, kodwa ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe lafika nyakana kusifa inkosi u-Ahazi: **29** Lingathokozi, kuyize. **7** Ngakho-ke abaseMowabi bayalila, balilela lonke lina maFilistiya, lisithi intonga eyalitshayayo iMowabi bonke. Khalani libubulele izinkwa ezilezithelo yephukile; ngoba empanden yenyokeya leyana kuzavela zevini eKhiri-Haresethi. **8** Amasimu aseHeshiboni inhlanguwana, inzalo yayo izakuba yinyoka elobuthu obutshokayo. **30** Abangabayanga kubayanga bazathola amadlelo, abaswelayo bazalala phansi bevikelekile. Kodwa impande yakho ngizayitshabalala ngenndlala; izabulala abaseleyo bakho. **31** Lila wena sangol Bubula wena dolobho! Chithekan lonke lina maFilistiya! Iyezi lentuthu livela enyakatho; njalo akulamatshida eviywensi lalo. **32** Yimpendulo bani ezanika izithunywa zalesosizwe na? “UThixo useyakhile iZiyoni, abantu bakhe abahluphekileyo bazaphephela kuye.”

**17** Isiqalekiso esimayelana leDamaseko: “Khangela iDamaseko kayisayikuba lidolobho kodwa izakuba yinqumbi yamanxiwa. **2** Amadolobho aseAroyeri azatshiywa, etshiyelwa imihlambi ezalala phansi kungekho oyazenza yesabe. **3** Idolobho elivikelwego lizanyamalala ko-Efrayimi lamandla obukhos; eDamaseko; insalela ka-Aramu izakuba njengodumo lwabako-Israyeli,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **4** “Ngalolosuku udumo lukaJakhobe luzakwehla; amafutha asemzimbeni wakhe azancipha. **5** Kuzakuba njengalapho umvuni evuna amabele amiyo evuna amabele ngengalo yakhe, njenganxa umuntu edobha izikhwebu zamabele eSigodini saseRefayi. **6** Ikanti ezinje izikhwebu zizasala, njengalapho isihlahla se-oliva sibhuliwe, kusale ama-oliva amabili loba amathathu ezingatsheni eziphezulu kakhulu, amane loba amahlanu ezingabeni zezithelo,” kutsho uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **7** Ngalolosuku abantu bazathembela kuMenzi wabo amehlo abo aphendukele koNgewe ka-Israyeli. **8** Abayikutthembela ema-alithareni, umsebenzi wezandla zabo, njalo kabayikuzinaniza izinsika zikaAshera lama-alithare empepha enziwa yiminwe yabo. **9** Ngalolosuku amadolobho abo aqinileyo, abawatshiyayo ngenxa yama-Israyeli azafana lezindawo ezatshiyelwa izixukwana lezihlahlanyana. Konke

kuzakuba yincithakalo. **10** Selimkhohliwe uNkulunkulu omfula azakutsha, umfula uzacitsha, wome. **6** uMsindisi wenu, kalilikhumbulanga iDwala, inqaba Imigelo izanuka, izifula zaseGibhithe zizakwentsha yenu. Ngakho lanxa ligxumeka izihlahla ezinhle, **11** lanxa lingawenza zitshe. Imihlanga lebhuma kuzabuna, **7** kanjalo lihlanyele lamavini avela eziweni, **12** lanxa lezihlahlanyana emakhunjini kaNayili lapho umfula akhule ngelanga elizawgxumeka ngalo, loba liwenze othela khona. Konke okuhlanyelwe eduzane loNayili ahlume ngekuseni eliwahlanyele ngayo, kodwa Kuzakoma, kuphephukele khatshana Kungabikhona. **8** isivuno sizakuba yize ngosuku Iwesifo lobuhlungu Abagoli benhlanzi bazabubula balile, bonke abaphosa obungelaphekiyo. **12** Maye, ukuhlokoma kwezizwe amawuka kuNayili, loba abajika amambule emanzini ezinengi, zihlokoma njengokuhlokoma kolwandle! bazaphela amandla. **9** Labo abasebenzisa isikusha Yeka ukuxokozela kwezizwe, zihuba njengokuhuba bazadangala, abeluka ilineni elihle bazaphelawa kwamanzi amanengi! **13** Lanxa izizwe zihuba lithemba. **10** Izisebenzi zasemalenjinji zizadana, njalo bonke abahola imiholo bazakuba lusizi. **11** Izikhulu zaseZowani azisilutho kodwa izithutha nje; emaqaqeni, lanjengothuli olubangwa yisivunguzane. **14** abaluleki bakaFaro abahlakaniphileyo banika izeluleko Kusihlwu kuba lokuthuthumela. Kungakasi, kabasekho. zobuwula. Ungatsho kanjani kuFaro uthi, “Mina Lesi yiso isabelo salabo abasikhuthuzayo, isabelo salabo ngingomunye wamadoda ahlakaniphileyo, umfundi abasihlaselayo.

**18** Maye ngelizwe elilokuphaphazela kwempiko emifuleni yaseKhushi, **2** elithuma izithunywa zihamba olwandle negezikepe zemihlanga phezu kwamanzi. Hambani, zithunywa ezilejubane, liye ebantwini abade abalejwabu elibutshelezi, ebantwini abesatshwayo ezindaweni zonke, isizwe esilolaka, esilolimi olungaziwayo, esilizwe laso lehlukaniswe yimifula. **3** Lonke lina bantu bomhlaba, lina elihlala emhlabeni, lapho uphawu luhpakaniswa phezu kwezintaba lizalubona, lalapho uphondo lukhala lizaluzwa. **4** Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi: “Ngizakwala ngithule, ngikhangelle ngisendaweni yami yokuhlala, njengokucwebezela kokutshisa ekukhanyeni kwelanga, lanjengenkungu yamazolo ngesikhathi sokuvuna.” **5** Ngoba kungakavunu, lapho ukukhahlela sekudlule, amaluba esesiba livini elivuthiwayo, uzaquma amahlumela ngamahlloka okuthena, aqume lengatsha ezinabayo, azisuse. **6** Zonke zizatshiyelwa izinyoni zasezintabeni ezidla inyama, lezinyamazana zeganga; izinyoni zizakudla ihlobo lonke, izinyamazana zeganga ubusika bonke. **7** Ngalesosikhathi izipho zizalethwa kuThixo uSomandla zivela ebantwini abade abalamajwabu abutshelezi, zivela ebantwini abesatshwayo ezindaweni zonke. Isizwe esilolaka, esilolimi olungaziwayo, esilizwe laso lehlukaniswe yimifula, izipho zizalethwa entabeni iZyoni, endaweni yeBizo likaThixo uSomandla.

**19** Isiphorefethi esimayelana leGibhithe sithi: Khangela uThixo ukhwele phezu kweyezi elilesiqubi esiza eGibhithe. Izithombe zaseGibhithe ziyathuthumela phambi kwakhe, njalo inhlizyo zamaGibhithe ziba buthakathaka ngaphakathi kwavo. **2** “Ngizadunga umGibhithe alwe lomGibhithe, umuntu uzakulwa lomfowabo, umakhelwane alwe lomakhelwane, idolobho lilwe ledolobho, umbuso ulwe lombuso. **3** AbaseGibhithe bazaphelawa lithemba, njalo ngizakwenza amacebo abo abe yize; bazabuza izithombe lemimoya yabafayo, kabe yisibusiso emhlabeni. **4** AbaseGibhithe ngizabanikela uzababusisa esithi, “Kayibusiwe iGibhithe abantu enkosini elesihluku, irkosi eyesabekayo izababusa,” bami, i-Asiriya umsebenzi wezandla zamii le-Israyeli kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla. **5** Amanzi ilifa lami.”

**20** Ngomnyaka indunankulu yebutho eyafika elihlala eThema, lethelani ababalekayo ukudla ngawo e-Ashidodi, ithunywe nguSagoni inkosi yase-Asiriya, yahlasela i-Ashidodi yayithumba, 2 ngalesosikhathi uThixo wakhulumha ngo-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathi kuye, "Susa isaka oligqokileyo emzimbeni wakho ukhuphe lamanyathela ezinyaweni zakho." Wenza njalo, wahamba nqunu njalo engaggokanga lutho ezinyaweni. 3 UThixo kwabemitshoko, amabutho asekhedari, bazakuba wasesithi, "Njengoba inceku yami u-Isaya ihambenqunu njalo ingaggokanga lutho ezinyaweni okweminyaka emithathu njengesibonakaliso lohmhlo kwabaseGibhithe labaseKhushi, 4 ngokunjalo inkosi yase-Asirya izabaqhuba benqunu njalo bengafakanga manyathela ezinyaweni abaseGibhithe abathunjiweyo labaseKhushi abaxotshwayo elizweni lakabi, abatsha labadala, izibunu zisegcekeni, kube lihlazo eGibhithe. 5 Labo ababethembe iKhushi bezincoma ngeGibhithe, bazakwesaba bayangiswe. 6 Ngalolosuku abantu abahlala kulelicele eliseduze kolwandle bazakuthi, 'Khangelani osokwenzakale kulabo ebesigwaba ngabo, labo esabalekela kubo ukuba sithole usizo lokuhululwa enkosini yase-Asirya! Pho sizaphepha kanjani na?"

**15** Babalekela inkemba, inkemba eqhatshisiweyo, babalekela idandili eligibletshiweyo, lokutshisa kwempi. 16 Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyo kimi ukuthi: "Phakathi komnyaka owodwa nje, njengendlela isisabenzi esiqhatshiwego esingawubala ngayo, lonke udumo lweKhedari luzaphela. 17 Abasindayo balutshwana." UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeri, usekhulumile.

**22** Isiphrofethi ngesiGodi soMbono: Kuyini okukukhathazayo khathesi, wena sewakhwela phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu, 2 wena dolobho eligiblecweli iziphithiphithi, wena dolobho lokuxokozela lokuthokoza? Abafayo bakho ababulawanga ngenkemba, njalo kabafelanga empini. 3 Bonke abakhokheli bakho babaleke bebonke, bathunjiwe bengazange basebenzise mtshoko. Lonke lina elabanjiwayo lathathwa ukuba libe yizibotshwa ndawonye, libalekile isitha sisesekhathshana. 4 Ngakho ngathi, "Sukani kimi; lingiyekela ngikhale kabuhlungu. Lekhleka ukwazi, ukuqala, ukuqala, ukuqala."

**21** Isiphrofethi mayelana leNkangala Engasolwandle: Njengesivunguzane sidlula eNegebi, umhlasel uvela enkangala evelela elizweni elesabekayo. **2** Ngitsengiswe umbono owesabekayo. Umthengisi uyathengisa, umkhuthuzi uthatha impahla. Elamu, hlasela! Mediya, vimbezela! Mina ngizakuqeda konke ukububula akudalileyo. **3** Ngalokhu umzimba wami uyafuthelwa, ngiphethwe yibuhlungu obufana lobowesifazane ehelelwa. Ngithithibaliswa yilokhu engikuzwayo, ngidideka ngalokhu engikubonayo. **4** Inhliziyo yami iphe amandla, ukwesaba kungenza ngiqhaqhazele; ukuhluw engibe ngukufisa, sekusesabeka kimi. **5** Itafula bayilungisisle, bendlala amalembu bayadla, bayanatha. Sukumani lina zikhulu, ligcobe amahawu! **6** Lokhu yikho uThixo akutshoyeo kimi: "Hamba uyefaka umlindi ukuze abike akubonayo. **7** Angabona izinqola zempi, kulemihlambi yamabhiza, abagadi phezu kwabobabhemu loba abagadi phezu kwamakamelu, kaqaphele; aqaphelisise sibili." **8** Umlindi wasememeza esithi, "Nkosi yami, usuku ngosuku ngiyema phezu komphotshongo wokulinda; ubusuku ngabunye ngiqlala ensiken yami. **9** Khangela, nangu umuntu esiza esenqoleni yempi lomhlambi wamabhiza. Uphendula esithi, 'IBhabhiloni isidilikile, isidilikile! Zonke izifanekiso zezithombe zayo zihlakazekele phansi!'" **10** Awu bantu bami elibhulewe esiseni, ngilitsheha engikuzwileyo kuvela Thixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **11** Isiphrofethi esimayelana leDuma: Umuntu othile uyangimemeza eseSeyiri, esithi, "Mlindi, kuyini okwebusuku okusaseleyo? Mlindi, kuyini okwebusuku okusaseleyo?" **12** Umlindi uphendula esithi, "Ukusa kuyeza, kodwa lobusuku buyeza. Nxa ufuna ukubuza, buza; uphinde ubuye futhi." **13** Isiphrofethi esimayelana le-Arabhiya: Lina zindwendwe zabakoDedani ezimise emahlabathini ase-Arabhiya, **14** lethelani abomileyo amanzi; lina Zingatani ukanggradua legina yokudula ka kwabantu bakithi." **5** INkosi, uThixo uSomandla, ulosuku lokuxokozela lokugxoba lokwesaba eSigodini soMbono, usuku lokudiliza imiduli lokumemezelu ezintabeni. **6** I-Elamu ithatha isikhwama semitshoko, labatshayeli balo bezinqola zempi, lamabhiza; iKhiri lambula ihawu. **7** Izigodi zakho ezinhle kakhulu zigcwele izinqola zempi, abagadi bamabhiza bamiswe emasangweni edolobho. **8** Ukuvikeleka kujakuda kususiwe, Ngololosuku wathemba izikhali eziseSigodlweni seHlathi, **9** wabona ukuthi iDolobho likaDavid lalezikhala ezinengi ezivikelweni zalo; wagcina amanzi eSizibeni esingaPhansi. **10** Wabala izindlu zaseJerusalema, wazidiliza ukuze kuqiniiswe umduli. **11** Phakathi kwemiduli yomibili wakha indawo yokugcinela amanzi eSiziba esida! Kodwa kawukhangelanga kuLowo owasenzayo, kumbe umnake Lowo owaceba ukusenza kudala. **12** Ngololosuku iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, wakubiza ukuba ukhale ulile, usiphune inwele zakho, ugqoke isaka. **13** Kodwa khangela, kulokuthaba lokuthokoza, ukuhlatshwa kwezinkomo lokubalwa kwezimvu, ukudliwa kwenyama lokunathwa kwewayini! Lithi, "Kasidleni sinathe, ngoba kusasa sizakufa!" **14** UTHixo uSomandla usekuvezile lokhu ngisizwa: "Lesisono kasiyikuthethelelwa kuze kube lusuku lwakho lokufa," kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla. **15** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yiNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Hamba, uthi encekwini le, kuShebhina ongumphathu wesigodlo: **16** Wenzani lapha, njalo ngubani okuphe imvumo ukuba uzimbile ingcwaba lapha, ugubha ingcwaba lakho endaweni ephezulu, ugubha indawo yakho yokuphumula edwaleni?" **17** Qaphela, sekuseduze ukuthi uThixo akubambe aqinise, akuphosele khatshana, wena ndoda elamandla. **18** Uzakugoqa ngokuqinisa akubumbe njengebhola akuphosele elizweni elikhulu. Uzafela khonapho. Lezigqoko zakho zempi ezinhle zizasala khonapho, wenza ihlazo endlini yenkosyakho! **19**

Ngizakususa esikhundleni sakho, njalo uzaxotshwa okunjengokutshiwo yingoma yewule ukuthi: **16** emsebenzini wakho. **20** Ngalolosuku ngizabiza “Thatha ichacho, uhambahambe phakathi kwedolobho inceku yami, u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilihiya. **21** Ngizamgqokisa izembatho zakho, ngimbophe ngebhanti lakho, ngimnikie amandla akho. Uzakuba nguyise walabo abahlala ejerusalema lakwabendlu kajuda. **22** Ngizabeka phezu kwamahlombe akhe isivulo sendul kaDavid; akuvulayo kakho ongakuvala. **23** Ngizambethela njengesikhonkwane endaweni eqinileyo; uzakuba yisihlalo sobukhosii sasendlini kayise. **24** Lonke udumo lwakwabo luzakuba kuye, inzalo yakhona lezizukulwane zonke, izitsha zakhona ezincinyane, kusukela emiganwini kusiya enkonxeni zonke. **25** “Ngalolosuku,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla, “isikhonkwane esabekelwa endaweni eqinileyo sizakhumuka; sizaqunywa siwe, umthwalo ophezu kwaso uzwela phansi.” UThixo usesekhulumile.

**23** Isiqalekiso esimayelana leThire: Khalani lina mikhumbi yaseThashishi! Ngoba iThire selichithiwe lasala lingaselandlu kumbe indawo yokungenisa imikhumbi. Iliwi selifikile kibo livela elizweni laseKhithimi. **2** Thulani lina bantu basesihlengeni lani bathengi baseSidoni, asebanothiswa ngabahambi bolwandle. **3** Amabele aseShihori eza ephezu kwamanzi, isivuno saseNayili sasiyinzuze yeThire, njalo yaba yindawo yezizwe yokuthengiselana. **4** Woba lenhloni wena Sidoni, lawe wena nqaba yasolwandle ngoba ulwandle selukhulumile lwathi: kangizange ngihehelwe kumbe ngizale; “Kangizange ngondle amadodana kumbe ngikhluse amadodakazi.” **5** Lapho ilizwi lifika eGibhithe bazakuba lusizi ngombiko ovela eThire. **6** Khuphukelani ngaseThashishi; khalani lina bantu basesihlengeni. **7** Leli yilo na idolobho lenu lentokozo, idolobho elidaladala, elinyawo zalo zalithatha ukuyalihlalisa emazweni akude? **8** Ngubani ocebe lokhu ngeThire, umethesi wemiqhele, abathengisi bayo bangamakhosana, abathengisi bayo badumile emhlabeni? **9** UThixo uSomandla wakuceba lokhu, ukwehlisa ukuzigqaja kwenkazimulo yonke lokuthobisa bonke abalodumo emhlabeni. **10** Lima insimu yakho malungana leNayili wena Ndodakazi yaseThashishi ngoba kawuselayo indawo yokungenisa imikhumbi. **11** UThixo useselulele isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle wenza imibuso yalo yanyikinyeka. Usekhuphe umlayo ngeKhenani ukuba izinqaba zayo zidilizwe. **12** Wathi, “Akusekho ukuthokoza kwakho wena Ndodakazi Egcweleyo yaseSidoni esichoboziwe! Vuka ukhuphukele ngaseKhithimi; lakhona awuyikuthola ukuphumula.” **13** Khangela elizweni lamaKhaladiya, abantu laba khathesi abangaselutho! Abase-Asiraya sebelenze laba yindawo yezidalwa zeganga; bakhe imiphotoshongo yabo yokuzivikela, bazibhidlizile izinqaba zalo balenza laba lunxiwa. **14** Khalani lina mikhumbi yaseThashishi, inqaba yenu idiliziwe! **15** Ngalesokhathi iThire izakhohlakala okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ibanga lokuphila kwenkosi. Kodwa ekupheleni kwaleyominayaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, eThire kuzakwenzakala

wena wule elikhohlakeleyo. Litshaye kuhle ichacho, uhlabele izingoma ezinengi, ukuze ukhunjulwe.” **17** Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa uThixo uzakhumbula iThire. IThire lizabuyela ekuthengiseni kwalo njengesifebe, njalo lizabuyela emsebenzini walo wokuthengiselana lembuso emsebenzini yonke esemhlabeni. **18** Inzuko lemiholo yalo kuzakwahulkaniselwa uThixo; kakuyikulondolozwa loba kubuthelelw. Inzuko yalo izakuya kulabo abahlala loThixo ukuba babe lokudla okunengi lezigqoko ezinhle.

**24** Khangela, uThixo uzabhidliza umhlaba utshabalale; uzawuchitha, ahlakaze abahlala kuwo. **2** Kuzafanana okuzenziwa kumphristi kuzenziwa lasebantwini, okuzenziwa enkosini kuzenziwa lasencekukazini, okuzenziwa kumthengisi kuzenziwa lakumthengi, okuzenziwa kowebolekayo kuzenziwa lakumebolekisi, okuzenziwa kokweledayo kuzenziwa lakokweledisayo. **3** Umhlaba uztashabalalisa nya uphangwe uqedwe du. UThixo usesekhulumile ilizwi leli. **4** Umhlaba uyoma ubune, umhlaba uyahodoza ubune, abaphakemeyo bomhlaba bayahodoza! **5** Umhlaba uncoliswa ngabantu bawo. Kabayilalelanga imithetho, beqe imilayo bephula isivumelwano esingapheliyo. **6** Ngakho-ke umhlaba uchithwa yisiqalekiso; abantu bawo kumele bahlupheke ngenxa yokona kwabo. Ngakho abantu abahlala emhlabeni bayatshiswa, njalo balutshwana kakhulu abaseleyo. **7** Iwayini elitsha liyaphela, amavini ayabuna; bonke abenza umsindo bejabula bayabubula. **8** Ukukhala kwamagedla kuthulisiwe, umsindo wabajabulayo usuphelite, ichacho lentokozo selithule. **9** Kabasanathi iwayini behlabela, utshwala buyababa kubanathi babo. **10** Idolobho elidilikileyo litshabalele; iminyango yezindlu zonke ivalekile. **11** Emigwaqweni bakhalela iwayini, yonke intokozo iba yikudana, ukujabula konke kuphelite emhlabeni. **12** Idolobho lisele selingamanxiwa, isango lalo libhidlizwe laba yizicucu. **13** Kuzakuba njalo emhlabeni laphakathi kwezizwe, njengalapho isihlahla som’oliva sinyikinywa, loba njengezithelo ezitholwa emva kokuvunwa kwamavini. **14** Baphakamisa amazwi abo, bahlabele ngentokozo; bememezelu ubukhosu bukaThixo bengasentshonalanga. **15** Ngakho-ke dumisani uThixo empumalanga; phakamisani uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ezhilengeni zolwandle. **16** Sizwa ukuhlabelela okuvela emikhawulweni yomhlaba: “Udumo kalube koLungileyo.” Kodwa mina ngathi, “Ngiyacikizeka, ngiyacikizeka! Maye mina! Abakohhlisi bayaceba! Ngenkohlio abakohhlisi bayaceba!” **17** Ukwesaba, igodi lomjibila kulindele, lina bantu basemhlabeni. **18** Loba ngubani obalekela umsindo wokwesaba uzwela egodini; loba ngubani ophumayo egodini uzabanjwa ngumjibila. Amasango asezulwini avulwi, izisekelo zomhlaba ziyanikinyeka. **19** Umhlaba usubhidlikile, umhlaba usudabuke phakathi,

umhlaba usunyikinywe impela. **20** Umhlaba udiyazela ulehlisela phansi idolobho eliphakemeyo, ulidilizela njengesidakwa, uzunguzeka njengendlu kulesiphepho; emhlabathini, aliphosele phansi othulini. **6** Inyawo siwusinda kangaka isono sokuhlamuka kwawo uze zilinyathelela phansi, inyawo zabancindezelwego, uwe, awuyikuvuka futhi. **21** Ngalolosuku uThixo amanyathelo abayanga. **7** Indlela yabalungileyo uzajejisa amabutho asemazulwini phezulu lamakhosi iqondile; awu wena oQotho, wenza indlela emhlabeni ngaphansi. **22** Bazabuthelwa ndawonye yabalungileyo ibe butshelezi. **8** Yebo, Thixo, sihamba njengezibotsha zibotshiwe emgodini oyintolongo. endleleni yemithetho yakho, siyakulindela; ibizo Bazavalelw entolongeni bajeziswe emva kwensuku lakho lodumo lwakho kulangatthelela zinhliziyo ezinengi. **23** Inyanga izayangeka, ilanga libelenhloni; zethu. **9** Umpfhumulo wami uyakulangazelela ngoba uThixo uSomandla uzabusa ngenkazimulo ebusuku, ekuseni umoya wami uyakukhumbula. phezu kweNtaba iZiyoni laphakathi kweJerusalem, Lapho ukwahlulela kwakho kufika emhlabeni, abantu basemhlabeni bayakufunda ukulunga. **10** Lanxa ababi betshengiswa umusa, kabakufundi ukulunga;

**25** Oh Thixo, wena unguNkulunkulu wami; ngizakudumisa ngibabaza ibizo lakho ngoba ngokuthembeka okupheleleyo, wenze izinto ezmangalisayo, izinto ezamiswa endulo. **2** Wenze idolobho laba yinqwaba yempfucuza; idolobho elivikelwego laba lunxiwa, inqaba yabezizweni kayiseyilo dolobho; kayiyikwakhiwa futhi. **3** esesikufezile sikwenzelwe nguwe. **13** Oh Thixo, Ngakho-ke abantu abalamandla bazakudumisa, Nkulunkulu wethu, amanye amakhosi ngaphandle amadolobho eziwe eziolunya azakwesaba. **4** kwakho ake asibuso, kodwa ibizo lakho yilo lodwa Ubuyisiphephelo sabayanga, isiphephelo soswelayo osizini lwakhe, isivikelo phakathi kwesiphepho lomthunzi ekutshiseni kwelanga. Ngoba umoya wabalesihluku unjengesiphepho sitshayeka emdluni, **5** lanjengokutshisha kwasenkangala. Wena uthulisa umsindo wabezizweni; njengokutshisha kusehliswa ngumthunzi weyezi, ithuliswa kanjalo lengoma yaba lesihluku. **6** Phezu kwale intaba uThixo uSomandla uzakwenzela abantu bonke idili lokudla okumndi, idili lewayini elidala, inyama enhle kakhulu lewayini elihle kakhulu. **7** Phezu kwale intaba uzadiliza isembeso esimboze abantu bonke, ilembu elembeze izizwe zonke; **8** uzakuginya kokuphela ukufa. UThixo Wobukhosu uzakwesula inyembezi ebusweni babantu bonke; uzasusa ihlazo labantu bakhe emhlabeni wonke. UThixo usekhulumile. **9** Ngalolosuku bazakuthi, "Ngempela lo nguNkulunkulu wethu; sethemba kuye, wasikhulula. Lo nguThixo, sethemba kuye; kasithokozeni sithabe ngokusindisa kwakhe." **10** Isandla sikaThixo sizahlala phezu kwalintabu; kodwa uMowabi uzanyatthelela ngaphansi ezweni lakhe njengotshani bonyatthelela phansi emqubeni. **11** Bazakwelulela izandla zabo kuye, njengenhlambi iselula izandla zayo ukuba intsheze. UNkulunkulu uzakuqedu ukuzigqaza kwabo phezu kokuhlanipha kwezandla zabo. **12** Uzadiliza izinqaba zenu eziphakemeyo azibhidlizele phansi; uzadilizela phansi emhlabathini, kulo kanye uthuli.

**26** Ngalolosuku ingoma le izahlatselwa elizweni lakoJuda: Siledolobho eliqinileyo; uNkulunkulu wenza ukusindisa kube yimiduli yalo lezivikelo. **2** Vulani amasango ukuze isizwe esilungileyo singene, isizwe esigcina ukuthembeka. **3** Lizameemeza abe lokuthula okupheleleyo lowo olengqondo ebambelelayo, ukuthula lami, yebo, kabenze ukuthula lami." **6** ngoba wethemba kuwe. **4** Thembani uThixo kokuphela, ngoba uThixo, uThixo ngokwakhe, uliDwala Ensukwini ezizayo ujakhobe uzagxila, u-Israyeli uzahluma akhahlele agcwaliise umhlaba wonke laphakade. **5** Ubehlisela phansi abahlala engqongeni; ngezithelo. **7** UThixo usemtshayile na njengokutshaya

kwakhe abamtshayayo? Usebulewe na njengokubulawa kwalabo abambulalayo? **8** Ngempi langokumxotsha elizweni ulwe laye, ngesiphepho sakhe esesabekayo umsusela phandle, njengamhla kuvunguza umoya wasempumalanga. **9** Ngalokhu-ke ukona kukajakhobe kuzahlawulelwa, njalo lokhu kuzakuba yisithelo esigweleyo esokususwa kwesono sakhe: Lapho esenza wonke amatshe e-alithare abe njengamatshe ekalaga avuthuzwe izicucu, akulazinsika zika-Ashera, kumbe ama-alithare empepha azatshiywa emi. **10** Idolobho elivikelwego libhidlikile, indawo yokuhlal etshiyiweyo, yadelwa njengenkangala; lapho asesidla khona amathole lapho alala khona phansi; aphundla ingatsha zalo zisale zize. **11** Lapho ingatsha zalo sezomile, ziyephulwa kuze abesifazane babase umlilo ngazo. Ngoba laba ngabantu abangelakuzwisisa; ngakho uMenzi wabo kalasihawu kubo, loMdali wabo akayikuba lomusa kubo. **12** Ngalolosuku uThixo uzabhula kusukela kuYufrathe ogelezayo kusiya eMhotsheni waseGibhithe, njalo lina abako-Israyeli lizabuthwa munye ngamunye. **13** Njalo ngalolosuku kuzakhaliwa icilongo elikhulu. Labo ababelahlekele elizweni lase-Asiriya lababexotshelwe elizweni laseGibhithe bazabuya bakhonze uThixo phezu kwentaba engcwele ejerusalem.

**28** Maye kulowomqhele wamatuba, iqhone lezidakwa zako-Efrayimi, kuluba elibunayo, ubuhle obukhazimulayo, obubekwe ngaphezulu kwsigodi esivundileyo, kulelodolobho, iqhone lalabo asebelaliswe liwayini phansi! **2** Khangelani, uThixo ulaye olamandla oqinileyo. Njengesiqhoto lomoya odilizayo, njengezulu lesiphepho leshlambi esilamandla, uzakuphosa phansi ngamandla amakhulu. **3** Umqhele lowo wamatuba, iqhone lezidakwa zako-Efrayimi kuzanyathelwa ngaphansi kwezinyawo. **4** Leliyaluba elibunayo, ubuhle bakhe obukhazimulayo, kuhlanyelwe ngaphezu kwsigodi esivundileyo, lizakuba njengomkhiwa ovuthiweyo kungakavunwa okuthi khonokho nje omunye ewubona awukhe ngesandila awuginye. **5** Ngalolosuku uThixo uSomandla uzakuba ngumqhele okhazimulayo, umqhele wamatuba omuhle kulabo abyiazinsalela zabantu bakhe. **6** Uzakuba ngumoya wokulunga kulowo owahlulelayo, umthombo warmandla kulabo ababuyisela impi emuva isisesangweni. **7** Lalaba bayadiyazela ngenxa yewayini, babhadazele ngenxa yotshwala. Abaphristi labaphrofethi bayadiyazela ngenxa yotshwala, njalo baphambene ngenxa yewayini; bayabhadazel ngenxa yotshwala, bayadiyazela, lapho bebona imibono, bayakhininda lapho besenza izinqumo. **8** Amatafula wonke agewe amahlanzo njalo akulandawo engelamanya. **9** “Ngubani lowo ozama ukumfundisa? Umbiko wakhe uwuchazela bani na? Abantwana abangasamunyi, kumbe abalunyuliweyo na?” **10** Ngoba kumi kanje: Yenza lokhu, yenza lokhuya, umthetho walokhu, umthetho walokhuya; ingcosana lapha, lengconsana laphayana.” **11** Kungasenani, ngezindebe zabezizweni langolimi olungaziwayo,

uNkulunkulu uzakhulumta lalababantu, **12** atshoyo kubo wathi, “Le yindawo yokuphumula, abadiniweyo kabaphumule”; njalo, “Le yindawo yokucambalala,” kodwa kabalalelanga. **13** Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo kubo lizakuba ngelithi: Yenza lokhu, yenza lokhuya, umthetho walokhu, umthetho walokhuya, ingcosana lapha, ingcosana laphaya, ukuze bahambe bawen yovanve, balimale, bathiywe, bathunjwe. **14** Ngakho ke zwanini ilizwi likaThixo lina bantu abakoloddayo, ababusa abantu laba ejerusalem. **15** Lilitzayha izifuba lisithi, “Senze isivumelwano lokufa, senza isivumelwano lethuna. Nxa isijeziso esikhulu sifika, kasiyikusithinta, ngoba senze amanga aba yisiphephelo sethu lenkohliko yaba yindawo yethu yokucatsha.” (**Sheol h7585**) **16** Ngakho lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo woBukhos: “Khangelani, ngibeka ilitshe eZioni, ilitshe elihlolliweyo, ilitshe lengosi eliligu; elesisekelo esiqinisekileyo, lowo othembayo akayikuphela amandla. **17** Ngizakwenza okufaneleyo kube yintambo yokulinganisa, ukulunga cube yintambo yokuqondisa; isiqhoto sizakhukhula isiphephelo senu, amanga, lamanzi azagabhela indawo yenu yokucatsha. **18** Isivumelwano senu lokufa sizakwesulwa; isivumelwano senu lengcwaba kasiyikuma. Lapho isijeziso esikhulu sifika sizalilahla phansi. (**Sheol h7585**) **19** Ngazozonke izikhathhi esizafika ngazo sizalithatha; ukusa ngokusa, emini lebusuk, sizalikhukhula.” Ukulizwisida ilizwi leli kuzaletha ukwesaba khona ngokwakho. **20** Umbheda mfitshane kakhulu ukuba unabrekuwo, ingubo incane kakhulu ukuba ugoqelwe ngayo. **21** UThixo uzavuka njengalokho akwenzayeo entaben iPherazimu; uzathukuthela njengaseSigodini seGibhiyon, ukuba enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi oyisimanga, enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi ongaziwayo. **22** Khathesi-ke yekelani ukukloloda kwenu funa amaketane elibotshwe ngawo alisinde kakhulu; iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla usengitshele ngesimiso sokutshabalala ilizwe lonke. **23** Lalelani lizwe ilizwi lami; lalelani lizwe engikutshoyo. **24** Lapho umlimi elimi ukuba ahlanyele, ulima kokuphela na? Uqhubeka elima umhlabathi ewubhuqa kokuphela na? **25** Nxa umhlabathi esewendale kuhle, kahlanyeli ikharawayi ahlanyele lekhumini na? Kahlanyeli ingqoloyi endaweni yayo; ibhalii ensimini yayo, lespelithi ensimini yaso na? **26** UNkulunkulu wakhe uyamfundisa, amfundise indlela eqondileyo. **27** Ikhariawayi kayibhulwa ngesileyi; lenqola kayihanjiswa phezu kwekhumini, kodwa ikharawayi ibhulwa ngentonga, kuthi ikhumini ibhulwe ngombhulo. **28** Amabele kumele acholwe ukuba kwensiwe isinkwa, ngakho umuntu kawabhuli kokuphela. Lanxa ehambisa inqola yakhe yokubhula phezu kwavo, amabhiza akhe kawawacholi. **29** Konke lokhu lakho kuvela kuThixo uSomandla omangalisayo ngokweluleka, njalo olenlhakanipho emangalisayo.

**29** Maye kuwe Ariyeli, Ariyeli, idolobho uDavid ahlala kulo! Yengezelela umnyaka emnyakeni Wenze ukulandelana kwemikhosi yakho kuhubuke. **2** Ikanti i-Ariyeli ngizalivimbezela, lizakhala lilile,

kimi lizafana leziko le-alithari. **3** Ngizakuhlasela kuthi ngobufakazi obungamanga benze omsulwa amacele wonke, ngizakuzungeza ngemiphotshongo angehlulelwu ngemfanelo. **22** Ngakho-ke lokhu yikho ngikuvimbezele ngemisebenzi yokukuhlasela. **4** Nxa uThixo owahlenga u-Abrahama akutshoyo kwabendlu kajakhobe: "Ujakhobe kasayikuba lenhloni, ubuso yakho ayiyikuzwakala ivela othulini. Ilizwi lakho bakhe kabusayikudana. **23** Lapho bebona abantwana babo, umsebenzi wezandla zami, bazakwenza ibizo lami libengcwele; bazabubona ubungcwele boNgcwele kajakhobe, njalo bazamesaba uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **24** Abalahlekileyo emoyeni bazakuba lokuzwisisa; abasolayo bazavuma ukufundiswa."

**30** "Maye ebantwaneni abalobuqholo," kutsho uThixo, "kulabo abafeza amacebo angasiwami, abenza isivumelwano, kodwa kungesi ngoMoya wami, besengeza isono phezu kwesono; **2** labaya eGibhithe bengabuzanga kimi; abadinga usizo lokuvikelwa nguFaro, lomthunzi wokuphephela eGibhithe. **3** Kodwa-ke ukuvikelwa nguFaro kuzakuba lihlazo kini, umthunzi weGibhithe uzaliyangisa. **4** Lanxa belabameli eZowani, lezithunywa zabo sezifikile eHanesi, **5** bonke bazayangeka ngenxa yabantu abangalasizo kubo, abangalethi sizo loba inuzu, kodwa ihlazo lokuyangeka kuphela." **6** Isiphrofethi mayelana lezinyamazana zeNegebi sithi: kulolonke ilizwe lobunzima losizi, elezilwane lezilwanekazi, elamabululu lezinyoka ezeqayo izithunywa zithwala inotho yazo ngemihlane yabobabhemi, impahla yazo eligugu ziyyithwale ngamalunda amakamela, zikusa ebantwini abangayikuba losizo kuzo. **7** Zisiwa eGibhithe osizo Iwayo lungelamsebenzi. Ngakho ngiyibiza ngokuthi nguRahabi ivilavoxo. **8** Hamba khathesi nje, ubalobe khona esibhebhedwini, kulobe emqulwini, ukuze kuthi ensukwini ezizayo kuge yibufakazi obungapheliyo. **9** Laba ngabantu abangabolahmuki, abantwana abangabakhohlis, abantwana abangafuniyu ukulalela imfundiso kaThixo. **10** Bathi kwabayizanuse, "Lingabe lisahlahluta futhi." Kubaphrofethi bathi, "Lingsitsheli imibono ngalokho okuqondileyo. Sitsheleni izinto ezhinhe, liphrofethe inkohliso. **11** Tshiyani indlela le, phambukani kulo umkhondo liyekele ukusibelesa ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!" **12** Ngakho okutshiwo ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli yilokhu: "Njengoba lilalile ilizwi leli, lathembela ekuncindezelweni, lagwaba ngokukhohliswa, **13** isono lesi kini sizafana lomduli ophakemeyo, olomnkenke njalo ohlephukayo, odilika masinyane, ngesikhatsiana nje. **14** Uzadilika ube yizicucu, njengembiza yombumbi ephahazeke kakubi akwaze kwatholakala lesihlephu sokokha amalahle eziko ezicucwini zayo kumbe ukukha amanzu emggonyeni." **15** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ukuthi: "Ukusindiswa kwenu kusekuphendukeni lekuphumulen, amandla enu asekuthulen lekwethembeni, kodwa likwalile lokhu. **16** Lithe, 'Hatshi, sizabaleka ngamabhiza.' Ngakho lizabaleka! Lithe, 'Sizagada amabhiza alejubane.' Ngakho abalixotshayo bazakuba lejubane! **17** Abayinkulungwane bazabaleka besongelwe ngoyedwa nje; ekusongeni kwabahlanu, lizabaleka lonke, lize lisale linjengensika yophawu lwelizwe elisengqongeni

yentaba, lanjengesiboniso phezu koqaqa.” **18** Kodwa uThixo ulangatha ukuba lomusa kini; uyavuka ukuba lakhe kalibuyeli emuva. Uzavukela abendlu yababi alitshengise isihawu. Ngoba uThixo unguNkulunkulu wokulunga. Babusisiwe bonke abamlindeleyo! **19** Awu ngabantu kawasiNkulunkulu; amabhiza awo yinyama bantu baseZiyoni, abahlala ejerusalema, alisayikulila. kawasimoya. Lapho uThixo eselula isandla sakhe, lowo UThixo uzakuba lomusa kini nxa licela usizo. osizayo uzakhubeka, lowo osizwayo uzakuwa, bobabili Uzaliphendula khonokho nije ekulizweni kwakhe. bazabhubha. **4** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo kimi, **20** Lanxa rje uThixo elinika isinkwa sokuhulupheka ukuthi: “Njengesilwane sihwabha; isilwane esikhulu lamanzis osizi, abalifundisay kabayikucatsha futhi; sibhongela esikumbabileyo, lanxa ixuku lonke labelusi lizababona ngamehlo enu. **21** Loba liphambuке libizwa ukuba lisihlasele, kasethuswa yikuklabala kwesokudla kumbe kwenexle lizalizwa ilizwi ngemva kwabu kumbe sitikhanyezwe ngumsindo wabo, unjalo-kwenu lisithi, “Le yiyo indlela; hambani ngayo.” **22** Lapho-ke lizangcolisa izithombe zenu ezihiqwе ngesiliva lezifanekiso zenu ezinanayekwe ngegolide; lizazilahlela khatshana njengelembu lowesifazane obesesikhathini, lithi kuzo, “Sukani lapha!” **23** UThixo izithombe zenu ezihiqwе kwalo alihlene.” **6** Awu bantu bako-Israyeli, uzalehliselа izulu lenhlanelyo yenu eliyihlanyele buyelani kulowo elamhlamukela kakubi. **7** Ngoba emhlabathini, lamabele azavela emhlabathini azakuba mahle njalo emanengi. Ngalolosuku inkomo zenu ngalolosuku lonke lizazilahla izithombe zenu zesiliva lezegolide elizenze ngezandla zenu ezonayo. **8** “I-Asirya izachithwa ngenkemba engesiyabantu, inkemba engasiyo yabantu izababhubhisa. Bazayibalekela inkemba, izinsizwa zabo zizakwenzewa izigqili. **9** Inqaba lokubulawa okukhulu, lapho imiphotshongo isiwa, izifula zamanzi zizageleza kuwozonde izintaba ezinde yabo izadilika ngenxa yokwesaba; lapho bebona uphawu lakuwo wonke amaqaqa adephileyo. **26** Inyanya izakhanya njengelanga, ukukhanya kwelanga kukhanye lweMPI izinduna zabo zempzi zizatshaywa luvalo,” izakhanya njengelanga, ukukhanya kwelanga kukhanye ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa, njengokukhanya kwensku eziyisikhombisa ezigcweleyo, lapho uThixo eseobapa amanxeba abantu bakhe, epholisa lezilonda ezaebangwa nguye. **27** Khangelani, ibizo likaThixo livela khatshana, lolaka oluvuthayo kanye lokuthunqa kwentuthu enkulu; izindebe zakhe zigcwele intukuthelo, ulimi lwakhe lungumlilo ohangulayo. **28** Umoya awuphefumulayo unjengesifula esigcwele amanzi afika entanyeni. Uhlungula izizwe ngesefa yokubhubhisa; ufaka emihlathini yabantu amatamu abasa ekulahlekeni. **29** Lizahlabela njengasebusuku bokuthakazelela umkhosi ongcwele; inhlizyo zenu zizathokoza njengalapho abantu besiya entabenи kaThixo, eDwaleni lika-Israyeli, belemihubhe. **30** UThixo uzakwenza abantu balizwe ilizwi lakhe lobukhosи, njalo uzakwenza bayibone ingalo yakhe isehla ngokuthukuthela okukhulu langomlilo oqothulayo, langesihlambo esikhulu, lomdumo kanye lesiqhotho. **31** Ilizwi likaThixo lizayichitha i-Asirya; abatshaye ngenduku yakhe yobukhosи. **32** Imvimvinya yinye uThixo abatshaya yona ngentonga yakhe yokujezisa, uzakuba ukanye lokutshaywa kwamagedla lemhishubhe, lapho esilwa labo impi ngezidutshulo zengalo yakhe. **33** IThofethi sekukade yalungiswa; seyenziwa yalungela inkosi. Igodi layo lomlilo selensiwa latshona njalo laba banzi, lomlilo lenkuni ezinengi; umphefumulo kaThixo, utshisa njengokugeleza komlilo wesolufa, uyawulumathisa.

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laye uhlakaniphile njalo angaleta incithakalo; ilizwi lalabo abasiza abenza okubi. **3** Kodwa amaGibhithe wokulunga. Babusisiwe bonke abamlindeleyo! **19** Awu ngabantu kawasiNkulunkulu; amabhiza awo yinyama kawasimoya. Lapho uThixo eselula isandla sakhe, lowo UThixo uzakuba lomusa kini nxa licela usizo. osizayo uzakhubeka, lowo osizwayo uzakuwa, bobabili Uzaliphendula khonokho nije ekulizweni kwakhe. bazabhubha. **4** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo kimi, ukuthi: “Njengesilwane sihwabha; isilwane esikhulu lamanzis osizi, abalifundisay kabayikucatsha futhi; sibhongela esikumbabileyo, lanxa ixuku lonke labelusi lizababona ngamehlo enu. **21** Loba liphambuке libizwa ukuba lisihlasele, kasethuswa yikuklabala kwabu kumbe sitikhanyezwe ngumsindo wabo, unjalo-kuweMPI izinduna zabo zempzi zizatshaywa luvalo,” kwalo alihlene.” **6** Awu bantu bako-Israyeli, uzalehliselа izulu lenhlanelyo yenu eliyihlanyele buyelani kulowo elamhlamukela kakubi. **7** Ngoba emhlabathini, lamabele azavela emhlabathini azakuba mahle njalo emanengi. Ngalolosuku inkomo zenu ngalolosuku lonke lizazilahla izithombe zenu zesiliva lezegolide elizenze ngezandla zenu ezonayo. **8** “I-Asirya izachithwa ngenkemba engesiyabantu, inkemba engasiyo yabantu izababhubhisa. Bazayibalekela inkemba, izinsizwa zabo zizakwenzewa izigqili. **9** Inqaba lokubulawa okukhulu, lapho imiphotshongo isiwa, izifula zamanzi zizageleza kuwozonde izintaba ezinde yabo izadilika ngenxa yokwesaba; lapho bebona uphawu lakuwo wonke amaqaqa adephileyo. **26** Inyanya izakhanya njengelanga, ukukhanya kwelanga kukhanye ngokuphindwe kasikhombisa, njengokukhanya kwensku eziyisikhombisa ezigcweleyo, lapho uThixo eseobapa amanxeba abantu bakhe, epholisa lezilonda ezaebangwa nguye. **27** Khangelani, ibizo likaThixo livela khatshana, lolaka oluvuthayo kanye lokuthunqa kwentuthu enkulu; izindebe zakhe zigcwele intukuthelo, ulimi lwakhe lungumlilo ohangulayo. **28** Umoya awuphefumulayo unjengesifula esigcwele amanzi afika entanyeni. Uhlungula izizwe ngesefa yokubhubhisa; ufaka emihlathini yabantu amatamu abasa ekulahlekeni. **29** Lizahlabela njengasebusuku bokuthakazelela umkhosi ongcwele; inhlizyo zenu zizathokoza njengalapho abantu besiya entabenи kaThixo, eDwaleni lika-Israyeli, belemihubhe. **30** UThixo uzakwenza abantu balizwe ilizwi lakhe lobukhosи, njalo uzakwenza bayibone ingalo yakhe isehla ngokuthukuthela okukhulu langomlilo oqothulayo, langesihlambo esikhulu, lomdumo kanye lesiqhotho. **31** Ilizwi likaThixo lizayichitha i-Asirya; abatshaye ngenduku yakhe yobukhosи. **32** Imvimvinya yinye uThixo abatshaya yona ngentonga yakhe yokujezisa, uzakuba ukanye lokutshaywa kwamagedla lemhishubhe, lapho esilwa labo impi ngezidutshulo zengalo yakhe. **33** IThofethi sekukade yalungiswa; seyenziwa yalungela inkosi. Igodi layo lomlilo selensiwa latshona njalo laba banzi, lomlilo lenkuni ezinengi; umphefumulo kaThixo, utshisa njengokugeleza komlilo wesolufa, uyawulumathisa.

**32** Khangelani, inkosi izabusa ngokulunga lababusi bazabusa ngemfanelo. **2** Umuntu ngamunye uzakuba njengesihonqо sokuvikela umoya, lesiphephelo sokucatshela isiphepho, njengezihotsha zamanzi enkangala njengomthunzi wedwala elikhulu elizweni elomileyo. **3** Lapho-ke amehlo alabo ababonayo kawasayikuvala, lezindlebe zalabo abezwayo zizalalela. **4** Ingqondo yowalazelayo izakwazi, iqedisise, ogagasayo ulimi lwakhe lutzatshwaphuluka luzwakale kuhle. **5** Isithutha kasisayikuthiwa ngumhlonitshwa, lesigangi kasiyikuhanlonitshwa. **6** Ngoba isithutha sikhuluma ubuwula, ingqondo yaso isebenza ububi: Senza imisebenzi yenohlakalo, siqambe amanga ngoThixo; abalambayo kasibaniki lutho, abomileyo sibancitsha amanzi okunatha. **7** Izindlela zesigangi zimbi, senza amacebo amabi ukuba sichithe abayanga ngamanga, lanxa isikhala sabaswelayo siqotho. **8** Kodwa umuntu ohloniphekayo wenza amacebo ahloniphekayo, njalo uma ngezenzo ezhilhoniphekayo. **9** Lina besifazane elingakhathazeki ngalutho, vukani lilalele kimi; lina madodakazi elizizwa livikelekile, lalelani engikutshoyo! **10** Ngesikhatshana rje esedlula umnyaka lina elizizwa livikelekile lizathuthumela; ukuvunwa kwevini akuyikuphumelela, lokuvunwa kwezithelo akuyikuba khona. **11** Thuthumelani lina madodakazi azizwa evikelekile; qhaqzelani lina madodakazi azizwa evikelekile! Khululanl izigqoko zenu, lithandele inkalo zenu ngamasaka. **12** Zitshayeni izifuba zenu ngenxa yamasimu amahle, langenxa yezivini ezithela izithelo, **13** langenxa yelizwe labantu bami, ilizwe eligcwele ukhula lameva, yebo, lilelani zonke ka-Israyeli, kumbe bacele usizo kuThixo. **2** Ikanti izindlu zenjabulo ledolobho lokuzitika lentokozo.

**14** Inqaba enkulu izatshiswa, idolobho elilomsindo isinkwa sakhe, lamanzi kayikuwaswela. **17** Amehlo lizatshiywa; inqaba lomphotshongo wokulinda enu azayibona inkosi ebuhleni bayo, abuke lelizwe kuzakuba ngumhlabathi ongatheli lutho kokuphela, elibanzi. **18** Ezingondweni zenu lizakhumbula kube yintokoza yabobabhemti lamadlelo emihlambi, ukwesaba kwakuqala lithi: "Ingaphi induna yezikhulu **15** umoya uze uthelwe phezu kwethu uvela phezulu, leyana? Ungaphi owayethatha imali yemithelo? inkangala ibe ngumhlaba ovundileyo, umhlabu Singaphi isikhulu esigcina imiphotsongo na?" **19** ovundileyo ube njengenhlabathi. **16** Ukwahlulela Abantu labayana abaklolodayo kalisayikubabona futhi, kuhle kukaThixo kuzakuba khona enkangala, ukulunga abantu labayana abolimi olungazwakaliyo, abolimi kube khona emhlaberi ovundileyo. **17** Izithelo olungaziwayo, olungaqondakaliyo. **20** Khangelani zokulunga zizakuba yikuthula; okufaneleyo kuzaletha iZiyoni, idolobho lemikhosi yethu; amehlo enu azabona ukuthula zwi lethembu kuze kube nininini. **18** ijeruselema indawo youkhulala elokuthula, ithente Abantu bami bazahlala ezindaweni ezilokuthula, elingeke lisuswe; izikhonkwane zalo kaziyikusitshunwa emakhaya avikelekileyo, ezindaweni zokuphumula lezintambo zalo kaziyikuquamuka. **21** Kholapho ezingelalhupho. **19** Lanxa isiqhotho sitshabalalisa uThixo uzakuba ngolaMandla wethu. Kuzafana ihlathi ledolobho lidilizwe laphela nya, **20** yeka lendawo elemifula ebanzi kanye lezifula. Akukho ukubusiswa elizakuba yikho, lihlanyela inhlanyelo mkhumbi wempi ozagwedlwu khona, akukho mkhumbi yenu emaceleli ezifula zonke, njalo liyekela inkomo olamandla ozahamba khona. **22** Ngoba uThixo zenu labobabhemti benu ukuba kusabalale.

**33** Maye kuwe, wena mchithi, wena ongachithwanga! Maye kuwe, wena mthengisi, wena ongacetshwanga! Lapho uyekela ukuthengisa, lawe uzacetshwa. **2** Awu Thixo, woba lomusa kitih; siyakulangazelela. Woba ngamandla ethu ekuseni konke, ubi yinsindiso yethu esikhathini sosizi. **3** Ekukhwazeni kwelizwi lakho, izizwe ziyabaleka; lapho uphakama izizwe ziyahlakazeka. **4** Elakuthumbayo, lina zizwe, kubuthwa sengangathi kuqoqua yisikhongwane, abantu beqela kukho njengomtshitshi wentethe. **5** UThixo uphakeme ngoba uhlala phezulu, uzagcwala iZiyoni ngokufaneleyo langokulunga. **6** Uzakuba yisisekelo esithembekileyo sesikhathi senu, isiphaba esigcwele usindiso, ukuhlananipha lokwazi; ukumesaba uThixo kuyisiqokoqela sokuzuza ingcebo le. **7** Khangelani, amaghawé akibo ahlabu umkhosi emigwaqweni! Izithunywa zokuthula ziyakhala kakhu. **8** Imigwaqo emikhulu ibetha umoya, akulazihambi kuyo. Isivumelwano sephulwe, ofakazi baso beyisive, kakho ohlonitshwayo. **9** Ilizwe liyalila njalo liyachitheka. ILebhanoni iyangekile njalo iyabuna; iSharoni injengenkangala, iBhashani leKhameli akhithizwa amahlamvu awo. **10** UThixo uthi, "Khathesi sengizavuka, khathesi sengizadunyiswa, khathesi sengizaphakanyiswa. **11** Liquethe ngamakhoba, lizale izibi; umoya wenu eliwuphefumulayo ungumlilo oliqedayo. **12** Abantu bazatshiswa bafane lekalaga; bazathungelwa ngomlilo njengamahlala ameva aganyuliweyo." **13** Lina elikhatshana, zwanini engikwenzileyo; lina abaseduze, vumani amanda amil! **14** Izoni zaseZiyoni ziyathuthumela; abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu bayaqhaqhazelaza: "Ngubani owakithi ongahlala lomlilo oqothulayo na? Ngubani owakithi ongahlala lokutshisa okungapheliyo na?" **15** Ngulowo owenza okulungileyo, ekhuluma okuqotho oyalayo inzuzo yokuncindezelwa, ale ukwamukela isivalamlomo, owalayo ukulalela amaqhinga okubulala, avale amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni okubi, **16** lo nguye umuntu ozahlala ekuphakameni, osiphephelo sakhe sizakuba yinqaba yasentabeni. Uzalethelwa

utuHxo yinkosi yetru, ngye ozasiKhutu. **2** Izintambo zakho zeseiyili ziwayega. Insika kayiqinisiwanga; iseyili kayivukanga. Lapho-ke impango enengi izakwabiwa kuthi labaqhulayo labo bazazusa impango.

**24** Akulamuntu ohlala eZyoni ozakuthi, "Mina ngingiyagula"; labantu abahlala khona bazathethelwelizono zabo.

**34** Sondelani lina zizwe, lilalele; zwanini lina bantu! Umhlabu kawulalele, lakho konke okukiwo, umhlabu, lakho konke okuvela kuwo! **2** UThixo uthukuthelole izizwe zonke, ulaka lwakhe luphezu kwezitha zabo zonke. Uzazibhubhisa ngokupheleleyo, uzazinikela ekubulaweni. **3** Ababuleweyo bakibozaphoselwa ngaphandle, izidumbu zabo zizanuka; izintaba zizacwila egazini labo. **4** Zonke izinkanyezi zasemazulwini zizanyamalala, umkhathi ugoqwe njengomqulu; wonke amaxuku ezinkanyezi azakuwa njengamahlamu abunileyo evinini lanjengomkhiwa oswabileyo usiwa esihlahleni somkhiwa. **5** Inkemba yami isinathe yanelu emazulwini; khangelani yehlela phezu kwe-Edomi ukulahlulela, abantu esengibabhubhise baphela. **6** Inkemba kaThixo igxanyuzwe egazini, igcwele amafutha igazi lezimvu lelembuzi, amafutha ezinso zenqama. Ngoba uThixo ulomhlatsheho eBhozira lokubulawa okukhulu kwezfifuo e-Edomi. **7** Inyathi zizakufa kanye lazo, amathole azinkunzi kanye lenkunzi ezinkulu. Ilizwu labo lizagcwala igazi, umhlabatu uzakuba manzi ngamafutha. **8** Ngoba uThixo ulosulo lokuphindiselua, umnyaka wokujezisa, ukujinisa injongo yeZyoni. **9** Izifula zase-Edomi zizaphendulwa zibe yingcino, umhlabathi wakhona ube ngumwilo wesolufa, ilizwu lakhona lizakuba yingcino etshaylo! **10** Aliyikucitshwa ebusuku lemuni; intuthu yalo izathunqa kokuphela. Lizakuba ngelichithiweyo kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kwesinye; kakho ozadabula phakathi kwalo futhi. **11** Isikhova senkangala lomandukulo kuzakwakha kulo; isikhova esikhulu lewabayi kuzakwakha izidleke zakho kulo. UNkulunkulu uzakwelulela phezu kwe-Edomi intambo yokulunganisa incithakalo lentambo

yokulinganisa ukutshabalala. **12** Izikhulu zalo u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo, kaziyikuba lalutho olungathiwa ngumbuso, wonke loShebhina umabhalane kanye loJowa indodana ka-amakhosana alo azanyamalala. **13** Izingaba zalo zizagcwala ameva, imbabazane lokhula kugcwale kuziphphelo zalo. Lizakuba yindawo yamakhanka, lomuzi wezikhova. **14** Izinyamazana zenkangala zizahlangana lezimpisi, amagogo azakhalelana; izidalwa zebusuku zizalala khona zizifunele izindawo zokuphumula. **15** Isikhova sizakwakha isidleke khona sibekela amaqanda, sizawachamisela, sifukamele abantwana baso ngaphansi komthunzi wempiko zaso, lemizwazwa izabuthana khonapho, yilowo lalowo lomngane wavo. **16** Khangelan encwadini kaThixo lifunde okuthi: Akukho lakunye kwalokhu okuzasweleka; akukho okuzaswela ummgane wakho. Ngoba nguThixo onike umlayo, loMoya wakhe uzazigoqela ndawonye. **17** Uzakwahlukanisela izabelo zakho; isandla sakhe sizakwabela ngesilinganiso. Isabelo sizakuba lilifa lakho kokuphela, njalo sizahlala khona kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kusizukulwane.

**35** Inkangala lelizwe elomileyo kuzathokoza; inkangala izajabula iqhakaze. Njengeluba **2** izakhahlela, ithokoze kakhulu, ihlabele isithi. Inkazimulo yaseLebanoni izanikezwu kuyo ubuhle beKhaneli leSharoni, kuzabona inkazimulo kaThixo lobukhosu bukaNkulunkulu wethu. **3** Qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka, liqinise lamadoloxaxegayo; **4** tshonini kulabo abalezhinhliyo ezelokwesaba lithi: “Qinani, lingesabi; uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuza, uzakuza ezophindisela, ajezise ngokulunga uzakuza ukuba alikhulule.” **5** Lapho-ke amehlo eziphofu azavuleka, lezindlebe zezacuthe zivuleke. **6** Lapho-ke abaqhulayo bazakweqa njengempala, izimungulu zihlabele ngokuthokoza. Amanzi azampompoza ogwadulen, izifula zigeleze enkangala. **7** Itshebetsebe elitsisayeo lizakuba yisiziba, umhlabathiowomileyo ube yimithombo echapphaka amanzi. Ezindaweni amakhanka ake ahlala kuzo, utshani lemhlanga lebhuma kuzakhula khona. **8** Njalo kuzakuba longwago omkhulu: uzathiwa yiNdlela yobuNgcwele, izakuba ngeyalabo abahamba ngokuqonda. Abangcolileyo kabayikuhamba kuwo; uzakuba ngowalabo abahamba kuleyoNdlela lezithutha ezonayo kaziyikuhambahama kuwo. **9** Akuyikuba lesilwane khona, loba esinye isilo esilolaka; sivuke kuwo kaziyikutholwa khona. Kodwa abahlengiweyo yibo kuphela abazahamba lapho, **10** njalo labahlengiweyo bakaThixo bazabuyela. Bazangena eZiyoni behlabele, intokozo engapheliyo izakuba ngumqhele emakhandu abo. Bazakuba lokuthula lenjabulo, usizi lokububula kuzaphela.

**36** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wokubusa kwenkosi uHezekhiya, uSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asirya wahlasela wonke amadolobho avikelwego akojuda wawathumba. **2** Emva kwalokho inkosi yase-Asirya yathuma umlawuli wayo lebutho elikhulu lisuka eLakhishi lisiya enkosini uHezekhiya ejerusalem. Kwathi umlawuli webutho esemi emgelweni wechibi elingaphezulu, elisendleleni eya eNsimini yoMgezisi, **3**

u-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo, Asafi umbhali, bayu kuye. **4** Umlawuli webutho wathi kubo, “Tshelani uHezekhiya ukuthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asirya ithi: Uthembeni nagesisibindi sakho na? **5** Uthi ulamaqhinga lamandla ebutho kodwa ukhuluma amazwi ayize. Uthembe bani uze unghlamukele nje? **6** Khangelia, ngiyazi uthembe iGibhithe, yona enjengomhlanga ozimvava osika isandla somuntu umlimaze nxa eweyamile. Unjalo uFaroo inkosi yaseGibhithe kubo bonke abathembelle kuye. **7** Njalo nxa lisithi kimi, “Thina sithembe uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu”, kasuye yini uHezekhiya asusa izindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo lama-alithare akhe, esithi kujuda lejerusalem, “Kumele likhonzele phambi kwaleli i-alithari”? **8** Khathesi woza wenze isivumelwano lenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asirya: Ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane ezimbili nxa bekhone abazawagada!

**9** Pho ungayehluu njani induna eyodwa yezikhulu ezincane zenkosi yami, lanxa uthembele eGibhithe ekutholeni izinqola zempi labagadi bamabhiza na? **10** Phezu kwalokho, kanti ngizehlasela lokuzochitha ilizwe leli kungatshongo uThixo na? UThixo uqobo nguye othe ngizohlasela ilizwe leli ngilichithe.” **11** Ngakho u-Eliyakhimu loShebhina loJowa bathi kumilawuli webutho, “Ake ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramayikhii ngoba siyasizwa. Ungasikhulumisi ngesiHebheru lababantu abasemdluni besiza.” **12** Kodwa umlawuli webutho waphendula esithi, “Inkosi yami ingithume ukuba izinto lezi ngizitsho kuphela enkosini yenu lakini, hatshi ebantwini abahlezi emdluni okuzakuthi labo njengani badle ubulongwe babo banathe lomchamo wabo na?” **13** Umlawuli webutho wasukuma wasememeza ngesiHebheru esithi, “Zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asirya! **14** Lokhu yikho okutshiwo yinkosi: Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya ukuba alikhohlise. Angeke alikhulule. **15** Lingamvumeli uHezekhiya elincenga ukuba lithembele kuThixo lapho esithi ‘Ngempela uThixo uzasikhulula; idolobho leli kalyikuphiwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asirya.’” **16** Lingamaleli uHezekhiya. Nanku okutshiwo yinkosi yase-Asirya: Yenza isivumelwano sokuthula lami, uphume uze kimi. Lapho-ke omunye lomunye uzakudla esivinini sakhe lasemikhwiwi yakhe, anathe lamanzu emthonjeni wakhe, **17** ngize ngifike ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana relakini, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa lezivini. **18** “Lingavumeli uHezekhiya ukuthi alikhohlise esithi, ‘UThixo uzasikhulula.’ Kulonkulunkulu wesinye isizwe osewake wakhulula ilizwe lakhe esandleni senkosi yase-Asirya na? **19** Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseHamathi le-Ariphadi na? Bangaphi onkulunkulu baseSefavayimi na? Bayikhululile iSamariya esandleni sami na? **20** Nguphi kubo bonke onkulunkulu bamazwe la oke wenelisa ukhulula ilizwe lakhe kimi na? Pho uThixo angayikhulula njani iJerusalem esandleni sami na?” **21** Kodwa abantu bathula kabazange batsho lutho, ngoba inkosi yayilate yathi, “Lingamphenduli.” **22** U-Eliyakhimu indodana kaHilikhiya umgcini wesigodlo

loShebhina umabhalane loJowa indodana ka-Asafi umbhal, baya kuHezekhiya izigqoko zabo zidabukile bamtsheba okwakutshiwo ngumlawuli webutho.

**37** Kwathi lapho uHezekhiya, inkosi, eseze lokhu, wadabula iziqqoko zakhe wagqoka amasaka, wasesiya ethempelini likaThixo. **2** Wathuma u-Eliyakhimu umphathi wesigodlo, uShebhina umabhalane labaphristi abangabakhkheli, bonke begqoke amasaka, baya kumphrofethi u-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi. **3** Bathi kuye, “UHezekhiya uthi: ilanga lanamhla lusuku losizi lokusolwa kanye lehlazo njengalapho abantwana sekufike isikhathi sokuthi bazalwe kodwa amandla okubeletha engekho. **4** Mhlawumbe uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho izawezwa amazwi omlawuli webutho, onkosi yakhe, inkosi yase-Asiriya, emthume ukuba athuke uNkulunkulu ophilayo, lokuthi uzamthuka ngenxa yamazwi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho ewazwileyo. Ngakho-ke khulekela insali elokhu iphila.” **5** Kwathi izithunywa zenkosi uHezekhiya sezfikile ku-Isaya, **6** u-Isaya wathi kuzo, “Tshelani inkosi yenu lithi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Ungesabi lokhu okuzwileyo, amazwi lawana izinceku zenkosi yase-Asiriya ezingithuke ngayo. **7** Lalela! Ngizafaka umoya ozamenza athi nxa esizwa umbiko othile, afune ukubuya elizweni lakhe, athi angafika khonale ngenze ukuba abulawe ngenkemba.’” **8** Kwathi lapho umlawuli webutho esezwile ukuthi inkosi yase-Asiriya yayisisukile eLakhishi, laye wasuka wayathola inkosi isilwa leLibhina. **9** USenakheribhi wemukela umbiko othi uThirihaka inkosi yaseKhushi, wayesiza ukuba amhlasele. Esezwe lokho wathumela izithunywa kuHezekhiya lombiko othi: **10** “Tshela uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda ukuthi: Ungavumi ukuthi unkulunkulu omthembileyo akukhohllise esithi, ‘Ijerusalem kalyikunikelwa enkosini yase-Asiriya.’ **11** Ngempela usukuzwile okwenzwa ngamakhosi ase-Asiriya emazweni wonke, ewabhidliza okupheleleyo. Wena-ke uzaphepa na? **12** Onkulunkulu bezizwe ezatshabalalisa ngokhokho bami bake bazikhulula na, onkulunkulu beGozani, iHarani, iRezefi kanye labantu base-Edeni ababeseThelasari? **13** Ingaphi inkosi yaseHamathi, inkosi yase-Ariphadi, angaphi amakhosi aseLayiri leSefavayimi, loba eyaseHena kumbe eyase-Iva?” **14** UHezekhiya wemukela incwadi eyeza lezithunywa wayibala. Emva kwalokho waya ethempelini leNkosi, wayichaya phambi kukaThixo. **15** UHezekhiya wakhuleka kuThixo esithi: **16** “Thixo Somandla, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli osebukhosini phakathi kwamaKherubhi, wena kuphela nguwe onguNkulunkulu wemibuso yonke yasemhlaben. Nguwe owenza izulu lomhlaba. **17** Beka indlebe Thixo, uwze; vula amehlo akho Thixo, ubone. Lalela uwze wonke amazwi uSenakheribhi awathumele ukuzathuka uNkulunkulu ophilayo. **18** Kuliqiniso, Thixo, ukuthi amakhosi ase-Asiriya abatshabalalisa bonke lababantu kanye lamazwe abo. **19** Aphosele onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni abatshabalalisa, ngoba kungesibo onkulunkulu kodwa yizigodo lamatshe kuphela, okubunjwe ngezandla zabantu. **20** Khathesi, Thixo,

Nkulunkulu wethu, sikhulule esandleni sakhe, ukuze imibuso yonke emhlaben ikekwa ukuthi wena Thixo, nguwe wedwa onguNkulunkulu.” **21** U-Isaya indodana ka-Amozi wathumela ilizwi kuHezekhiya elithi, “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Ngenxa yokuthi ukhulekile kimi mayelana ngoSenakheribhi inkosi yase-Asiriya, **22** nanti ilizwi uThixo aselikhulume ngaye wathi: INDodakazi eGcweleyo iZiyoni iyakweysa njalo iyakulolodela. INDodakazi iJerusalem ineqeuza ikhanda layo lapho wena ubaleka. **23** Ngubani lowo omthukileyo wamhlazia? Ngubani lowo omphakamisele ilizwi lakho wamphakamisela lamehlo akho ngokuzigqaja na? NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli! **24** Ngezithunywa zakhо umthukile uThixo. Utshilo njalo ukuthi, ‘Ngezinqola zami ezinengi ngikhwilele eziqongweni zezintaba iziqongo eziphezulu kakhulu zaseLebanoni. Sengigamule ngawisa izihlahla ezinde zemisedari, izihlahla ezikhethiweyo zamaphayini. Ngifikile eziqongweni zalo ezikhhatshana, emaguswini alo amahle kakhulu. **25** Ngigebhile imithombo ezizweni nganatha amanzi khona. Ngezinyawo zami ngomisile zonke izifula zaseGibhithe.’ **26** Kawuzwanga na? Lokhu ngakumisa endulo. Ngakuceba ensukwini zasendulo; khathesi sengenze ukuba kufezek, ukuthi usudilize amadolobho avikelweyo aba yizinqwaba zamatshe. **27** Abantu bakhona, abangaselamanda, badangele njalo bayangekile. Banjengezilimo ensimini, njengamahlumela aluhlaza, lanjengotshani obuhluna ephahleni lwendlu bubuye butsue bungakakhuli. **28** Kodwa ngiyakwazi lapho okhona, lalapho usiza uphinde uhamb; kanye lokuthi ungitukuthelela kangakanani. **29** Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho langenxa yokuthi ubuqholo bakho sebufikile ezindlebeni zami, ngizafaka umkhala wami emakkalen akho lamatomu ami emlonyeni wakho, njalo ngizakwenza ubuyele ngendlela oze ngayo. **30** Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe, Hezekhiya: Lonyaka lizakudla okuzikhulela kodwa, ngomnyaka wesibili lidle umkhukhuzela wakhona. Kodwa ngomnyaka wesithathu hlanyelani livune, hlanyelani izivini lidle izithelo zazo. **31** Futhi insali yendlu kajuda izagxilisa njalo impande phansi ithele izithelo ngaphewulu. **32** Ngoba eJerusalem kuzavela insali, kuthi entaben iZiyoni kuhpume ixuku labasindayo. Ukuhiseka kukaThixo uSomandla kuzakwenza ukuba lokhu kufezek. **33** Ngakho-ke mayelana lenkosi yase-Asiriya uThixo uthi: Kasoze angene kulelidolobho loba atshoke umtshoko lapha. Kasoze eze kulo elehawu kumbe akhe umdli wokulivimbezela. **34** Uzabuyela ngendlela eza ngayo; kasoze angene kulelidolobho, kutsho uThixo. **35** Idolobho leli ngizalivikela ngilihlenge, ngenxa yami langenxa kaDavid ainceku yami! **36** Lapho-ke ingilosu kaThixo yasuka yayabulala abantu abalikhulu elilamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhanu lezinkulungwane ezhionqweni zama-Asiriya. Kwathi lapho abantu bevuka ekuseni kwakhona bonke kwasekuyizidumbu kuphela! **37** Ngakho uSenakheribhi inkosi yama-Asiriya wasuka ezhionqweni wahamba. Wabuyela eNiniva wahlala khona. **38** Kwathi ngolunye

usuku ekhonza ethempelini likaNisirokhi unkulunkulu wakhe, amadodana akhe u-Adrameleki loShareza ambulala ngenkemba asebalekela elizweni lase-Ararathi. U-Esarihadoni indodana yakhe yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe."

**38** Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula eselengela ekufeni. Umphrefethi u-Isaya, indodana ka-Amozi waya kuye wathi, "Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: Lungisa indlu yakho ngoba uzakufa, awuyikusila."

**2** UHezekhiya waphenduka wakhangela emdulini wakhuleka kuThixo esithi, **3** "Khumbula, Thixo, ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngokuthembeka langokuzinikela ngenhlizyo yami yonke, njalo ngenze okuhle emehlwani akho." UHezekhiya wakhala kabuhlungu. **4** Emva kwalokho kwafika ilizwi likaThixo ku-Isaya lisithi: **5** "Yana kuHezekhiya uthi kuye, 'Nanku okutshivo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu kayihlo uDavid, uthi: Ngiwuze umkhuleko wakho, njalo ngizibonile lezinyemzakho. Ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ekuphileni kwakho. **6** Njalo ngizakukhulula wena, kanye ledolobho leli ezandleni zenkosi yase-Asirya. Ngizavikela idolobho leli. **7** Lesi yisibonaliso sikaThixo kuwe sokuthi uThixo uzakwenza njengokuthembisa kwakhe: **8** Ngizakwenza umthunzi obangelwe lilanga ubuyele emuva amanyathelo alitshumi umthunzi owehle ngawo emakhwelelweni ka-Ahazi." Ngakho ukukhanya kwelanga kwabuyela emuva ngamanyathela alitshumi elaselikhothame ngawo. **9** La ngamazwi alotshwa nguHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda emva kokuba esesilile ekuguleni kwakhe: **10** Ngathi, "Ebhuhleni bokuphila kwami kumele ngedlule emasangweni okufa ngamukwe iminyaka yami eseleyo na?" (**Sheol h7585**) **11** Ngathi, "Angiyikumbona futhi uThixo ngokwakhe elizweni labaphilayo; angisayikubabona futhi abantu bakithi loba ngibe larabalo abahlala kulumhlabo. **12** Njengethente lomelusi indlu yami idiliziwe ngayithathelwa. Njengomaluki impilo yami ngiyigoqile, ungisusile osungulweni; emini lebusuku ungenze ngaphela. **13** Ngalinda ngokubekezela kwaze kwasa, kodwa amathambo ami uwephule wonke njengesilwane; emini lebusuku ungenze ngaphela. **14** Ngakhala njengenkonjane kumbe ihemu, ngabubula njengejuba elililayo. Amehlo ami afiphele ngokukhangela phezulu. Awu Thixo, ngikhathazekile, woza ungisize!" **15** Kodwa ngingathini na? Ukhulumile kimi, wena ngokwakho ukwenzile lokhu. Ngizahamba ngokuzithoba ekuphileni kwami konke ngenxa yobuhlungu bomoya wami. **16** Thixo, abantu baphila ngezinto ezinje; lomoya wami uthola ukuphila kuzo. Wangibuyisela empilweni wangenza ngaphila. **17** Ngeqiniso kwaba lusizo kimi ukuzwa ubuhlungu obungaka. Ngothando Iwakho wangivikela emgodini wokutshabalalisa; izono zami zonke uziebe ngemvra kwakho. **18** Ngoba ingcwaba alingeke likubonge lokufa akungeke kukudumise; labo abangena emgodini abangeke bathemba ubuqotho bakho. (**Sheol h7585**) **19** Abaphilayo, ngempela abaphilayo, bayakudumisa njengalokhu engikwenzayo lamuhla; abazali batshela abantwababo ngobuqotho

bakho. **20** UThixo uzangisindisa; njalo sizahlabelela ngamachacho kuzozonke insuku zokuphila kwethu ethempelini likaThixo. **21** U-Isaya wayethe, "Lungisani isigaqa semikhwa usifake phezu kwethumba, uzasila."

**22** UHezekhiya wayebuze wathi, "Kuyini okuzakuba yisibonaliso sokuthi ngizakhwela ngiye phezelu ethempelini likaThixo na?"

**39** Ngalesosikhathi uMerodakhi-Bhaladani indodana kaBhaladani inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, wathumela zincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba wayezwile ngokugula kwakhe lokusila kwakhe. **2** UHezekhiya wazamukela izithunywa ngokuthaba, wazitshengisa okwakusendlini yakhe yokugcinela impahla, isiliva, igolide, iziyoliso, amafutha acengekileyo, izikhali zakhe zonke, lakho konke okwakukhona enothwени yakhe. Akulalutho esigodlweni sakhe loba embusweni wakhe wonke angazitshengisanga khona. **3** Ngakho u-Isaya umphrefethi waya kuHezekhiya inkosi wambusa wathi, "Atheni amadoda lawana, njalo avela ngaphi?" UHezekhiya waphendula wathi, "Avela elizweni elikhathshana. Aze kimi evela eBhabhiloni." **4** Umphrefethi wabuza wathi, "Aboneni esigodlweni sakho?" UHezekhiya wathi, "Abone konke okusesigodlweni sami. Akulalutho phakathi kwempahla zami ezeligugu engingawatshengisanga khona." **5** Ngakho u-Isaya wasesithi kuHezekhiya, "Zwana ilizwi likaThixo uSomandla lithi: **6** Isikhathi sizafika sibili lapho konke okusesigodlweni sakho lakho konke oyihlo abakugcinayo kusiyafika lolosuku, kuzathwalewa eBhabhiloni. Akuyikusala lutho, kutsho uThixo. **7** Njalo abanye besizukulwane sakho, abenyama legazi lakho, abazazalwa nguwe, bazathathwa bayekuba ngabathenwa esigodlweni senkosi yaseBhabhiloni." **8** UHezekhiya waphendula wathi, "Ilizwi likaThixo olukhulumileyo litlungile." Ngoba wayenakanana esithi, "Kuzakuba lokuthula lokuvikeleka ekuphileni kwami."

**40** Duduzani, libaduduze abantu bami, kutsho uNkulunkulu wenu. **2** Khulumanu ngomusa kulo ijerusalem, limemezele kulo ukuthi ukusebenza kwalo nzima sekupheli, ukuthi isono salo sihlawulwe, ukuthi selamukele okuvela esandleni sikaThixo kuphindwe kabilo kuzozonke izono zalo. **3** Ilizwi lomemezayo lithi: "Enkangala lungiselani uThixo indlela, lenzele uNkulunkulu wethu umgwaqo oqondileyo enkangala. **4** Zonke izigodi zizaphakanyiswa, izintaba zonke lamaqaqa kuzakwehlielwa phansi. Umhlabathi ongamakhilikithe uzakwendaleka, izindawo ezipadundulu zizakuba yisigcawu. **5** Inkazimulo kaThixo izabonalaliswa, abantu bonke bazambona kanyekanye, ngoba umlomo kaThixo usukhulumile." **6** Ilizwi lithi, "Memeza!" Mina ngathi, "Ngimemeze ngisithini na?" "Abantu bonke banjengotshani njalo ubuhle babo bunjengamaluba eganga. **7** Utshani buyabuna amaluba ayakhithika, ngoba umoya kaThixo uyakuphephetha. Ngempela abantu babutshani. **8** Utshani buyabuna, amaluba ayakhithika, kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu limi kuze kuge nininini." **9** Wena oletha izindaba

ezinhle eZiyoni, khwela entaben enda. Wena oletha izindaba ezinhle ejerusalema, phakamisa ilizwi lakho ngokumemeza; liphakamise, ungesabi, tshono emadolobheni akoJuda uthi: "Nangu uNkulunkulu wenu!" **10** Khangelani, uThixo Wobukhosu uza elamandla, isandla sakhe sizabusa. Khangelani, umvuzo wakhe ulawo, lenhlawulo yakhe uhamba elayo. **11** Welusa umhlambi wakhe njengomelusi: ubuthelela amawundlu ezingalweni zakhe awathwale eseduzane lenhlizyo yakhe; awakhokhele kuhle lawo alamazinyane. **12** Ngubani olinganise amanzi entendeni yesandla sakhe, loba walinganisa amazulu ngobubanzi besandla sakhe na? Ngubani owaphatha uthuli lomhlabathi ngesitsha loba walinganisa izintaba ezilinganisweni lamaqaqa esikalini na? **13** Ngubani osewazwisa imicabango kaThixo, kumbe wamfundisa njengomeluleki wakhe na? **14** Ngubani owake wacelwa nguThixo ukuba ameluleke, njalo ngubani owamfundisa indlela elungileyo na? Ngubani lowo owamfundisa ukwazi, loba owamtshengisa indlela yokuqedisisa na? **15** Ngeqiniso izizwe zinjengethonsi emgqonyeni; zibalwa njengothuli ezilinganisweni; uThixo ulinganisa izihlenge angathi ziluthuli olucolekileyo. **16** Ilebhannoni kalaneli imililo ye-alithare, lezinyamazana zalo kazaneli iminikelo yokutshiswa. **17** Phambi kwakhe zonke izizwe zinjengeze; yena uzikhanga njengento engasi yalutho njalo zingaphansi kweze. **18** Pho ngubani elingamfanisa loNkulunkulu na? Yisifanekiso bani elingasilinganisa laye na? **19** Isithombe sibunjwa yingcwethi, umkhandi wegolide asinameke negolide asenzele imigaxo yesiliva. **20** Umuntu ongumyanga onganelisiyo ukunikela ngomnikelo orjalo ukhetha isigodo esingaboliyo. Udinga ingcitsi elowlazi ukuba imise isithombe esingayikubhidlika. **21** Kalazi yini? Kalizwanga na? Kalikutshewanga kwasekuqaleni na? Kalizwisisanga na selokhu umhlaba wadalwayo? **22** UThixo uhlezi ebukhosini ngaphezu kwendingiliza yomhlaba, njalo abantu bakhe banjengezintethe. Welula amazulu njengekhetheni, awendlale njengethente lokuhlala kulo. **23** Udliza amakhosana, enze ababus bomhlaba lo babe yize. **24** Banele ukugxunyekwa nje, banele ukuhlaneyela nje, banele ukugxila impande emhlabathini abe ephepheta phezu kwabo, babune, isavunguzane sibakhukhulele khatshana njengamkhoba. **25** "Ngubani elizangilinganisa laye na? Loba ngubani olingana lami na?" kutsho yena oNgcwele. **26** Phakamisani amehlo enu likhangeli phezelu: Ngubani owadala konke lokhu na? Yena okhupha amaxuku ezinkanyezi ngalinye ngalinye, awabize ngalinye ngamabizo awo. Ngenxa yamandla akhe amakhulu lokuqina okulamandla, akukho lalinye elingekho. **27** Kungani usithi, we Jakhobe, usole usithi, we Israyeli, "Indlela yami ifihlakela Thixo; ilungelo lami kalinanzwa nguNkulunkulu wami na?" **28** Kalazi yini? Kalizwanga na? UThixo unguNkulunkulu waphakade, uMdali wemikhawulo yomhlaba. Kayikudinwa kumbe akhathale, ukuqedisisa kwakhe kakho ongakulinganisa. **29** Abakhatheleyo uyabanika amandla, andise amandla ababuthakathaka. **30** Labatsha baphelelwa ngamandla bakhathale, lamajaha ayakhubeke awe, **31** kodwa labo abathembu uThixo bazavuselelwa amandla abo. Bazaqonga ngempiko njengezinkozi, bazagijima kodwa bangadinwa, bazahamba kodwa bangapheli amandla.

**41** "Thulani lithi zwi phambi kwami lina zihlenge! Izizwe kazivusele amandla azo! Kazisondele phambili zikhulum; kasihlanganeni sonke endaweni yokwahlulela. **2** Ngubani osevuse lowo ovela empumalanga, embizela emsebenzini wakhe ngokulunga na? Unikela izizwe kuye, anqobe amakhosu phambi kwakhe. Ngenkemba yakhe uwenza abe luthuli, ngedandili lakhe awenze abe ngamakhoba aphetshulwa ngumoya. **3** Uyawaxotsha yena adlule engathintwanga lutho, endleleni angakaze ahambe ngayo. **4** Ngubani owenze lokhu wakuphumelelisa, ebiza izizukulwane kusukela ekuqaleni na? Mina uThixo, kusukela kwasokuqala sazo kanye lesokucina, ninguye." **5** Izihlenge zikubonile njalo ziyesaba; imikhawulo yomhlaba iyathuthumela, iyasondela ize ngaphambili; **6** yilovo lalowo usiza omunye athi kumfowabo, "Woba lesibindi!" **7** Umbazi ukhuthaza umkhandi wegolide, lalovo ololonga ngesando utshotshozela otshaya ihandila. Mayelana lokunusa uthi, "Kulungile." Ubethela isithombe phansi ngezipikili ukuze singawi. **8** "Kodwa wena we Israyeli, nceku yami, Jakhobe, wena engikukhethileyo, wena nzalo ka-Abhraham, umngane wami, **9** ngakuthatha emikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngakubiza usemakhoneni akhatshana kakhulu. Ngathi, 'Wena uyinceku yami'; ngikukhethile njalo angikulahlanga. **10** Ngakho ungesabi, ngoba ngilaw; ungakhathazeki, ngoba nginguNkulunkulu wakho. Ngizakuqinisa, ngikusize; ngizakusekela ngesandla sami sokudla esiqotho. **11** Bonke abakuthukutheleyo, ngoqotho bazayangeka babe lenhloni; labo abakuphikisayo bazakuba njengeze, babhubue. **12** Lanxa izitha zakho uzidinga, awuyikuzithola. Labo abalwa impi lawe bazakuba yize. **13** Ngoba mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, okubamba ngesandla sakho sokudla athi kuwe: Ungesabi; ngizakusiza. **14** Ungesabi, wena mpethu enguJakhobe, wena Israyeli omncinyazana, ungesabi, ngoba mina ngokwami ngizakusiza," kutsho uThixo, uMhlenji wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **15** "Khangelana, ngizakwenza ubo yisileyi sokubhula esitsha njalo esibukhali esilenhlenda ezinengi. Uzabhula izintaba uzibhidlize. Wenze amaqqa abe ngamakhoba. **16** Uzawahlungula, umoya uwathathe, isavunguzane siwaphephulele khatshana. Kodwa wena uzathokoza kuThixo njalo uzibule koNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **17** Abayanga labaswelayo badinga amanzi, kodwa kawakhlo; inlimi zabo seztishle ngokoma. Kodwa mina Thixo ngizabaphendula; mina, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, angiyikubalahla. **18** Ngizakwenza amanzi ageleze emiqolweni engelalutho lemithombo phakathi kwezigodi. Ngizaguqula inkangala ibe yiziziba zamanzi, lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo yamanzi. **19** Enkangala ngizamilisa khona imisedari lemiakhakiya, amamithili kanye lama-oliva. Ogwadulenii ngizamisa izihlahla zamaphayini, ndawonyi lemifiri

kanye lemisiphresi, **20** ukuze abantu babone njalo bazi, bacabange bazwisise ukuthi isandla sikaThixo yiso esenza lokhu, lokuthi oNgcwele ka-Israyeli ukudalile. ezihlengeni. **21** Bikani indaba yenu,” kutsho uThixo. “Bekani elamandla, njengebutho uzavuthela ukutshiseka izizatho zenu,” kutsho iNkosi kajakhobe. **22** “Lethani kwakhe; ngokuklabalala uzakuza isaga sempi izithombe zenu zisitshele okuzakwenzakala. Sitsheleni azinqobe izitha zakhe. **14** “Bengithule okwesikhathi izinto zendulo ukuthi zaziyini ukuze sizihlole, sazi isiphethe sazo. Loba sitsheleni izinto ezizayo, **23** lisazise okuqukethwe yizinsuku ezizayo, ukuze sazi ukuthi lingonkulunkulu. Yenzani okuthile, okuhle kumbe okubi, ukuze sitthuthumele, sibe lokwesaba. **24** Kodwa lina liyize, lemisebenzi yenu kayisilutho, okhetha lina uyisinengiso. **25** Sengithukuthelise omunye enyakatho, njalo uyeza omunye ovela empumalanga obiza ibizo lami. Lovo unyathela phezu kwazo; ngenze izindawo ezimakhilikithe zibe butshelezi. kwababusi kube sengathi baludaka, kube angathi ngumbumbi evoxa ibumba. **26** Ngubani owabika lokhu kwasekuqaleni, ukuze sazi, kumbe ngaphambilini ukuze sithi, ‘Wayeqinisile na?’ Kakho owabika ngalokhu, kakho owakutsho ngaphambilini, kakho oweke wezwa amazwi aphuma kuwe. **27** Mina yimi engaba ngowokuqala ukutshela iZiyoni ukuthi, ‘Khangelala, nampa lapha’ Nganika ijerusalema isithunywa sezindaba ezinhle. **28** Ngizakhanga kodwa akulamuntu, kakho phakathi kwabo onganika iseluleko, kakho ongaphendula lapho ngibabuza. **29** Khangelala, bonke bayize! Izenzo zabo kazisilutho; izithombe zabo ezibunjewo zingumoya lensambatheka.”

**42** “Nansi inceku yami engiyisekelayo, okhethiweyo wami, engithokoza ngaye. Ngizabeka umoya wami phezu kwakhe, uzaletsha ukulunga ezizweni. **2** Kayikumemeza kumbe aklabalale, loba aphakamise ilizwi lakhe emigwaqweni. **3** Umhlanga ohluzukileyo akayikuwuquma, lentambo yesibane etsha kancane akayikuyicima. Ngokwethembeka uzaletsha ukulunga; **4** akayikudinwa kumbe ephulwe inhlizyo aze alethe ukulunga emhlabeni. Izihlenga zizakwethembala umthetho wakhe.” **5** Lokhu yikho okutshivo nguNkulunkulu uThixo, yena owadala amazulu wawelula, yena owendlala umhlaba lakho konke okuphuma kuwo, yena onika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula, kuthi abahamba kuwo abanike ukuphila: **6** “Mina, uThixo ngikubizile ngokulunga; ngizabamba isandla sakho. Ngizakulondoloza ngikwenze ubi yisivumelwano sabantu lokuhanya kwabeZizwe; **7** uvule amehlo eziphofu, ukhuphe abathunjiweyo entolongweni, ubakhulule emigodini yezirobotshwa labo abahlala emnyameni. **8** Mina nginguThixo, lelo yilo ibizo lami! Ubukhosu bami angiyikubunika omunye loba ngingi izithombe udumo lwami. **9** Khangelala, izinto zakuqala sezenzakele, njalo ngimemezela izinto ezintsha; zingakaveli ukuba zibe khona ngiyakutshela ngazo.” **10** Hlabeledani uThixo ingoma entsha, udumo lwakhe kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba, lina eliya phansi olwandle, lakho konke okukulo, lina zihlenga, labo bonke abahlala kini. **11** Inkangala lamadolobho ayo kakuphakamise amazwi akho; imizi uKhedari ahlala kuyo kayijabule. Abantu baseSela kabahlabele

ngentokozo; kabaklabalale besezinqongweni zezintaba. **12** Kabamduumise uThixo, amemezele udumo lwakhe eside kakhulu, bengithule ngizithiba. Kodwa khathesi, njengowesifazane ebeletha, ngiyakhalala, ngiyakhefuzela ngiphefuzela. **15** Ngizabhidliza izintaba lamaqaqa; ngilomise lonke uhlaza lwabo; ngizaphendula imifula ibe yizihlenga ngomise lamachibi. **16** Ngizakhokhela iziphofu ngezindlela ezingazaziyo, ‘Lingonkulunkulu bethu,’ bazabuyiselwa emuva beyangeke impela.” **18** “Zwanini, lina zacuthe; khangelani, lina ziphofu, libone! **19** Ngubani oyisiphofu ngaphandle kwenceku yami, loyisacuthe njengesithunywa engisithumayo na? Ngubani oyisiphofu njengalowo ozinikele kimi, oyisiphofu njengenceku kaThixo na? **20** Selabona izinto ezinengi, kodwa kalinakanga; indlele zenu zivulekile, kodwa kalizwa lutho.” **21** Kwamthokozisa uThixo ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe ukuba akhulise umthetho wakhe ubi mkhulu njalo ulodumo. **22** Kodwa laba ngabantu abaphangiweyo bathunjwa; bonke bavalelwembiwolweni, loba bafihlwza ezintolongweni. Sebenziwe baba yimpahlha yokuthunjwa, kungela ozabasindisa; sebephendulwe baba yinto yokuthunjwa kungekho othi, “Buyuiseleni emuva.” **23** Ngubani wenu olalela lokhu, kumbe asinake isikhathi esizayo na? **24** Ngubani owaniela ujakhobe ukuba abe yinto yokuthunjwa wanikela lo-Israyeli kubaphangi na? Kwakungasuye uThixo, esamonelayo thina na? Njengoba babengeke balandele izindlela zakhe; kabalalelanga umthetho wakhe. **25** Ngakho wathela ulaka lwakhe oluvuthayo phezu kwabo, ukutshisa kwempi. Wabamboza ngamalangabi, kodwa kabezwisisanga. Wabaqothula, kodwa kabakhthalanga.

**43** Kodwa khathesi, nanku akutshoyo uThixo uthi, yena owakudalayo, wena Jakhobe, yena owakubumbayo, wena Israyeli: “UngeSabi, ngoba ngikuhlengile; ngikubize ngebizo lakho; ungowami. **2** Lapho udabula phakathi kwamanzi ngizakuba lawe; lalapho udabula emifulenli, kayiyikukukhukhula. Lapho uhamba phakathi komililo, kawuyikutsha; amalangabi kawayikukubhebhisa. **3** Ngoba mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uMsindisi wakho. Ngizanikela iGibhithe njengenhlawulo yakho, iKhushi leSebha ime esikhundleni sakho. **4** Njengoba wena uligugu njalo udumile ebusweni bami, futhi ngenxa yokuthi ngiyakuthanda, ngizanikela abantu esikhundleni sakho, labantu esikhundleni sempilo yakho. **5** UngeSabi, ngoba ngilawe; ngizakulethela inzalo yakho ivela empumalanga ngikubuthe kusukela

entshonalanga. 6 Ngizakutsho kuyo inyakatho izikhulu zethempelini lakho ngizaziyangisa; ngingikele ngithi, ‘Bakhulule!’ Ngitsho kuyo iningizimu ngithi, uJakhobe ekubhujisweni lo-Israyeli ekweiyisweni.”

‘Ungabagodil.’ Buyisani amadodana ami akude lamadodakazi ami asemikhawulweni yomhlabo, 7 wonke umuntu obizwa ngebizo lami, engamdalela udumo lwami, engambumbayo, ngamenza.” 8 Phumanilalabo abayiziphofu amehlo belawo, abayizacuthe indlebe belazo. 9 Iziwze zonke kaziqoqane ndawonye labantu babuthane. Nguphi wabo owaphrofitha lokhu wamemezela kithi ngezinti zendulo? Kabalethe ofakazi babo babonakalise ukuthi baqinisile, ukuze abyane bezwe, batsho bathi, “Kuqotho.” 10 UThixo uthi, “Lina lingofakazi bami, lenceki zami engizikhethileyo, ukuze lazi, likholwe kimi, njalo lizwisisce ukuthi mina nginguye. Ngaphambi kwami kakho unkulunkulu owake wabakhona, njalo kakho ozakuba khona emva kwami. 11 Mina, mina uqobo, nginguThixo, ngaphandle kwami kakho omunye umsindisi. 12 Ngivezile ngasindisa, ngamemezela, mina ngokwami, hatshi unkulunkulu wezizweni ophakathi kwenu. Lingofakazi bami, ngokuthi mina yimi uNkulunkulu” kutsho uThixo. 13 “Ye, kusukela ensukwini zasendulo nginguye. Kakho ongakhulula esandleni sami. Lapho ngisenza, ngubani ongakuguqula na?” 14 Lokhu yikho okutshivo nguThixo, uMhlengi wenu, oNgewe ka-Israyeli, uthi, “Ngenza yenu ngizathumela impi eBhabhiloni ilethe bonke abaseBhabhiloni, njengeziphepheli ngemikhumbi ababeziggajqa ngayo. 15 Mina nginguThixo, oNgewe wenu, uMdali ka-Israyeli, iNkosi yenu.” 16 Nanku akutshoyo uThixo, yena owenza indlela olwandle lomkhondo emanzini alamandla, 17 yena owakhupha izinqola zempi lamabhiza, ibutho, lamanye awokuliqinisa endawonye; njalo lalala lapho, kalaze lavuka futhi; licitshe, liquunye njengentambo yesibane: 18 “Khohlwani izinto zamandulo, linganakanji ngosekwedlulayo. 19 Khangelani, ngenza okutsha! Khathesi kuyavela ngokuphangisa; kalikuboni na? Ngenza indlela enkangala lezifula ogwaduleni. 20 Izinyamazana zeganga ziyangidumisa; amakhanka lezhikhova, ngoba ngenza kube lamanzi enkangala lezifula ogwaduleni ukuze ngingathise abantu abakhethiweyo, 21 abantu engenzeleni bona ukuba bangidumisa. 22 Kodwa kawukhalazanga kimi wena Jakhobe, kodwa ukhatheli ngami wena Israyeli. 23 Kawungilethelanga izimvu zomnikelo wokutshiswa, kumbe wangidumisa ngemihlatshelo yakho. Angikuhluphangia ngeminikelo yamabele kumbe ngakudinisa ngokufuna impepha. 24 Kawungithengelanga amakha ekhane anuka mnandi, kumbe wangisuthisa ngamahwahwa emihlatshelo yakho. Kodwa unghkhathazile ngezonzo zakho njalo wangidinisa ngezinengiso zakho. 25 Mina, mina uqobo, nginguye owesula iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami, ngingabe ngisazikhumbula futhi izono zakho. 26 Ngikhumbuza ngesikhathi eseddlulayo, sibonisanje ngaleyondaba ulandise ngoba msulwa kwakho. 27 Ukhokho wakho wokuqala wona; labakhulumeli bakho bangihlamukela. 28 Ngakho

izikhulu zethempelini lakho ngizaziyangisa; ngingikele yami, Israyeli, engikukhethileyo. 2 Nanku akutshoyo uThixo, yena owakwenzayo, owakubumba esiswini, njalo yena ozakusiza, uthi: Un gesabi, wena Jakhobe, nceku yami, Jeshuruni engikukhethileyo. 3 Ngoba ngizathela amanzi elizweni elomileyo, lezifula emhlabathini owomileyo. Ngizathela uMoya wami phezu kwenzalo yakho lezibusiso zami phezu kwezizukulwane zakho. 4 Zizahluma njengotshani emadelweni, lanjengeminyezane ezifulen ezielezayo. 5 Omunye uzakuthi, ‘Mina ngingokaThixo’; lomunye azibize ngebizo likaJakhobe; omunye laye uzaloba esandleni sakhe ukuthi, ‘OkaThixo,’ azinike ibizo lika-Israyeli.” 6 “Nanku akutshoyo uThixo, iNkosi loMhlengi ka-Israyeli, uThixo uSomandla: Mina ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina; ngaphandle kwami kakho uNkulunkulu. 7 Pho ngubani onjengami? Kakumemezele lokho. Katsho, achaze phambi kwami onkewanzakalayo kusukela ekubekeni kwami abantu bami bendulo; akutsho lokuzakwenzakala; yebo, kakuqambe okuzayo. 8 Lingaqhaqhazel, lingesabi. Lokhu angikutshongo ngabika ngakho kudala na? Lina lingofakazi bami. Kulomunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami na? Hatshi, kalikho elinye idWala; kalikho engilaziyo.” 9 Bonke abenza izithombe kabalilutho, lezinto abaziqakathesiyayo ziyize. Labo abangabakhulumela bayiziphofu, kabazi lutho, kulihlazo kubo. 10 Ngubani obaza unkulunkulu abumbe isithombe, okungeke kumsize ngalutho? 11 Yena labanjengaye bazayangiswa; izingcitsi kaziqilutho, ngabantu nje. Kaziqoqane zonke zime ndawonye; bazakuba lokwesaba kanye lehlazo. 12 Umkhandi uthatha insimbi ayifake emalahleni; enze isithombe ngezando, asikhande ngengalo yakhe elamandla. Uyalamba aphelelewe ngamandla. Anganathi manzi, amandla apheli. 13 Umbazi welula intambo yokulinganisa asidwebe ngosungulo, asibaze ngetshizela, asidwebe ngensimbi ecijileyo, abaze umfanekiso womuntu, umuntu olobuhle bonke, ukuba sihlale endlini yokukhonzela. 14 Ugamula isihlahla somsedari, loba athathe umsayiphresi kumbe um’Okhi. Uyasikhulisa phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu, kumbe ahlanyele iphayini, izulu lisikhulise. 15 Laphoke siba zinkuni zomuntu zokubasa; okunye kwaso uyathatha othe, ubasa umlilo abhekhe izinkwa. Kodwa, njalo, wenza unkulunkulu amkhonze; abaze isithombe asikhothamele. 16 Ingxene yezinkuni ubasa ngayo umlilo, apheke ngawo ukudla kwakhe. Ose inyama yakhe adle asuthe. Njalo uyotha umlilo athi, “Hal! Ngiyafudumala; ngiyawubona umlilo.” 17 Ngeziseleyo wenza unkulunkulu, isithombe sakhe; uyasikhothamela, asikhonze. Uyakhuleka kuso athi, “Ngisindisa, ungunkulunkulu wami.” 18 Kabazi lutho, kabaqedisidi lutho; amehlo abo abhadhiwe ukuze bangaboni lezingqondo zabo zivalekile ukuze bangaqedisidi. 19 Kakho oke ame acabange, kakho

olokwazi loba ukuzwisa ukuba athi, "Ingxene yazo ngabasa ngayo umlilo; ngaze ngabhekha izinkwa emalahleni awo, ngosa inyama ngayidla. Ngokuseleyo ngizakwenza into enengisayo na? Ngizasikhethamela na isigodo nje?" **20** Udma umlotha, inhliziyo ekhohlisikelyo iyamlahla, angeke azihlenga, kumbe athi, "Into le esesandleni sami sokudla kayisimanga na?" **21** "Khumbula lezintzo, wena Jakhobe, ngoba uyinceku yami, wena Israyeli. Ngakubumba, uyinceku yami; wena Israyeli, angiyikukukhohlwa. **22** Ngesule iziphambeko zakho njengeyezi, ngesula izono zakho njengenkungu yekuseni. Buyela kimi, ngoba ngikuhlengile." **23** Hlabelani ngentokozo, lina mazulu, ngoba uThixo usekwenzile lokhu; hlabu umkhosi, wena mhlabu ngaphansi. Tshayani ingoma lina zintaba, lina mahlati lazozonke izihlahla zenu, ngoba uThixo usemhenglile uJakhobe, ubonakalisa udumo lwakhe ko-Israyeli. **24** "Nanku akutshoyo uThixo, uMhlensi wakho, owakubumbayo esiswini: Mina nginguThixo, owenza izinto zonke, owenza amazulu eyedwa, owendlala umhlabu eyedwa, **25** ofubisa izibonakaliso zabaphrefethi bamanga, enze izanuse zibe yizithutha, ochitha ulwazi lwezihlakaniphi alwenze lube yibuthutha, **26** ofeza amazwi ezingeza zakhe aphelelise amacebo ezithunywa zakhe. Athi kulo ijerusalem, 'Kuzahlalwa kulo,' ngamadolobho akojuda athi, 'Azakwakhiwa.' Ngamanxiwa awo uthi, 'Ngizawavusa,' **27** athi enzinkini yamanzi, 'Cima, ngizakomisa izifula zakho,' **28** athi ngoKhrosi, 'Ungumelusi wami, uzafeza konke engikufunayo; uzakuthi ngelerusalem, "Kalakhiwe futhi," ngethempeli athi, "Izisekelo zalo kazakhwiye.'" "Kuyini okubumbayo?" Umsebenzi wakho uyatsho na uthi, 'Kalazandla?' **10** Maye kulowo othi kuyise, 'Kuyini owakuzalayo?' loba athi kunina, 'Kuyini owakubelethayo?' **11** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, loMdali wakhe uthi: Mayelana lezinto ezizayo, uyangibuza ngabatwabami na, loba uyangilawula emsebenzini engiwenzayo na? **12** Yimi engadala umhlaba, ngenza labantu abahlala kuwo. Ezami izandla yizo ezzananabula amazulu; ngahlela amaxuku ezinkanyezi zavo. **13** Ngizamvusa uKhurosit ngokulunga kwami, ngenze izindlela zakhe zonke ziqonde. Uzalakha futhi idolobho lami, aklhulule abami abaxotshwayo elizweni, kodwa kungekho nhlawulo kumbe umvuzo, kutsho uThixo uSomandla." **14** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: "Izithelo zaseGibhithe lempahla ethengiswayo yaseKhushi lamaSephina lawana amade, bazakuza kuwe babengabakho, bazakhasabula ngemva kwakho, beze kuwe bebotshwe ngamaketane. Bazakukhethamela bakuncenge besithi, 'Ngempela uNkulunkulu ulawe, kakho omunye, kakho omunye uNkulunkulu.'" **15** Ngeqiniso unguNkulunkulu ozifihlayo, Nkulunkulu loMsindisi ka-Israyeli. **16** Bonke ababaza izithombe bazayangiswa badumazeke; bonke bazahamba beyangekile. **17** Kodwa u-Israyeli uzasindiswa nguThixo ngensindiso engapheliyo; kaliyikuyangiswa kumbe libe lehlazo kuze kuge nininini. **18** Ngoba nanku okutshivo nguThixo yena owadala amazulu, unguNkulunkulu, kawudalanga ukuba ungabi lalutho, kodwa wawenza ukuba kuhlalwe kuwo, uthi: "Mina nginguThixo, kakho omunye. **19** Angikhulumanga ensitha kwenye indawo

**45** "Nanku akutshoyo uThixo kogcotshiwego wakhe,  
uKhurosi, engibamba isandla sakhe sokudla  
ukuba nginqobe izizwe eziphambi kwakhe, ngithathele  
amakhosi izihlangu zawo, ngivule iminyango phambi  
kwakhe ukuze amasango angavaleki: 2 Ngizahamba  
phambi kwakho ngenze izintaba zendlaleke. Ngizadiliza  
amasango ethusi, ngifohle emigoqweni yensimbi. 3  
Ngizakupha inotho yobumnyama, lenotho egcinwe  
ezindaweni ezifihlakaleyo ukuze wazi ukuthi mina  
nginguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, okubiza  
ngebizo. 4 Ngenxa kajakhobe inceku yami, lo-Israyeli  
okhethiweyo wami, ngikubiza ngebizo ngikunike  
ibizo lokuhlonipha, lanxa wena unganganinakanga. 5  
Mina nginguThixo, njalo kakho omunye; ngaphandle  
kwami akulaNkulunkulu. Ngizakuqinisa, lanxa wena  
unganganinakanga, 6 ukuze kuthi kusukela empumalanga  
kusiya entshonalanga, abantu bakwazi ukuthi kakho  
omunye ngaphandle kwami. Mina nginguThixo, njalo  
kakho omunye. 7 Ngenza ukukhanya njalo ngidale  
umnyama, ngiletha ukuphumelela njalo ngidale  
incithakalo; mina Thixo ngiyazenza zonke lezintzo. 8  
Lina mazulu angaphezulu, nisan ikulunga; amayei  
kawakuthululele phansi. Umhlabha kawuvuleke kabanzi  
kuhlume ukusindiswa, ukulunga akukhule lakho; mina,  
uThixo, ngikudalile. 9 Maye kulowo ophikisa uMdali  
wakhe, kulowo oludengezi ije phakathi kwendengezi  
emhlabathini. Ibumba liyatsho na kumbumbi lithi,

**46** UBhelı uyakhothama, uNebho uyaguqa; izithombe zabo zithwelwe yizifuyo zokuthwala. Izifanekiso ezithwelweyo ziyanida, umthwalo osindayo kodiniweyo. **2** Bayakhothama baguqe ndawonye; benganelisi ukuhlenga umthwalo, labo

uqobo bayo khona ekuthunjweni. **3** “Ngilalela wena ubuthakathi bakho layo yonke imilingo yakho ndlu kajakhobe, lonke lina eliseleyo abendlu ka-Israyeli, lina engalisekelayo selokhu lemulwayo, wathi, ‘Kakho ongibonayo.’ Inhlakanipho yakho lolwazi ngalithwala selokhu lazalwayo. **4** Lasebudalen Iwakho kuyakukhohlis lapho usithi kuwe, ‘Mina yimi, benu, inwele zenu sezimhlophe, mina nginguye, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami.’ **11** Incithakalo nginguye ozaliqinisa. Sengilenzile njalo ngizalithwala; izakwehlela phezu kwakho, njalo awuyikwazi ngizaliqinisa ngiliflenga. **5** Ngubani elingangilinganisa ukuuyivikela ngemilingo. Umonakalo uzakwehlela phezu laye kumbe limbale njengolingana lami na? Ngubani kwakho, ongeke uwuvimbe ngenhlawulo, lengozi elingangifananisa laye ukuba siqathaniswe na? **6** ongeke uyikhumbulele izakujuma. **12** Qhubeka-ke Abanye bathulula igolide emigodleni yabo balinganise ngemilingo yakho, langobuthakathi bakho obunengi isiliva ezikalini; baqhatshe abakhandi begolide okusebenza kusukela ebantwaneni bakho. Mhlawumbe ukuba benze unkulunkulu ngalo, bakhothame, uzaphumelela, kumbe njalo wenze kuge lokwesaba. bamkhonze. **7** Bayamphakamisela emahломbe **13** Zonke izeluleko owazitholayo zikucombe. Izababo bamthwale; bayambeka endaweni yakhe, ame zezinkanyezo kazisondele, labahloli bezinkanyezo khonapho. Angeke asuke kuleyondawo. Lanxa umuntu ababika ngokuzakwenzakala inryanga ngenyanga. ememeza, kaphenduli; angeke amsize ekuhluphekeni kwakhe. **8** Khumbulani lokhu, likufake ezingondweni zenu, kukhumbuleni lina bahlamuki. **9** Khumbulani izinto zakuqala ezendulo. Mina nginguNkulunkulu, kakho omunye; mina nginguNkulunkulu, kakho onjengami. **10** Mina ngenza isiphetho sazakale lokho ekuqaleni lokuzakwenzakala, kusukela Omunye lomunye wabo uyaqhubeke ngesiphosiso ezikhathini zasendulo. Ngithi: ‘Injongo yami izakuma sakhe; kakho ongakusindisa.’

Kokuphela, njalo ngizakwenza konke engikufunayo.” **11** Empumalanga ngibiza inyonu edla ezinye; elizweni elikhatshana ngibiza umuntu ukuba afeze injongo yami. Lokho engikutshiloyo ngizakufenza; lokho engikutebileyo ngizakwenza. **12** Ngilalelan lina elilezinhliziyo ezeluhkuni, lina elikhatshana lokulunga. **13** Ngiletha ukulunga kwami eduzane, akukho khatshana; lokusindisa kwami akuyikuphuziswa. Izioni ngizayinika ukusindisa, u-Israyeli inkazimulo yami.”

**47** “Yehla uhlale othulini Ndodakazi emsulwa yaseBhabhiloni, hlala emhlabathini ungelasihlahlo sobukhosu, ndodakazi yamaBhabhiloni. Akusayikuthiwa ubuthakathaka loba kuthiwe uthamble. **2** Thatha amatshe okuchola uchole impuphu; ukhuphe isimbombozo sakho. Phakamisa izidwaba zakho, uveze imilene yakho, ugxabhaze udabule ezifulen. **3** Ubunqunu bakho buzavezwa, ihlazo lakho lambuleke. Ngizaphindisela, kakho engizamyekela.” **4** Umhlelengi wethu uThixo uSomandla libizo lakhe ungoNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **5** “Hlala ngokuthula, yana emnyameni, ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya; awuyikubizwa ngokuthi ndlovukazi yemibuso futhi. **6** Ngabathukuthelela abantu bami, ngangcolisa ilifa lami, ngabanikela ezandleni zakho, kawaze waba lesihawu kubo. Lasebeluphele, wabethesa ijogwe elinzima. **7** Wathi, ‘Ngizaqhubeke kokuphela ngiyindlovukazi nini lanini.’ Kodwa kawuzinakanga lezizinto, kumbe unakane ngokungenzakala. **8** Khathesi-ke lalela, wena sidalwa esingazibekanga, wena ocambaleyo uvikelekile usithi ngenhliziyo yakho, ‘Mina yimi, njalo kakho omunye kwakho, ‘Kakho ongibonayo.’ Inhlakanipho yakho lolwazi ngalithwala selokhu lazalwayo. **9** Kodwa lokhu kokubili kumbe ngifelwe ngabantwana.’ **10** Khangel, ngikulungisile lanxa kunganjengesiliva; ngikuhlole emilweni wokuhlupheka. **11** Ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami, ngenza lokhu. Ngingavuma njani ukuba ibizo lami ligconwe na? Angiyikunika omunye udumo lwami.” **12** “Ngilalela wena Jakhobe, Israyeli, ngaphandle kwami, angisoze ngaba ngumfelokazi engikubizileyo: Mina nginguye; ngingowokuqala njalo kumbe ngifelwe ngabantwana.’ **13** Isandla sami sabeka izisekelo kuzakwehlela ngokuphangisa, ngasuku lunye ukufewa zomhlaba, isandla sami sokudla sendlala amazulu; ngabantwana lobufelokazi. Lokhu kuzakwehlela lapho ngikubiza, kuyasukuma konke kanyekanye. phezu kwakho ngokugcweleyo, bungakhathelekile **14** Buthanani ndawonye lonke lilalele: Yisiphi

**48** “Zwana lokhu, wena ndlu kajakhobe, lina elibizwa ngebizo lika-Israyeli elingabosendo lukajuda, lina elifunga ngoThixo, licele usizo kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kodwa kungasingeqiniso loba ngokulunga, **2** lina elibizwa ngokuthi lingabasedolobheni elingcwele, lethembie uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uThixo uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe: **3** Ngamemezelza ngezinto zakuqala endulo, ngazitsho ngomlomo wami, ngazenza zazakala. Ngazenza ngokuphangisa, zahle zenzakala. **4** Ngoba ngangikwazi ukuthi ulenkan, imisipha yentamo yakho zinsimbi, ibunzi lakho lithusi. **5** Ngakho-ke ngakutsho kudala ngalezintzo, ngakwazisa ngazo zingakenzakala ukuze wena ungaze wathi, ‘Izithombe zami yizo ezazenzayo; izithixo zami zezigodo lonkulunkulu wensimbi yibo abakumisayo.’ **6** Usuziwile lezizinto; zikhangele zonke. Awuyikuzivuma na? Kusukela kathesi ngizakutshela ngezinto ezintsha, izinto ezifihlakeleyo wena ongazaziyo. **7** Zidalwe khatthesi nije, hatshi endulo; awuzange uwwe ngazo mandulo. Ngakho awungeke uthi, ‘Yebo, kade ngizazi.’ **8** Kawuzange uwwe kumbe uqedisise; kusukela endulo indlebe yakho ibingavulekanga. Ngikwazi kuhle ukuthi wena uyingozi; kwathiwa ungumhlamuki kusukela ekuzalweni kwakho. **9** Ngenxa yebizo lami, ngiyaluphuzisa ulaka lwami; ngenxa yodumo lwami ngiyalubamba ukuba lungheleli kuwe, ukuze ngingakubhubisi. **10** Khangel, ngikulungisile lanxa kunganjengesiliva; ngikuhlole emilweni wokuhlupheka. **11** Ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami, ngenza lokhu. Ngingavuma njani ukuba ibizo lami ligconwe na? Angiyikunika omunye udumo lwami.” **12** “Ngilalela wena Jakhobe, Israyeli, ngaphandle kwami, angisoze ngaba ngumfelokazi engikubizileyo: Mina nginguye; ngingowokuqala njalo kumbe ngifelwe ngabantwana.’ **13** Isandla sami sabeka izisekelo kuzakwehlela ngokuphangisa, ngasuku lunye ukufewa zomhlaba, isandla sami sokudla sendlala amazulu; ngabantwana lobufelokazi. Lokhu kuzakwehlela lapho ngikubiza, kuyasukuma konke kanyekanye.

sezithombe esamemezelwa ngalezizinto ngaphambilini na? Umsekeli kaThixo okhethiwayo uzafeza inhoso yakhe yokuhlasela amaKhaladiya; ingalo yakhe izamelana lamaKhaladiya. **15** Mina, mina ngokwami, sengikhulumile; yebo ngimbizile. Ngizamletha, njalo uzaphumelela kuyo inhoso yakhe. **16** Sondelani kimi lizwe lokhu: Kusukela esimemezelweni sakuqala angikhulumela ensitha; lapho kusenzakala, mina ngikhona." Khathesi uThixo Wobukhosu unghithumeloMoya wakhe. **17** Nanku uThixo akutshoyo, uMhlensi wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli: "Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, okufundisa lokho okuhle kakhulu kuwe, ekutshengisa indlela okumele uhambe ngayo. **18** Aluba wawulalele imilayo yami rje, ukuthula kwakho kwakuzakuba njengomfula, ukulunga kwakho kunjengamagagasi olwandle. **19** Inzalo yakho yayizakuba ngangetshebetshebe, abantwabakho babe ngangezinhlamu zalo ezingeke zibalwe; ibizo labo belingayikwesulwa kumbe lidilizwe phambi kwami." **20** Sukani eBhabhiloni, libalekele amaBhabhiloni! Bikani lokhu lhlaba umkhosi gentokozo njalo likumemezele. Kufikiseni emikhawulweni yomhlaba; lithi, "UThixo uyihlengile inceku yakhe ujakhobe." **21** Kabomanga ekubaheleni kwakhe bedabula ezinkangala; wabenzela amanzi agelezayo ephuma edwaleni, wadabula idwala amanzi ampompoza. **22** UThixo uthi, "Akukho ukuthula kwababi."

**49** Ngilalelani lina zihlenga; zwanini lokhu lina zizwe ezikude: uThixo wangibiza ngingakazalwa; kusukela ekuzalweni kwami ubelitsho ibizo lami. **2** Wenza umlomo wami waba njengenkemba eloliweyo, wangifihla emthunzini wesandla sakhe. Wangenza ngaba ngumtshoko ololiweyo, wangifihla emxhakeni wakhe wemitshoko. **3** Wathi kimi, "Wena Israyeli uyinceku yami, engizabonakalisa inkazimulo yami ngayo." **4** Kodwa mina ngathi, "Mina ngisebenzele ize; amandla ami ngiwichithele ize lobala, ikanti okufanele mina kusesandleni sikaThixo, lomvuso wami ukuNkulunkulu." **5** Khathesi uThixo uthi, yena owangibumbayo esiswini ukuba ngibe yinceku yakhe ukuze ngibuyisele ujakhobe kuye lokuqoqela u-Israyeli kuye, ngoba ngiphakanyisiwe emehlwani kaThixo njalo uNkulunkulu wami ubengamandla ami **6** uthi: "Kuyinto encane kakhulu kuwe ukuba yinceku yami ukuze uvuselele izizwe zikajakhobe ubuyise labako-Israyeli engibalondolozileyo. Ngizakwenza ube yikuhanya kwabeZizwe, ukuze ufikise usindiso lwami emikhawulweni yomhlaba." **7** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo, uMhlensi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli, utsho kuye oweiyiswa, wenyanuya yisizwe, kuyo inceku yababusi: "Amakhosu azakubona asukume, amakhosana azakubona akhothame, ngenxa kaThixo othembekileyo, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli okukhethileyo." **8** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: "Ngisikhathi esifaneleyo kimi ngizakuphendula, langosuku lwensindiso ngizakusiza. Ngizakulondoloza ngikwenze ube yisivumelwano sabantu, ukubuyisela ilizwe lokwaba kutsha amafa abo achithekayo, **9** uthi kwabunjiweyo, 'Phumanu,' kulabo abasemnyameni uthi, 'Khululekani!' Bazadela

emaceleni emigaqo bathole amadlelo kuwo wonke emaqqaq alugwadule. **10** Kabayikulamba kumbe bome, lokutshisa kwasenkangala kumbe okwelanga kabayikuzwa. Lovo obazwela isihawu uzabakhokhela abase emithonjeni yamanzi. **11** Izintaba zami zonke ngizazenza zibe yizindlela, imigaqo yami izaphakamela phezulu. **12** Khangelani, bazakuza bevela khatshana, abanye bevela enyakatho, abanye bevela entshonalanga labanye bevela emangweni wase-Asiwani." **13** Hlabeledeli ngentokozo lina mazulu; jabula lawe mhlaba; tshayani ingoma lina zintaba. Ngoba uThixo uyabanduduza abantu bakhe njalo uzakuba lesihawu kwabahluphekayo bakhe. **14** Kodwa iZiyoni yathi, "UThixo ungilahlihe, uThixo usengikhohliwe." **15** "Owesifazane angamkholwa umntanakhe omunyayo na, angabi lesihelo emntwaneni amzeleyo na? Lanxa engamkholwa, mina angiyikukukhohlwa!" **16** Khangela, sengikudwebe ezintendeni vezandla zami; imiduli yakho ihlezi iphambi kwami. **17** Amadodana akho aphanga emuva, lalabo abakuchithayo bayasuka kuwe. **18** Phakamisa amehlo akho ukhangele emaceleni wonke, wonke amadodana akho ayaqoqana eze kuwe. UThixo uthi, "Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngiphila, bonke uzabagqiza njengeziqizo, ucece ngabo njengomlobokazi. **19** Lanxa rje wadilizwa waba lunxiwa lelizwe lachithwa, khathesi uzakuba mncane kakhulu ebantwini bakho; lalabo abakuchithayo bazakuba khatshana. **20** Abantwana abazalwa ngesikhathi sokufelwa kwakho bazakutsho lawe usizwa bathi, 'Indawo le incinyane kakhulu kithi; siphe enye njalo indawo yokuhlala.' **21** Lapho-ke uzakuthi enhliziwayi yakho, 'Ngubani owangizalela laba na? Ngafewla njalo ngaba njengongazalanga; ngaxotshwa elizweni, ngalahilwa. Laba bondliwa ngubani? Mina ngangisele ngedwa, kodwa laba-ke, bavele ngaphi?" **22** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhosu: "Khangela, ngizaqhweba abezZizwe. Ngizaphakamisela uphawu lwami ebantwini; bazaletha amadodana akho bewagonile, amadodakazi akho bewathwele ngamahlombe abo. **23** Amakhosu azakuba ngoiyilo bokukukhulisa, amakhosikazi awo abe ngonyoko bokukondla. Bazakothama phambi kwakho ubuso babo buphansi, emhlabathini, bazakotha uthuli ezinyaweni zakho. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo; labo abangithembayo abayikudaniswa." **24** Amabutho angemukwa impango na, kumbe abathunjiweyo bahlengwe kwabesabekayo na? **25** Kodwa nanku okutshivo nguThixo: "Yebo, abathunjiweyo bazathathwa emabuthweni lempango izahluthunwa futhi kwabesabekayo, ngoba ngizamelana lalabo abamelana lawe, abantwabakho ngizabahenga. **26** Ngizakwenza abancindezeli bakho badle inyama yemizimba yabo; bazadakwa ngelabo igazi njengewayini. Lapho-ke izizwe zonke zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo, nginguMsindisi wakho, uMhlensi wakho, uMnininamandla kajakhobe."

**50** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: "Ingaphi incwadi kanyoko yokuchitha umtshado engamxotsa ngayo na? Kumbe nguphi kwababelezikwelede

zami engamthengisayo na? Lathengiswa ngenxa lina bantu abagcina umthetho wami ezhnliziyweni yezeno zenu, lonyoko waliwa ngenxa yokona kwenu. zenu: Lingakwesabi ukugconwa ngabantu, kumbe **2** Ekuifikeni kwami, kungani kwakungelamuntu lethuswe yizithuko zabo. **8** Ngoba inondo izabadla na? Ekubizeni kwami, kungani kungekho muntu njengesigqoko; impethu ibadle njengewulu. Kodwa owasabelayo na? Ingalo yami yayimfitshane kakhulu ukulunga kwami kuzakuba khona kuze kube nininini; ukuba ilihlenga na? Angilamandla okulikhulula na? lensindiso yami ikhona kuzizukulwane zonke.” Ngokukuza nije kuphela, ngiyalomisa ulwandle, **9** Vuuka, vuka, wena ngalo kaThixo; uziqqokise ngiphendule imifula ibe yinkangala; inhlanzi zayo ngamandala akhol Vuka njengasezinsukwini zendulo, zibole ngenxa yokuswela amanzu, zife ngenxa lanjengakuzukulwane zakudala. Kayisuwe yini yokoma. **3** Ngembathisa umkhathi ngomnyama. owaquama uRahabi waba yiziqa, wagwaza lesilo Ngenze amasaka ab ye sembeso sawo.” **4** UThixo lesiyana na? **10** Kawusuwe yini owomisa ulwandle, wobukhosini unginike ulimi olufundisiweyo ukuba amanzi atshona kakhulu, wenza umgwaqo ezinzikini ngazi ilizwi lokupinisa abadiniwego. Uyangivusa zowlwandle ukuze abahlengiwego bachaphe na? **11** ekuseni kwansukuzonke, avuse indlebe yami ukuba Labahlengiwego bakaThixo bazabuyela. Bazangena ilalele njengofundiswayo. **5** UThixo Wobukhosini uvule eZiyoni behlabelela, intokozo engapheliyo izakuba indlebe zami, njalo angizange ngibe ngohlamukayo; ngumqhele emakhanda abo. Bazakuba lokuthula angibuyelanga emuva. **6** Nganikela umhlana wami kulabo ababengitshaya, lezihlathi zami kulabo abacutha indevu zami; ubuso bami angibufihlanga ekugconweni lekukhafuleleni. **7** Ngenxa yokuthi uThixo Wobukhosini uyangisiza angiyikuyangeka. **8** Lowo Ngakho-ke sengiqinise ubuso bami babanjengelitshe amacala? Kasiqondane. Ngubani-ke onganganethesa amalanga? Kangiqonde! **9** NguThixo Wobukhosini ongisisayo. Ngubani lowo ongathi ngilecalia na? Bonke bazaguga kumbe ziswele ukudla. **15** Ngoba mina nginguThixo njengesigqoko, inondo izabadla. **10** Ngubani phakathi amagagasi alo ahlokome, ibizo lakhe nguThixo kwenu omesabayu uThixo elalela ilizwi lenceku yakhe na? Lowo ohamba emnyameni, ongelakho ukukhanya, kathembe ebizweri likaThixo abambelele kuThixo imilido lizenzele amalangabi okukhanyisa, sukanii, lihambe ekukhanyeni kwemilido yenu, lokwezibane elizikhanyisileyo. Elizakwamukela esandleni sami yilokhu: Lizalala phansi lisebuhlungwini.

**51** “Lalelani kimi lina elilandela ukulunga lidinga loThixo: Khangelani edwaleni elacezulwa kulo lasegodini lamatshe elambiya kulo; **2** khangelani ku-Abrahama, uyihi, lakuSara ovalazalo. Ekumbizeni kwami wayemunye, ngambusisa ngamandisa. **3** Ngeqiniso uThixo uzaduduza iZiyoni abe lesihawu kuwo wonke amanxiwa alo; uzakwenza izinkangala zalo zibe njenge-Edeni, amazwe alo alugwadule afane lesivande sikaThixo. Ukuthaba lentokozo kuzafunyanwa kulo, kanye lokubonga lelizwi lokuhlabela. **4** Lalelani kimi, bantu bami; ungizwe lawe sizwe sami: Kuzaphuma umthetho uvela kimi; ukulunga kwami kuzakuba yikuKhanya eiziveni. **5** Ukulunga kwami kusondela ngokuphangisa, insindiso yami iyeza, ingalo yami izaletha ukulunga eiziveni. Izihlenga zizakhanga kimi, zilinde zithembe amandla ami. **6** Phakamiselani amehlo eru phezelu emazulwini, likhangale lasemhlabeni phansi; amazulu azanyamala njengentuthu; umhlaba uzaguga njengesigqoko abakhe kuwo bafe njengempukane. Kodwa insindiso yami izakuba khona kuze kube nininini, ukulunga kwami akuyikuphela. **7** Ngizwani lina elikwaziyo okulungileyo

loThixo: Khangelani edwaleni elacezulwa kulo lasegodini lamatshe elambiya kulo; **2** khangelani ku-Abrahama, uyihi, lakuSara ovalazalo. Ekumbizeni kwami wayemunye, ngambusisa ngamandisa. **3** Ngeqiniso uThixo uzaduduza iZiyoni abe lesihawu kuwo wonke amanxiwa alo; uzakwenza izinkangala zalo zibe njenge-Edeni, amazwe alo alugwadule afane lesivande sikaThixo. Ukuthaba lentokozo kuzafunyanwa kulo, kanye lokubonga lelizwi lokuhlabela. **4** Lalelani kimi, bantu bami; ungizwe lawe sizwe sami: Kuzaphuma umthetho uvela kimi; ukulunga kwami kuzakuba yikuKhanya eiziveni. **5** Ukulunga kwami kusondela ngokuphangisa, insindiso yami iyeza, ingalo yami izaletha ukulunga eiziveni. Izihlenga zizakhanga kimi, zilinde zithembe amandla ami. **6** Phakamiselani amehlo eru phezelu emazulwini, likhangale lasemhlabeni phansi; amazulu azanyamala njengentuthu; umhlaba uzaguga njengesigqoko abakhe kuwo bafe njengempukane. Kodwa insindiso yami izakuba khona kuze kube nininini, ukulunga kwami akuyikuphela. **7** Ngizwani lina elikwaziyo okulungileyo

**52** Vuka, vuka, wena Ziyoni, uzembese ngamandala! Gqoka iziqqoko zakho zenkazimulo, wena Jerusalema, muzi ongcwele. Ongasokanga longcolileyo akayikungena kuwe futhi. **2** Thintitha uthuli Iwakho; sukuma, uhlale ebukhosini, wena Jerusalema. Zikhulule

izibopho ezisentanyeni yakho, wena Ndodakazi ethunjiwego yaseZiyoni. **3** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Lathengiswa ngeze, njalo lizahlengwa kungekho mali." **4** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosii: "Ekuqaleni abantu bami baya eGibhithe besiyahlala khona; muva i-Asirya yabancidezelaa. **5** Khathesi kuyini engilakho lapha?" kubuza uThixo. "Ngoba abantu bami bathunjwa kungekho sizatho, njalo labo abababusayo bayakloloda," kutsho uThixo. "Ilanga lonke ibizo lami lihlanjazwa kokuphela. **6** Ngakho-ke abantu bami basalaazi ibizo lami, ngakho-ke ngalolosuku bazakwazi ukuthi yimi engamemezela lokho ngaphambilini. Yebo, yimi." **7** Yeka ubuhle phezu kwezintaba, bezinyawo zalabo abaletha izindaba ezinhle, abamemezela ukuthula, abaletha izindaba ezinhle, abamemezela insindiso, abathi kulo iZiyoni, "UNKULUNKULU wakho uyabusa!" **8** Lalela! Abalindi bakho baphakamisa amazwi abo, bonke bahlaba umkhosi ngokuthokoza. Lapho uThixo ebuyela eZiyoni bazaribona iZiyoni ngamehlo abo. **9** Hlokomanि ndawonye ngezingoma zokuthokoza, lina manxiwa aseJerusalem, ngoba uThixo usebaduduzile abantu bakhe, uselihlengile ijerusalema. **10** UThixo uzaveza ingalo yakhe engcwele phambi kwezizwe zonke, njalo yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba izabona insindiso kaNkulunkulu wethu. **11** Sukani, sukani, phumanzi lapho! Lingathinti lutho olungcolileyo! Phumanzi kulo libe ngabahlambulukileyo, lina eliphatha izitsisha zikaThixo. **12** Kodwa kalyikusuka ngokuphangisa, kumbe libaleka; ngoba uThixo uzahamba phambi kwenu, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uzakuba ngumvikeli wenu emva kwenu. **13** Khangelani, inceku yami izakwenza ngokuhlakanipha, izaphakanyiswa ikhwewze, iphiwe lodumo olukhulu. **14** Njengoba babebanengi abanengwayo yiyo, ubuso bayo babulimele okudluu okwabantu bonke, lesimo sayo sonakele singase njengesomuntu, **15** ngakho-ke izachelaa izizwe ezinengi, amakhosi azavalaa imilomo yawo ngenxa yayo. Ngoba lokho abangakutshelwanga bazakubona, labangakuzwanga, bazakuqedisiza.

wakhokhelwa ukuyabulawa njengewundlu, njalo njengemvu ithule phambi komgundi wayo, laye kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe. **8** Ngokuncindezelwa langokwahlelula wathathwa. Ngubani ongakhuluma ngesizukulwane sakhe na? Ngoba wasuswa elizweni labaphilay; watshaywa ngenxa yeziphambeko zabantu bami. **9** Wabelwa ingcwaba kanye lababi, kanye labanothileyo ekufeni kwakhe, lanxa kungeladlakela alwenzayo njalo kungekho inkohlisio emlonyen'i wakhe. **10** Ikanti kwakuyintando kaThixo ukumchobaza lokumenza ahlupheke, njalo lanxa uThixo esenza ukuphila kwakhe umnikelo wecalo, uzabona inzalo yakhe, andise insuku zokuphila kwakhe, lentando kaThixo izaphumelela ngaye. **11** Emva kokuhlupheka komoya wakhe, uzabona ukukhanya kokuphila asuthiseke; ngokwazi kwayo inceku yami elungileyo izalungisa abanengi, ithwale izono zabo. **12** Ngakho-ke ngizamnika isabelo phakathi kwabakhulu, njalo uzakwabelana impango labalamandla ngoba wanikela ukuphila kwakhe ekufeni, wabalwa ndawonye lezonzi; ngoba wathwala izono zabanengi, wancengela izoni.

**54** "Hlabela wena mfazi oyinyumba, wena ongazange uzale umntwana; susa ingoma, umemeze ngentokozo, wena ongakaze uhelelwé ngoba abantwana bomfazi olahliwego banengi kulabalovo olendoda," kutsho uThixo. **2** Qhelia indawo yethente lakho, yelula amakhetheni ethente lakho abe banzi, ungathikazi, yelula izintambo zakho, uqinise izikhonkwane zakho. **3** Ngoba uzaqheha usiya kwesokudla lesenxele; inzalo yakho izazixotsha izizwe yakhe emadolobheni azo adilikayo. **4** "Ungesabi, ngoba awuyikwehlela lihlazo. Ungesabi ukuyangeka, ngoba awuyikudumazeka. Uzalikhohlwa ihlazo lasebutsheni bakho, ungakhumbuli lesithuko sobufelokazi bakho. **5** Ngoba uMenzi wakho engumyeni wakho, uThixo uSomandla libizo lakhe oNgcwele ka-Israyeli unguMhlengi wakho; ubizwa ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke. **6** UThixo uzakubiza njengowesifazane olahliwego, odabukileyo emoyeni, owestifazane owenda esesemcane, waphanga qhelin, "Abantu abantu, abantu, abantu, abantu, abantu,

**53** Ngubani olkholiweyo ilizwi lethu, njalo amandala kaThixo abonakaliswe kubani na? **2** Wakhula phambi kwakhe njengehluvela, lanjengempande emhlabathini owomileyo. Wayengelabuhle lobukhosi ukuba asikhange, kungelalutho esimeni sakhe olungenza simfune. **3** Weyiswa njalo waliwa ngabantu, umuntu wezinsizi, njalo ekujayele ukuhlupheka. Lowo abantu abangafuniyo ukukhanelana laye weyiswa, asimhloniphanga. **4** Ngempela wathatha inhlungu zethu wathwala insizi zethu, kodwa thina sathi utshaywe nguNkulunkulu, ebethwe nguye, njalo uhlutshiwe. **5** Kodwa wagwazwa ngenxa yezonzo zethu, wachobozwa ngenxa yokona kwethu, ukuhlutshwa kwakhe kwasilethela ukuthula, njalo sasiliswa ngamanxeba akhe. **6** Thina sonke silahlekile njengezimvu, munye ngamunye wethu uphambukele endleleni yakhe; njalo uThixo ubeke phezu kwakhe ukona kwethu sonke. **7** Wancindezewla wahlutshwa, kodwa kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe; wanwa, kutsho urukutukulu wakho. **7** Ngakutshiywa okomzuzzwana omncane, kodwa ngesihawu esikhulu ngizakubuyaisa. **8** Ngomfuto wokuthukuthela, ngakufihlela ubuso bami okomzuzzwana, kodwa ngothando olungapheliyo, ngizakuba lesihawu kuwe,” kutsho uThixo uMhengi wakho. **9** “Kimi lokhu kunjengasezinsukwini zikaNowa, lapho engafunga khona ngathi amanzi kaNowa kawayikugcwala umhlaba futhi. Ngakho khathesi sengifungile ngathi angiyikukuthukuthelela futhi; angiyikukusola njalo. **10** Lanxa izintaba zinganyikinyiswa, lamaqaqa asuswe, kodwa uthando lwami olungapheliyo kuwe kaluyikunyikinyiswa, kumbe isivumelwano sami sokuthula sisuswe,” kutsho uThixo olesihawu kuwe. **11** Wena dolobho elihluphekileyo, elitshaywa yiziphepho alaze laduduzwa, ngizakwakha ngamatshe amahle, izisekelo zakho ngizakhe ngamasafire. **12** Izakhwi zakho zokuvikela ngizacenza ngamarubhi, amasango akho ngiwenze ngamatshe akhazimulayo, yonke imithangala yakho ngiwenze ngamatshe aligugu. **13**

Wonke amadodana akho azafundiswa nguThixo, njalo okubi.” 3 Akungabi lowezizweni okuThixo othi, kuzakuba kukhulu ukuthula kwabantwana bakho. 14 “Ngeqiniso uThixo uzangehlukanisa labantu bakhe.” Uzaqiniswa ngokulunga: uchuku luzakuba khatshana lawe, awuyikwesaba lutho. Ukwesaba kuzasuselwa khatshana, akuyikusondela phansi kwakho. 15 Nxa ekhona ozakuhlasela, kobe kungayisimi; loba ngubani okuhlaselayo uzazinikela kuwe. 16 “Khangela, yimi engadala umkhandi wensimbi ovuthela amalahle abe lilangabi, akhande isikhali esilungele umsebenzi waso. Njalo yimi engadala umchithi ukuba enze umonakalo; 17 akulasikhali esikhanelwe wena esizaphumelela, njalo bonke abakumangalelayo uzabehlula. Leli yilifa lezincke zikaThixo, lokhu yikho ukwenaniswa kwazo yimi,” kutsho uThixo.

**55** “Wozani, lonke lina abomileyo, wozani emanzini, lani lina elingelamali, wozani, lithenge, lidle! Wozani, thengani iwayini lochago ingekho imali lendleko. 2 Lichithelani imali kokungasikho kudla, lokusebenza kwenu kulokho okungasuthisiyo na? Lalelani, lalelani kimi, lidle okuhle, umoya wenu uzathokoziswa yizibiliboco. 3 Lalelani, lize kimi; lingilalele ukuze umphefumulo wenu uphile. Ngizakwenza isivumelano esingapheliyo lani, uthando lwami oluqotho olwathenjiswa uDavida. 4 Khangelani, ngimenze waba ngufakazi ebantwini, umkhokheli lomlawuli wabantu. 5 Ngeqiniso lizabiza izizwe elingazaziyo, lezizwe ezingalaziyo zizagijimela kini, ngenxa kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ngoba uselinike inkazimulo.” 6 Mdingeni uThixo esatholakala, mbizeni eseseduzane. 7 Omubi kayekele indlela yakhe loxhwalileyo alahle imicabango yakhe. Kaphendukule kuThixo, uzakuba lesihawu kuye, lakuNkulunkulu wethu ngoba uzamthethelela ngesihle. 8 “Ngoba imicabango yami kayisivo eyenu, lezindlela zenu kayisizo ezami,” kutsho uThixo. 9 “Njengomkhathi uphakeme kulomhlaba, ngokunjalo izindlela zami ziphakeme kulemicabango yenu. 10 leemicabango yami iphakeme kulemicabango yenu. Njengoba izulu longqawaqwane kusehla kuvela phezulu, kungaphindi kubuyele khonale kungathambisanga umhlaba kuwenze ununkule ube lamahlumela, ukuze unlike umhlanyeli inhlanyelo, lodlayo umnike ukudla, linjalo lelizwi lami eliphuma emlonyeni wami: kaliyikubuya kimi lize, kodwa lizafeza engikufunayo liphumelelise lokho engilithume khona. 12 Lina lizaphuma ngokuthokoza likhokhelwe ngokuthula; izintaba lamaqaqa kuzasusa ingoma phambi kwenu, njalo zonke izihlahla zeganga zizaqakeza izandla zazo. 13 Endaweni yesihlahla sameva kuzamila iphayini, lendaweni yokhula kuzamila isihlahla somithili. Lokhu kuzakwenza uThixo adunyiswe, kube yisibonakaliso esingapheliyo, esingayikudilizwa.”

**56** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: “Londoloza ukulunga wenze okuqondileyo, ngoba ukusindisa kwami kuseduze lokulunga kwami kuzabonakaliso masinyane. 2 Ubusisiwe umuntu okwenzayo lokhu, umuntu obambelela kukho, ogcina iSabatha engalingcolisi, athibe isandla sakhe ekwzenzeni

Njalo lomthenwa kangavunyelwa ukusola athi, “Mina niyiyishlahla esomileyo.” 4 Ngoba uThixo uthi: “Abathenwa abagcina amaSabatha ami bakhethethe okungithokozisayo, babambelele kusivumelwano sami, 5 ngizabanika, phakathi kwethempeli lami lemilduli yalo, isikhumbuzo lebizo elingcono kulamadodana lamadakazi. Ngizabanika ibizo elingapheliyo. Elingayikukhohlakala. 6 Labezizwe abazinikela kuThixo ukuba bamkhonze, bathande ibizo likaThixo, njalo bamkhonze, bonke abagcina iSabatha bengalingcolisi, babambelele kusivumelwano sami, 7 laba ngizabaletha entaben yami engcwele, ngibaphe intokozo endlini yami yokukhulekela. Iminikelo yabo yokutshiswa, lemihlatshelo, kuzakwamukelwa e-alitharen lami; ngoba indlu yami izathiwa yindlu yokukhuleka yezizwe zonke.” 8 UThixo Wobukhos, yena oqoqa abaxotshwayo elizweni abako-Israyeli uthi: “Ngizaqoqela abanye kubo futhi ngaphandle kwalabo abavele sebeqoqiwe.” 9 Wozani lonke lina zilo zeganga; wozani lidle, lonke lina zilo zamagus! 10 Abalindi bako-Israyeli bayiziphofu, bonke kabazi lutho; bonke bayimigaxa, izirja ezingakhonkothiyo; balala nije baphuphe; bathanda ukulala. 11 Bayizinja ezhilala zilomdzela wokufuna ukudla, azisuthi. Bangabelusi abangaqedisisiyo, bonke bazazenzela abakufunayo, lowo lalowo udina inzuzzo yakhe. 12 Lowo lalowo uthi, “Wozani, ngilethe iwayini. Kasinatheni utshwala sibusuthe. Kusasa kuzafanana lanamuha, loba kuge ngcono kakhulu.”

**57** Abalungileyo bayabhubba, kodwa kakho ocabanga ngakho enhliziyewi yakhe. Abantu abazinikele ekukhonzeni bayasuswa, njalo kakho okuzwisayu ukuthi abalungileyo basuswa ukuba baphetshiswe ebubini. 2 Labo abahamba ngokulunga bayangena ekuthulen; bathola ukuphumula belele ekufeni. 3 “Kodwa lina wozani lapha Njengoba izulu longqawaqwane kusehla kuvela phezulu, lina, madodana esanusekazi lina nzalo yezifibe leziphingi! 4 Ngubani elimklolodelayo na? Ngubani eliminemelayo limkhuphela inlimi zenu? Kalisinzalo yabahlamuki, labantwana babaqamba amanga na? 5 Liyatshiseka ngenkanuko ezhilahleni zom’Okhi, langaphansi kwezihlahla zonke eziyizithingithing; lenza umhlatshelo ngabantwaben emakhelekehleni langaphansi kwamawa. 6 Izithombe ezipakathi kwamatshe abutshelezi emakhelekehleni yiso isabelo senu, yizo, yizo eziyisabelo senu. Yebo, kuzo lithelie iminikelo yokunathwayo lanikela leminikelo yamabele. Ngenxa yalezintso ngingaba lozwelo na? 7 Wenze umbheda wakho phezu koqaqa oluphakemeyo, wakhwela wayanikela imihlatshelo yakho khona. 8 Ngemva kwezivalo zakho langemva kwezinsika zomnyango wakho ubeke izifanekiso zakho zobuhedeni. Watshi ungilahla wembula umbheda wakho, wakhwela kuwo wawuuvula waba banzi, wavumelana lalaboo othanda imibheda yabo, wakhangela ubunqunu babo. 9 Uye kuMoleki ulamatfutha e-oliva, wandisa lamakha akho. Uthume izithunywa zakho khatshana

wangena ethuneni lona ngokwalo! (**Sheol h7585**) **10** imichilo yejogwe, kukhululwe abancindezelweyo, Wadiniswa yizindlela zakho zonke, kodwa wawungeke kwephulwe amajogwe wonke na? **7** Akusiwabela uthi, ‘Akusizi ngalutho.’ Wathola ukuvuselewa abalambayo ukudla kwakho lokunika umnyanga kwamandala akho. Ngakho kawuphelanga amandla. **11** Ngubani omesabe kangaka waze waba lamanga ongumhambuma indawo yokuhlala, lapho ubona abanqunu ubagqokise, lokungafulatheli izihlobo kimi, njalo kawaze wangikhumbula loba ukucabanga zakho zegazi na? **8** Lapho-ke ukukhanya kwakho lokhu enhliziyweni yakho na? Akusingenxa yokuthi kuzavela njengokusa, lokusila kwakho kuzabonakala sengathula okwesikhathi eside kakhulu waze masinyane, kuthi ukulunga kwakho kuhambe phambi wangasangesabi na? **12** Ukulunga kwakho lemisenbeni kwakho, inkazimulo kaThixo izakuba yisivikelo ngemva yakho ngizakuveza obala, njalo akuyikukusiza kwakho. **9** Lapho-ke uzabiza, uThixo asabe; uzacela ngalutho. **13** Lapho usukhalela ukusizwa, iqoqo usizo, yena uzakuthi: Ngilapha. Nxa ungalahla lezithombe zakho kalikuholenge. Umoya uzazithatha ijogwe lokuncindeza lokuhomba ngomunwe kanye zonke, lokuphephetha nje kuziphephule khatshana. Kodwa umuntu owenza mina isiphephelo sakhe lezinkulumo ezimbi; **10** njalo nxa unika abalambayo ilizwe lizakuba yilifa lakhe lentaba yami engcwele ibe ukukhanya kwakho kuzavela emnyameni, ubusuku ngeyakhe.” **14** Njalo kuzathiwa: “Candani, candani, bakho buzakuba njengemini. **11** UThixo uzakukhkhela lungisani indlela! Susani izikhubelekiso endleleni kokuphela; uzakwanelisa inswelo zakho elizweni yabantu bami.” **15** Ngoba ophakemeyo ongaPhezulu, elitshiswa lilanga, aqinise amathambo akho. Uzakuba yena ophila kokuphela, obizo lakhe lingcwele njengesivande esithelezelwa kuhle, lanjengomthombo uthi: “Ngihlala endaweni ephakemeyo lengcwele, kodwa laye ozisolayo lothobekileyo emoyeni, ukuba kuvuselewe umoya wabathobekileyo, kuvuselewe lezinhlizyo zabazisolayo. **16** Angiyikulisola kokuphela kumbe ngihlale ngithukuthethe, ngoba umoya zakho zingephuli iSabatha, njalo ungenzi intando womuntu ungaphela phambi kwami, umoya womuntu engawudalayo. **17** Ngathukutheliswa yibuhwaba bakhe yakho ngosoku lwami olungcwele, nxa iSabatha ulibiza obubi; ngamjezisa, ngafihla ubuso bami ngithukuthethe, ngokuthi yintokozo njalo usuku lukaThixo olungcwele usithi lulodumo, njalo nxa uluhlonipa ngokuthelambhi kodwa waqbhubeka ngezindlela zakhe zenkani. **18** IZindlela zakhe sengiziboni, kodwa ngizamsilisa. Ngizamkhokhela, ngimduduze futhi, **19** ngenze ukubonga ezindebeni zabalilayo ko-Israyeli. Ukuthula, yelizwe, ngikwerenye udle ilifa likayihlo ujakhobe.” Umlomo kaThixo usukhulumile.

“Ngizabasilisa.” **20** Kodwa ababi banjengolwandle olugubhazelayo, olungeke lumphumule, amagagasi alo ephosa udaka lengcekeza phezulu. **21** “Akukho kuthula kwababi,” kutsho uNkulunkulu wami.

**58** “Memeza kakhulu, ungathuli. Phakamisa ilizwi lakho njengecilongo. Tshela abantu bami ngokuhlamuka kwabo, lendlu kajakhobe uytitshele ngezono zabo. **2** Ngoba usuku ngosuku bayangidinga; bafuna ukwazi izindlela zami, sengathi bayisisizwe esenza okulungileyo esingalahlanga imilayo kaNkulunkulu waso. Bacela izinqumo ezelungileyo kimi bafune ukuthi uNkulunkulu asondele kubo. **3** Bathi, ‘Kungani sizilile, kodwa wena wangakuboni na? Kungani sizithobile kodwa wangakunaki na?’ Ikanti ngosuku lokuzila kwenu lenza elikuthandayo, lincindezele lezisebenzi zenu zonke. **4** Ukuza kwenu kucina ngengxabano lokulwa, langokutshayana kubi ngenqindi. Alingeke lizile njengelikwenzayo lamhla lithembe ukuthi ilizwi lenu lizazwakala phezulu. **5** Lokhu yikho ukuzila engikukhethileyo na, ukuthi umuntu azithobe okosuko olulodwa nje? Yikuthi umuntu akhthamise ikhanda lakhe njengomhlanga nje, lokulala esakeni lemlotheni na? Lokho yikho elithi yikuzila, usuku olwamukeleyo kuThixo na? **6** Lokhu akusikho yini ukuzila engikukhethileyo: ukukhulula izibopho zokungalungi lokuthukuluka

**59** Ngeqiniso ingalo kaThixo kayimfitshane ukuba isindise, lendlebe yakhe kayibuthundu ukuba izwe. **2** Kodwa ububi benu sebulahlukanise lonkulunkulu wenu; lezono zenu sezisithe ubuso bakhe kini ukuze angezwa. **3** Ngoba izandla zenu zingcolisiwe ngegazi, leminwe yenu ingcolisive yibubi. Izindebe zenu zikhulume amanga lolimi lwenu luhlebeza izinto ezimbi. **4** Kakho odinga ukwahlulela okuhle, kakho okhuluma ecaleni lakhe ngobuqotho. Bathembe ukuphiha ngeze bekhuluma amanga; bemula uhlupho, bazale ububi. **5** Bachamisela amaqanda ezinhlangwana, beluke ubulembu besayobe. Langabe ngubani odla amaqanda azo uzakufa, njalo nxa elinye lawo lichanyiselwe kuphuma ibululu. **6** Ubulembu babo kabusizi ekugqokeni; abangeke bazimboze ngabakwenzayo. Izenzo zabo yizenzo ezimbi, izenzo zodlakela zisezandleni zabo. **7** Inyawo zabo zigijimela ukona; bayaphangisa ukuchitha igazi elimsulwa. Imicabango yabo yimicabango emibi; ukuchitha lokubhubhisa kubonakalisa izindlela zabo. **8** Indlela yokuthula kabayazi; akukho kulunga ezindleleni zabo. Sebenze zaba yimigwaqo ezombelezayo, kakho ohamba ngazo ozakwazi ukuthula. **9** Ngakho-ke ukwahlulela okuhle kukhatshana lathi, lokulunga akufiki kithi. Sidinga ukukhanya, kodwa kulobumnyama kuphela; sidinga ukucazimula, kodwa sihamba emathunzini amnyama. **10** Njengeziphofu siphumputha silandela

umduli, siphumputhe indlela yethu njengabantu elilodumo. **8** Ngobani laba abandiza njengamayezi abangelamehlo. Sikhubeka emini ingathi kukusihlwa; lanjengamajuba esiya ezidlekeni zaho na? **9** Ngeqiniso kwabalamannda, sinjengabafleyo. **11** Sonke siyahwabha izihlenge zithembe mina; ekhokheleyo yimikhumbi njengamabhele, sibubule ngosizi njengamajuba. yasetThashishi, iletha amadodana akho avela khatshana, Sidinga ukwahluela okuhle, kodwa kasikutholi; sidinga lesiliva sawo kanye legolide ukuba kudunyiswe uThixo ukuhlengwa, kodwa kukhatshana. **12** Ngoba ukona uNkulunkulu wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ngoba kwethu kuwe kunengi, lezono zethu zifakaza okubi ukunike inkazimulo. **10** Abezzizwe bazayakha futhi ngathi. Ukona kwethu kuhlez i kulathi; siyabuvuma imiduli yakho, lamakhosi abo azakukhonza. Lanxa ububi bethu, **13** ukuhlamuka lokungathembeki kuThixo, ekthukutheleni kwami ngakutshaya, kodwa ngomusa ukufulathela uNkulunkulu wethu, ukukhuthaza wami ngizakuba lesihuna kuwe. **11** Amasango akho uncindeloz lomvukela, ukukhuluma amanga azahlala evulekile; kawayikuvalwa emini loba ebusutu esiwacabange ngezinhlizyo zethu. **14** Ngakho ukue abantu bakulethele inotho yezizwe, amakhosi azo ukwahluela okuhle kufuqelwa emuva, ukulunga ekhokhelwe ludwendwe lokunqoba. **12** Ngoba isizwe kume khatshana; iqiniso likhubekile ezindleleni, kumbe umbuso ongayikukukhonza uzatshabalala; ubuqotho bungeke bungene. **15** Iqiniso kalitholwa uzachitheka uphele nya. **13** Uduomo lwaseLebanoni ndawo; oxwaya ububi uyahlaselwa. UThixo wakhangela lutzaka kuwe; zonke izihlahla ezamaphayini, umfiri wadaniswa yikuswelakala kokwahluela okuhle. lomsiphresi, ukuzehlobisa indlu yami engcwele; **16** Wabona ukuthi kwakungelamuntu, wanengwa lendawo yezinyawo zami ngizayenza ikhazimule. **14** yikuthi kakho owayengalamula; ngakho waletsha Amadodana abancindezel bakho azakuza akhothame ukukhululwa ngamandla akhe, ukulunga kwakhe phambi kwakho; bonke abakweyisayo bazakhothamela kwamqinisa. **17** Wagqoka ukulunga njengesivikelo phansi ezinyaweni zakho, njalo bazakubiza ngokuthi sakhe sasesifubeni, lengowane yensindiso ekhanda iDolobho likaThixo, iZiyoni yakhe oNgcwele ka-Israyeli. lakhe; wagqoka izembatho zokuphindisela njalo **15** Lanxa ubulahlwe, uzondakala, kungekho ohamba wazigoqela ngokutshiseka njengokuzigoqela ngengubo. edabula phakathi kwakho, ngizakwenza ube ligugu **18** Uzaphindisela ulaka ezitheni zakhe, kusiya ngalokho elingapheliyo, uthokozise izizukulwane zonke. **16** abakwenzileyo; lokujeziswa kwabamelana laye; Uzanatha uchago lwezizwe, umunyiswe emabeleni izihlenge uzaziphindisela ngemfanelo yazo. **19** Kusukela asesikhosini. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo, entshonalanga abantu bazalesaba ibizo likaThixo, njalo uMsilisi wakho, uMhengi wakho, uMniniandima kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga basadumisa ubukhosia kajkhobe. **17** Esikhundleni sethusi ngizakulethela bakhe. Ngoba uzafika njengesikhukhula esifuthelenyo igolide, lesiliva esikhundleni sensimbi. Esikhundleni esifuquwa ngumoya kaThixo. **20** “Umhengi uzafika sezigodo ngizakulethela ithusi, lensimbi esikhundleni eZiyoni, kwabakajkhobe abavuma izono zabo,” samatshe. Ngizakwenza ukuthula kube ngumbusi kutsho uThixo. **21** “Mina lesi yiso isivumelwano sami labo,” kutsho uThixo. “Umoya wami okuwe, lamazwi ami engiwabeke emlonyeni wakho akuyikusuka emlonyeni wakho, kumbe emilonyeni yabantwabaho, loba emilonyeni yezizukulwane zabo kusukela ngalesiskhathi kuze kuge nininini,” kutsho uThixo.

**60** “Vuka, khazimula, ngoba ukukhanya kwakho sekufikile, lenkazimulo kaThixo iyavela phezu kwakho. **2** Khangelu, umnyama wembese umhlabu, umnyama omkhulu usibekele abantu. Kodwa uThixo uyakhanya phezu kwakho lenkazimulo yakhe iyabonakala phezu kwakho. **3** Izizwe zizakuza ekukhanyeni kwakho, lamakhosi alande ukuphama kokusa kwakho. **4** Phakamisa amehlo akho ukhangele amacele akho wonke: bonke babuthana beze kuwe; amadodana akho avela khatshana, lamadodakazi akho athwelwe ngengalo. **5** Ngakho uzakhangela ubobotheka ngokujabula, inhlizyo yakho izatshaya ikhukhumale ngenxa yentokozo; inotho yasolwandle izalethwa kuwe, lenotho yeziwe izakuza kuwe. **6** Imihlambi yamakamela izagcwala elizweni lakho, amakamela asakhulayo aseMidyani lase-Efa. Wonke avela eShebha azakuza ethwele igolide lempepha ememezela udumo lukaThixo. **7** Yonke imihlambi yaseKhedari izabuthelwa kuwe; inqama zaseNebhayothi zizakusiza; zizakwamukeleka njengeminikelo e-alitharen lami, njalo ngizahlobisa ithempeli lami

**61** Umoya kaThixo Wobukhosu uphezu kwami, ngoba uThixo ungicibile ukuba ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu. Ungithumile ukuba ngibophe inhlizyo ezdabukileyo, ngimemezele ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo, lokukhululwa kwezibotshwa emnyameni, **2** lokumemezele umnyaka womusa kaThixo, losuku lokuphindisela kukaNkulunkulu wethu; ukududuza abalilayo, **3**

lokunakekela labo abadabukileyo eZiyoni, ukubapha bazalinatha emagumeni endlu yami engcwele.” **10** umqhele wobuhle esikhundleni somlotha, amafutha okujabula esikhundleni sokulila, lengubo yokudumisa esikhundleni somoya wokulahla ithemba. Bazabizwa ngokuthi yim’okhi yokulunga, elhanyelwe nguThixo ukuba abonakalise inkazimulo yakhe. **4** Bazavusela rjalo amanxiwa asendulo bavuse lezindawo ezadilizwa kudala. Bazavusela amadolobho adilikayo aleminyaka eminengi adilika. **5** Abezizwe bazakwelusa imihlambi yenu; abezizwe bazalima amasimu enu lezivini zenu. **6** Lizabizwa ngokuthi abaphristi bakaThixo, kuzathiwa liyizikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu. Lizakudla inotho yeziywé, lizincome ngenotho yazo. **7** Esikhundleni sehlazo labo abantu bami bazaphiwa isabelo esiphindwe kabilo, njalo esikhundleni sokuyangeka bazathokoza ngelifa labo; ngakho isabelo selifa labo elizweni sizaphindwa kabilo, lentokoza engapheliyo izakuba ngeyabo. **8** “Ngoba mina, uThixo, ngithanda ukulunga, ngizonda ubugebenga lobubi. Ngobuqotho bami ngizabanika umvuzo ngenze isivumelwano esingapheliyo labo. **9** Ibizukulwane zabo zizakwaziwa phakathi kwezizwe, lenzalo yabo yaziwe phakathi kwabantu. Bonke abababonayo bazavuma ukuthi bangabantu ababusiswe nguThixo.” **10** Ngiyathokoza kakhulu kuThixo; umphefumulo wami uyajabula ngoNkulunkulu wami. Ngoba unggqokise izigqoko zokusindiswa, wangicecisa ngezemabatho zokulunga, njengomyeni ececisa ikhanda lakhe njengomphristi, lanjengomlobokazi ececise ngamatshes akhe aligugu. **11** Ngoba njengomhlabathi owenza ihlumela limile, lesivande esenza inhlanelyo ikhule, ngokunjalo uThixo Wobukhosu uzakwenza ukulunga lodumo kuvele phambi kwezizwe zonke.

**62** Ngenxa yeZiyoni angiyikuthula; ngenxa yeJerusalema angiyikuhlala ngithule, ukulunga kwayo kuze kukhanye njengokusa, ukusindiswa kwayo kuze kukhanye njengezibane eziputhayo. **2** Izizwe zizakubona ukulunga kwakho, lamakhosi wonke ayibone inkazimulo yakho. Uzabizwa ngebizo elitsha umlomo kaThixo ozakunika lona. **3** Uzakuba ngumqhele wenkazimulo esandleni sikaThixo, umqhele wobukhosu esandleni sikaNkulunkulu wakho. **4** Kabasayikubiza ngokuthi oTshiyewo kumbe babize ilizwe lakho ngokuthi Chithakele. Kodwa uzabizwa ngokuthi Hefiziba ilizwe lakho kuthiye yiBhiyula, ngoba uThixo uzathokoza ngawe, lelizwe lakho lizakwenda. **5** Njengejeha lithatha intombi, ngokunjalo amadodana akho azakuthatha; lanjengomyeni ethokozela umakoti wakhe, ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu uzathokoza ngawe. **6** Ngibeke abalindi phezu kwemiduli yakho wena Jerusalema; kabayikuthula lanini emini loba ebusuto. Lina elimbizayo uThixo, musani ukuphumula, **7** laye lingamphumuzi aze akhe ijjerusalem alenze libe lodumo emhlabeni. **8** UThixo ufungile ngesandla sakhe sokudla langengalo yakhe elamandla wathi; “Angiyikuphinda lanini ukunika izitha zenu amabele enu njengokudla kwazo, njalo lanini abezizwe kabayikuphinda banathe iwayini elitsha elilisebenzele nzima. **9** Kodwa labo abawavunayo bazawadla badumise uThixo, lalabo ababutha amavini

bazalinatha emagumeni endlu yami engcwele.” **10** Dlulani, dlulani emasangweni! Lungiselani abantu indlela. Candani, candani umgwaqo! Susani amatshe. Phakamiseleni izizwe uphawu. **11** UThixo usenze isimemezelo emhlabeni wonke wathi; “Wothini kuyo iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni, ‘Khangelu uMsindisi wakho uyeza! Khangelu umvuzo wakhe ulawo, lenhlawulo yakhe ulayo.’” **12** Bazabizwa ngokuthi ngaBantu abaNgcwele, abaHlengiwego bakaThixo; wena uzathiwa Ofunwayo, iDolobho Elingasatshiywanga.

**63** Ngubani lo ovela e-Edomi, ovela eBhozira egqoke izembatho ezibomvu na? Ngubani lo ogqoke ubucwazicwazi, ohamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe na? “Yimi okhuluma ngokulunga, olamandla okusindisa.” **2** Kungani iziggoko zakho zibomvu njengezomuntu onyathela isikhameleo sewayini na? **3** “Nginyathele isikhameleo sewayini ngedwa; kakho owezizwe owayelami. Ngabagxoba ngithukuthele, ngabanyatheli ngilolaka; igazi labo lachaphakela ezambathweli zami, langcolisa zonke izigqoko zami. **4** Ngoba usuku lokuphindsela lwalusenhliziyeni yami, lomnyaka wokuhlela kwami usufikile. **5** Ngakhangela, kodwa kakho owayengasiza. Nganengwa yikungabi khona kosekelayo, ngakho ingalo yami yangilethela insindiso lolaka lwami lwangiwinisa. **6** Ngagxoba izizwe ngokuthukuthela kwami, ngazidakisa ngolaka lwami, ngathela igazi lazo phansi.” **7** Ngizalandisa ngomusa kaThixo, izzeno okumele adunyiswe ngenxa yazo, ngakho konke uThixo asenzele khona, yebo, izinto ezinengi ezhinle azenzele indlu ka-Israyeli, ngesihawu sakhe langomusa wakhe omkhulu. **8** Wathi, “Ngeqiriso bangabantu bami; amadodana angayikuba lamanga kimi”; ngakho waba nguMsindisi wabo. **9** Kukho konke ukuhlupheka kwabo laye waba losizi; ukuba khona kwengilosyi yakhe kwabasindisa. Ngothando lwakhe langesihawu sakhe wabahlenga; wabaphakamisela phezelu, wabathwala insuku zonke zakudala. **10** Kodwa bamvukela badanisa uMoya wakhe oNgcwele. Ngakho waphenduka waba yisitha sabo walwa labo yena ngokwakhe. **11** Lapho-ke abantu bakhe bakhumbula insuku zakudala, insuku zikaMosi labantu bakhe, ungaphi lowo owabaphisia ulwandle, lomelusi wemihlambi yakhe na? Ungaphi lowo owathela uMoya wakhe oNgcwele phakathi kwabo, **12** owhatumela ingalo yakhe yamandla elodumo ukuba ibe sesandleni sokudla sikaMosi, owehlukanisa amanzi phambi kwabo ukuba azizuzele udumo olungapheliyo, **13** owhabadabulisa ezzinkini na? Njengebhiza emagecekeni, kabakhubekanga; **14** njengezinkomo zisehla esigodini, baphunyuzuwa nguMoya kaThixo. Wena wabakhokhela kanjalo abantu bakho ukuze uzenzele ibizo elilodumo. **15** Khangelu phansi usezulwini ubone, usesihlalwene sakho sobukhosu esiphakemeyo, esingcwele, esicwebezelayo. Kungaphi ukutshiseka kwakho lamandla akho na? Isisa sakho lesihawu sakho kugodliwe kithi. **16** Kodwa wena unguBaba wethu, lanxa u-Abrahama engasazi thina lo-Israyeli engasivumi; wena, Oh Thixo, unguBaba wethu, uMhlengi wethu libizo lakho kusukela

endulo. **17** Kungani, Thixo, usenza siphambuke phambi kwami ukuthi: Angiyikuthula, kodwa ezindleleni zakho, usenza lezinhliziyo zethu zibe ngizaphindisela ngokugcweleyo; ngizaphindisela lukhuni ukuba singakwesabi na? Phenduka ubuye ngokupheleleyo, **7** kokubili izono zenu lezono ngenxa yezinceku zakho, iziwana eziyilifa lakho. zabokhoko benu,” kutsho uThixo. “Ngoba batshisa **18** Indawo yakho engcwele yayingeyabantu bakho imihlatshelo phezu kwezintaba bangihlambaza phezu okwesikhathi esifitshane, kodwa khathesi izitha zethu kwamaqaqa. Ngizaphindisela kubo ngokugcweleyo ngenxa yezenzo zabo abazenza ngaphambili.” **8** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: “Njengalapho umhluzi usatholakala ehlukuzweni lamavini labantu besithi, ungalibhidizi, kusekhona okuhle kulo, ngizazenzela okunjalo izinceku zami; angiyikuzibhubhisa zonke. **9** Ngizaletha isizukulwane esivela kujakhobe, lakoJuda kuvele abazakuba ngabakazi bezintaba zami; zizakuba yilifa labakhethiweyo bami, izinceku zami zizahlala khona.

**10** Ishareni izakuba ngamadlelo emihlambi lesiGodi sase-Akhorri sibe yindawo yokuphumulela imihlambi, yabantu bami abangidingayo. **11** Kodwa lina elilahla uThixo likhohlwe intaba yami engcwele; liphakele unkulunkulu uNhlanhla ukudla libuye ligcwaliisele unkulunkulu uSimiselo iwayini elixutshiweyo, **12** ngizalimisela inkemba, njalo lonke lizakhothamela ukubulawa, ngoba ngamemeza kodwa kalisabelanga, ngakhulumu kodwa lina kalilalelanga. Lenza okubi phambi kwami lakhetha okungicunulayo.” **13** Ngakho-ke uThixo Wobukhos uthi: “Izinceku zami zizakudla, kodwa lina lizalamba; izinceku zami zizanatha, kodwa lina lizakoma; izinceku zami zizathokoza, kodwa lina lizayangiswa. **14** Izinceku zami zizahlabelela ngentokozo yezhnhliziyo zazo, kodwa lina lizakhala ngobuhlungu bezinhliziyo njalo lilile ngokudabuka komoya. **15** Lizatshiya ibizo lenu njengesithuko kwabakhethiweyo bami; uThixo Wobukhos uzalibulala, kodwa izinceku zakhe uzazinika elinye ibizo. **16** Lowo okhulekela isibusiso elizweni uzakwenza lokho ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso; lalowo owenza isifungo elizweni, uzafunga ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso. Ngoba inhlupheko ezedlulayo zizakhohlkala zifihlkale emehlwani ami.” **17** Khangelani, ngizadala izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha. Izinto zakuqala azyikukhunjulwa, kumbe zifike engqondweni. **18** Kodwa thabani ljajule kokuphela ngalokho engizakudala, ngoba ngizadala ijerusalema libe yintokoza labantu balo babe yinjabulo. **19** Ngizathokoza ngeJerusalemna njalo ngijabule ngabantu bami; ukulila lokukhala akusayikuzwakala kulo futhi. **20** Kulo akusayikuba ngafunyanwa yilabo abangangidinganga. Isizwe esingakhulekanga kimi ngathi kuso, ‘Ngilapha, ngilapha.’ **21** Ilanga lonke ngelula izandla zami ebantwini abayiziqhoho, abahamba ngezindleta ezingalunganga belandela iminakan yabo, **3** abantu abahlezi bengicunula bengikhangele, benikela imihlatshelo emasimini, betshisa impepha phezu kwezitina; **4** abahlala emangcwabeni balale besenza imilindelo eyimfihlo ebusuku; abadla inyama zeshlahla, zizakuba njalo insuku zabantu bami; yengulube, abambiza zabo zigcina umhluzi wenyama abakhethiweyo bami bazakholis umsebenzi wezandla engcolileyo; **5** abathi, ‘Hlala khatshana, ungasondeli zabo okwesikhathi eside. **22** Kabasayikwakha izindlu zihlalwe ngabanye kumbe bahlanyele, kudle abanye. Ngoba njengezinsuku abanjalo banjengentuthu emakhaleni ami, umilo bazakuba ngabantu ababusisiweyo nguThixo, bona ovuthayo ilanga lonke. **6** Khangela, kolutshiwe kanye lezizukulwane zabo. **24** Ngizabaphendula

bengakakhuleki; ngibezwe besakhulum. **25** Impisi lewundlu kuzakudla ndawonye, lesilwane sizakudla utshani njengenkom, kodwa inyoka izakudla uthuli. Kaziyikulimaza kumbe zibhubhise kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele,” kutsho uThixo.

**66** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: “Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhos, lomhlaba uysenabelo sami. Ingaphi indlu elizangakhela yona na? Indawo yami yokuphumula izakuba ngaphi na? **2** Isandla sami kasizenzanga zonke lezizinto ukuze zibe khona na?” kutsho uThixo. “Engimbukayo ngulo: lowo othobekileyo ozisaloy emoyeni, olesabayo ilizwi lami. **3** Kodwa lowo onikela ngenkunzi ufana lomuntu obulala omunye umuntu, laelowo onikela ngewundlu, ufana lowephula intamo yenja; lowo onikela ngamabele ufana lonikela ngegazi lengulube, laelowo otshisa impepha yesikhumbuzo ufana lokhonza isithombe. Sebekhethe izindlela zabo, lemiphefumulo yabo ithokozwa yizinengiso zabo; **4** ngakho-ke lami ngizakhetha ukubaphatha kalukhuni, ngibehlisele lokho abakwesabay. Ngoba kwathi lapho ngibiza, kakho owasabelayo, lapho ngikhuluma, kakho ovalaleloyo. Benza okubi phambi kwami, bakhetha okungicunulayo.” **5** Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo lina elilesabay ilizwi lakhe. Uthi, “Abafowenu abalizondayo, labalixwayayo ngenxa yebizo lami, sebethe, kadunyiswe uThixo ukuze sibone intokoza yenu! Kodwa bazayangiswa.” **6** Zwanini ukuxokozela okusedolbeni, zwanini umsindo osethempelin! Ngumsindo kaThixo ephindisela ezitheni zakhe ngakho konke okuzifaneleyo. **7** “Uthi engakahelelw, abelethe; ubuhlungu bungakamfeli, azale indodana. **8** Ngubani owake wezwa into enje na? Ngubani owake wabona izinto ezinje na? Ilizwe lingazalwa ngelanga elilodwa loba isizwe sizalwe ngesikhathshana na? Ikanti iZyon iithi ngokuhelelwe nje ihle ibazale abantwana bayo. **9** Kambe ngifikisa esikhathini sokukhululeka ngingabe ngisabelethisa na?” kutsho uThixo. “Ngiyasilava na isibeletho ngesikhath sengibelethisa na?” kutsho uThixo **10** “Thokozani leJerusalema lilithabele, lonke lina elilithandayo; thokozani kakhulu lalo lonke lina elililileloyo. **11** Ngoba lizamunya lisuthe emabeleni alo aduduzyo; lizanatha kakhulu, lithokoze ngenala yalo enengi.” **12** Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo: “Ngizaletha ukuthula kini okugeleza njengesifula esigcwelelo lomnnotho wezizwe njengesifula esithelayo, limunye liphethwe ngengalo yazo njalo lidaliswe emathangazini azo. **13** Njengomama eduduza umntanakhe, kanjalo lami ngizaliduduza, njalo lizaduduzeka eJerusalema.” **14** Lapho libona lokhu, inhliziyo zenu zizathokoza, lani likhule njengotshani; isandla sikaThixo sizakwazakala ezincekwini zakhe kodwa ulaka lwakhe luzabonakaliswa ezitheni zakhe. **15** Khangelani, uThixo uza ngomlilo, izinqola zakhe zempi zinjengesivunguzane; ulaka lwakhe uzalwehlisela phansi ngokufuthelana, lokukhuza kwakhe kwehle ngamalangabi omlilo. **16** Ngoba ngomlilo langenkemba yakhe uThixo uzakwahlulela abantu bonke, njalo abanengi bazakuba yilabo

babulewe nguThixo. **17** “Lubo abazahlukanisayo, bazihlambulule ukungena emasimini belandela lowo ophakathi kwalabo abadla inyama yengulube lamagundwane kanye lezinye izinto ezinengisayo, isiphetho sabo sizafika sikhathi sinye,” kutsho uThixo.

**18** Ngenxa yezenzo zabo lemicabango yabo, sekuseduze ukuthi ngizebutha iizizwe zonke lezindimi zonke; njalo bazakuza babone inkazimulo yami. **19** “Ngizabeka isibonakaliso phakathi kwabo, ngithumele abanye balabo abasalayo eizizweni zeThashishi, kumaLibhiya, lamaLudi (alodumo ekusebenziseni imitshoko), eThubhal leGrisi lasezihlengeni ezikhatshana ezingakaluzwa udumo lwami kumbe zibone inkazimulo yami. Bazamemezela udumo lwami phakathi kwezizwe. **20** Njalo bazababuyisa bonke abafowenu entabeni yami engcwele ejerusalem nengomnikelo kuThixo bevela eizizweni zonke, bephezu kwamabhiza, izinqola zempi, imbongolo lamakamel, kutsho uThixo. “Bazababuyisa njengabako-Israyeli beletha iminikelo yabo yamabele ethempelini likaThixo ngezitsha ezhilambulukileyo ngokomkhuba. **21** Ngizakhetha abanye babo ukuba labo babe ngabaphristi labaLevi,” kutsho uThixo. **22** “Njengamazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsa engikwenzayo kuzakuma kokuphela phambi kwami,” kutsho uThixo, “ngokunjalo ibizo lakho lenzalo yakho izakuma kokuphela. **23** Kusukela ekuThwaseni kwene iNyanga kusiya ekuthwaseni kwene, njalo kusukela kwelinje iSabatha kusiya kwelinje abantu bonke bazakuza bakhothame phambi kwami,” kutsho uThixo. **24** “Bazaphuma babone izidumbu zabantu abangihlamukelayo; impethu yazo kayiyikufa, lomlilo wazo kawuyikucitshwa, njalo zizakwenyanyeka ebantwini bonke.”

# UJeremiya

**1** La ngamazwi kajeremiya indodana kaHilikhiya, omunye wabaphristi base-Anathothi elizweni lakoBhenjamini. **2** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu ekubuseni kukaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni inkosi yakoJuda, **3** njalo ekubuseni kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kajaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba yinyanga yesilhunu emnyakeni wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya indodana kajaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngesikhathi sokuthunjwa kwabantu baseJerusalem. **4** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi, **5** “Ngingakakubumbi esiswini ngakwazi, ungakazalwa ngakukhetha ngakubeka ukuba ngumphrofethi eziweni.” **6** Mina ngathi, “Awu Thixo Somandla; ukukhuluma angikwazi, ngoba ngingumntwana nje.” **7** Kodwa uThixo wathi kimi, “Ungaze wathi, ‘Ngingumntwana nje.’ Kumele uye kubo bonke engikuthuma kubo njalo utsho loba kuyini engikulaya khona. **8** Ungabesabi, ngoba mina ngilawe njalo ngizakuhlenga,” kutsho uThixo. **9** UThixo waseselula isandla sakhe wathinta umlomo wami wathi kimi, “Khathei, sengifake amazwi ami emlonjeni wakho. **10** Khangela, lamhla ngikubeka phezu kwezizwe lemibuso ukuba usiphune udilize, ubhubhise njalo uchithei; ukuba wakhe njalo uhlanyele.” **11** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lathi, “Kuyini okubonayo, Jeremiya?” Ngaphendula ngathi, “Ngibona ugatsha lwestihlahla se-alimondi.” **12** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Ubone kuhle, ngoba ngilindele ukubona ukuthi ilizwi lami ligcwalsekile.” **13** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi futhi: “Kuyini okubonayo?” Mina ngaphendula ngathi, “Ngibona imbiza ebilayo, ithambeke ifulathele inyakatho.” **14** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Incithakalo evela enyakatho izakwehliselwa phezu kwabo bonke abahlala elizweni. **15** Sekuseduze ukuba ngibize bonke abantu bemibuso yasenyakatho,” kutsho uThixo. “Amakhosi abo azakuza amise izihlalo zavo zobukhosu emasangweni asejerusalem; bazakumelana lemiduli yalo yonke eligombozeleyo kanye lamadolobho wonke akoJuda. **16** Ngizamezemela ukwahlulela kwami ebantwini bami ngenxa yobubi babo bokungidela, betshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha, langokukhonza lokho okwenziwa ngezandla zabo. **17** Wena zilungisele! Sukuma ubatshele lokho engizakulaya khona. Ungathuthumelisa yibo hlezi ngikwenze uthuthumele phambi kwabo. **18** Lamhla sengikwenze waba lidolobho elivikelweyo, insika yensimbi lomduli wethusi ukuba umelane lelizwe lonke, umelane lamakhosi akoJuda, izikhulu zakhona, abaphristi bakhona kanye labantu bakhona. **19** Bazakulwa lawe, kodwa kabayikukwehlula, ngoba ngilawe njalo ngizakuhlenga,” kutsho uThixo.

**2** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi, **2** “Hamba umemezele ijerusalem lisizwa uthi: Lokhu yikho okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Ngiyakukhumbula ukuzinikela kwasebutsheni bakho, ukungithanda kwakho njengombokazi ungilandela enkangala, phakathi kwelizwe elingahlanyelwanga. **3** U-Israyeli

wayengcwele kuThixo, eyizithelo zakuqala zesivuno sakhe, bonke abamtshwabadelayo baba lecalal, behlelwa yincithakalo,” kutsho uThixo. **4** Zwana ilizwi likaThixo, we ndlu kajakhobe, lani lonke sendo lwendlu ka-Israyeli. **5** UThixo uthi: “Yibubi bani okhokhu benu ababubona kimi, baze bedukele khatshana kangaka lami? Balandela izithombe eziyize, labo ngokwabo baba yize. **6** Kababuzanga ukuthi, ‘Ungaphi uThixo, owasikhupha elizweni laseGibhithe wasikhokhela emagangeni alugwadule phakathi kwelizwe lezinkangala lezindonga, ilizwe lokoma lobumnyama, ilizwe elingahanjwa muntu lelingelamuntu ohlala kulo?’ **7** Ngaliletha elizweni elivundileyo ukuba lidle izithelo zalo lezilimo ezinhle. Kodwa lina lafika langcolisa ilizwe lami, lenza ilifa lami langakhwabitheki. **8** Abaphristi kababuzanga ukuthi, ‘Ungaphi UThixo?’ Labo abaphatha umthetho abangazanga; abakhokheli bangihlamukela. Abaphrofethi baphrofetha ngoBhali balandela izithombe eziyize. **9** Ngakho-ke ngilethesa amacala futhi,” kutsho uThixo. “Labantwana babantwana benu ngizabesthesia amacala. **10** Welani liye ngasemakuhunjini asekhhithimi likhangele, thumelani eKhedari lihlolise kuhle, libone langabe sekwake kwaba lento enjengale: **11** Isizwe sake santshintsha onkulunkulu baso na? (Belo bavele kabasibo onkulunkulu.) Kodwa abantu bami bantshintshe inkazimulo yabo ngenxa yezithombe eziyize. **12** Mangalani lokhu, lina mazulu, lithuthumele ngokwesaba okukhulu,” kutsho UThixo. **13** “Abantu bami benze izono ezimbili: Bangidelile, mina mthombo wamanzi okuphila, bagebha eyabo imithombo, imithombo evuzayo engacini manzi. **14** Kambe u-Israyeli yisisebenzi, isigqili ngokuzalwa na? Pho kungani eseyimpango na? **15** Izilwane zibhongile; sezihwahile kuye. Zilichithile ilizwe lakhe; amadolobho akhe atshisiwe, atshiywa engaselamuntu. **16** Njalo, labantu baseMemfisi leThahiphanesi baphuce ikhanda lakho. **17** Lokhu kawukwehliselanga phezu kwakho ngokudela uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho lapho ekukhokhela endleleni na? **18** Khathei kungani usiya eGibhithe ukuba unathe amanzi eShihori na? Njalo kungani usiya e-Asiriya ukuba unathe amanzi eYufrathe na? **19** Ububi bakho buzakujezisa; ukutshedela kwakho emuva kuzakukhuza. Ngakho cabanga ubone ukuthi kubi njalo kubuhlungu kanjani lapho udeda uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho njalo ungelavallo ngami,” kutsho iNkosi uThixo uSomandla. **20** “Endulo wephula ijogwe lakho, waquma izibopho zakho; wathi, ‘Kangiyikukukhonza’ Lakanye, phezu kwamaqaqa wonke langaphansi kwazo zonke izihlahla ezeluhlaza walala phansi njengesifebe. **21** Ngikuhlanyele njengevini elikhethiwayo eloħloblo oluqinileyo loluthembekileyo. Pho kwenzakala njani ukuba ungiphendukele ube livini elibolileyo, leganga? **22** Lanxa ugeza ngesepa usebenzisa lesepa enengi, ichatha lobubi bakho lilokhu likhona phambi kwami,” kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **23** “Ungatsho kanjani na uthi, ‘Kangingcolanga, kangibalandelanga oBhali?’ Khangela ukuthi waziphatha njani esigodini, khumbula

osukwenzile. Ulikamela elisikazi elilesiqubu eligijima uzondile kokuphela na? Ulaka lwakho luzaqhube ka lapha lalaphaya, **24** ubabhemti weganga ojwayele kokuphela na? Le yindlela okhuluma ngayo, kodwa inkangala, ophembela umoya enkanukweni yakhe, wenza konke okubi ongakwenza.” **6** Ekubuseni ngubani ongamenqabela ekukhanukeni kwakhe? kwenkosi ujosya, uThixo wathi kimi, “Ukubonile Abaduna abamxotshayo bangazidinisi ukuxotshana yini okwenzive ngu-Israyeli ongathembekanga? labo; bazamthola ngesikhathi sezinsikazikhwela. **25** Usekhwele phezu kwamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo Ungagijimi inyawo zakho zize zilhlubuke lomphimbo langaphansi kwezihlahlha zonke eziluhlaza wafebela wakho uze wome. Kodwa wena wathi, ‘Akusizi khona. **7** Ngacabanga ukuthi emva kokuba esenze lutho! Ngiyabathanda onkulunkulu bezziwensi, konke lokhu uzaphinda eze kimi, kodwa kabuyanga, kumele ngibalandele.’ **26** Njengokuyangeka kwesela lodadewabo ongathembekanga ujuda wakubona lokho. nxa selbanjiwe, ngokunjalo abantu bako-Israyeli **8** U-Israyeli ongathembekanga ngamnika incwadi bayangekile, bona kanye lamakhosi abo lezikhulu yakhe yesehlukaniso ngamxitsha ngenxa yobufabe zabo, abaphristi babo labaphrofethi babo. **27** bakhe bonke. Kodwa ngabona ukuthi udadewabo Bathi esigodweni, ‘Wena ungubaba wami,’ elitsheni ongathembekanga, ujuda, kesabanga, laye wasuka bathi, ‘Ngwu owangizalayo.’ Bangifulatthele, hatshi wayafeba. **9** Ngenxa yokuthi ububi buka-Israyeli ngobuso babo nje; kodwa nxa sebehlupeka bathi, babungatsho lutho kuye, wangcolisa ilizwe wakhonza ‘Woza usihlenge.’ **28** Pho bangaphi onkulunkulu amatshe lezihlahla. **10** Kukho konke lokhu, udadewabo elazenzela bona? Kabeze nxa bengakuhlenga ongathembekanga ujuda kabuyelanga kimi ngenhliziyo lapho usuphakathi kokuhlupheka! Ngoba wena yakhe yonke, kodwa ngokuzenzisa nje kuphela,” Juda ulabonkulunkulu abanengi njengobunengi kutsho uThixo. **11** UThixo wathi kimi, “U-Israyeli bamadolobho akho. **29** Kungani lingethesa umlandu? ongathembekanga ungcono kuloJuda ongelaqiniso. Lonke lingihlamukele,” kutsho uThixo. **30** “Ukubajezisa **12** Hamba, uyememezela ilizwi leli ngasenyakatho: kwami abantu bakho kwaba yize; kabavuvumanga ‘Phenduka Israyeli ongathembekanga,’ kutsho uThixo, ukuqondiswa. Inkemba yakho isibatshwabadele ‘Kangisayikukuhwagaela futhi, ngoba ngilesihawu,’ abaphrofethi bakho njengesilwane esiphangayo. **31** kutsho uThixo. ‘Kangiyikuthukuthela kuphela. Wena owalesisizukulwane, khumbula ilizwi likaThixo: **13** Vuma icala lakho nje kuphela, wahlamukela Ngibe ngiyinkangala ku-Israyeli kumbe ilizwe uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho, uzihlakazelele lomnyama omkhulu na? Kungani abantu bami kubonkulunkulu bezziwensi ngaphansi kwezihlahlha besithi, ‘Sikhululekile ukuba sizulazule; kasiyikuza zonke eziluhlaza, njalo kawaze wangilalela,’” kutsho kuwe futhi? **32** Intombi ingazikhohlwa iziceciso uThixo. **14** “Phendukani, bantu abangathembekanga,” zayo na, lomlobokazi akhohlwae izembatho zakhe kutsho uThixo, “ngoba ngingumyeni wenu. na? Kodwa abantu bami bangikhohliwe, okwensuku ezingeke zibalwe. **33** Yeka ukuhlakanipha kwakho kalyikufika emicabangweni yabo kumbe likhunjulwe; ‘Kangilacala; kangithukuthelelanga.’ Kodwa mina kalyikudingakala, njalo akuyikwensiwa elinye futhi. ngizakwahlulela, ngoba uthi, ‘Angonanga.’ **36** Kungani **15** Lapho-ke ngizalnikha abelusi abathandwa yimi, abazalikhkhela ngokwazi langokuqedisisa. **16** Ngalezonksu, ubunengi benu sebande kakhulu elizwensi,” kutsho uThixo, “abantu abangelacala lanxa ungababambanga befohlela kabasayikuthi, ‘Ibhokisi lesivumelwano sikaThixo.’ phakathi. Kodwa kukho konke lokhu **35** uthi, Kaliyikufika emicabangweni yabo kumbe likhunjulwe; ‘Kangilacala; kangithukuthelelanga.’ Kodwa mina kalyikudingakala, njalo akuyikwensiwa elinye futhi. ngizakwahlulela, ngoba uthi, ‘Angonanga.’ **36** Kungani **17** Ngalesosikhathi ijerusalema basalibiza ngokuthi yisiHalo Sobukhosu sikaThixo, njalo izizwe zonke zizabuthana ejerusalema ukuba zihloniphe ibizo likaThixo. Kabasayikulandela inkani yezinhliziyo zabo ezimbi. **18** Ngalezonksu indlu kajuda izahlangana leka-Israyeli, njalo ndawonye, zivelia elizwensi elisenyakatho, zizakuza elizwensi engalinika okhokho benu ukuba libe yilifa labo. **19** Mina ngokwami ngathi, ‘Kade ngingathaba kakhulu ukuliphatha njengamadodana, ngilinike ilizwe elifunekayo, ilifa elihle kakhulu ezizwensi zonke.’ Bengicabanga ukuthi lizangibiza ngokuthi ‘Baba’ njalo lingaphambuki ekungilandeleni. **20** Kodwa njengowesifazane ongathembekanga kumkakhe, ubungathembekanga kimi wena ndlu ka-Israyeli,” kutsho uThixo. **21** Ilizwi liyezwakala emiqolweni elugwadule, ukukhala lokuncenga kwabantu bako-Israyeli, ngoba izindlela zabo bazonile bakhohlwa loThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **22** “Phendukani, bantu abangathembekanga, ngizalelapha ukungathembeki kwenu.” “Yebo, sizakuza kuwe, ngoba

**3** “Indoda ingehlukana lomkayo ayitshiye endele kwene indoda, kufanele imbuise futhi na? Kambe ilizwe lingeke langcolisya kakhulukazi na? Kodwa wena usuphile njengesifebe esilezithandwa ezinengi, kambe khathesi ungabayela kimi na?” kutsho uThixo. **2** “Khangelia emiqolweni elugwadule ubone. Kungaphi lapho ongazange udlwangululwe khona? Emigwaqweni wahlala ulindele izithandwa, wahlala njengomhambuma enkangala. Ulingcolisile ilizwe ngobufabe bakho langobubi bakho. **3** Ngalokho imikhizo imisiwe, lezulu lentwasa kalinanga. Ikanti wena uziphethe okwesifebe, awulanloni. **4** Kawungibizanga khathesi nje wathi, ‘Baba, mngane wami kusukela ebutsheni bami, **5** uzahlala

unguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu. **23** Impela umsindo wokukhonza izithombe emaqaqeni lasezintabeni uyinkohliso, ngempela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu kulensindiso ka-Israyeli. **24** Kusukela ebutsheni bethu onkulunkulu abalihlazo badlile izithelo zamandla abobaba, imihlambi yezimu zabo leyezinkomo zabo, amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo. **25** Kasilaleni phansi silenhloni, siphathwe lihlazo lethu. Ngoba sonile kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, thina sonke kanye labokhokho bethu; kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube lamhla, kasimlalelanga uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.”

**4** “Nxa uphenduka, wena Israyeli, buyela kimi,” kutsho uThixo. “Ungasusa phambi kwami izithombe zakho ezenyanyekayo ungabe usaphambuka futhi, **2** njalo nxa uzafunga ngobuqotho, ngokulunga langokuqonda, uthi, ‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona,’ ngakho izizwe uzazibusa ziziqhene ngaye.” **3** Ebantwini bakoJuda labeJerusalem uThixo uthi: “Qhathani ingqatho yenu, lingahlanyeli phakathi kwameva. **4** Zisokeleni kuThixo, lisoke inhliziyo zenu, lina bantu bakoJuda lani bantu baseJerusalem, hlez ulaka lwami luvuthe njengomililo ngenxa yobubi elibenziyelo, lutshise kungekho muntu ongalucitsha.” **5** “Bikani kojudu limemezele laseJerusalem lithi: ‘Tshayani icilongo elizweni lonke! Klabalalani lithi, ‘Buthanani ndawonyel Kasibalekeleni emadolobheni avikelweyol! **6** Phakamisani uphawu lokuya eZiyoni! Balekelani ekusileni ngokuphangisa! Ngoba ngiletha umonakalo ovela enyakatho, lencithakalo embi kakhulu.’ **7** Isilwane sesiphumile esikhundleni saso, umchithi wezizwe usephumile. Usesukile endaweni yakhe ukuba achithe ilizwe lenu. Amadolobho enu azakuba ngamanxiwa engelamuntu ohlala kuwo. **8** Ngakho gqokani amasaka, khalani lilile, ngoba ulaka lukaThixo olwesabekayo kalususwanga kithi. **9** UThixo uthi, “Ngalolosuku inkosi lezikhulu bazaphellelwu lithemba, abapristi bazathuthumela, abaprofethi bazakwesaba.” **10** Lapho-ke mina ngathi, “Awu, Thixo Wobukhosu, ubakhohlisile sibili abantu laba kanye lejerusalem ngokuthi, ‘Lizakuba lokuthula,’ inkemba yona isemiphinjeni yethu!” **11** Ngalesosikhathi abantu laba lejerusalem kuzathiwa kubo, “Umoya otshisayo ovela enkangala emiqolweni elugwadule uvunguza usiya ebantwini bami, kodwa kungayisikwela kumbe ukuhlungula, **12** umoya olamandla kakhulu uvela kimi. Khathesi-ke sengimemezela ukwahlulela kwami kubo.” **13** Khangel! Uyea njengamayeye, izinqola zakhe zempi zibuya njengesivunguzane, amabhiza akhe alesiqubu esedlula esengqungqulu. Maye! Sesiphelile! **14** We Jerusalem, geza ububi obusenhliziywani yakho usindiswe. Koze kuge nini ugcinne imicabango emibi na? **15** Ilizwi elivelu koDani liyamemeza, libika umonakalo ovela emaqaqeni ako-Efrayimi **16** Izizwe zitshele lokhu, ukubike laseJerusalem, “Ibutho elivimbezelayo liyeza livela elizweni elikhatshana, limemezelu umkhosi wempi emadolobheni akoJuda. **17** Balihanqile njengabantu abalinda insimu, ngoba langihlamukela,” kutsho uThixo. **18** “Ukuziphatha kwakho lezenzo zakho kwehlisele lokhu phezu kwakho. Lesi yisijeziso sakho. Sibuhlungu kakhulu! Sihlabu enhliziyweleni!” **19** Maye, ngobuhlungu, ubuhlungu engibuzwayo. Ngiyazitshila ngenxa yobuhlungu. Maye, ngokufuthelwa kwenhliziyo yami! Inhliziyo yami iyatshaya ngaphakathi kwami, adiliziwe, lamakhetheni ami ngomzuzwana nje. **21** Koze kuge nini ngibona uphawu lwempi ngisizwa lokukhala kwecilongona? **22** “Abantu bami bayiziwula, kabangazi. Bangabantwana abangangelqondo, kabalakho ukuqedisisa. Bahllakaniphele ukwenza okubi, kabakwazi ukwenza okulungileyo.” **23** Ngakhangela umhlabu, wawungelasimo njalo ungelalutho; lasemazulwini, ukukhanya kwawo kwakungasekho. **24** Ngakhangela ezintabeni, zazinyikinyeka, lamaqaqa wonke ayezunguzeka. **25** Ngakhangela, kwakungelabantu, izinyoni zonke zasezisukile emkhathini. **26** Ngakhangela, ilizwe elithelayo laseliyinkangala, amadolobho alo wonke ayesengamanxiwa phambi kukaThixo, phambi kolaka lwakhe olwesabekayo. **27** UThixo uthi: “Ilizwe lonke lizachitheka lanxa ngingayikulitshabalala ngokupheleleyo. **28** Ngakho umhlabu uzalila iphezulu libe myama, ngoba sengikhulumile njalo angiyikuyekethisa, sengenze isinqumo angiyikubuyela emuva.” **29** Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wabagadi bamabhiza labemitshoko amadolobho wonke ayabaleka. Abanye bangena ezixukwini, abanye bakhwele emadwaleni. Amadolobho wonke atshiyiwe, akulamuntu ohlala kuwo. **30** Wenzani na, wena ohlutshwe kakhulu? Kungani uqqoka okubomvu gebhu ufaka leziggoko zegolide na? Kungani ucomba amehlo akho ngomphendulo na? Uzicecisela ize. Izithandwa zakho ziyakweyisa, zifuna ukukubulala. **31** Ngizwa ukukhala okunjengokowesifazane ohelelwayo, ukububula okufana lozuza umntwana wakhe wakuqala, ukukhala kweNdodakazi yaseZiyoni ikhefuzela, yelule izandla zayo isithi, “Maye minal Amandla ami asephela, ukuphila kwami sekunikelwe kubabulali.”

**5** “Yehla ukhwele ngemigwaqo yaseJerusalem, ukhangele emaceleni wonke, ucabange, uhlolisise wonke amagecke ayo. Nxa ungathola umuntu oyedwa nje oqhuba ngobuqotho efuna iquiniso, ngizalithethelala idolobho leli. **2** Lanxa nje besithi, ‘Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona,’ bajinge befunga amanga.” **3** Awu Thixo, amehlo akho kawadingi qiniso na? Wabatshaya, kodwa kabezwanga buhlungu, wabahlfiza, kodwa bala ukujondiswa. Benza ubuso babo baba lukhuni kulamatshe, bala ukuphenduka. **4** Ngacabanga ngathi, “Laba ngabayanga nje, bayizithutha, ngoba indlela kaThixo kabayazi, lemilayo kaNkulunkulu wabo. **5** Ngakho-ke ngizakuya kubakhokheli ngikhulume labo, ngeqiniso indlela kaThixo bayazzi, lemilayo kaNkulunkulu wabo.” Kodwa nganhliziyonye labo balephula ijogwe baqamula

lezibopho. **6** Ngakho isilwane esivela ehlathini njengabantu abathiya izinyoni, lanjengalabo abathiya sizabahlasela, lempisi evela enkangala ibadlwengule, imijibila yokubamba abantu. **27** Njengezitsha ezigcwele ingwe izabacathomela eduze lamadolobho abo izinyoni, izindlu zabo zigcwele inkohliso; sebenothile ukudabudabula loba ngubani ophumayo, ngoba njalo sebelamandla **28** sebezimukile njalo babancwaba. Izenzo zabo ezimbi kazilamkhawulo, kabakudingi izipambeko zabo zinkulu, lokuhlehlela kwabo ukulunga. Izintandane kabazikhulumeli ukuba zingobe, emuva kunengi. **7** “Ngingalithethelena ngenxa amalungelo abayanga kabawavikeli. **29** Akumelanga yani na? Abantwana benu bangidelile, bafunga ngabonkulunkulu abangasibonkulunkulu, ngabanika konke abakuswelayo, kodwa bona bafebaminyana ezindlini zezifebe. **8** Bangamabhiza amaduna asuthayo, agcwele inkantu, omunye lumonye ekhalela umfazi wenyen indoda. **9** Ngingabajezi kulokhu na?” kutsho uThixo. “Ngingaphindiseli esizweni esinjengalesi na? **10** Ngenani lidabule phakathi kwezivini zaso lizidlwengule, kodwa lingazitshabalalisi ngokupheleleyo. Phundlani ingatsha zalo, ngoba abantu laba kabasibo bakaThixo. **11** Indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kajuda kazithembekanga impela kimi,” kutsho uThixo. **12** Baqambe amanga ngoThixo bathi, “Kasoze enze lutho! Akulabubi obuzasehlela, kasiyikubona impi loba indlala. **13** Abaphrofethi bangumoya nje, lelizwi kalikho kubo, ngakho abakutshoyo kakwensiwe kubo.” **14** Ngakho-ke uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla uthi: “Njengoba abantu sebekhulume amazwi la, ngizakwenza amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho abe ngumlilo labantu laba babe zinkuni oziqothulayo.” **15** UThixo uthi, “Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ngizaletha isizwe esivela khatshana ukuba sikuhlasele, isizwe esidala esiqinileyo, isizwe ulimi lwaso ongalwaziyo, lenkulumo yaso ongayizwayo. **16** Imixhaka yaso ifana lengwaba elivulekileyo, bonke bangamabutho alamandla. **17** Bazatshwabadelu amabele enu lokudla kwenu, batshwabadele amadodana enu kanye lamadodakazi enu, bazatshwabadelu izimvu zenu kanye lenkomozenu, bazatshwabadelu amavini enu kanye lemikhiwayenu. Amadolobho avikelweyo eliwathembileyo bazawachitha ngenkemba. **18** Ikanti langalezozinsuku,” kutsho uThixo, “angiyikulqedu du. **19** Lapho abantu bebuza besithi, ‘Kungani uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu enze konke lokhu kithi?’ Batshele uthi, ‘Njengoba lingilahile lakkhonza onkulunkulu beziweneri elizweni lenu, ngokunjalo khathesi lizasebenzala abezizweni elizweni elingayisilo lenu.’ **20** Memezela lokhu endlini kajakhobe njalo ukubike lakoJuda uthi: **21** Zwanini lokhu, lina zithutha zabantu abanglangqondo, abalamehlo kodwa kababoni, abalezindlebe kodwa kabeza: **22** Akumelanga lingesabe na?” kutsho uThixo. “Kaliyikuthuthumela phambi kwami na? Ngenza itshebetshebe laba ngumngcele wolwandle umkhawulo wanini lanini olungeke luweqe. Amagagasi angavinqoza, kodwa awangeke edlule, angahlokoma, kodwa awangeke aweqe. **23** Kodwa abantu laba balezhinlizyo ezelukhuni ezihlamukayo, baphambukile, balahleka. **24** Kabatsho ezinhilizyeni zabo ukuthi, ‘Kasimesabeni uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, onisa izulu ngesikhathi salo ekwindla lentwasa, osithembisa amaviki amisewle ukuvuna.’ **25** Ukona kwenu kukuvimbele lokhu, izono zenu zilemuka okuhle. **26** Phakathi kwabantu bami kulabantu ababi abacathama njengabantu abathiya izinyoni, lanjengalabo abathiya izinyoni, izindlu zabo zigcwele inkohliso; sebenothile njalo sebelamandla **28** sebezimukile njalo babancwaba. Izenzo zabo ezimbi kazilamkhawulo, kabakudingi eyesabekayo leyethusayo isiyenZakele kuleliliwe: **31** Abaphrofethi baphrofitha amanga, abaphristi babusa ngamandala abo, labantu bami bakuthanda kunjalo. Kodu lizakwenzani ekucineni?”

**6** “Balekani ukuze liphephe, bantu bakoBhenjamini! Balekani ejerusalem! Tshayani icilongo eThekhowa! Phakamisani uphawu phezu kweBhethi-Hakheremi. Ngoba umonakalo uyabonakala ngasenyakatho, kanye lencithakalo eyesabekayo. **2** Indodakazi yaseZiyoni enhle kangaka lebucayi ngizayibhubhisa. **3** Abelusi lemihlambi yabo bazakuza bamelane layo; bazamisa amatenthabo eyihanqile, lovo lalowo elinde indawo yakhe.” **4** “Lungelani ukulwa layo! Vukani, kasihlaseleni emini! Kodwa, habe, ukukhanya sekufiphala, lamathunzi okuhlwa asesiba made. **5** Ngakho vukani, kasihlaseleni ebususu sidilize izingaba zayo!” **6** UThixo uSomandla uthi: “Gamulanii izihlahla liziwise lakhe imiduli yokuvimbezela ijerusalem. Idolobho leli kumele lijieziswe, ligcwele ukuncindezela. **7** Njengomthombo ugobhoza amanzi awo, ngokunjalo lalo ligobhoza ububi balo. Udlakela lokubhubhisa kuyezwakala phakathi kwalo, umkhuhlane walo lamanxeba ngihlezi ngikukhangele. **8** Xwayiseka, we Jerusalema, hlezzi ngikutshiye, lelizwe lakho ngilichithe, kungabi lomuntu ohlala kulo.” **9** UThixo uSomandla uthi: “Kababuthe izinsalela zakos-Israyeli ngokupheleleyo njengevini, dluisa futhi isandla sakho phezu kwezingatsha, njengomuntu ovuna amavini.” **10** Ngubani engingakhulumaya laye ngimxwayise na? Ngubani ozangilalela na? Indlebe zabo zivalakile ngakho abangeke bezwe. Iliziwi likaThixo liyisinengiso kubo. Kabafumanin tokozo kulo. **11** Kodwa mina ngiyafuthelana ngolaka lukaThixo, ngingeke ngibe ngisalugodla ngaphakathi. “Lwehlisele phezu kwabantwana emgwaqweni laphezu kwamajaha abuthene ndawonye, bobabili indoda lomkayo luzabehlela, kanye labadala, labo abakhulelwayiminyaka. **12** Izindlu zabo zizanikwa abanye, konke lamasimu abo kanye labafazi babo, lapho ngiselula isandla sami ngimelana lalabo abahlala elizweni,” kutsho uThixo. **13** “Kusukela kwabancane kusiya kwabakhulu, bonke bayizihwaba ezfuna inzuzu, banjalo abaphrofethi kanye labaphristi, bonke benzira inkohliso. **14** Babopha inxeba labantu bami kungathi kalilibi kakhulu. Bathi, ‘Ukuthula, ukuthula,’ khona ukuthula kungekho. **15** Bayayangeka na ngokuziphatha kwabo okwonyanyekayo? Hatshi, bavele kabalazo inhloni lokuyangeka kabawkazi. Ngakho bazawela phakathi kwabawileyo, bazakweliiselwa

phansi lapho sengibajezisa," kutsho uThixo. **16** ngelabo kuze kube nini lanini. **8** Kodwa khangelani, lina UThixo, uthi: "Manini emahlanganweni emigwaqo lithemba amazwi akhohlisayo angasizi lutho. **9** Kambe likhangele, libuze izindledlana ezindala, libuze lapho lizantshontsha njalo libulale, lifebe, lifunge amanga, okulendlela enhle khona, lihambe ngayo, lizathola litshisele uBhali impepha njalo lilandele abanye ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu. Kodwa lina onkulunkulu elingakaze libazi, **10** beselisizakuma lith, 'Kasiyikuhamba ngayo.' **17** Ngalibekela abantu phambi kwami kuyonale indlu, eleBizo lami, lithi, bokullinda ngathi, 'Lalelani ukukhala kweclongol' "Sivikelekile," livikeleka ukuba lenze zonke lezizinto Kodwa lina lathi, 'Kasiyikulalela.' **18** Ngakho zwanini, ezenyanyekayo na? **11** Indlu le, eleBizo lami, seyaba lina zizwe, khangelani, lina elingofakazi, libone lubhalu lwabhangi na? Kodwa kade ngikhangele! okuzakwenzakala kubo. **19** Zwana, wena mhlaba, kutsho uThixo. **12** Hambari khathesi endaweni ngiletha umonakalo phezu kwabantu laba, izithelo yami eShilo lapho engenza khona kuqala indawo zamaqhinga abo, ngoba kabawalalelanga amazwi yokuhlala iBizo lami, libone engakwenza kuyo ngenxa ami njalo bawalile lomthetho wami. **20** Ngilani yobubi babantu bami bako-Israyeli. **13** UThixo uthi, lempepha yaseShebha loba imfe evela elizweni kwathi lapho lisenza lezizinto, mina ngakhulumka elikude na? Iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa kayamukeleki, lani futhifuthi, kodwa kalingilalelanga, ngalibiza, imihlatshelo yenu kayingithokozisi." **21** Ngakho uThixo kalaze lasabela. **14** Ngakho-ke, lokho engakwenza uthi: "Ngizabeka imigoqo phambi kwalabantu. eShilo khathesi ngizakwenza kule indlu eleBizo Abazali labantwana bazakhubeka kuyo, omakhelwane lami, ithempeli elilithembileyo, indawo engalinika labangane bazabhuba." **22** UThixo uthi: "Khangelani, yona lina kanye labokhokho benu. **15** Ngizalixotsha ibutho liyeza livela elizweni lasenyakatho, isizwe phambi kwami, njengalokho engakwenza abafowenu esikhulu siyadungwa kusukela emikhawulweni bonke, abantu bako-Efrayimi." **16** Ngakho abantu laba yomhlaba. **23** Bahlome ngamadandili langemikhonto, ungapakhulekeli loba ubakhulumele kumbe ubenzele balesihluku kabalasihawu. Bezwakala njengolwandle isicelo; ungangincengi ngoba angiyikukulalela. **17** oluhlokomayo lapho begade amabhiza abo, beza Abakwenzayo emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni njengabantu abalunglele impi ukuba bakuhlasele, wena yaseJerusalem kawukuboni na? **18** Abantwana Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni." **24** Sesizwe imibiko ngabo, njalo batheza inkuni, oyise babasa imililo, labesifazane izandla zethu zilenga zingelamandla. Usizi lusibamble, baxova inhlama benzele iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo. **25** isinkw. Bathelela abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo Lingayi phandle egangen, loba lihambe emigwaqweni, yokunathwayo ukuba bangithukuthelise. **19** Kodwa yimi ngoba isitha silenkemba, njalo silencithakalo emaceleni abangithukuthelisayo na? kutsho uThixo. Kabazilimazi wonke. **26** Awu bantu bami, gqokani amasaka, bona ngokwabo na, okulihlazo kubo? **20** 'Ngakho lizibhuqe emlotheni, khalani lilile kabuhlungs uThixo Wobukhosu uthi: Ukuthukuthela kwami lolaka njengokwendodana eyiyo yodwa, ngoba masinyane lawaii kuzakwehliselwa kule indawo, phezu kwabantu nje umchithi uzafika kithi. **27** "Ngikwenze umhloli lasezinyamazaneni, phezu kwezihlahlha zeganga wezinsimbi labantu bami babayilitshe elixubene laphezu kwezithelo zomhlabathi; njalo kuzakutsha lensimbi ukuba ukhangele ubone ube usuhlola izindlela zabo. **28** Bonke bangabahlamuki abalukhuni, abahamba behleba. Balithusi lensimbi, bonke benza ukuxhwala. **29** Imvutho ivutha okwesabekayo incibilikisa ummusu ngokutshisa komlilo kodwa ukucenga kuqhubeka kuyize, ababi kabakutshwanga. **30** Kuthiwa bayisiliva esilahliewyo, ngoba uThixo usebalahlile."

**7** Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lisithi: **2** "Mana esangweni lendlu kaThixo umemezele ilizwi leli ukhonapho uthi: 'Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lonke lina bantu bakoJuda abangena ngala amasango ukuzakhonza uThixo. **3** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Lungisani izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu, ukuze ngilivumele ukuba lihlale kule indawo. **4** Lingathembi amazwi akhohlisayo lithi, 'Leli lithempeli likaThixo, ithempeli likaThixo, ithempeli likaThixo!' **5** Lingalungisa izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu sibili liphathane ngokulunga, **6** nxa lingancidezelu oewezizweni, izintandane loba umfelokazi njalo lingachithi gazi elingelacala kule indawo, njalo nxa lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu okuzalilimaza, **7** ngizalivumela ukuba lihlale kule indawo, elizweni engalinika okhokho benu ukuba libe

ngokutshiswa lemilatshelo, **23** kodwa ngabanika umlayo lo othi: Ngilalelani, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu lina libe ngabantu bami. Hambari ngezindlela zonke engililaye zona, ukuze kulilungele. **24** Kodwa kabazange balalele kumbe banake; esikhundleni salokho, bona balandela inkani yentando yezinhliyizo zabo ezimbi. Baya emuva hatshi phambili. **25** Kusukela ngesikhathi okhokho benu besuka eGibhithe kuze kuge khathesi, usuku ngosuku, njalonjalo ngalithumela izinceku zami abaphrofethi. **26** Kodwa kabangilalelanga kumbe banake. Babelentamo ezilukhuni njalo benza ububi obudlula obabokhokho babo." **27** Lapho ubatshela konke lokhu, kabayikukulalela; lalapho ubabiza, kabayikusabela. **28** Ngakho batshele uthi, 'Lesi yisizwe esingalalelanga uThixo uNkulunkulu waso kumbe sivume ukuqondiswa. Iqiniso selfile; kalisekho ezindebeni zabo. **29** Gelani inwele zenu lizilahlele khatshana; lenze isililo emiqolweni elugadule,

ngoba uThixo usesalile wasidela isizukulwane lesi phansi lapho sebejeziswa, kutsho uThixo. **13** esingaphanasi kolaka lwakhe.” **30** “Abantu bakoJuda Ngizabemuka isivuno sabo, kutsho uThixo. Akuyikuba benze ububi phambi kwami, kutsho uThixo. Bamise lezithelo ezivinini zabo. Akuyikuba lezithelo zomkhiwa izithombe zabo ezenyanyekayo endlini eleBizo lami esihlahleni, lamahlamvu aso azabuna. Engibanike balingcolisa. **31** Sebakhe izindawo eziphakemeyo khona kuzathathwa kubo.” **14** Pho sihlaleleni lapha? zaseThofethi esigodini saseBheni-Hinomu ukuba Buthanini! Kasibalekeleni emadolobheni avikelweyo batshiеле khona amadodana lamadodakazi abo ngomilo, into engingabalayanga yona, engazange ifike engqondweni yami. **32** Ngakho qaphelani, insuku ziyeza, kutsho uThixo, lapho abantu bengayikuyithi yiThofethi kumbe iSigodi saseBheni-Hinomu, kodwa iSigodi sokuBulala, ngoba abafileyo bazabangcwaba eThofethi kuze kusweleke indawo. **33** Lapho-ke izidumbu zabantu laba zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zomhlaba, njalo akuyikuba lomuntu ozazethusa. **34** Ngizaqedu imisindo yokuthokoza leyenjabulo emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalem, lokuthaba lelizwi lomlobokazi lelomyeni, ngoba ilizwe lizachitheka.”

**8** “Ngalesosikhathi, kutsho uThixo, amathambo amakhosi akoJuda lawezikhulu zakhona, amathambo abaphristi lawabaphrofethi, kanye lamathambo abantu basejerusalem azakhutshwa emangwabeni awo. **2** Azachaywa elangeni lasenyangeni lakuzo zonke izinkanyezi zasemazulwini, abakuthandayo bakukhonza njalo abakulandelayo bakubuza bakudumisa. Kawayikubuthwa loba angcwatshwe, kodwa azakuba njengezibi phezu komhlabathi. **3** Loba kungaphi engibaxotshela khona, bonke abasilayo balesisizwe esibi bazakhetha ukufa kulokuphila, kutsho uThixo uSomandla.” **4** “Wothi kubo, ‘UTHixo uthi: Abantu bangawa, kabavuki na? Omunye angaphambuka, kaphenduki na? **5** Pho kungani abantu laba bedukile? Kungani ijerusalema lihlala lisedula? Bayanamatheha enkohlisweni, bayala ukuphenduka. **6** Ngilalelo ngesineke, kodwa kabatsho okulungileyo. Kakho ophenduka ebubini bakhe, esithi, “Kuyini engikwenzileyo na?” Yilovo lalowo ulandela indlela yakhe njengebhiza lizithela empini. **7** Lengabuzane emoyeni liyazazi izikhathi zalo zomnyaka, lejuba, lenkonjane lohemu kuyasicina isikhathi sakho sokuthutha. Kodwa abantu bami kabkwazi okufunwa nguThixo. **8** Lingatscho kanjani ukuthi, “Sihlakaniphile, ngoba silomthetho kaThixo,” lona iqiniso kuyikuthi amanga alotshwe ngosiba lwababhali asenze umthetho wangabi liqiniso? **9** Abahlakaniphileyo bazayangiswa, bazakwesaba bathiyeke. Njengoba belalile ilizwi likaThixo, balenhlaniphile bani na? **10** Ngakho abafazi babo ngizabapha amanye amadoda lamasimu abo abe ngawabanye abatsha. Kusukela kwabancane kusiya kwabakhulu, bonke bayizihwaba ezifuna inzuko, banjalo abaphrofethi kanye labaphristi, bonke benzwa inkohliso. **11** Babophia irxeba labantu bami kungathi kalilibi kakhulu. Bathi, “Ukuthula, ukuthula,” khona ukuthula kungekho. **12** Kambe bayayangeka na ngokuziphatha kwabo okunengisayo? Hatshi, bavele kabala zo inhloni, lokuyangeka kabkwazi. Ngakho bazawela phakathi kwabawileyo, bazakwehliselwa

**9** Awu, sengathi ngabe ikhanda lami lingumthombo wamanzi, lamehlo ami angumthombo wezinyembezi! Kade ngizakhala emini lebusuku ngikhalela abantu bami ababuleweyo. **2** Awu, sengathi ngabe enkangala ngilendawo engahlala izihambi, ukuba ngisuke eabantwini bami ngisuke kubo, ngoba bonke bayizifibe, ixuku labantu abangathembekanga. **3** “Benza izindimi zabo zilunge njengesavutha ukuba batshoke amanga, ukuthi bayanqoba elizweni akusikho ngeqiniso. Basuka kokunye ukona baye kokunye; kabangamukeli,” kutsho uThixo. **4** “Qaphela abangane bakho, ungabathembi abafowenu. Ngoba wonke umfowenu ungumkholisi, njalo wonke umngane umgumhlebi. **5** Umngane ukhohlika umngane, njalo kakho okhuluma iqiniso. Sebafundisa izindimi zabo ukuqamba amanga, bayazidinisa ngokona. **6** Lihlala phakathi kwenkohliso, ngenkohliso yabo bayala ukungamukela,” kutsho uThixo. **7** Ngakho uThixo uSomandla uthi: “Khangelani, ngizabacolisa ngibahole, ngoba kuyini okunye engingakwenza ngenxa yesono sabantu bami? **8** Ulimi lwabo lungumtshoko olobuthi, lukhuluma inkohliso. Lowo lalowo ukhuluma kuhle kubomakhelwane bakhe, kodwa enhliziyweni zabo bebatyiha ngemijibila. **9** Kakufanele ngibajezisele lokhu na?” kubuza uThixo. “Kakufanele ngiphindisele esizweni esinjengalesi na?” **10** Ngizakhala ngililele izintabu ngibuye ngililele lamadlelo asenkangala. Atshabalele njalo kakho ohambela kuwo, lokubhonsa kwezinkomo akuzwakali.

Izinyoni zasemoyeni sezibalekile, lezinyamazana ngoba azingeke zihambe. Lingazesabi, azingeke kazisekho. **11** “Ijeruselema ngizalenza libe yinqumbi zenze okubi, lokuhle azingeke zikwenze.” **6** Kakho yonxiwa, isikhundla samakhanka, njalo ngizawadiliza ofana lawe, wena Thixo, wena umkhulu, lebizo amadolobho akoJuda ukuze kungabikhona ohlala lakho lilamandla amakhulu. **7** Ngubani ongeke kuwo.” **12** Nguphi umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ukuba akwesabe, wena Nkosi yezzizwe? Lokhu kukufanele. akuzwisiše lokhu? Ngubani ofundiswe nguThixo Phakathi kwabantu bonke abahlakaniphileyo bezizwe ongakuchaza? Kungani ilizwe litshabalaliwi lakyuo yonke imibuso yabo, kakho onjengawe. **8** lachithwa njengenkangala ukuze kungadluli muntu Bonke kabalangqondo njalo bayizithutha, bafundiswa kulo? **13** UThixo wathi, “Kungenxa yokuthi sebelahle yizithombe zezigodo eziyize. **9** Isiliva esikhandiweyo umthetho wami engababekela wona; kabangilalelanga, siyalethwa sivelia eThashishi legolide livela e-lomthetho wami kabawulandela. **14** Esikhundleni Ufazi. Okwenziye yingcwethi lomkhandi wegolide salokho, bona balandele ubulukhuni bezhinlizyo zabo; kugqokiswa okuluhlaza lokuyibubende, njalo konke balandele oBhali, njengokufundiswa kwabo ngoyise.” **15** Ngakho-ke, uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: “Khangelani, abantu laba ngizabadisa Lapho ethukuthele, umhlaba uyagedezela, izizwe ukudla okubabayo ngibanathise lamanzi alobuthi. azingeke zimelane lolaka lwakhe. **11** “Batshele **16** Ngizabahlakazela ezizweni bona kanye laboyise lokhu uthi, onkulunkulu laba, abangawenzanga abangazange bazazi, njalo ngizabalandela ngenkemba amazulu lomhlaba, bazabhubha emhlabeni langaphansi ngize ngibaqedo du.” **17** UThixo uSomandla uthi: “Cabangani khathesi! Bizani abesifazane abalilayo beze, ngamandla akhe, wamisa umhlaba ngokuhlanipha libize labo abalobuciko obumangalisayo. **18** Kabeze kwakhe, njalo wendlala lamazulu ngokuqedisisa ngokuphangisa, bazesililela amehlo ethu aze ehlise kwakhe. **19** Lapho evungama, amanzi asemazulwini inyembezi lempophoma zamanzu zigeleze, ziphuma ayahlokoma, wenza amayezi aphakame evela enkopheni zethu.” **19** Iliwi lokukhala liyewakala emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Uthumela umbane ulezulu livela eZiyoni: “Yeka kunganani ukuchithakala kwethu! njalo akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe. **14** Yeka ubukhula behlazo lethu! Kumele sisuke elizweni Abantu bonke kabalangqondo njalo kabalalwazi, lethu ngoba izindlu zethu zidiliziwe.” **20** Khathesi, wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yizithombe lina abesifazane, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, vulani zakhe. Izithombe zakhe azenzayo ziynkohliso, indlebe zenu lizwe amazwi omlomo wakhe. Fundisani kazilamphefumulo phakathi kwazo. **15** Ziyize, izinto amadodakazi enu ukulila, lifundisane amazwi okukhala. zenlekisa nje, lapho ukwahluelwa kwazo sekufikile, **21** Ukuva kuhwele kwangena ngamafastela ethu, njalo zizabhubha. **16** Lovo oyinXene ye kajakhobe kafani kungenile lasezingabeni zethu, sekususe abantwana lalaba, ngoba unguMenzi wezinto zonke, kubalwa emigwaqweni kanye lamajaha ezindaweni zikazulu. **22** lo-Israyeli, isizwe selifa lakhe, ibizo lakhe nguThixo Tshono uthi, uThixo uthi, “izidumbu zabafileyo zizalala uSomandla. **17** Qoqani impahla yenu ukuba lisuke njengezibi egangeni, njengamabele aqunywe ngemva elizweni, lina elihlezi livinjezelwe. **18** Ngoba uThixo kovunayo, okungekho ozawabutha.” **23** UThixo uthi: “Ngalesisikhathi ngizabaphosela phandle labo “Ohlakaniphileyo kangazincomi ngokuhlanipha abahlala kulelilizwe, ngizabehlisela usizi ukuze kwakhe, loba indoda elamandla izincome ngamandla bathunjwe.” **19** Maye mina ngenxa yokulimala ayo, loba indoda enothileyo izincome ngenotho yayo, kwami! Inxeba lami kalelaphekil Ikanti ngazitshela **24** kodwa lowo ozincomayo, kazincome ngokuthi ngathi, “Lo ngumkhuhlane wami, njalo kumele uyaqedisisa njalo uyangazi, ukuthi mina nginguThixo, ngivubukezele.” **20** Ithente lami lidiliziwe, izintambo osebenzisa umusa, imfanelo lokulunga emhlabeni, zalo zonke ziqumekile. Amadodana ami asukile kimi ngoba lezintzo ziyangithokozisa,” kutsho uThixo. **25** njalo kawasekho, kakho oseleyo ukuba angimisele UThixo uthi, “Insuza zyeza, lapho engizabajeza ithente lami, loba ongangilungiselana amakhetheni khona bonke abasoke enyameni kuhela, **26** iGibhithe, ami. **21** Abelusi kabalangqondo njalo kabambazi loJuda, lo-Edomi, lo-Amoni loMowabi labo bonke abahlala enkangala ezindaweni ezikhatshana. Ngoba izizwe zonke lezi kasisokanga, njalo lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli kayisokanga enhliziyeweni.”

**10** Zwana okutshiwo nguThixo kuwe, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli. **2** UThixo uthi: “Lingazifundi izindlela zeziwe kumbe ukwethuswa yizibonakaliso zasemkhathini, lanxa nje izizwe zisethuswa yizo. **3** Ngoba imikhuba yabantu iyize, bagamula isihlahla ehlathini, ingcwethi isibaze ngetshizela yayo. **4** Bayasicecisa ngesiliva langegolide, basibethele ngesando langezipikili ukuze singanyikinyeki. **5** Njengenzinto zokwethusa endimeni yamajodo, izithombe zabo azikhulumi, kumele zithwalwe

Kuzakwenza amadolobho akoJuda achitheke, abe yizikhundla zamakhanka. **23** Ngiyazi, Oh Thixo, ukuthi ukuphila komuntu akusikho kwakhe, umuntu akusikho kwakhe ukuthi aqondise izinyathelo zakhe. **24** Ngiqondise Thixo, kodwa kube ngokulunga, kungabi ngolaka lwakho, hlezi ungenze ngibe yize. **25** Yehlisela ulaka lwakho phezu kwezizwe ezingakwamukeliyo, phezu kwabantu abangakhuleki ebizwensi lakho. Ngoba bamdile uJakhobe, bamdile waphela bachitha lelizwe lakhe.

**11** Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lezithelo zaso; kasimsuseni elizweni labaphilayo, lisithi: **2** “Zwana izimiso zesivumelwano lesi uzuibeho abantu bakoJuda lalabo abahlala ejerusalem. **3** Batshele uthi uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Uqalekisiwe umuntu ongalandeli izimiso zesivumelwano lesi, **4** izimiso engalaya ngazo okhokho benu ekubakhupheni kwami eGibhithe, esasiyisithando sokuncibilikisa insimbi.’ Ngathi, ‘Lalelani ilizwi lami lenze konke engililaya khona, lizakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe ngenNkulunkulu wenu. **5** Lapho-ke ngizagcwaliswa isifungo sami engasifunga kubokhokho benu, ukubanika ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju,’ ilizwe elihlezi kulo khathesi.” Ngaphendula ngathi, “Akube njalo Thixo.” **6** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Memezela wonke amazwi la emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalem uthi: ‘Zwanini izimiso zesivumelwano lesi lizilandele. **7** Kusukela ekukhupheni kwami okhokho benu eGibhithe kuze kube lamhla, ngabalaya njalonjalo ngisithi, ‘Lalelani ilizwi lami.’ **8** Kodwa kabazange balalele kumbe banake; esikhundleni salokho, bona balandela inkani yezinhilizyo zabo ezimbi. Ngakho ngabehlisela zonke izithuko zesivumelwano engangibalaye ukuba basilandele kodwa kabaze basigcina.’” **9** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Kulokuhlamuka okukhona ebantwini bakoJuda lakulabo abahlala ejerusalem. **10** Sebebuyele ezonweni zabokhokho babo, abalayo ukulalela amazwi ami. Balande abanye onkulunkulu ukuba babakhonze. Indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kajuda, zombili zisephule isivumelwano engasenza labokhokho bazo. **11** Ngakho nanku akutshoyo uThixo: ‘Ngizabehlisela umonakalo abangeke baphephe kuwo. Lanxa sebekhala kimi kangiyikubalalela. **12** Amadolobho akoJuda labantu baseJerusalem bazakuyakhala kubonkulunkulu ababatshisela impepha, kodwa kabasoze babasize ngalutho lapho uhlupho selubehlela. **13** Wena Juda ubunengi babonkulunkulu bakho bunjengobamadolobho akho, njalo lama-alithare owakhele ukutshisela impepha kulowonkulunkulu olihlazo, uBhali, ubunengi bawo bunjengobemigwaqo yaseJerusalem.’ **14** Abantu laba ungabakhulekeli kumbe ubakhulumle loba ubacele, ngoba angiyikulalela lapho bekhalo kimi esikhathini sokuhlupheka kwabo. **15** Othandekayo wami wenzani ethempelini lami eceba amaqhinga amabi labanengi? Kambe inyama ebusisiweyo ingaphuthisa ukujeziswa kwakho na? Lapho uphatheka ngobubi bakho, uyajabula.” **16** UThixo wakubiza ngokuthi uyiishlahla se-oliva esihlumileyo esilezithelo ezinhle. Kodwa ngokuhlokoma kwesiphepho esikhulu uzasithungela ngomlilo, ingatsha zaso zephuke. **17** UThixo uSomandla, owakuhlanyelayo, usememezele umonakalo kuwe, ngoba indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kajuda zenze okubi zangithukuthelisa ngokutshisela uBhali impepha. **18** Ngenxa yokuthi uThixo waveza icebo labo kimi, ngalazi, ngoba ngalesosikhathi wangitshengisa ababekwenza. **19** Ngangifana lewundlu elithambileyo lisiwa ekuhlatshweni; ngangingazi ukuthi basebebumbwe icebo ngami, besithi, “Kasiqumeni isihlahla kanye lezithelo zaso; kasimsuseni elizweni labaphilayo, wena, Thixo Somandla, wena owahlulela ngokulunga njalo uhlola inhilizyo lengqondo, yenza ngibone ukuphindisela kwakho kubo, ngoba isisusa sami ngisinsikela kuwe. **21** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwu nguThixo mayelana labantu base-Anathothi abafuna ukukubulala besithi, “Ungaphrofethi ngebizo likaThixo funa sikubulale” **22** ngakho uThixo uSomandla uthi: “Ngizabajeza. Amajaha akibo azabulawa yinkemba, amadodana lamadodakazi abo abulawe yindlala. **23** Akuyikuba khona osalayo kubo, ngoba ngizaletha incithakalo ebantwini base-Anathothi ngomnyaka wokujeziswa kwabo.”

**12** Wena ulungle izikhathi zonke, Oh Thixo, lapho ngletha indaba kuwe. Ikanti ngingakkhuluma lawe ngokulunga kwakho: Kungani indlela yababi iphumelela na? Kungani abangathembekanga behlezi kuhle na? **2** Ubahlaneye, njalo sebemilile; bayakhula bathele izithelo. Bahlezi bekhuluma ngawe, kodwa ezhinhliziyeni zabo ukhatshana. **3** Kodwa mina, Oh Thixo, uyangazi; uyangibona uhlole imicabango yami ngawe. Bahudule njengezimu eziyahlatshwa! Bamisele usuku lokubulawa! **4** Koze kube nini ilizwe lomile lotshani iganga lonke bubunile? Ngenxa yokuthi labo abahlala kulo babi, izinyamazana lezinyoni sezibhubhile. Kanti futhi abantu bathi, “Kasoze akubone okwenzakala kithi.” **5** “Nxa ugijime labantu ngezinyawo bakudinisa, ungancintisana njani lamabhiza na? Nxa ukhubeka elizweni elingelangozi, pho uzakwanelisa njani ezixukwini zaseJodani na?” **6** Abafowenu, abendu yakwenu labo futhi bakunikele; baklabalale batsho okubi ngawe. Ungabathembi, lanxa bekhuluma kuhle ngawe. **7** Indlu yami ngizayitshiya, ngilidele ilifa lami; lowo engimthandayo ngizamnikela ezandleni zezitha zakhe. **8** Ilifa lami kimi selibe njengesilwane ehlathini. Liyangihwabhesa; ngakho ngiyalizonda. **9** Ilifa lami kimi kaselibe njengenyonu emabalabala edla inyama ehanqua negezinye izinyoni ezidila inyama, ziyihlasela na? Hamba ueyutha zonke izinyamazana zeganga; uzilethe ukuba zidle. **10** Abelusi abanengi bazasichitha isivini sami bagandele insimu yami; bazaguqula insimu yami enhle ibe lugwadule oluphundlekileyo. **11** Izakwenziwa uwgadule, yome iphundlekile phambi kwami; ilizwe lonke lizachithika ngoba kakho olinakayo. **12** Emiqolweni yonke engelalutho enkangala abachithi bazaphithizela, ngoba inkemba kaThixo izakudla kusukela komunye umkhawulo welizwe kusiya komunye; kakho ozavikeleka. **13** Bazahlanyela ingqoloyi kodwa bavune ameve; bazazidinisa kodwa bangazuzi lutho. Ngakho wobani lenhloni ngesivuno senu ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo lukaThixo.” **14** UThixo uthi: “Bonke omakhelwane bami ababi abathumba ilifa engalinika abantu bami bako-Israyeli, ngizabasusa emazweni abo ngisuse lendlu kajuda phakathi kwabo. **15** Kodwa emva kokubasusa kwami, ngizaphinda ngibe lesihawu ngibuyisese omunye lomunye wabe endaweni eyilifa lakhe elizweni lakhe. **16** Bangazifunda kuhle

izindlela zabantu bami njalo bafunge ngebizo lami besithi, 'Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ephila' lanxa nje bake bafundisa abantu bami ukufunga ngoBhali, bazahlalisa phakathi kwabantu bami. **17** Kodwa nxa isizwe singalaleli, ngizasisusa ngokupheleleyo ngisibhubhise," kutsho uThixo.

**13** UThixo wathi kimi: "Hamba uyethenga ibhanti lelineni ubophe ukhalo lwakho ngalo, kodwa lingathinti amanzi." **2** Ngakho ngathenga ibhanti, njengokulaya kukaThixo, ngabopha ukhalo lwami ngalo. **3** Ilizwi likaThixo labuya lafika kimi ngokwesibili lathi: **4** "Thatha ibhanti olithengileyo obophe ngalo ukhalo lwakho, uye eYufrathe, khathesi nje ulifile khona eminkenkeni yamatshe." **5** Ngakho ngahamba ngayalifihla eYufrathe, njengokutsho kukaThixo kimi. **6** Sekudlule insuku ezinengi uThixo wathi kimi, "Hamba khathesi eYufrathe uyethatha ibhanti engathi lifihle khona." **7** Ngakho ngaya eYufrathe ngagebha lapho engangifihle khona ibhanti, kodwa laselonakele impela lingaselasizo. **8** Laphoke kwafika ilizwi likaThixo kimi lisithi: **9** "UThixo uthi: 'Ngendlela efanayo ngizakuchitha ukuzigqaja kukaJuda lokuziggaja okukhulu kweJerusalem. **10** Lababantu abangalunganga, abalayo ukulalela amazwi ami, abalandela ubulukhuni bezinhliziyo zabo badinge abanye onkulunkulu ukuba babasebenze njalo babakhonze, bazakuba njengebhanti leli, bengelasizo loluncane! **11** Ngoba njengebhanti libopha ukhalo lomuntu, ngayibophela kanjalo kimi yonke indlu kaIsrayeli layo yonke indlu kajuda, kutsho uThixo, ukuba babengabantu bami ngenxa yodumo lwami, ukubongwa lokudunyiswa. Kodwa kabalaletanga.'" **12** Batshele uthi, 'UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, zonke izikhumba zewayini kumele zigcwaliswe ngewayini.' Bona bangathi kuwe, 'Kanti thina kasikwazi yini ukuthi izikhumba zonke kumele zigcwaliswe ngewayini?' **13** wena uthi kubo, 'UThixo uthi: Ngizabenza badakwe bonke abahlala kulelilizwe, kanye lamakhosi ahlala esihlalweni sobukhosu sikaDavid, abaphristi, abaphrofethi labo bonke abahlala ejerusalem. **14** Ngizabamahlaza omunye komunye, oyise lamadodana ngokufananayo, kutsho uThixo. Angiyikuumela isihawu loba umusa kumbe uwelo ukuba kungivimble ukubabhubhisa.'" **15** Zwanini lilalele, lingazigqaji, ngoba uThixo usekhulumile. **16** Dumisani uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu engakalethi ubumnyama, inyawo zenu zingakakhubei emaqaqeni asesembeswa yibumnyama. Lilindele ukukhanya, kodwa yena uzakwenza kube yibumnyama, akuphendule kube yibumnyama obesabekayo. **17** Kodwa nxa lingalaleli, ngizakhalela ensitha ngenxa yokuzigqaja kwenu; amehlo ami azalila kabuhlungu, ageleze inyembezi, ngoba umhlambi kaThixo uzathunjwa. **18** Tshono enkosini lasendlovukazini uthi, "Yehlanli ezhilalweni zenu zobukhosu lize phansi, ngoba imiqhele yenu emihle kakhulu izakuwa emakhanda enu." **19** Amadolobho aseNegebi azavalwa, njalo akuyikuba khona ozawavula. UJuda wonke uzathathwa asiwe ekuthunjweni, uzasiwa ekuthunjweni ngokupheleleyo. **20** Phakamisani amehlo

enu libone labo abavela enyakatho. Ungaphi umhlambi ababewugcinisiwe, izimvu elalizazisa ngazo na? **21** Lizakuthini lapho uThixo esebebeka phezu kwenu labo elabenza babangabangane benu abaqakathetkileyo na? Kalyikubanwa yibuhlungu obufana lobowesifazane ehelela na? **22** Njalo nxa uzibuza usithi, "Kungani lokhu kwenzakele kimi na?" Kungenxa yezonzo zakho ezinengi ukuthi izidwaba zakho zidatshulwe lomzimba wakho waphathwa kubi. **23** UmTopiya angaliguqula yini iwjabu lakhe loba ingwe iguqule amabala ayo na? Lani lingke lenze okuhle lina selajwayela ukwenza okubi. **24** "Ngizalihlakaza njengamakhoba ephetshulwa ngumoya wasenkangala. **25** Lokhu yikho okungokwenu, isabelo engilimisele sona," kutsho uThixo, "ngoba lingikhohliwe lathemba onkulunkulu bamanga. **26** Ngizaphekulela izidwaba zakho ebusweni bakho ukuba kubonakale ihlazo lakho, **27** ubufebe bakho lokububuliswa yisigwebo, ukufeba kwakho ungelanhloni! Ngizibonile izenzo zakho ezenyanyekayo phezu kwamaqaqa lasegangeni. Maye kuwe, wena Jerusalema! Koze kube nini ungahlambuluka na?"

**14** Leli yilizwi likaThixo elafika kujeremiya mayelana lokoma elizweni lisithi: **2** "UJuda uyalila, amadolobho akhe ayahlupheka; alilela ilizwe, njalo isililo siyaqonga sivela ejerusalem. **3** Izikhulu zithuma izinceku zazo ukuyafuna amanzi; ziya emithonjeni kodwa zifice amanzi engekho. Ziyabuyela lemiqomo yazo ingelalutho; zithithibele njalo zidanile, zemboze amakhanda azo. **4** Umhlabathi uqhekezekile ngoba akulazulu elizweni; abalimi bathithibele njalo bemboze amakhanda abo. **5** Lenyamazana ensikazi egangeni iyabalekela inkonyane layo elizelweyo ngoba akulatshani. **6** Obabhemi beganga bema emiqolweni elugwadule bakhefuzele njengamakhanka; amehlo abo asefiphele ngenxa yokuswela amadlelo." **7** Lanxa izono zethu zifakaza kubi ngathi, Oh Thixo, ake wenze okunye ngenxa yebizo lakho. Ngoba ukuhlelhlela kwethu emuva kunengi; sonile kuwe. **8** Oh Themba lika-Israyeli, uMhengi wakhe ezikhathini zokuhupheka, kungani usiba njengowezizweni elizweni, njengesihambi esihlala ubusuku obubodwa kuphela? **9** Kungani usiba njengomuntu ojuniwyeo, lanjengebutho elingelamandla okusiza na? Ukhona phakathi kwethu, wena Thixo, njalo sibizwa ngebizo lakho; ungasilahli! **10** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo ngalababantu: "Bayakuthanda kakhulu ukuntula; kabazibambi inyawo zabo. Ngakho uThixo kayikubamukela; khathesi uzakhumbula ububi babo abajezele izono zabo." **11** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Ungakhulekeli inhlalakahle yabantu laba. **12** Lanxa bezila ukudla, ukukhala kwabo angiyikukulalela; loba benikelo iminikelo yokutshisu kanye leminikeloyamabele, angiyikuyamukela. Esikhundleni salokho, ngizabagaedu ngenkemba, ngendlala langezifo." **13** Kodwa mina ngathi, "Awu Thixo Wobukhosu, abaphrofethi bahlezi bebatshela besithi, 'Kalyikubona inkemba loba libulawe yindlala. Impela, ngizaliphaukuthula okungapheliyo kule indawo.'" **14** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Abaphrofethi baphrofetha amanga

ngebizo lami. Angibathumanga njalo angibakhethanga kumbe ngikhulume labo. Baphrofetha imibono yamanga kini, ukuhlahlula, ukukhonza izithombe lenkohlisoyezingqondo zabo. **15** Ngakho-ke, nanku okutshivo nguThixo ngabaphrofethi abaphrofetha ngebizo lami ukuthi: Kangizange ngibathume, kodwa bona bathi, ‘Akulankemba kumbe indlala ezathinta ilizwe leli.’ Bona labo abaphrofethi bazabuhjiswa ngenkemba langendlala. **16** Abantu abaphrofetha kubo bazaphoselwa phandle emigwaqweni yasejerusalemena genxa yendlala lenkemba. Akulamuntu ozabangcwaba kumbe omkabo, amadodana abo loba amadodakazi abo. Ngizabehlisela ingozi ebafaneleyo. **17** Khuluma ilizwi leli kubo uthi: ‘Amelelo ami kawehlise inyembezi ebusuku lemimi zingomi; ngoba indodakazi yami egcweleyo, labantu bami balimele kakhulu, balinyazwe yikutshaywa okwesabekayo. **18** Nxa ngingena elizweni, ngibona labo ababulawa ngenkemba; nxa ngingena edolobheni ngibona umonakalo owenziwa yndlala. Bobabili umphrofethi lomphristi sebeye elizweni abangalaziyo.’ **19** UJuda usumlahle kokuphela na? IZiyoni uyaleyisa na? Usitshayeleni kangaka size singelapheki na? Sasilindele ukuthula kodwa kulokwesaba kuphela. **20** Awu Thixo, siyakuvuma ukona kwethu kanye lokona kwabokhokho bethu; impela sonile kuwe. **21** Ngenxa yebizo lako ungasenyan; ungasigconi isihlalo sakho sobukhos esihle kakhulu. Khumbula isivumelwano sakho lathi ungasephuli. **22** Zikhona yini izithombe eziyize zezizwe ezinganisa izulu na? Imikhathi yona ngokwayo iyalinisa izulu na? Hatshi, nguwe, Thixo Nkulunkulu wethu. Ngakho ithemba lethu likuwe, ngoba nguwe owenza konke lokhu.

**15** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Lanxa uMosi loSamuyeli benjema phambi kwami, inhliziyo yami ingeke iphendukele kulabantu. Basuse phambi kwami! Kabahambe! **2** Bangakubuza bathi, ‘Sizakuya ngaphi na?’ uthi kubo, uThixo uthi: ‘Abamiselwe ukufa, baya ekufeni; abenkemba, enkembeni; abendlala, endlaleni; abokuthunjwa, ekuthunjweni.’ **3** Ngizabathumela imihlobo emine yabachithi,” kutsho uThixo, “inkemba yokubulala lezinja zokuhudulela khatshana njalo lezinyoni zasemoyeni kanye lezinyamazana zeganga ukuba zidle zibhuqe. **4** Ngizabenza banengeke emibusweni yonke yasemhlabeni ngenxa yalokho okwenziwa eJerusalemena nguManase indodana kaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. **5** Ngubani ozakuba lesihawu kuwe wena Jerusalema? Ngubani ozakukhalela na? Ngubani ozakuma abuze ukuthi unjani na? **6** Ungalile,” kutsho uThixo. “Uqhubeke uhlelela emuva. Ngakho ngizabekwa izandla phezu kwakho ngikuchithe; ngingeke ngibe lesihawu futhi. **7** Ngizabahlungula ngefolgwe yokwela emasangweni amadolobho elizwe. Ngizaletha ukufelwa lokuchithika ebantwini bami, ngoba kabaguqlanga izindlela zabo. **8** Ngizakwenza abafelokazi babo bande kakhulu kuletshebetshebe lasowlandle. Emini ngizakwehlisela umbulali phezu kwabonina bamajaha akibo; khonokho ngizabehlisela

usizi lokwesaba. **9** Unina wabayisikhombisa uzaqaleka aphefumule okokucina. Ilanga lakhe lizatshona kusesemini; uzayangiswa njalo eyiswe. Izinsalela ngizaziqeda ngenkemba phambi kwezitha zazo,” kutsho uThixo. **10** Maye, wena mama, ngokuthi lage njalo liphikisana laye! Kangikaze ngebolekise loba ngeboleke, kodwa bonke bayangithuka. **11** UThixo wathi, “Ngeqiniso ngizakukhulula ngenjongo enhle; ngeqiniso ngizakwenza izitha zakho zikuncenge ezikhathini zomonakalo lezokuhlupheka. **12** Umuntu angayiqamula insimbi, insimbi evela enyakatho kumbe ithusi na? **13** Inotho yakho lamatshe akho aligugu ngizakwenza kubeyimpango, yamahala, ngenxa yezonazakho kulolonke ilizwe lakini. **14** Ngizakwenza ubeyisigqili sezitha zakho elizweni ongalaziyo, ngoba ulaka lwami luzabhebha umlilo ozakutshisa.” **15** Uyazwisia wena Thixo; ngikhumbula ungikhathale. Ungiphindiselele kwabangihluphayo. Uyabekezelu, ungangigudluli; khumbula ukuthi ngithukwa njani ngenxa yakho. **16** Ekufikeni kwamazwi akho, ngawadla; ayeyintokozo yami lenjabulo yenhliziyo Thixo Nkulunkulu Somandla. **17** Kangizange ngihlale enhlanganisweni yabazithokozisayo, kumbe ngijabule labo; ngahlala ngedwa ngoba isandla sakho sasiphezu kwami njalo wawungenze ngagcwala intukuthelo. **18** Kungani ubuhlungu engibuzwayo bungapheli lenxeba lami lilibi kakhulu njalo lingelapheki na? Kimi uzakuba njengesifula esikhohlisayo, lanjengomthombo ongelamanzi na? **19** Ngakho uThixo uthi: “Ungaphenduka, ngizakubuyisela ukuze ungikhonze; nxa ukhuluma amazwi afaneleyo, hatshi angasizi lutho, uzakuba yisikhulumeli sami. Abantu laba kabaphendukele kuwe, kodwa wena akumelanga uphendukele kubo. **20** Ngizakwenza ubeyngumduku kulababantu, umduli ovikelweyo wethusi; bazakulwa lawe kodwa kabayikukwehlula, ngoba mina ngilawekubya ngikuhlenge ngikusize,” kutsho uThixo. **21** “Ngizakuhlenga ezandleni zababi ngikukhulule ezandleni zabalesihluku.”

**16** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **2** “Ungathathi mfazi ubeylamadodana loba amadodakazi kule indawo.” **3** Ngoba mayelana lamadodana lamadodakazi azalelwel kulelilizwe kanye labesifazane abangonina lamadoda angoyise uThixo uthi: **4** “Bazakufa bebulawa yimikhuhlane eyesabekayo. Kabayikuhalewa loba bangcwatshwe, kodwa bazakuba njengezibi emhlabathini. Bazabhubha ngenkemba langendlala, njalo izidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga.” **5** Ngoba nanku akutshoyo uThixo: “Ungangeni endlini elokudla kwesilil; ungayilila kumbe utschengisele uwelo, ngoba isibusiso sami, lothando lwami kanye lesihawu sami, sengikususile kulababantu,” kutsho uThixo. **6** “Bonke abaphakemeyo labantukazana bazakufa kulelilizwe. Kabayikungcwatshwa kumbe bakhalelw, njalo kakho ozazisika kumbe aphuce

ikhanda lakhe ngenxa yabo. **7** Kakho ozabanika zenu eziphakemeyo, ngenxa yokona kulolonke ilizwe ukudla ukuba abaduduze labo abalilela ofileyo, loba lenu. **4** Ngenxa yezici zenu lizalahlekelwa yilifa kunguyise kumbe unina, kakho lozabanika amanzi engalinika lona. Ngizalenza libe yizigqili zezitha ukuba abaduduze. **8** Njalo ungangeni endlini eledili zenu elizweni elingalaziyo, ngoba livuse ulaka lwami, ukuba uhlale phansi udle unathe. **9** Ngoba uThixo njalo luzavutha kuze kube nininini.” **5** UThixo uthi: uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Phambi kobuso bakho njalo ensukwini zakho ngizawuqedu uThixo. **6** Uzakuba njengesihlahlanyana enkangala; umsindo wentokozo lokuthaba kanye lamazwi abalobokazi labayeni kule indawo. **10** Lapho abantu ukuphumelela kayikukubona ekufikeni kwakho. laba ubatshela konke lokhu besebekubuza besithi, Uzahlala ezindaweni ezomileyo enkangala, elizweni ‘Kungan uThixo esemise ukusehilsela inkemenkeme letswaiy elingahlali mutntu. **7** Kodwa ubusisiwe umuntu engaka na? Senze bubi bani na? Sono bani esisenze othembu uThixo, othembu lakhe likuye. **8** Uzakuba kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu?’ **11** wena wothi kubo, njengesihlahla esihlanyelwe eduze lamanzi esinabisela ‘Kungenxa yokuthi okhokho benu bangifulathela,’ impande zaso esifuleni. Kasesabi lapho ukutshisa kutsho uThixo, ‘njalo balandela abanye onkulunkulu kufika; amahlamu aso ahlala eluhlaza. Kasikhathazeki babasebenzela, babakhonza. Bangifulathela njalo ngomnyaka wokoma; kasiphuthi ukuthela izithelo.’ kabayigcina imithetho yami. **12** Kodwa lina selenze 9 Inhliziyo iyakhohlisa okudlula izinto zonke njalo okubi kakhulu kulabokhokho benu. Khangelani ukuthi imbi kakhulu. Ngubani ongayizwisisa na? **10** “Mina lowo lalowo wenu uylandela njani inkani yenhliziyo Thixo ngiyayihola inhliziyo nghilole lengqondo, yakhe embi esikhundleni sokuthi angilalele. **13** Ngakho ukuba umuntu ngimniike okufanele ukwenza kwakhe ngizalilahlela ngaphandle kwalellizwe elizweni lina mayelana lalokho okufanele izenzo zakhe.” **11** Umuntu loba oyihlo abangazange balazi, lapho elizakhonza ozuza inotho ngezindlela ezimbiunjengesikhwele khona abanye onkulunkulu emini lebusuku, ngoba esichamisela amaqanda esingawaqandelanga. Lapho angiyikuba lomusa kini.” **14** UThixo uthi, “Kodwa ingxene yokuphila kwakhe isidlule, izaphela, kuthi insuku ziyeza lapho abantu bengayikuthi, ‘Ngeqiniso ekucineni abonakale eyisithutha. **12** Isihlalo sobukhos, elinjengokuthi uThixo ukhona, yena owakhupha abako-Israyeli eGibhithe,’ **15** kodwa bazakuthi, ‘Ngeqiniso esikhazimulayo esaphakanyswayo kusukela ekuqalen, elinjengokuthi uThixo ukhona, yena owakhupha siyindawo yethu yokuphephela. **13** Awu Thixo, themba abako-Israyeli elizweni lasenyakatho lakuwo wonke lika-Israyeli, bonke abakudelayo bazayangiswa. Labo amazwe ayebaxotshelle kuwo.’ Ngoba ngizababuyisel a Thixo, umthombo wamanzi okuphila. **14** Ngisilisa, elizweni engalinika okhokho babo.” **16** UThixo uthi, “Kodwa khathesi ngizathumela abagoli benhlanzi “Lingaphi ilizwi likaThixo na? Kaligcwaleseke khathesi!” abazingeli abanengi, bazabazingela ezintabeni zonke lasemaqaqeni wonke njalo lasezingoxweni zamadwala. **17** Amehlo ami akuzo zonke izindlela zabo; **16** Angibalekanga ekubenigumelusi wenu; liyawazi amehlo ami. **18** Ngizaphindisa ngokuphindiweyokuhlupheka. **18** Abangihluphayo kabayangiswe, ububi babo lesono sabo, ngoba bangcolise ilizwe labantu, amakhosi akoJuda angena ngalo njalo izizwe zizakuza kuwe zivela emikhawulweni yomhlaba aphume ngalo; ume futhi lakuwo wonke amanye zithi, “Okhokho babengelalutho kodwa onkulunkulu lobubi. Ubabbuhbhise ngokuqothula okuphindiweyo. zabo ezinengekayo.” **19** Awu Thixo, mandla ami lenqaba **19** UThixo wathi kimi: “Hamba uyekuma esangweni yami, siphephelo sami ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka, labantu, amakhosi akoJuda angena ngalo njalo izizwe zizakuza kuwe zivela emikhawulweni yomhlaba aphume ngalo; ume futhi lakuwo wonke amanye zithi, “Okhokho babengelalutho kodwa onkulunkulu lobubi. Ubabbuhbhise ngokuqothula okuphindiweyo. amasango asejerusalem. **20** Uthi kubo, ‘Zwanini bamanga, izithombe eziyize ezingabaszanga ngalutho. **20** Kambe abantu bayazenzela onkulunkulu labantu, amakhosi akoJuda angena ngalo njalo abantu abahlala kojuda kanye labantu bonke abahlala na? Ye, kodwa kayisibo onkulunkulu!’ **21** “Ngakho eJerusalem abangena ngala amasango. **21** UThixo uthi: ngizabafundisa, khathesi ngizabafundisa amandla ami Qaphelani lingathwali mthwalo ngosuku lweSabatha lobu bami. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi ibizo lami loba liwungenise ngamasango aseJerusalem. **22** nguThixo.” Lingaphumisi mthwalo ezindlini zenu kumbe lenze loba yiuphi umsebenzi ngosuku lweSabatha, kodwa lgcine iSabatha lingcwele, njengokulaya kwami okhokho benu. **23** Kodwa kabalalelanga loba banake; izintamo zabo zazilukhuni njalo kabalalelanga kumbe bamukele ukulaywa. **24** UThixo uthi: Kodwa nxa liqaphele ukungilalela, lingangenisi mthwalo ngamasango edolobho leli ngeSabatha, kodwa lgcina usuku lweSabatha lungcwele ngokungenzi

**17** “Isono sikajuda sidwetshwe ngensimbi, sabhalwa ngomcijo wedayimani ezicecedwini zenhliziyo zabo lasempowdweni zama-alithare abo. **2** Labantwababo bayawakhumbula ama-alithare abo lezinsika zika-Ashera phansi kwezilahlala eziluhlaza laphezu kwamaqaqa aphakemeyo. **3** Intaba yami eselizweni lenotho yenu kanye lemfuyo yenu yonke ngizakunikelka kube yimpango, ndawonye lezindawo

msebenzi ngalo, **25** lapho-ke amakhosi ahlezi engalungiswanga. **16** Ilizwe labo lizatshabalalisa, into esihlhaweni sobukhosи sikaDavida azangena lezikulu yokuhlekwa usul; bonke abadlula khona bazakwethuka zaho ngamasango edolobho leli. Wona lezikulu banyikinye amakhanda abo. **17** Njengomoya ovela zaho bazafika begade izinqola zempi lamabhiza, empumalanga, ngizabahlakaza phambi kwezitha belabantu bakoJuda labo abahlala ejerusalem; zabo; ngizabafuthela ngibancitshe ubuso bami bahiale kulo idolobho kuze kuge nininini. **26** Abantu ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwabo.” **18** Bona bathi, bazakuza bevela emadolobheni akoJuda lasemizini “Wozani sicebe amacebo amabi ngoleremiya; ngoba ukufundisa kwaphristi umthetho akusoze kphuthe, kumbe ukweluleka kwezihlakaniphi, loba ilizwi elivelva kubaphrofethi. Ngakho wozani, simhlasele ngemilomo yethu singananzi lutho alutshoy.” **19** Ake ungizwe, awu Thixo; alele okutshiyo yizitha zami! **20** Okuhle kuphindiselwa ngokubi na? Ikantri sebengimbele igodi. Khumbula ukuba ngema phambi kwakho ngabakhulumela ukuba ususe ulaka lwakho kubo. **21** Ngakho-ke abantwabobo banikele endlaleni; ubaqhubele emandleni enkemba. Abafazi babo kabangabi labantwana njalo babe ngabafelokazi; amadoda abo kawabulawe, amajaha akhona abulawe ngenkemba empini. **22** Kakuzwakale ukukhala ezindlini zabo, lapho usulethe abahlaseli ukuba babajume, ngoba sebegebhe igodi ukuba bangithumbe njalo bathiya inyawo zami ngemijibila. **23** Kodwa uyawazi, wena Thixo, wonke amaqhinga abo okungibulala. Ungabathetheleli amacala abo loba ucitshe izono zabo phambi kobuso bakho. Kabachithwe phambi kwakho; bahlasele ngesikhathi sokuthukuthela kwakho.

**18** Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lisithi: **2** “Suka wehlele endlini yombumbi, lapho engizakutshelela khona ilizwi lami.” **3** Ngakho ngehlela endlini yombumbi, ngambona esebezena ngevili. **4** Kodwa imbiza ayeiyumba ngebumba yonakala ezandleni zakhe; ngakho umbumbi wayenza yaba ngenye imbiza, ngendlela ayibona ingcono kuye. **5** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi; **6** “Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ngingeze ngenza kuwe njengokwenziwa ngumbumbi lo na?” kutsho uThixo. “Njengebumba esandleni sombumbi lawe unjalo esandleni sami, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli. **7** Nxa ngimemezelala langasiphi isikhathi ukuthi isizwe loba umbusu uzasuswa udilizwe, uchithwe, **8** kuthi isizwe lesi engisixwayisileyo siphenduke ebulibini baso, ngizaxola ngingabe ngisasehlisela ebensengimise ukusehlisela khona. **9** Njalo nxa ngesinye isikhathi ngimemezelala ukuthi isizwe kumbe umbusu ngizawakha ngiwumise, **10** ubi ususenza ububi emehlwani ami njalo ungangilaleli, ngizacabanga kutsha ngokuhle ebensengicebe ukukwenzela khona. **11** Ngakho khathesi tshela abantu bakoJuda labo abahlala ejerusalem uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Khangelani! Ngilungisela ukulehlisela umonakalo njalo ngibumba lecebo ngani. Ngakho phendukani ezindlele zenu ezimbi, omunye lomunye wenu, lilungise izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu.’ **12** Kodwa bazaphendula bathi, ‘Akusizi lutho. Sizaqhubeka ngamacebo ethu; lowo lalowo wethu uzalandela ubulukhuni benhlizyo yakhe embi.’” **13** Ngakho uThixo uthi: “Buzani phakathi kwezizwe ukuthi: Ngubani owake wezwa okunjengaloku na? Kwenziwe into eyesabekayo kakhulu, yenziwe yintombi egcweleyo u-Israyeli. **14** Ungqawaqwane waseLebanoni uyake unyamalale emithezukweni yayo elamatsho na? Amanzi akhona aqandayo avela kude ayake eme ukugeleza na? **15** Kodwa abantu bami sebengikhohliwe; batshisela izithombe eziyize impepha, ezabenza bakhubeka ezindleleni zabo lasemikhondweni yasendulo. Zabenza bahamba ngezindledlana zeganga lasemigwaqweni

**19** Lokhu yikho akutshoyu uThixo: “Hamba uyethenga udiwo kumbumbi wezimbiza. Thatha abanye abadala babantu labanye babaphristi **2** umhambe labo esigodini seBheni-Hinomu, eduze lentuba yeSango loDengezi. Umemezele amazwi engikutshela wona, **3** uthi, ‘Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lina makhosi akoJuda lani bantu abahlala ejerusalem. UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Lalelanil! Ngizaletha umonakalo kule indawo ozabanda indlebe zomuntu wonke owuzwayo. **4** Ngoba bangidilele kwathi indawo le bayenza eyabonkulunkulu bezizweni; kuyo batshisele imihlathshelo onkulunkulu abangabaziyo, bona labokhokho babo kanye lamakhosi akoJuda, njalo indawo le sebayigcwala igazi labantu abangelacala. **5** Sebakhele uBhalil izindawo eziphakemeyo ukuba batshisele amadodana abo emlilweni njengeminikeloyokutshisla kuBhalil, into engingazange ngibalaye kumbe ngitsyo ukuthi bayenze, kumbe ukuthi ike ifike engqondweni yami. **6** Ngakho qaphelani, insuku ziyeza, kutsho uThixo, lapho abantu bengayikubiza indawo le ngokuthi Thofethi loba iSigodi seBheni-Hinomu kodwa iSigodi sokuBuLala. **7** Kuyonale indawo ngizawachitha amacebo kajuda laweJerusalem. Ngizabenza bafe ngenkemba phambi kwezitha zabo, lasezandleni zalabo abafuna ukubabulala, njalo ngizanikela izidumbu zabo ukuba zibe yikudla kwezinyoni zasemoyeni lezinyamazana zeganga. **8** Idolobho leli ngizalichitha ngilene libe yinto yokwesatshwa lenhlekisa; bonke abadlula khona bazathuthumela njalo baklolode ngenxa yamanxebe alo wonke. **9** Ngizabenza badle inyama yamadodana abo leyamadodakazi abo, njalo labo bazadlana inyama ngesikhathi esinzima

sokuvinjezelwa kwabo yizitha ezifuna ukubabulala.’ elilamandla; ngakho abangihluphayo bazakuwa 10 Emva kwalokho bulala udiwo labo abahamba lawe bangangobi. Bazakwehluleka njalo bayangeke kakhulu; bekhangele, 11 ubususithi kubo, ‘UTHixo uSomandla ihlazo labo kalyikukhohlakala lanini. 12 Awu uthi: Ngizasipahlaza isizwe lesi kanye ledolobho leli Thixo Somandla, wena ohlola abalungileyo, uhlole njengokuphahlazwa kodiwo lombumbi lolu olungeke inhliyio lengqondo, kangibone ukuphindisela kwakho lulungiswe futhi. Abafileyo bazabangcwaba eThofethi kubo, ngoba indaba yami ngiyinikele kuwe. 13 kuze kuweleke indawo. 12 Lokhu yikho engizakwenza Hlabelani uThixol Limdumise uThixol Uhenga impilo kule indawo lakulabo abahlala lapha, kutsho uThixo. yabaswelayo ezandleni zababi. 14 Kaluqalekiswe Idolobho leli ngizalenza lifanane leThofethi. 13 usuku engazalwa ngalo! Usuku umama angizala Izindlu zaseJerusalem kanye lezamakhosи akoJuda ngalo kalungabusiswa! 15 Kaqalekiswe umuntu zizangcoliswa njengale indawo, iThofethi, zonke izindlu lapho abazatshisela khona impepha phezu kwezimpahla kuwo wonke amaxuku ezinkanyezi, bathelela abanye onkulunkulu umnikelo wokunathwayo.” 14 Kezwe ukulila ekuseni, lomkhosi wempi emini. 17 Ngoba Ujeremiya wabuya evela eThofethi, lapho uThixo ayemthume ukuyaphrofetha khona, wasesima egumeni lethempeli likaThixo wathi ebantwini bonke, 15 “UTHixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Lalelan! Ngizakwehlisa kulelidolobho lasemizini elizungezileyo wonke umonakalo engawutshoyo, ngoba izintamo zabo zilukhuni njalo bayala ukulalela amazwi ami.”

**20** Kwathi uPhashuri umphristi indodana ka-Imeri, induna enkulu ethempelini likaThixo, ezwе uJeremiya ephrofitha lezizinto, 2 wenza ukuthi uJeremiya umphrofethi atshaywe njalo warnvaleda esitokisini eSangweni laPhezulu koBhenjamini ethempelini likaThixo. 3 Ngosuku olwalandelayo, uPhashuri esemkhupa esitokisini, ujeremiya wathi kuye, “Ibizo lakho oliphwe nguThixo akusiPhashuri, kodwa uMagori-Misabibi, 4 ngoba uThixo uthi: ‘Ngizakwenza ubelucuku ngokwakho lakubo bonke abangane bakho; uzababona ngamehlo akho besiwa ngenkemba yezitha zabo. UJuda wonke ngizamnikela enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, ezabathumba ibase eBhabhiloni loba ibabulale ngenkemba. 5 Yonke inotho yedolobho leli ngizayipha izitha zabo lazoonke izithelo zalo, zonke izinto zalo eziliguu kanye lemfuyo yonke yamakhosi akoJuda zizayithumba njengempango ziyithwale eBhabhiloni. 6 Wena Phashuri, labo bonke abahlala endlini yakho lizathunjwa liye eBhabhiloni. Uzafela khonale, ungcwatshwe khonale, wena kanye labangane bakho bonke ophrofetha amanga kubo.” 7 Awu Thixo, wangiyenga, ngayengeka; wangehlula wanqoba. Ngiyahlekwa insuku zonke; bonke bayangiklolodela. 8 Zonke izikhathi lapho ngikhuluma, ngiyakhala ngimemezeka ukuba kube lodlakela lokuchitheka. Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo selingilethele isithuko lensolo ilanga lonke. 9 Kodwa nxa ngisithi, ‘Kangiyikumqamba loba ngikhulume ngebizo lakhe futhi,’ ilizwi lakhe lisenhliyewi yami njengomlilo, umlilo ovalelwemathanjene ami. Sengidiniwe ngokuligoda ngaphakathi; impela, ngingeke nganelise. 10 Ngizwa abanengi benyenyeza besithi, “Kulokuthuthumela indawo yonke! Mmangalelen! Kasimangale!” Abangane bami bonke balindele ukuwa kwami, besithi, “Mhlawumbe uzakhohlisika; besesimehlula siphindisela kuye.” 11 Kodwa uThixo ulami njengebutho

21 Ilizwi lfakfa kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lapho uZedekhiya inkosi wayethume kuye uPhashuri indodana kaMalikhija lomphristi uZefaniya indodana kaMaseya. Bathi: 2 “Ake usibuzele kuThixo khathesi nje, ngoba uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni uyasilhasela. Mhlawumbe uThixo angasenzela izimanga njengasezikhathini ezedlulayo ukuze asuke kithi.” 3 Kodwa ujeremiya wathi kubo, “Tshelani uZedekhiya lithi: 4 ‘UTHixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngiziphendulele kuwe izikhali zempi ezisezandleni zakh, ozisebenzisayo ekulweni lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni lamaKhaladiya angaphandle komduli ekuvimbezele. Njalo ngizawaqqa phakathi kwalelidolobho. 5 Mina uqobo ngizakulwa lawe ngesandla eseluliweyo langengalo elamandla ngentukuthelo langokufuthelana kanye lolaka olukhulu. 6 Ngizabatshaya abahlala kulelidolobho, abantu lezifuyo njalo bazabulawa yisifo esesabekayo. 7 Emva kwalokho, kutsho uThixo, uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lezikhulu zakhe kanye labantu bakulelidolobho abapheda emkhuhlaneni, enkembeni lasendlaleni, ngizabanikela kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lasezitheni zabo ezifuna ukubabulala. Uzababulala ngenkemba; kayikuba lomusa kumbe uwzelo loba isihawu.’ 8 Phezu kwalokho, abantu batshele uthi, ‘UTHixo uthi: Khangelani, ngiyalimisela phambi kwenu indlela yokuphila lendlela yokufa. 9 Loba ngubani osala kulelidolobho uzabulawa ngenkemba, yindlala loba ngumkhuhlane. Kodwa loba ngubani ophumayo kulo ayezinikela kumaKhaladiya alivimbezeleyo uzasila, aphunyuke lokuphila kwakhe. 10 Sengiqonde ukwenza okubi kulelidolobho hatshi okuhile, kutsho uThixo. Lizanikelwa ezandleni zenkosi yaseBhabhiloni, ezalitshabalalisa ngomlilo.’ 11 Phezu kwalokho, wothi endlini yenkosи yakoJuda, ‘Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo; 12 lina abendlu kaDavid, uThixo uthi: Yenzani ukulunga insuku zonke ekuseni; mhlengeni esandleni somncindezel wakhe lowo ophangiweyo, hlezil ulaka

lwami luqubuke, lutshise njengomlilo ngenxa yobubi kuhangele inzuzo yenkohliso, lokuchitha igazi elibenzileyo, lutshise engekho ongalucitsha. **13** elingelacala, ukuncindezela kanye lodlakela.” **18** Ngimelane lawe, Jerusalema, wena ohlala ngaphezu kwalesisigodi, emagecekeni alamadwala, kutsho uThixo, lina elithi, “Ngubani ongazasihlasela na? Ngubani ongangena esiphephelweni sethu na?” **14** Kabayikumkhalela besithi: ‘Maye ngomfowethu! Maye ngodadewethu!’ Ngizalijejeza njengokufanele izono zenu, kutsho uThixo. Ngizaphemba umlilo emahlathini enu ozalobisa konke okusedeze lani.”

**22** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: “Hamba wehlele endlini yenkosy yakoJuda umemezele khona ilizwi leli uthi, **2** ‘Zwana ilizwi likaThixo, we nkosi yakoJuda, wena ohlala esihhlaweni sobukhosy sikaDavid, wena lezikhulu zakho kanye labantu bakho abangena ngamasango la. **3** UThixo uthi: Yenzani okulungileyo lokuqdileyo. Mhlenge esandleni somncindezel wakhe lowo ophangiweyo. Lingensi okubi loba udlakela kowezizweni, intandane loba umfelokazi, njalo lingachithi igazi elingelacala kule indawo. **4** Ngoba nxa linanzelela ukulandela imilayo le, amakhosi ahlala esihhlaweni sobukhosy sikaDavid azangena ngamasango ale indawo, egade izinqola zempi lamabhiza, elezikhulu zawa kanye labantu bawo. **5** Kodwa nxa imilayo le lingayilaleli, kutsho uThixo, ngifunga ngami ukuthi indawo le izakuba lunxiwa.” **6** Ngoba mayelana lendawo yenkosy yakoJuda uThixo uthi: “Lanxa unjengeGiliyadi kimi, lanjengengqongo yeLebhanoni, ngeqiniso ngizakwenza ufane lenkangala, lanjengamadolbo angahlali muntu. **7** Ngizakuthumela abachithi, indoda nganye ilezikhali zayo, njalo bazaquma imijabo yenu emihle yemisedari bayiphosele emililweni. **8** Abantu abavela ezziveni ezinengi bazadlula kulelidolobho babuzane besithi, ‘Kungani uThixo enze into enje kulelidolobho elikhulu na?’ **9** Impendulo izakuthi: ‘Ngoba basidilele isivumelwano sikaThixo uNkulunkulu wabo bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu njalo babasebenza.’” **10** Lingayikhaleli inkosi efileyo loba lililele ukulilahlekela kwayo; kodwa, khalelani kakhulu othunjiveyo, ngoba kasayikubuya njalo loba abone ilizwe lakibo futhi. **11** Ngoba mayelana loShalumi indodana kajosiya, owangena esikhundleni sikayise esiba yinkosi yakoJuda kodwa osesukile kule indawo: UThixo uthi, “Kasoze abuye futhi. **12** Uzafela kuleyondawo asiwa kuyo ethunjiwe; ilizwe leli kasoze alibone futhi.” **13** “Maye kuye owakha indlu yakhe yobukhosy ngokungalungi, lezindlu zakhe zangaphezulu ngokungafanelanga, esenza abantu bakibo basebenzele ize, engabaholisi lutho ngokusebenza kwabo. **14** Uthi, ‘Ngizazakhela indlu enku yobukhosy elezitezi ezibanzi.’ Ngakho uyenza ibe lamawindi amakhulu, ayinameke ngemisidari, ayicombe ngokubomvu. **15** Ukuba lemisedari eminenginci kukwenza ubeyinkosi na? Uyihlo kazange abe lokudla lokunathwayo na? Wenza okuqdileyo lokulungileyo, ngakho konke kwamlungela. **16** Wavikela amalungelo abayanga labaswelayo, ngakho konke kwamlungela. Lokho akusikho okutsho ukungazi na?” kutsho uThixo. **17** “Kodwa amehlo akho lenhliziyo yakho kuhangele inzuzo yenkohliso, lokuchitha igazi elibenzileyo, lutshise engekho ongalucitsha. **13** elingelacala, ukuncindezela kanye lodlakela.” **18** Ngakho mayelana loJehoyakhimi indodana kajosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, uThixo uthi: “Kabayikumkhalela besithi: ‘Maye ngomfowethu! Maye ngodadewethu!’ Ngubani ongangena esiphephelweni sethu na?” **14** Kabayikumkhalela besithi: ‘Maye ngenkosy yami! Maye ngobuhle bayo obukhulu!’ **19** Uzangcwatshwa njengobabhem, ahudulwe aphoselwe ngaphandle kwamasango aseJerusalema.” **20** “Qansa uye eLebhanoni umemeze, wenze ilizwi lakho lizwakale eBhashani; memea use-Abharimi, ngoba borke abamanyane lawe banqotshiwe. **21** Ngakuxwayisa uzibona uvikelele, kodwa wena wathi, ‘Angiyikulalela’ Le ibe iyindela yakho kusukela ebutsheni bakho; kawungilalelanga. **22** Umoya uzabaxotshela khatshana bonke abelusi bakho, labamanyene lawe bazathunjwa. Lapho-ke uzayangeka ube lenhloni ngenxa yobubi bakho bonke. **23** Lina abahlala ‘eLebhanoni,’ eligcineke kuhle ezindlini zemisedari, lizabubula kakhulu lapho inhlungu zilehlela, ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ehelelwa!” **24** UThixo uthi, “Ngeqiniso njengoba ngikhona, lanxa ngabe wena, Jehoyakhini ndodana kajehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, wawuyindandatho ebukekayo esandleni sami sokinene, ngangizakukhupha. **25** Ngizakunkile kulabo abafuna ukukubulala, labo obesabayo, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lakumaKhaladiya. **26** Wena kanye lonyoko owakuzalayo ngizaliphosela kwhelinje ilizwi, lapho elingazalelwanga khona, lapho elizafela khona lobabili. **27** Kaliyikuphinda libuye elizweni elifisa ukuza kulo.” **28** Umuntu lo, uJehoyakhini, uyimbiza efileyo, edelelwayo, into engafunwa muntu na? Kungani yena labantwabakhe bezaphoselwa ngaphandle, balahlelwe elizweni abangalaziyo na? **29** Wena lizwe, lizwe, lizwe, zwana ilizwi likaThixo! **30** UThixo uthi: “Bhalani umuntu lo njengongelabantwana, umuntu ongayikuphumelela empilweni yakhe, ngoba kakho owenzalo yakhe ozaphumelela, kakho ozahlala esihhlaweni sobukhosy sikaDavid loba abuse futhi koJuda.”

**23** “Maye kubelusi abachitha izimvu zedlelo lami njalo bezihlakaza!” kutsho uThixo. **2** Ngakho uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi kubelusi abelusa abantu bami: “Ngenxa yokuthi lina lihlakaze umhlambi wami lawuxotshele khatshana kalaze lawunaka, ngizakwehlisela isijeziso phezu kwenu ngenxa yobubi elibenzileyo,” kutsho uThixo. **3** “Mina ngokwami ngizabutha insala zezimvu zami emazweni wonke engangizixotshole kuwo ngizibuyisele edlelweni lazo, lapho ezizazalana khona zande. **4** Ngizazilethela abelusi abazuelusa, njalo kazisayikwesaba loba zithuthumele, loba enye yazo ilahleke,” kutsho uThixo. **5** UThixo uthi, “Ziyeza insuku, lapho uDavid ngizamvusela uGatsha olulungileyo, iNkosi ezabusna ngokuhlanipha, yenze okulungileyo, lokufaneleyo elizweni. **6** Ensukwini zayo uJuda uzasindiswa, lo-Israyeli ahlale evikelele. Ibizo azabizwa ngalo yileli elithi: UThixo Oyikulunga Kwethu.” **7** UThixo uthi, “Ngakho-ke, insuku ziyeza, lapho abantu

bengasayikuthi, 'Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, **26** Koze kube nini lokhu kuqhubeka ezhnliziyweni yena owakhupha u-Israyeli eGibhithe,' **8** kodwa zalaba abaphrofethi abalamanga na? **27** Bacabanga bazakuthi, 'Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, ukuthi amaphupho abawatshelanayo azakwenza yena owakhupha izizukulwane zika-Israyeli elizweni abantu bami bakohhlwe ibizo lami, njengabokhokho elisenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe abaxotshela babo abakohhlwe ibizo lami ngenxa yokukhonza kuwo.' Lapho-ke bazahlala elizweni labo." **9** Mayelana uBhali. **28** Akuthi umphrofethi ophupha iphupho labaphrofethi: Inhlizyo yami idabukile ngaphakathi kalitsho, kodwa lowo olelizwi lami kalkhulume kwani; wonke amathambo ami ayaqhaqhzela. Ngifana ngobuqotho, ngoba amakhoba angenzani lamabele lomuntu odakiwego, lanjengomuntu oewehlulwa na?" kutsho uThixo. **29** "Iliwi lami kalinjengomlilo," liwayini, ngenxa kaThixo lamazwi akhe angcwele. **10** kutsho uThixo, "lanjengesando esidabula idwala libe Iliwze leli ligcwele izifebe; ngenxa yesiqakiso ilizwe yizicucu na?" **30** UThixo uthi, "Ngakho, ngimelana lomile lamadlelo enkangala abunile. Abaphrofethi labaphrofethi abantshtontsha kwabanye amazwi balandela indlela embi, basebenzisa amandla okuthiava kimi. **31** Yebo, ngimelana labaphrofethi abo ngokungalungi. **11** "Umphrofethi lomphristi abasebenzisa indimi zabo kodwa bathi, 'UThixo kabakholwa kunkulunkulu; lasethempelini lami uthi,' **32** Ngeqiniso, ngimelana lalabo abaphrofetha ngyabufumana ububi babo," kutsho uThixo. **12** amaphupho amanga," kutsho uThixo. "Bayawatsho "Ngakho indlela yabo izatshelela; bazaxotshelwa baholele abantu bami ekulahlekeni ngamanga abo emnyameni njalo lapho bazakuwa. Ngizabehlisela lamawala, ikanti angizange ngibathume kumbe umonakalo ngomnyaka wokujeziswa kwabo," kutsho ngibakhethe. Kababasizi ngalutho abantu laba," kutsho uThixo. **13** "Phakathi kwabaphrofethi baseSamariya uThixo. **33** "Nxa abantu laba, loba umphrofethi kumbe ngabona into eyenyanyekayo: Baphrofetha ngoBhali umphristi, bebuza besithi, 'Izilo likaThixo kuyini?' njalo baholela abantu bami ekulahlekeni. **14** wothi kubo, 'Izilo liphi? Ngizakulahla, kutsho uThixo.' Lakubaphrofethi baseJerusalem sengibone into **34** Nxa umphrofethi loba umphristi kumbe omunye eyesabekayo: Bayafeba baphile ngamanga. Baqinisa umuntu esithi, 'Leli lizilo likaThixo,' lowomuntu izanda zabenza okubi, ukuba kungabikhona oguquka ngizamjezisa kanye labendlu yakhe. **35** Lokhu yikho ebubini bakhe. Kimi bonke banjengeSodoma; abantu omunye wenu ohlala ekutsho kumngane wakhe loba baseJerusalem banjengeGomora." **15** Ngakho, isihlobo sakhe ukuthi: 'Impendulo kaThixo ithini mayelana labaphrofethi uThixo uSomandla uthi: na?' loba 'UThixo utheni?' **36** Kodwa akumelanga "Ngizabenza badle ukudla okubabay, banathe lithi 'izilo likaThixo' futhi, ngoba umuntu wonke lamanzi aletshefu, ngoba kusukela kubaphrofethi ilizwi lakhe liba lizilo lakhe ngoba liyawahlanelka baseJerusalem ukungakholwa kuNkulunkulu amazwi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, uThixo uSomandla, sekugcwele ilizwe lonke." **16** UThixo uSomandla uNkulunkulu wethu. **37** Lokhu yikho elihlala likutsho uthi: "Lingalaleli okuphrofethwa ngabaphrofethi kumphrofethi ukuthi, 'Impendulo kaThixo kuwe kini; balenza lithembe amanga. Bakhuluma imibono evela ezingqondweni zabo, engaveli emlonyeni kaThixo. **17** Bahlala besithi kulabo abangidelelayo, ukuthi lingabokuthi, 'Leli lizilo likaThixo.' **38** Lanxa lina lisithi 'Leli lizilo likaThixo,' uThixo uthi: Lasebenzisa amazwi athi, 'Leli lizilo likaThixo.' Lanxa mina ngalitshela 'UThixo uthi: Lizakuba lokuthula.' Lakubo bonke ngeqiniso ngizalikhohlwa ngiliphosele khatshana lami obuzalehlela.' **18** Kodwa nguphi wabo owake kanye ledolobho engalinika lona lina labokhokho benu. wema emhlanganweni kaThixo ukuba abone kumbe **40** Ngizalehlisela ihlazo elingapheliyo lokuyangeka ezwe ilizwi lakhe na? Ngubani olilaleleyo walizwa ilizwi lakhe? **19** Khangelani, isiphepho sikaThixo sizaphutsha silulaka, isavunguzane esibhoda ngolaka phezu kwamakhanda ababi. **20** Ulaka lukaThixo kalyukiphela aze azifeze ngokupheleleyo injongo zenhlizyo yakhe. Ensukwini ezzizayo lizakuzwisisa kuhle lokhu. **21** Abaphrofethi laba angibathumanga; kodwa bagijima lembiko yabo; kangizange ngikhulume labo, kodwa sebephrofethile. **22** Kodwa aluba babekhona emhlanganweni wami, ngabe bamemezela amazwi ami ebantwini bami njalo ngabe babaphendula ezindleleni zabo ezimbi lasezenzweni zabo ezimbi." **23** UThixo uthi, "NginguNkulunkulu oseduze kuphela, uNkulunkulu ongekho khatshana na?" **24** Umuntu angacatsha endaweni efi lakeleyo ukuba ngingamboni na?" kutsho uThixo. "Angithi ngicwele ezulwini lasemlabeni na?" kutsho uThixo. **25** "Ngikuzwile okutshivo ngabaphrofethi abaphrofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Bathi, 'Ngiphophile! Ngiphophile!' **24** Emva kokuba ujekhoniya indodana kajehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda lezikhulu, izingcitshi kanye lezisebenzi zakoJuda sebethunjwe eJerusalem basiwa eBhabhiloni nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uThixo wangitshengisa izitsha ezimbili zomkhiwa zibekwe phambi kwethempeli likaThixo. **2** Esinye isitscha sasilomkhiwa omuhle kakhulu, njengovuthwa kuqala; esinye isitscha sasilomkhiwa omubi, ubolile ungeke wadleka. **3** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Kuyini okubonayo, Jeremiya?" Ngathi, "Ngumkhiwa. Omuhle muhle kakhulu, kodwa omubi ubole kakhulu ungeke udlive." **4** Iliwi likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: **5** "UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Njengalo umkhiwa omuhle, ngibathatha njengabalungileyo abathunjwa bakoJuda, engabusa kule indawo ngabasa elizweni laseBhabhiloni. **6** Amehlo ami azabakhangela kokuphela, njalo

ngizababuyisa kulelilizwe. Ngizabakha ngingabadilizi; okwaphrofethwa nguJeremiya ezizweni zonke. **14** ngizabahlanya ngingabasiphuni. **7** Ngizabapha Lazo uqobo zizathunjwa yizizwe ezinengi lamakhosi inhlizyo yokungazi, ukuthi mina nginguThixo. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba bazabuyela kimi ngenhlizyo yabo yonke. **8** Kodwa njengomkhiwa omubi, obolileyo ongeke udlive, 'kutsho uThixo, 'ngizamphatha kanjalo uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lezhkhulu zakhe kanye labasindayo ejerusalem, langabe basele kulelilizwe loba baseGibhithe. **9** Ngizabenza bazondakale njalo babe yisinengiso kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeni, insolo lesiga, into yokuhlekwa lokuthukwa, loba kungaphi engibaxotshela khona. **10** Ngizathumela inkemba, indlala lomkhuhlane baze babhujswe baphele elizweni engabanika lona kanye labokhokho babo."

**25** Ilizwi lafika kuJeremiya mayelana labantu bonke bakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda, okwakungumnyaka wokuqala kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. **2** Ngakho uJeremiya umphrofethi wathi kubo bonke abantu bakoJuda lakubo bonke abahlala ejerusalem: **3** Okweminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu, kusukela ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu kaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni inkosi yakoJuda kuze kuge yilolusuku, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi njalo ngalikhulumka kini njalonjalo, kodwa kalilalelanga. **4** Lanxa uThixo wathumela zonke izinceku zakhe abaphrofethi kini njalonjalo, kalilalelanga njalo kalinakanga. **5** Bathi, "Phendukani khathesi, omunye lomunye wenu, ezindeleni zenu ezimbi lasezenzweni zenu ezimbi, lihlale elizweni uThixo alinika lona kanye labokhokho benu kuze kuge nininini. **6** Lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuba libasebenze njalo libakhonze; lingangithukuthelisi ngalokho okwenziwa yizandla zenu. Lapho-ke angiyikulehlisela okubi." **7** "Kodwa kalingilalelanga," kutsho uThixo, "njalo lingithukuthelisi ngokwenziwa negezandla zenu, lazehlisela okubi." **8** Ngakho uThixo uSomandla uthi: "Ngenxa yokuthi kalilalelanga amazwi ami, **9** ngizabiza bonke abantu basenyakatho lenceku yami uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni," kutsho uThixo, "njalo ngizabaletha ukuba bamelane lelizwe leli labahlala kulo kanye lezizwe zonke eziseduze lalo. Ngizababhubhisa ngokupheleleyo ngibenze babe yinto eyesabekayo leyokuklolodelwa, lencithakalo yanini lanini. **10** Ngizasusa phakathi kwabo imisindo yokuthokoza lokuthaba, lelizwi lomlobokazi lelomyeni, lomsindo wamatshes okuchola kanye lokukhanya kwesibane. **11** Ilizwe leli lonke lizakuba yinkangala ephundlekileyo, lezizwe lezi zizasebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **12** Kodwa lapho iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isiphele, ngizayijezisa inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lesizwe sayo, ilizwe lamaKhaladiya, ngenxa yobubi babo," kutsho uThixo, "njalo ngizalenza lichitheko kophela. **13** Ngizakwehlisela phezu kwelizwe lelo zonke izinto engazitshoyo ngalo, konke okulotshwe encwadini le

okwaphrofethwa nguJeremiya ezizweni zonke. **14** ngizabahlanya ngingabasiphuni. **7** Ngizabapha Lazo uqobo zizathunjwa yizizwe ezinengi lamakhosi inhlizyo yokungazi, ukuthi mina nginguThixo. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba bazabuyela kimi ngenhlizyo yabo yonke. **8** Kodwa njengomkhiwa omubi, obolileyo ongeke udlive, 'kutsho uThixo, 'ngizamphatha kanjalo uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lezhkhulu zakhe kanye labasindayo ejerusalem, langabe basele kulelilizwe loba baseGibhithe. **9** Ngizabenza bazondakale njalo babe yisinengiso kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeni, insolo lesiga, into yokuhlekwa lokuthukwa, loba kungaphi engibaxotshela khona. **10** Ngizathumela inkemba, indlala lomkhuhlane baze babhujswe baphele elizweni engabanika lona kanye labokhokho babo."

**16** Zingalinatha, zizadiyazela zihlanye ngenxa yenkemba engizayithumela phakathi kwazo." **17** Ngakho ngayithatha inkezo esandleni sikaThixo ngazinathisa zonke izizwe ayengithume kuzo: **18** Ijerusalem lamadolobho akoJuda, amakhosi akhona kanye lezhkhulu, ukubenza babe yincithakalo lento eyesabekayo yokuklolodelwa lokuqalekiswa, njengoba benjalo lamhla; **19** uFaru inkosi yaseGibhithe, lezinceku zakhe, lezhkhulu zakhe kanye labantu bakhe bonke, **20** labantu bonke bezizweni abakhonale; wonke amakhosi ase-Uzi; wonke amakhosi amaFilistiya (awe-Ashikheloni, eGaza, e-Ekroni, labantu abasala e-Ashidodi); **21** e-Edomi, leMowabi kanye le-Amoni; **22** wonke amakhosi aseThire, leSidoni; amakhosi amazwe angasowandle ngaphetsheya kwalo, **23** eDedani, leThema leBhuzi labo bonke abasezindaweni ezikhatsana; **24** wonke amakhosi ase-Arabhiya lawo wonke amakhosi abantu bezizweni abahlala enkangala; **25** amakhosi wonke aseZimri, le-Elamu leMediya; **26** lawo amakhosi asenjakatho, eduze lakahatsana, elandelana, yonke imibuso esemhlabeni. Emva kwabo bonke, inkosi yaseSheshaki layo izalinatha. **27** "Laphoke batshelle uthi, 'UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Nathani, lidakwe lihlanze, njalo liwe lingavuki futhi ngenxa yenkemba engizayithumela phakathi kwenu." **28** Kodwa bangala ukwamukela inkezo esandleni sakho ukuba banathe, batshele uthi, 'UThixo uSomandla uthi: Kumele liyinathe! **29** Khangelani, sengiqalisile ukuletha umonakalo edolobheni elileBizo lami, njalo lina lizaphutha impela ukujeziswa na? Kaliyikuphutha ukujeziswa ngoba ngizakwehlisela inkemba phezu kwabo bonke abahlala emhlabeni, kutsho uThixo uSomandla." **30** Khathesi-ke phrofetha wonke amazwi la ngabo uthi kubo: "UThixo uzahlakoma ephezelu; uzaduma esendaweni yakhe engcwele, njalo ahlokome kakhulu emelana lelizwe lakhe. Uzamemeza njengabaluza amavini, akhwaze ngamandla ekhwazela bonke abahlala emhlabeni. **31** Ukuukozela kuzawakala emikhawulweni yomhlabo, ngoba uThixo uzazethesa amacala izizwe; uzakwahlulela abantu bonke ababi ababhubhise ngenkemba," kutsho uThixo. **32** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: "Khangelani! Umonakalo uyanda usuka kwesinye isizwe usiya kwesinye; isiphepho esikhulu siyavunguza sivila emikhawulweni yomhlabo." **33** Ngalesosikhathi labo ababulewe nguThixo bazakuba sezindaweni zonke kusukela komunye kusiya komunye umkhawulo womhlabo. Kabayikukhalelwab loba babuthwe kumbe bangcwatshwe, kodwa bazakuba njengezibi emhlabathini. **34** Khalani lilie lina belusi; giqikani ethulini lina bakhokheli bomhlambi. Ngoba isikhathi sokubulawa kwenu sesifikile; lizakuwa

liphohlozeke njengokubunjewo. **35** Abelusi laba baselizweni basondela phambili bakhulumu kulolonke kabayikuba lalapho abangabalekela khona, abakhokheli ibandla labantu bathi, **18** “UMikha waseMoreshethi bomhlambi bengelandawo yokubalekela kuyo. **36** waphrofitha ensukwini zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. Zwanini ukukhala kwabelusi, ukulila kwabakhokheli uSomandla uthi: IZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, **37** Lamadleo alokuthula azatshabalaliswa ngenxa yolaka olwesabekayo lukaThixo. **38** Njengesilwane uzaphuma esikhundleni sakhe, njalo ilizwe labo lizakuba yinkangala ngenxa yenkemba yomncindezeli langenxa yolaka lukaThixo olwesabekayo.

**26** Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana kajosiya inkosi yakoJuda, kwafika ilizwi leli livela kuThixo lisithi, **2** “UTHixo uthi: Mana egumeni lendlu kaThixo ukhulume kubo bonke abantu basemadolobheni ajoJuda abeza endlini kaThixo ukuba bakhonze. Batshele konke engakulaya khona, kungabi lelizwi olitshiyayo. **3** Mhlawumbe bazalalela omunye wabo aphenduke endleleni yakhe embi. Lapho-ke ngizadeda ngingabehliseli umonakalo ebengizawenza kubo ngenxa yobubi ababenzileyo. **4** Tshono kubo uthi, ‘UTHixo uthi: Nxa lingangalaleli lilandele umthetho wami engalibekela wona, **5** njalo nxa lingalaleli amazwi ezinceku zami abaphrofethi, engabathuma kini njalonjalo (lanxa lingalalelanga), **6** ngizakwenza indlu le ibe njengeShilo ledolobho leli libe yinto yokuqalekiswa phakathi kwezizwe zonke zomhlaba.” **7** Abaphristi, labaphrofethi kanye labantu bonke bamuzwa uJeremiya ekhuluma amazwi la endlini kaThixo. **8** Kodwa kwathi uJeremiya eqeda nje ukubatshela bonke abantu konke uThixo ayemlaye ukuba akutsho, abaphristi, labaphrofethi kanye labantu bonke bamphuthuma bathi kuye, “Kumele ufe! **9** Kungani uphrofetha ngebizo likaThixo usithi indlu le izakuba njengeShilo ledolobho leli lizachitheka abantu basuke kulo?” Abantu bonke bambuthanelu uJeremiya endlini kaThixo. **10** Kwathi izikhulu zakoJuda sezizwe ngalezintzo, zaya endlini kaThixo zisuka esigoldlweni senkosi zahlala ezindaweni zazo entubeni yeSango elitsha lendlu kaThixo. **11** Abaphristi, labaphrofethi basebesithi ezikhulwini lasebantwini bonke, “Umuntu lo kumele agwetshelwe ukuba uphrofetha kubi ngedolobho leli. Likuzwile ngezindlebe zenu!” **12** UJeremiya wasesithi ezikhulwini zonke lasebantwini bonke: “UTHixo ungithumile ukuba ngiphrofetha kubi ngendul le langedolobho leli zonke izinto eliziwleyo. **13** Ngakho lungisanu izindela zenu lezenzo zenu lilalele uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngalokho uThixo uzadeda angabe esalehlisela umonakalo abemememezele ukuwehlisela kini. **14** Kodwa mina, ngisezandleni zenu; yenzani kimi loba kuyini lokho elikubona kukuhle, kufanele. **15** Kodwa likwazi, impela ukuthi lingangibulala, lizakwehlisela phezu kwenu icala legazi elimsulwa laphezu kwedolobho leli kanye laphezu kwabantu abahlala kulo, ngoba ngeqiniso uThixo ungithumile kini ukuba ngikhulume wonke amazwi la lani lisizwa.” **16** Izikhulu labantu bonke basebesithi kubaphristi lakubaphrofethi, “Umuntu lo akumelanga abulawel! Ukhulume kithi ngebizo uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.” **17** Abanye babadala

baselizweni basondela phambili bakhulumu kulolonke Kanje uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda loba omunye umuntu nje wakoJuda wambulala na? UHezekhiya kamesabanga yini uThixo wacela umusa kuye? UThixo kadedanga wayekela ukubehlisela umonakalo ayewumememezele kubo na? Sekuseduze ukuthi sizehlisele umonakalo owesabekayo phezu kwethu!” **20** (U-Uriya indodana kaShemaya owaseKhiriyathi-Jeyarimi ungomunye umuntu owaphrofetha ngebizo likaThixo: waphrofitha izinto ezinjalo ngedolobho leli langelizwe leli njengoJeremiya. **21** Kwathi inkosi uJehoyakhimi lezinduna zakhe kanye lezikhulu zakhe besizwa amazwi akhe, bafuna ukumbulala. Kodwa u-Uriya wakuzwa lokho wasebalekela eGibhithe esesaba. **22** UJehoyakhimi inkosi, wathuma u-Elinathani indodana ka-Akhibhoru lamanye amadoda eGibhithe. **23** Bamthatha u-Uriya eGibhithe bamusa kuJehoyakhimi inkosi wambulala ngenkemba isidumbu sakhe saphoselwa endaweni yokungcwabela abantukazana.) **24** Phezu kwalokho, u-Ahikhami indodana kaShafani wasekela uJeremiya, ngakho kanikezwanga ebantwini ukuba bambulale.

**27** Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya indodana kajosiya inkosi yakoJuda, ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lisithi: **2** UTHixo wathi kimi, “Yenza ijogwe ngemichilo langemigoqo uligaxe entanyeni yakhlo. **3** Ubusuthumela ilizwi enkosini yase-Edomi, leyaseMowabi, leyase-Amoni, eyeThire kanye leyaseSidoni ngezithunywa ezize ejerusalem kaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda. **4** Zinike ilizwi eliya emakhosini azo uthi, ‘UTHixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israeli uthi: Tshelani amakhosi enu lokhu ukuthi: **5** Ngamandala ami amakhulu langengalo yami eyeluliweyo ngenza umhlaba labantu bawo kanye lezinyamazana ezikuwo, njalo ngiwinika loba ngubani ngokuthanda kwami. **6** Khathesi wonke amazwe enu ngizawanikela encekwini yami uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, ngizakwenza lezinyamazana zeganga zibe ngaphansi kwakhe. **7** Izizwe zonke zizamsebenzela yena lamadodana akhe kanye labazukulu bakhe kuze kufike isikhathi selizwe lakhe lapho azanqotshwa khona yizizwe ezinengi lamakhosu amakhulu. **8** Kodwa, loba yisiphi isizwe loba umbuso ongasebenzeli uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni loba ukhothamisele intamo yawo ejogeni lakhe, ngizasijezisa lesosizwe ngenkemba, ngendlala langesifo, ngize ngiwichithe ngesandla sakhe, kutsho uThixo. **9** Ngakho lingabalaleli abaphrofethi benu, izanuse zenu, abachazi bamaphupho, izangoma zenu loba izinyanga zenu ezithi kini, kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni.” **10** Baphrofetha amanga kini azasebenza ukulisusa nje kuphela emazweni enu; lo akumelanga abulawel! Ukhulume kithi ngebizo ngizalixotsha njalo lizabhubha. **11** Kodwa isizwe likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.” **12** Abanye babadala esizabeka intamo yaso ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi

yaseBhabhiloni siyisebenzele, lessosizwe ngizasiyekela amazwi owaphrofethayo ngokubuyisela kule indawo siselizweni laso ukuba sililime njalo sihlale kulo, izitsha zendlu kaThixo labo bonke abathunjelwa kutsho uThixo.” **12** UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda eBhabhiloni. **7** Lanxa kunjalo, lalela kulokhu ngamnika ilizwi elinjalo; Ngathi, “Beka intamo engikutsho lawe usizwa kanye labantu bonke yakho ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni; besizwa ukuthi: **8** Kusukela ezikhathini zakuqala isebeenzele yona kanye labantu bayo, uzaphila. **13** abaphrofethi abandulela wena lami baphrofetha Kungani wena labantu bakho lizabulawa ngenkemba, ngempi, ngomonakalo langesifo emazwени amanengi indlala lesifo uThixo ayesongele ngakho isizwe lasemibusweni emikhulu. **9** Kodwa umphrofethi esingayikusebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni na? **14** ophrofetha ngokuthula uzakwaziwa njengothunye Lingawalaleli amazwi abaphrofethi abathi kini, nguThixo sibili lapho ilizwi lakhe seligcwalesekile.” ‘Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni,’ ngoba **10** Lapho-ke uHananiya umphrofethi wasusa ijogwe baphrofetha amanga kini. **15** ‘Angibathumanga,’ kutsho **11** uThixo. ‘Baphrofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Ngakho ngizalixotsha, libhubhe lina kanye labaphrofethi abaphrofetha kini.’” **16** Ngasengisithi kubaphristi lakubo bonke abantu laba, “UThixo uthi: Lingabalaleli abaphrofethi abathi, ‘Masinyane nje izitsha zasendlini kaThixo zizabuyiswa zivela eBhabhiloni.’ Baphrofetha amanga kini. **17** Lingabalaleli. Isebenzeleni inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, lizaphila. Kungani idolobho leli kumele libe lunxiwa na? **18** Nxa bengabaphrofethi njalo bebelizwi likaThixo, kabamncenge uThixo uSomandla ukuba izitsha eziseleyo endlini kaThixo lasesigodlweni senkosi yakoJuda kanye laseJerusalemma zingasiwa eBhabhiloni. **19** Ngoba lokhu yikho okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla mayelana lensika, loWandle, lokokumisa okuphakamisekayo kanye lezinye izitsha eziseleyo kuleldolobho, **20** uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni engahambanga layo ekuthatheni kwakhe ujehoyakhimi indodana kajehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda emusa ejerusalemma emusa leziyehoyakhimi indodana kajehoyakhimi ukuthi: **22** ‘Zizasiwa eBhabhiloni lapho ezizakuba khona kuze kufike usuku engizazilandu ngalo,’ kutsho uThixo. ‘Lapho-ke ngizazibuyisela emuva kule indawo.’”

**28** Ngenyanga yesihlanu yawonalowo umnyaka, umnyaka wesine, ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, umphrofethi uHananiya indodana ka-Azuri, owayevela eGibhiyon, wathi kimi endlini kaThixo phambi kwabaphristi labantu bonke: **2** “UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: ‘Ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni. **3** Phakathi kweminyaka emibili ngizazibuyisela kule indawo zonke izitsha zendlu kaThixo ezathathwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wazisa eBhabhiloni. **4** Ngizambuyisela kule indawo futhi ujekhoniya indodana kajehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda kanye labanye bonke abathunjwa koJuda baya eBhabhiloni,’ kutsho uThixo, ‘ngoba ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni.’” **5** Umphrofethi ujeremiya waphendula umphrofethi uHananiya phambi kwabaphristi labantu bonke ababemi endlini kaThixo. **6** Wathi, “Ameni! Sengathi uThixo angamenzenjalo! Sengathi uThixo angagcwala

amazwi owaphrofethayo ngokubuyisela kule indawo amazweni amanengi indlala lesifo uThixo ayesongele ngakho isizwe lasemibusweni emikhulu. **9** Kodwa umphrofethi esingayikusebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni na? **14** ophrofetha ngokuthula uzakwaziwa njengothunye Lingawalaleli amazwi abaphrofethi abathi kini, nguThixo sibili lapho ilizwi lakhe seligcwalesekile.” ‘Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni,’ ngoba **10** Lapho-ke uHananiya umphrofethi wasusa ijogwe entanyeni kajeremiya umphrofethi walephula, **11** uThixo. ‘Baphrofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Ngakho ngizalixotsha, libhubhe lina kanye labaphrofethi abaphrofetha kini.’” **16** Ngasengisithi kubaphristi lakubo bonke abantu laba, “UThixo uthi: Lingabalaleli abaphrofethi abathi, ‘Masinyane nje izitsha zasendlini kaThixo zizabuyiswa zivela eBhabhiloni.’ Baphrofetha amanga kini. **17** Lingabalaleli. Isebenzeleni inkosi yaseBhabhiloni entanyeni zeziwe zonke phakathi kweminyaka emibili.” Ngemva kwalokho umphrofethi uJeremiya wasuka wazihambela. **12** Masinyane nje emuva kokuba umphrofethi uHananiya ephule ijogwe entanyeni kajeremiya umphrofethi, kwafika ilizwi likaThixo kuJeremiya lisithi: **13** “Hamba uyetshela uHananiya uthi, ‘UThixo uthi: Wephule ijogwe lesigodo, kodwa esikhundleni salo uzakuba lejogwe lensimbi. **14** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngizabeka ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni zeziwe zonke lezi ukuba zisebenzela uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, zizamsebenzela. Ngizamnika amandalaphezu kwezinyamazana zeganga.” **15** Umphrofethi ujeremiya wasesithi kuHananiya umphrofethi, “Lalela, Hananiya! UThixo kakuthumanga, kodwa usuwenzie isizwe inkosi yaseBhabhiloni engahambanga layo ekuthatheni kwakhe ujehoyakhimi indodana kajehoyakhimi ukuthi: **22** ‘Sekuseduze ukuthi ngikususe ebusweni bomhlaba. Ngawonalo umnyaka uzakufa, ngoba uphrofite ukuhlamukela uThixo.’” **17** Ngenyanga yesikhombisa yallowomnyaka, uHananiya umphrofethi wafa.

**29** La ngamazwi encwadi umphrofethi ujeremiya ayithumela eseJerusalemma ebadalen abasindayo phakathi kwabathunjwayo lakubaphristi, abaphrofethi, lakubo abantu uNebhukhadineza abathatha ejerusalemma wabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. **2** (Lokhu kwakungemwa kokuba inkosi ujekhoniya lendlovukazi engunina, izikhulu zasemthethwanda kanye labadala bakoJuda labaseJerusalemma, izingcithi lezingcwethi basebeye ekuthunjweni besuka ejerusalemma.) **3** Incwadi leyo wayiphathisa uEleyasa indodana kaShafani loGemariya indodana kaHilikhiya, abathunywa nguZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kuNebhukhadineza eBhabhiloni. Yathi: **4** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi kubo bonke labo engabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni besuka ejerusalemma: **5** “Yakhani izindlu lihlale phansi; limani izivande lidle izithelo zazo. **6** Thathani abafazi lizale amadodana lamadodakazi; dingelani amadodana enu abafazi lendise lamadodakazi enu, ukuze lawo abe lamadodana kanye lamadodakazi; inani lenu lande ngapho; lingehli. **7** Funani ukuthula lokuphumelela kwedolobho engilise ekuthunjweni kulo. Likhulekeleni kuThixo, ngoba nxa liphumelela

lani lizaphumelela.” **8** Ye, uThixo uSomandla, lezankosi zentanyeni. **27** Pho kungani ungamkhuzanga uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, “Lingavumeli ukuthi abaphrofethi labahlahluli abaphakathi kwenu balikhohlise. Lingawalaleli amaphupho elibakhuthaza ukuthi bawaphuphe. **9** Baphrofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami. Kangibathumanga,” kutsho uThixo. **10** UThixo uthi: “Lapho iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isiphelile eBhabhiloni, ngizakuza kini ngicgwaliwe isithembiso sami somusa sokulibuyiselwa kule indawo. **11** Ngoba ngiyawazi amacebo engilayo ngani,” kutsho uThixo, “amacebo okuliphumelelisa hatshi ukulilimaza, amacebo okulinika ithemba kanye lesikhathi esizayo. **12** Ngalesosikhathi lizangibiza lizekhuleka kimi, njalo ngizalizwa. **13** Lizangidina lingifumane nxalangidina ngenhliziyo yenu yonke. **14** Lizangifumana,” kutsho uThixo, “njalo ngizalibuyisa livela ekuthunjweni. Ngizaliquqa ezizweni zonke lasezindaweni zonke engalixotshela kuzo,” kutsho uThixo, “njalo ngilibuyise endaweni engalithatha kuyo ngilisa ekuthunjweni.” **15** Lingatsho lithi, “UThixo usesiphe abaphrofethi eBhabhiloni,” **16** kodwa uThixo uthi mayelana lenkosi ehlala esihlalweni sobukhosikida David labantu bonke abasala kulelidolobho, abantu bakini abangahambanga lani ekuthunjweni, **17** yebo, uThixo uSomandla uthi, “Ngizabathumela inkemba, lendlala lesifo njalo ngizabenza babe njengomkhiwa obolileyo ongeke udliwe. **18** Ngizaxotshana labo ngenkemba, ngendlala langesifo njalo ngizabenza benyanyeke kuyo yonke imibuso yasemhlabeninjalo babe yinto yokuqalekiswa lokwesatshwa, ukuklolodelwa lokuthukwa, phakathi kwezizwe zonke engibaxotshela kuzo. **19** Ngoba kabawala langa amazwi ami,” kutsho uThixo, “amazwi engawathomela kubo njalonjalo ngezincku zami abaphrofethi. Lani abasekuthunjweni kalilalelanga,” kutsho uThixo. **20** Ngakho, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lonke lina elisekuthunjweni engalisusa ejerusalema ngalisa eBhabhiloni. **21** Mayelana lo-Ahabi indodana kaKhola loZedekhiya indodana kaMaseya, abaphrofetha amanga kini ngebizo lami, uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: “Ngizabanikela kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ozabulala phambi kobuso benu. **22** Ngenxa yabo, bonke abathunjiweyo abavela kojuda abaseBhabhiloni bazabenzisa isiqalekiso lesi sokuthi: ‘UThixo makenze kini njengalokhu akwenze kuZedekhiya lo-Ahabi, abatshiswa yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngomnlilo.’ **23** Ngoba benz ezinto ezimbi kakhulu ko-Israyeli; bafeba labafazi babomakhelwane babo, baqamba amanga ngebizo lami, engingazange ngithi bakwenze. Ngiyakwazi njalo ngingufakazi kukho,” kutsho uThixo. **24** Tshela uShemaya umNehelami uthi, **25** “UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: ‘Wathumela izincwadi ngebizo lakho kubo bonke abantu basejerusalema, lakuZefaniya indodana kaMaseya umphristi, lakwabanye abaphristi bonke.’ KuZefaniya wathi, **26** ‘UThixo usekubeki ukuba ngumphristi esikhundleni sikajehoyada ukuba ubengumphathii wendlu kaThixo; umuntu ohlanyayo ozenza umphrofethi ubomfaka esitokisini umfake uJeremiya wase-Anathothi, ozenza umphrofethi abaphrofethi labahlahluli abaphakathi kwenu phakathi kwenu? **28** Uthumele ilizwi leli kithi eBhabhiloni elithi: Kuzakuba yisikhathi eside. Ngakho yakhani izindlu lihlale phansi; limani izivande lidle izithelo zazo.” **29** Kodwa, uZefaniya umphristi incwadi le wayibalela ujeremiya umphrofethi. **30** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi, **31** “Thumela ilizwi leli kubo bonke abathunjiweyo uthi, Mayelana loShemaya umNehelami uThixo uthi: ‘Njengoba uShemaya esephrofitha kini, lanxa mina ngingamthumanga, walenza lakkholwa amanga, **32** ngeqiniso ngizamjezisa uShemaya umNehelami kanye lenzalo yakhe. Kakuyikuba lowakibo ozasala ekhona phakathi kwalababantu, njalo lezinto ezinhle engizazenzela abantu bami kasoze azibone, kutsho uThixo, ngoba uphrofetha ukungihlamukela.”

**30** Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo lisithi: **2** “UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Loba encwadini wonke amazwi engiwakhulumu kuwe. **3** Insuku ziyeza,’ kutsho uThixo, ‘lapho engizabuyisa abantu bami u-Israyeli lojuda bevela ekuthunjweni ngibabuyisele elizweni engalinika okhokho babo ukuba libe ngelabo,’ kutsho uThixo.” **4** Amazwi akhulunywa nguThixo ngo-Israyeli loJuda: **5** “Wathi: ‘Ukukhala kokwesaba kuzwakele, ukwesaba okukhulu, hatshi ukuthula. **6** Buzani libone: Indoda ingazala abantwana na? Pho kungani ngibona wonke amadoda aqinileyo ebambe izisu zavo ngezandla njengowesifazane ohelelwayo, ubuso bonke sebube mhlotshana okufuka? **7** Yeka ukwesabeka okuzakuba yilosoku! Kalukho oluzakuba njengalo. Kuzakuba yisikhathi sokuhlupheka kukajakhobe, kodwa uzaahlengwa kukho. **8** Ngalosoku,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla, ‘ngizalephula ijogwe entanyeni zabo ngiqamule lezibopho zabo; abezizweni kabasayikubagilaza futhi. **9** Esikhundleni salokho, bazasebenzela uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, loDavid inkosi yabo, engizabavusela yona. **10** Ngakho ungesabi, wena Jakhobe nceku yami; ungadangali, wena Israyeli,’ kutsho uThixo. ‘Ngeqiniso ngizakuhlenga ezindaweni ezikude, lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo. Ujakhobe uzakuba lokuthula futhi kanye lokuvikeleka, njalo kakho ozamenza esabe. **11** Ngilawe njalo ngizakuhlenga,’ kutsho uThixo. ‘Lanxa ngizichitha ngokupheleleyo zonke izizwe engikuhlakazelwa kuzo, wena angiyukuchitha ngokupheleleyo. Ngizakuqondisa kodwa ngokufaneleyo kuphela; kangiyikukuyekela urgajeziswanga.’ **12** UThixo uthi: ‘Silonda sakho kaselapheki, ukulimala kwakho akupholi. **13** Kakho okhulumela inhloso yakho, akulamuthi wesilonda sakho, akukho kuphola kuwe. **14** Bonke abangane bakho sebekukhohliwe; kabalandaba lawe. Ngikutshaye njengokungenziwa yisitha ngakujezisa njengokungenziwa ngolesihluku, ngoba icala lakho likhulu kakhulu lezono zakho zinengi kakhulu. **15** Kungani ukhaliswa linxeba lakho, ubuhlungu bakho obungelaphekiyo na? Ngenxa yecala lakho elikhulu lezono ezinengi

ngenze lezizinto kuwe. **16** Kodwa bonke abakudlayo bazathokoza ngokuphana kukaThixo, ngamabele, bazaadiwa; zonke izitha zakho zizathunjwa. Labo langewayini elitsha kanye lamafutha e-oliva, abakuphangayo bazaphangwa; bonke abakwemukayo ngamazinyane ezimvu langamathole enkomo. Bazakuba ngizabemuka. **17** Kodwa ngizakusilisa ngipholise njengesivande esithelelwa kuhle, njalo kabasayikuba lamanxeba akho,’ kutsho uThixo, ‘ngoba kuthiwa ungoalahliweyo, iZiyoni okungekho olendaba lalo.’ **18** enzenjalo amajaha labadala. Ngizaguqula ukukhala uThixo uthi: ‘Ngizavuselela inotho yasemathenteni kajakhobe ngibe lesihawu emakhaya akhe; idolobho esikhundleni sosizi. **19** Ngizasuthisa abaphristi lizakwakhwi kutsha emanxiweni alo, lendlu yobukhosu izakuma endaweni yayo uqobo. **20** Kubo kuzavela izingoma zokubonga kanye lomsinga wokuthokoza. Ngizakwandisa amanani abo, njalo kabayikuphulgulwa; ngizabenza bahlonitshwe, njalo kabayikweyiswa. **21** Abantwana babo bazakuba njengezinsukwini zakudala, lebandla labo lizamiselwa phambi kwami; ngizabajezisa bonke ababancidezelayo. **22** Umkhokheli wabo uzakuba ngomunye wabakibo; umbusi wabo uzavela phakathi kwabo. Ngizamsondeza eduze, uzakuza phansi kwami, ngoba ngubani lowo ongazinikela ukuba seduze kwami na?’ kutsho uThixo. **23** ‘Ngakho lina lizakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.’ **24** Ulaka olwesabekayo lukaThixo kaluyikudedu aze ayifeze ngokupheleleyo injongo yenhlizyo yakhe. Ensukwini ezizayo lizakuzewiswa lokhu.

**31** “Ngalesosikhathi ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu weziwana zonke zako-Israyeli, bona bazzakuba ngabantu bami,” kutsho uThixo. **2** UThixo uthi: “Abantu abasilayo enkembeni bazathola umusa enkangala; ngizakuzanika u-Israyeli ukuphumula.” **3** UThixo wabonakala kithi kudala esithi: “Ngikuthandile ngothando olungapheliyo; ngikuhole ngesisa esikhulu. **4** Ngizakwakha njalo uzakwakhwi kutsha futhi, wena Israyeli Ntombi emsulwa. Uzathatha amagedda akho futhi uphume uyegida labathokozayo. **5** Uzalima izivini zakho futhi emaqaqeni aseSamariya; abalimi bazazilima badle izithelo zazo. **6** Kuzakuba losuku lapho abalindi bezamemeza phezu kwamaqaqo aka-Efrayimi bathi, ‘Wozani, kasiyeni eZiyoni, kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.’” **7** UThixo uthi: “Mhlabeleleni uJakhobe ngokuthokoza; nqongolozelani izizwe ezidumileyo. Yenzani ukudumisa kwenu kuzwakale, lisithi, ‘Awu Thixo, bahlenga abantu bakho, insalela ka-Israyeli.’ **8** Khangelani, ngizababuysa bevela elizweni lasenyakatho, ngibaqoqe emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Phakathi kwabo kuzakuba leziphofu labaqhulayo; abesifazane abazithweleyo labahelelwayo; ixuku elikhulu lizabuya. **9** Bazabuya bekhalo; bazaikhuleka lapho ngibabuysa. Ngizabaholela ezihotsheni zamanzi endleleni eyendlalekileyo lapho abangayikuhubeka khona, ngoba nginguyise ka-Israyeli, njalo u-Efrayimi yindodana yami elizibulo. **10** Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lina zizwe; limemezeleni emazweni angaselwandle khatshana lithi: ‘Yena owahlakaza u-Israyeli uzamqoqa njalo uzakwelusa umhlambi wakhe njengomelusi.’ **11** Ngoba uThixo uzamhlenga ujakhobe, abakhulule ezandleni zalabo abalamandla kulabo. **12** Bazakuba banqongoloze ngentokozo ezingqongeni zeZiyoni;

kwabo kubo yikuthaba; ngizabapha induduzo lentokozo esikhundleni sosizi. **14** Ngizasuthisa abaphristi ngokuneni, kutsho bami basasutha ngokuphana kwami,” kutsho uThixo. **15** Nanku okutshoyo nguThixo: “Iлизи lizwakala eRama, lesililo lokukhala okukhulu, uRasheli ukhalela abantwabake njalo esala ukududuzwa, ngoba kabasekho.” **16** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: “Bamba ilizwi lakho ungakhali, lamehlo akho angehlisi inyembezi ngoba umsebenzi wakho uzathola umvuzo,” kutsho uThixo. “Bazabuya bevela elizweni lesitha. **17** Ngakho kulethemba ensukwini zakho ezizayo,” kutsho uThixo. “Abantwabakho bazabuyela elizweni labo. **18** Ngikuzwile impela ukukhala kuka-Efrayimi esithi: ‘Wantitshaya njengethole elingathambanga, njalo sengajeziseka. Ngibuyisa, Khangelani, isiphepho sikaThixo sizakhupha ulaka, umoya osasivunguzane usehlela phezu kwamakhanda ababi. **19** Emva kokweduka kwami, ngaphenduka; emva kokuba sengizwisisile, ngazitshaya isifuba. Ngaba lenhloni ngadumazeka ngoba ngangilehla lasebutsheni bami.’ **20** U-Efrayimi kasindodana yami ethandekayo, umntanami engithokoza ngaye na? Lanxa ngihlala ngikhulumu kubi ngaye ngisamkhumbla. Ngakho inhlizyo yami iyamlangatha; ngiyamzwela kakhulu, kutsho uThixo. **21** Beka izitshengiso zomgwaoqo; umise lezinsika zeziqondiso. Nanzelela umgwaoqo, indlela ozahamba ngayo. Phenduka, wena Ntombi egcweleyo Israyeli, buyela emadolobheni akho. **22** Koze kube nini ulokhu uzulazula, wena ndodakazi engathembekanga na? UThixo uzadala into entsha emhlabeni, owestifazane uzavikela indoda.” **23** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, “Lapho ngibabuysa bevela ekuthunjweni, abantu abaselizweni lakoJuda lasemadolobheni alo bazawasebenzisa futhi amazwi la athi, ‘UThixo akubisuse wena ndawo yokuhlala elungileyo, wena ntaba engcwele.’” **24** Abantu bazahlala ndawonye koJuda lasemadolobheni akhona wonke, abalimi kanye lalabo abazulazulayo lemlihlambi yabo. **25** Ngizaqinisa abadiniweyo ngisuthise abangalamanda.” **26** Laphoke ngaphaphama ngakhanga indawana yonke. Ubuthongo bami babubenmandi kimi. **27** “Insuki ziyeza, lapho engizahlanyela khona indlu ka-Israyeli lendlu kajuda lenzalo yabantu lezinyamazana. **28** Njengoba ngabalinda ukusiphuna lokudiliza, ukuchitha lokuhubbisa kanye lokuletha umonakalo, ngokunjalo ngizabalinda ukwakha lokuhlanyela,” kutsho uThixo. **29** “Ngalezonku abantu kabasayikutsho ukuthi, ‘Abazali badle amavini amunyu, ngakho amazinyo abantwana asetshelela.’” **30** Esikhundleni salokho, umuntu wonke uzafela izono zakhe; loba ngubani odla amavini amunyu amazinyo akhe azatshelela. **31** Isikhathi siyeza, lapho engizakwenza khona isivumelwano esitsha lendlu ka-Israyeli kanye lekaJuda,” kutsho

uThixo. **32** “Kasiyikufana lesivumelwano engasenza wakho ukuba uyithenge.” **8** Ngakho, njengokutsho labokhokho babo lapho engababamba khona ngesandla kukaThixo, umzawami uHanameli weza kimi ukuba ngibakhuphe eGibhithe, ngoba bephula egumeni labalindi wathi, “Thenga insimu yami isivumelwano sami, lanxa ngangingumyeni wabo,” e-Anathothi elizweni lakoBhenjamini. Njengoba kutsho uThixo. **33** “Lesi yiso isivumelwano engizasenza kulilungelo lakho ukuba uyihlenge ibe ngeyakho, lendlu ka-Israyeli ngemva kwalesosikhathi,” kutsho zithengele yona.” Ngakwazi ukuthi leli laliyilizwi uThixo. “Ngizafaka umthetho wami ezingondweni likaThixo; **9** ngakho ngayithenga insimu ye-Anathothi zabo, ngiwulobe lasezinhliziyeweni zabo. Ngizakuba kumzawami uHanameli, ngamlinganisela amashekeli nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona bazakuba ngabantu alitshumi lesikhombisa esiliva. **10** Ngasayina incwadi bami. **34** Umuntu kasayikufundisa umakhlwane yesivumelwano sokuthenga ngayinamathisela, wakhe, kumbe umfowabwo esithi, “Mazi uThixo,” ngoba yafakazelwa, ngalinganisa siliva esikalini. **11** Ngathatha bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncincinyane wabo kusiya incwadi yokuthenga enanyekiweyo eyayilemthetho komkhulu, kutsho uThixo. Ngoba ngizabathethelela lezimiso, kanye leyayingananyekwangwa, **12** incwadi ububi babo, njalo angiyikuhumbula izono zabo yokuthenga le ngayinika uBharukhi indodana futhi.” **35** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo, yena obeka kaNerija, indodana kaMahaseyiya; umzawami ilanga ukuba likhanyise emini, omisa inyanga uHanameli ekhona kanye labafakazi ababesayine lezinkanyezi ukuba kukhanye ebusuku, onyakazisa incwadi yokuthenga lamaJuda wonke ehlezi egumeni ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome, uThixo labalindi. **13** Nganika uBharukhi imilayo le labo uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe, uthi: **36** “Nxa izimisobekhona ngathi: **14** ‘UThixo uSomandla uNkulunkulu lezi zinganyamalala ebusweni bami,” kutsho uThixo, ka-Israyeli uthi: Thatha izincwadi lezi zesivumelwano “kulapho lenzalo ka-Israyeli ezacina khona ukuba sokuthenga enanyekiweyo lengananyekwanga uzifake yisiswe phambi kwami.” **37** UThixo uthi: “Nxa amazulu embizeni yomdaka ukuze zihlale khona isikhathi phezulu engalinganiswa lezisekelo zomhlaba ngaphansi eside. **15** UThixo uSomandla uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli zihlolwe, kulapho engingayilahla khona yonke inzalo uthi: Izindlu lamasimu lezivini kuzathengwa futhi ka-Israyeli ngenxa yakho konke abakwenzileyo,” kulelilizwe.” **16** Emva kokuba uBharukhi indodana kutsho uThixo. **38** “Insuku ziyeza,” kutsho uThixo, kaNerija sengimpophile incwadi yokuthenga, ngakhuleka “lapho idolobho leli ngizalakhelwa kutsha kusukela kuThixo ngathi: **17** Thixo Wobukhos, wadala amazulu eMphotshongweni waseHananeli kusiya eSangweni lomhlaba ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo leNgosi. **39** Intambro yokulanganisa izasukela lapho yakkho eyeliweyo. Akukho lutho olunzima kuwe. **18** iqonde eqaqeni lweGarebi ibe isijikela eGowa. **40** Isigodi sonke lapho okulahlelwa khona izidumbu zabafileyo isijeziso sezono zaboyise ebantwaneni babo ngemva lomlotha, lawo wonke amasimu kusiyafika esigodini kwabo. Wena Nkulunkulu omkhulu olamandla, obizo seKhidiironi ngasempumalanga kusiyafika ejikweni lakho nguThixo uSomandla, **19** zinkulu injongo zakho leSango leBhiza, kuzakuba ngcweli kuThixo. Idolobho njalo zilamandla izenzo zakho. Amehlo akho ayazibona kalyikusitshunwa futhi loba lidilizwe.”

**32** Leli yilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo ngomnyaka wetshumi wokubusa kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, owawungumnyaka wetshumi lasificaminwembili wokubusa kukaNebhukhadinea. **2** Ngalesosikhathi ibutho lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni lalivimbezele ijerusalem, uJeremiya umphrefethi evalewe egumeni labalindi phakathi kwesigodlo senkosi yakoJuda. **3** UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wayemvalele lapho esithi, “Kungani uphorefetha njengaloku okwenzayo? uthi: ‘UThixo uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho leli ngilinikele enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, njalo izationaltumba. **4** UZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda akayikuphunyuka ezandleni zamaKhaladiya, kodwa uzanikelwa impela enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, njalo uzakhulum layo ubuso ngobuso ayibone ngamehlo akhe. **5** Izathatha uZedekhiya imuse eBhabhiloni, lapho azahlala khona ngize ngibone engingakwenza kuye, kutsho uThixo. Nxa usilwa lamaKhaladiya, kawayikuphumelela.” **6** UJeremiya wathi, “Iliizi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **7** uHanameli indodana kaShalumi umalumakho uzakuwa kuwe athi, ‘Thenga insimu yami e-Anathothi, ngoba njengesinini sami kulilungelo lakho lomlandu

olukhulu lungolwakho lalamhlanje. **21** Wakhupha abantu bakho u-Israyeli eGibhithe ngezibonakaliso langezimangaliso; ngesandla esilamandla langengalo eyeliweyo kanye lokwesaba okukhulu. **22** Wabanika ilizwe leli owawufunge ukulipha okhokho babo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **23** Beza bafika balithatha, kodwa kabakulalelanga kumbe balandele imithetho yakkho; kabakwenzanga owawubalaye ukuthi bakwenze. Ngakho wabehlisela wonke umonakalo lo. **24** Khangela ukuthi akiwe njani amadundulu okuvimbezela ukuba idolobho lihlaselwe. Ngenxa yenkemba, lendlala lesifo idolobho lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya alihlaselayo. Owakutshoyo sekusenzakala njengoba ubona khathesi. **25** Kodwa lanxa idolobho lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya, wena Thixo Wobukhos uthe kimi, “Thenga insimu ngesiliva kube labafakaza lokho.” **26** Iliizi likaThixo laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi: **27** “Mina nginguThixo, uNkulunkulu woluntu lonke. Kambe kulento engehlulayo na?” **28** Ngakho, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo, uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho

leli ngilinikele kumaKhaladiya lakuNebhukhadineza ezinkulu ezifihlakeleyo ongazaziyo.’ 4 Ngoba lokhu inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, ozalithumba. 29 AmaKhaladiya yikho okutshiwo nguThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ahlasela idolobho leli azangena alithungele mayelana lezindlu ezikulelidolobho langezindlu ngomilo; alitshise, kanye lezindlu lapho abantu zobukhos kojuda ezadilizwayo ukuba zisetshenziswe abangithukuthelisela khona ngokutshisela uBhalu ekumelaneni lamadundulu okuvimbezela kanye impepha phezu kwezimpahla zezindlu langokuthululela lenkemba 5 ekulweni lamaKhaladiya: ‘Zizagcwala abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo enathwayo. 30 Abantu bakojuda labako-Israyeli benza ububi bodwa emehlweni ami kusukela ebutsheni babo; impela, abantu bako-Israyeli bangithukuthelisa ngalokhu abakwenza ngezandla zabo, kutsho uThixo. 31 Kusukela ngosuku elakhiwa ngalo kuze kuge khathesi, idolobho leli livusa ukuthukuthela kwami lolaka lwami okwenza kufanele ukuba ngilisuse ebuswени bami. 32 Abantu bako-Israyeli labakojudia bangithukuthelisela ngobubi bonke ababenzileyo, bona, amakhosi abo lezikulu zabo, abaphristi labaphrofethi babo, abantu bakoJuda labantu baseJerusalem. 33 Bangifulathela kabaze bangipha ubuso babo; lanxa ngabafundisa kanenginengi kabalalelanga njalo kabakunakanga ukukhuzwa. Iona; njalo zizakwesaba ziqaqhazele ngenxa 34 Bamisa izithombe zabo ezinengekayo endlini yokuphumelela okukhulu lokuthula engizakuletha eleBizo lami bayingcolisa. 35 Bakhela uBhalu izindawo kulo.’ 10 UThixo uthi: ‘Liyatsho ngendawo le eziphakemeyo eSigodini saseBheni-Hinomu ukuba lithi, ‘Ilugwadule oluphundlekileyo, olungelabantu banikele amadodana lamadodakazi abo kuMoleki, lanxa kumbe izinyamazana.’ Kodwa emadolbheni akoJuda ngingazange ngibalaye, kumbe kufike engqondweni ukuthi babokwenza into eyenyanya kangaka ngalokho benze uJuda one. 36 Liyatsho ngedolobho lizanikelwa eNkosini yaseBhabhiloni; kodwa uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: 37 Ngizababuyisa kule indawo ngibenze bahlale ngokuvikelwa. 38 Bazakuba mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo. 39 lanini.’ Ngoba inotho yelizwe ngizayibuyisela Ngizabenza babemunye enhliziwensi lasezenzweni, ukuze bahlale bengesaba, ukuba kuge kuhle kubo lasebantwaneni babo emva kwabo. 40 Ngizakwenza labo isivumelwano esingapheliyo: Angiyikuyekela ukwenza okuhle kubo, ngizabafunzelela ukuba bangesabe, abelusi baphumuze imihlambi yabo. 13 Emadolbheni ukuze bangangideli. 41 Ngizathokoza ekubenzeleni okuhle njalo ngibagxumeke ngobuqotho kulelilizwe ngenhliziyo yami yonke langomoya wami wonke. 42 eseduze leJerusalem lasemadolbheni akoJuda, UThixo uthi: Njengoba ngelhisele inkemenkeme le enkulu kangaka phezu kwalababantu, ngokunjalo ngizabapha konke ukuphumelela engabathembisa khona. 43 Amasimu azathengwa futhi kulelilizwe lina elithi ngalo, ‘Lilugwadule oluphundlekileyo, Ngalezonku langalesosikhathi ngizahlumisa uGatsha olungelabantu lezinyamazana, ngoba lanikelwa olulungileyo osendweni lukaDavid; uzakwena kumaKhaladiya.’ 44 Amasimu azathengwa ngesiliva, lezincwadi zokuthenga zisayinwe, zinanyekwe njalo zifikazelwe elizweni likaBhenjamini, lemizini eseduze leJerusalem, lasemadolbheni akoJuda kanye lasemadolbheni elizwe lamaqaqa, asemawatheni asentshonalanga kanye lawaseNegebi, ngoba ngizabuyisela inotho yabo, kutsho uThixo.’

**33** UJeremiya elokhu esavalelwé egumeni labalindi, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye ngokwesibili lisithi: 2 “UThixo, yena owadala umhlaba, uThixo owawenzayo wawumisa, uThixo yilo ibzo lakhe, uthi, 3 ‘Ngibiza ngizakusabela, ngikutshele izinto

**21** lapho-ke isivumelwano sami loDavida inceku isivumelwano labokhokho benu ekubakhupheni kwami yami lesivumelwano sami labaLevi abangabaphristi eGibhithe, elizweni lobugqili. Ngathi, **14** ‘Ngeminyaka abakhonzayo phambi kwami singephulwa njalo yonke yesikhombisa omunye lomunye wenu kumele uDavida angeke abe lenzalo ezabusa esihlalweni akhulule umHebheru wakibo ozithengise kuwe. sakhe sobukhos. **22** Ngizakwenza inzalo kaDavida Emva kokuba esekusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha, inceku yami labaLevi abakhonzayo phambi kwami kumele umkhulule ahamb.’ Kodwa okhokho benu, ingabi iakubalwa njengezinkanyezu zasemazulwini kabangilalelanga njalo kabanginakanga. **15** Ngesikhathi njalo ingalinganiseki njengetshebetshebe lasekhunjini esisanda kudlula laphenduka lenza okulungileyo lolwandle.” **23** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kujeremiya lisithi: emehlweni ami: Omunye lomunye wenu wamemezelu **24** “Kawukanzeleli na ukuthi abantu laba bathi, ukukhululwa kwabantu belizwe lakibo. Laze lenza ‘UThixo useyilahile imibuso emibili ayeyikhethile?’ lesivumelwano phambi kwami endlini eleBizo lami. Ngakho bayabeyisa abantu bami njalo kabasabanaki njengesizwe. **25** UThixo uthi, ‘Nxa ngingamisanga isivumelwano sami lelanga lobusuku kanye lemithetho eqinileyo yasezulwini lasemhlabeni, **26** lapho-ke ngizayilahla inzalo kajakhobe lekaDavida inceku yami njalo ngingakhethi enye yamadodana akhe ukuba ibuse inzalo ka-Abrahama, leka-Isaka lekajakhobe. Ngoba ngizabuyisela inhlanhla yabo ngibe lesihawu kubo.”

**34** Kwathi uNebukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lebutho lakhe lonke kanye lemibuso yonke, labantu basemazweni ayewabusa besilwa leJerusalem lawo wonke amadolobho alo ayeseduzane, ilizwi leli lafika kujeremiya livela kuThixo lisithi; **2** ‘UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Yana kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda uthi kuye, ‘UThixo uthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi idolobho leli ngilinikele enkosini yaseBhabhiloni, njalo izalitshisa ngomlilo. **3** Kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sayo kodwa uzathunjwa impela unikelwe kuyo. Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni uzayibona ngamehlo akho, njalo izakhulumu lawe ubuso ngobuso. Njalo uzahamba eBhabhiloni. **4** Kodwa-ke zwana isithembiso sikaThixo, wena Zedekhiya nkosi yakoJuda. Ngawe uThixo uthi: Awuyikufa ngenkemba; **5** uzakufa ngokuthula. Njengoba abantu babasa umlilo wesililo bekhumbla oyihlo, amakhosi akuqala akwandumelayo, ngokunjalo bazabasa umlilo wokukhumbula, balile bathi, Maye, Oh Nkosi! Mina ngokwami ngenza isithembiso lesi, kutsho uThixo.” **6** Ngakho ujeremiya umphrofethi wamtshela konke lokhu uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, eJerusalem, **7** lapho ibutho lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni lalisilwa leJerusalem lamanye amadolobho akoJuda ayelokhu esaquinisele, iLakhishi le-Azeka. La yiwo kuphela amadolobho ayevikelwe ngezingqaba ayesasele koJuda. **8** Ilizwi lafika kujeremiya livela kuThixo emva kokuba inkosi uZedekhiya esenze isivumelwano labantu bonke baseJerusalem sokumemezelu ukukhululwa kwezigqili. **9** Wonke umuntu kwakumele akhulule iziggili zakhe ezingamaHebheru, ezesilisa lezesifazane, kakho owayezagcina umJuda wakibo ebugqilini. **10** Ngakho zonke izikhulu labantu bonke abenza isivumelwano lesi Bavuma ukuthi babezakhulula iziggili zabo zesilisa lezesifazane bangazigcini ebugqilini futhi. Bavuma, bazikhulula. **11** Kodwa muva bantshintsha ingqondo zabo bazithumba njalo iziggili zabo ababezikhulule bazenza iziggili futhi. **12** iwayini. **7** Njalo lingakhi zindlu, lingahlanyeli kumbe Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kujeremiya lisithi, **13** lilime izivinu; lingabi lokunye kwalezizinto, kodwa “UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngenza kumele lihlale emathenteni kokuphela. Ngalokho

**35** Leli yilizwi elafika kujeremiya livela kuThixo ekubuseni kukajehoyakhimi indodana kajosiya inkosi yakoJuda, elathi, **2** “Yana endlini yamaRekhabi uwabize ukuba eze kwelinye lamakamelo endlu kaThixo uwanike iwayini anathe.” **3** Ngakho ngayathatha ujazaniya indodana kajeremiya, indodana kaHabhziniya, labafowabo kanye lamadodana akhe wonke lomuzi wonke wamaRekhabi. **4** Ngabasa endlini kaThixo, ekamelweni lamadodana kaHanani indoda kaIgidaliya umuntu kaNkulunkulu. Laliseduze lekamelo lezikhulu elalingaphezu kwelikaMaseya indodana kaShalumi umlindi wesango. **5** Emva kwalokho ngabeka imiganu eyayigcwele iwayini lezinkezo phambi kwabantu bomndeni wamaRekhabi, ngathi kubo, “Nathan iwayini.” **6** Kodwa bona baphendula bathi, “Iwayini kasilinathi ngoba ukhokho wethu uJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi wasinika umlayo lo othi: ‘Lina loba inzalo yenu akumelanga linathe iwayini. **7** Njalo lingakhi zindlu, lingahlanyeli kumbe

lizaphila isikhathi eside elizweni elizinzulane kulo.' **6** Ngakho yana endlini kaThixo ngosuku lokuzila **8** Sakulalela konke ukhokho wethu uJehonadabi ukudla ubale abantu amazwi kaThixo asemqulwini indodana kaRekhabi asilaya khona. Thina labomkethu lamadodana ethu kanye lamadodakazi ethu asikaze silinath iwayini, **9** kumbe sakhe izindlu zokuhlal kuzo loba sibe lezivini, amasimu kumbe amabele. **10** Sihlala emathenteni njalo siyakulalela konke ukhokho wethu uJehonadabi asilaya khona. **11** Kodwa ekuhlaseleni kukaNebhukhadinea inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ilizwe leli, sathi, 'Wozani siye ejerusalem saiblekele amabutho amakhaladiya kanye lawama-Aramu.' Sahlala kanjalo ejerusalem.' **12** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi: **13** "UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Hamba uyetshela abantu bakoJuda labahlala ejerusalem ukuthi, 'Kalfundi sifundo lilale amazwi ami na?' kutsho uThixo. **14** 'UJehonadabi izinceku zami abaphrofethi kini kanengenengi. Bathi, "Ngamunye wenu kumele liphenduke ezindleleni zenu ezimbi lilungise lezenzo zenu; lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuba libakhonze. Ngalokho kalisahlal elizweni engalipha lona lina labokhokho benu." Kodwa kalinakanga, njalo kalingilalelanga. **16** Inzalo kajehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi iwulandeli umlayo eyawuphiwa ngukhokho wayo, kodwa abantu laba mina kabangilalelanga.' **17** Ngakho uThixo, uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi; 'Lalelan, ngizakwehlisela phezu kukaJuda laphezu komuntu wonke ohlala ejerusalem wonke umonakalo engabathembisa wona. Ngabatshela, kodwa kabalalelanga; ngababiza, kodwa kabasabelanga.'" **18** UJeremiya wasesithi kwabomndeni wamaRekhabi, kaRekhabi kayikuswela umuntu wokungikhonza."

**36** Ngomnyaka wesine kajehoyakhimi indodana kajosiya inkosi yakoJuda ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo, lisithi: **2** "Thatha umqulu ulobe kuwo wonke amazwi engawatsho kuwe ngo-Israyeli, uJuda lezinye zonke alilaya khona." **19** Ngakho uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'UJehonadabi indodana kaRekhabi kayikuswela umuntu wokungikhonza."

kayibalalelenga. **26** Esikhundleni salokho inkosi yalaya ujerameli, indodana yenkoski, loSeraya indodana ka-Aziriyeli kanye loShelemiya indodana ka-Abhideli ukuba babophe uBharukhi umbhali kanye loJeremiya umphrofethi. Kodwa uThixo wayesebafihlile. **27** esefikile eSangweni lakoBhenjamini, induna yabalindi Inkosi isitshise umqulu owawulamazwi ayebhawle ebizo layo lalingu-Irija indodana kaShelemiya, nguBharukhi ewatshewla nguleremiy, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJeremiya lisithi, **28** "Thatha omunye umqulu ulobe kuwo wonke amazwi abesemqlwini wakuqala, otshisive nguJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda. **29** Umtshele uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda uthi, 'UTHixo uthi: Utshise umqulu lowana wathi, "Kungani ulobe kuwo ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni izakuza ngempela ichithe ilizwe leli, iqothule abantu lezinyamazana kulo na?" **30** Ngakho mayelana loJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda, uThixo uthi: Akayikuba lomuntu ozahlala esihhlalweni sobukhoski sikaDavida; isidumbu sakhe sizaphoselwa phandle sichayeke ekutshiseni kwelanga lakungqaqwane webusuku. **31** Ngizamjezisa labantwana bakhe kanye lezinceku zakhe ngenxa yobubi babo. Ngizakwehliisa phezu kwabo laphezu kwalabo abahlala ejeruselema kanye labantu bakoJuda, wonke umonakalo engawumemezela kubo, ngoba kabalalalelenga." **32** Ngakho ujeremiya wathatha omunye umqulu wawuniqa umbhali uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya, njalo kwathi ujeremiya emtshela uBharukhi waloba kuwo wonke amazwi omqulu owawutshisive emililweni nguJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda. Kwengezelelwa ngamanye amazwi amanengi ayefana lalawo.

**37** UZedekhiya indodana kajosiya wabekwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba abe yinkosi yakoJuda; wabusa esikhundleni sikajehoyakhini indodana kajehoyakhimi. **2** Yena lezinceku zakhe kanye labantu baselizweni kabawanakanga amazwi kaThixo ayewakuhulume ngoJeremiya umphrofethi. **3** Kodwa uZedekhiya inkosi, wathuma uJehukhali indodana kaShelemiya lomphristi uZefaniya indodana kaMaseya kuJeremiya umphrofethi belaleli ilizwi, elithi, "Ake uskhulekele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu." **4** Ngalesiskhathi ujeremiya wayesekhululekile ukuza lokuhamba phakathi kwabantu, ngoba wayengakafawa entolongweni. **5** Ibutho likaFaro laseliphumile eGibhithe, kwasekusithi amaKhaladiya ayevimbezele ijeruselema eseze umbiko ngalo, asuka ejeruselema. **6** Kwasekufika ilizwi likaThixo kuJeremiya umphrofethi lisithi: **7** "UTHixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi, tshelani inkosi yakoJuda elithume ukuba lizengibuza lithi, 'Ibutho likaFaro eseliphume ukuba lizelisekela, lizabuyela elizweni lalo eGibhithe. **8** Emva kwalokho amaKhaladiya azaphenduka ahlaesele idolobho leli; azalithumba alitshise ngomilo.' **9** UThixo uthi: Lingazikhohlisi licabange lithi, 'AmaKhaladiya azasuka kithi impela.' Kawayikusuka! **10** Lanxa linganqoba lonke ibutho lamaKhaladiya alihlaselayo, kusale abantu abalimeleyo kuphela emathenteni abo, bazaphuma balitshise idolobho leli ngomilo." **11** Kwathi ibutho

lamaKhaladiya selisukile ejeruselema ngenxa yebutho likaFaro, **12** uJeremiya wasuka edolobheni ukuba aye elizweni lakoBhenjamini ukuba ayethatha isabelo sakhe selifa phakathi kwabantu khonale. **13** Kodwa kwathi umphrofethi. Kodwa u-Irija kamlalelanga; esikhundleni salokho, wabophha uJeremiya wamuska ezikhulwini. **15** Izikhulu zamthukuthelela uJeremiya zalaya ukuba atshaywe aphinde avalelwé endlini kajonathan umabhalani, ezasezyenye yaba yintolongo. **16** Ujeremiya wafakwa esitokisini esiyingubhe emgodini oyintolongo lapho ahlala khona okwesikhathi eside. **17** Inkosi uZedekhiya wathi kayethathwa alethwe esigodlweni lapho ambuzela khona ensitha esithi, "Kulelizwi elivelu kuThixo na?" Ujeremiya waphendula wathi, "Yebo, wena uzanikelwa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni." **18** Ujeremiya wabuye wathi kuZedekhiya inkosi, "Ngoneni kuwe loba ezikhulwini zakho kumbe kulababantu, uze ungifake entolongweni nje? **19** Bangaphi abaphrofethi bakho abaphrofetha kuwe besithi, 'Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni kayiyikukuhlasela wena kanye lelizwe leli?' **20** Kodwa khathesi, nkosi yami, ake ulalele. Ngivumela ngethule isicelo sami kuwe: Ungangibuyiseli endlini kajonathan umabhalani, hlezzi ngifele khona." **21** UZedekhiya inkosi waselaya ukuba ujeremiya afakwe egumeni labalindi aphiwe isinkwa esivela emgwaqweni wabapheki bezinkwa usuku ngalunye izinkwa zonke zize ziphele edolobheni. Ngakho ujeremiya wahlala egumeni labalindi.

**38** UShefathiya indodana kaMathani, loGedaliya indodana kaPhashuri, uJewukhali indodana kaShelemiya, loPhashuri indodana kaMalikhija bakuzwa ujeremiya ayekutshela abantu bonke esithi, **2** "UTHixo uthi: 'Lowo ozasala kulelidolobho uzabulawa yinkemba, yindlala kumbe yisifo; kodwa lowo ozakuya kumaKhaladiya uzasila. Uzaphunyuka lokuphila kwakhe; uzaphila.' **3** Njalo uThixo uthi: 'Idolobho leli lizanikelwa impela ebuthweni lenkosi yaseBhabhiloni ezalithumba.'" **4** Izikhulu zasezisithi enkosini, "Umuntu lo kumele abulawe. Wenza amabutho asala kulelidolobho apherelelwe lithemba, kanye labantu bonke, ngenxa yezinto azitshoyo kubo. Umuntu lo kadingi okuhle kwabantu laba, kodwa ukubhujiswa kwabo." **5** UZedekhiya inkosi waphendula wathi, "Usezandleni zenu. Inkosi ingeke yenze lutho ukuba iliphikise." **6** Ngakho bamthatha ujeremiya bamfaka emgodini kaMalikhija, indodana yenkoski, owawusegumeni labalindi. Ujeremiya bamhehliisa phansi phakathi komgodi ngemichilo; wawungelmanzi, kuludaka kuphela, ngakho ujeremiya watshona edakeni. **7** Kodwa u-Ebhedi-Meleki, umKhushi, isikhulu endlini yobukhoski, wezwa ukuthi basebefake ujeremiya emgodini. Kwathi-ke inkosi ihlezi eSangweni lakoBhenjamini, **8** u-Ebhedi-Meleki waphuma esigodlweni wathi kuyo, **9** "Nkosi

yami lombusi wami, abantu laba benze ububi endlini kajonathan ikuuyafela khona.” **27** Lakanye kukho konke abakwenze kuJeremiya umphrofethi. izikhulu zonke zaya kuJeremiya zambuza, yena Sebemphosele emgodini lapho azalamba khona aze afe kungaselakudla edolobheni.” **10** Ngakho inkosi yalaya u-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi yathi, “Thatha amadoda angamatshumi amathathu lapha likhuphe ujeremiya umphrofethi emgodini engakafi.” **11** Ngakho u-Ebhedi-Meleki wathatha amadoda lawo waya lawo endlini engaphansi kwendu yangcebo esigodlweni. Wathatha amanikiniki amadala leziggoko ezigugileyo khonapho wakwahlisela phansi kuJeremiya emgodini ngemichilo. **12** U-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi wathi kuJeremiya, “Faka amanikiniki la amadala leziggoko lezi ezigugileyo emakhwapheni akho ukuze imichilo ingakulimazi.” Ujeremiya wenza njalo, **13** basebemdonsele phezulu ngemichilo, bamkhupha emgodini. Ujeremiya wahlala egumeni labalindi. **14** Inkosi uZedekhiya wabiza ujeremiya umphrofethi wasiwa entubeni yesithathu yethempeli likaThixo. Inkosi yasisithi kuJeremiya, “Ngizakuba za okuthize. Ungangifihleli lutho.” **15** Ujeremiya wathi kuZedekhiya, “Ngingakuphendula kawuyikungibulala na? Loba ngingakweluleka, kawuyikungilale.” **16** Kodwa inkosi uZedekhiya wafunga isifungo lesi ngasese kuJeremiya, wathi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo ekhona, yena owasinika ukuphefumula, angiyikukubulala loba ngikunikele kulabo abafuna ukukubulala.” **17** Lapho-ke uJeremiya wathi kuZedekhiya, “UThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Ungazinikela ezikhulwini zenkosи yaseBhabhiloni, impilo yakho izaphepha njalo ledolobho leli kalyikutshiswa ngomlilo; wena labendlu yakho lizasila. **18** Kodwa nxa ungazinikeli ezikhulwini zenkosи yaseBhabhiloni, idolobho leli lizanikelwa kumaKhaladiya azalitshisa ngomlilo; njalo wena uqobo kawuyikuphunyuka ezandleni zavo.’” **19** INkosi uZedekhiya wasesithi kuJeremiya, “Ngiyabesaba abakoJuda asebe kumaKhaladiya, ngoba amaKhaladiya anganginikela kubo bangiphathe kubi.” **20** Ujeremiya wathi, “Kabayikukunikela. Lalela uThixo ngokwenza lokhu engikutshela khona. Lapho-ke kuzaklungela, njalo lempilo yakho izaphepha. **21** Kodwa ungala ukuzinikela, nanku okuvezwe nguThixo kimi: **22** Bonke abesifazane abasele endlini yobukhosи yenkosи yakoJuda bazakhutshewa phandle ezikhulwini zenkosи yaseBhabhiloni bathi kuwe: ‘Bakukhohlisile bakwehlula abangane bakho abathenjiweyo. Inyawo zakho zitshonile edakeni; abangane bakho bakudelite.’ **23** Abafazi bakho kanye labantwana bazakhutshewa phandle kumaKhaladiya. Lawe uqobo kawuyikuphunyuka ezandleni zavo, kodwa uzathunjwa yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni; njalo idolobho leli lizatshiswa ngomlilo.” **24** UZedekhiya wasesithi kuJeremiya, “Akungabi lomuntu omazisa inkulomo le, hlezzi ufe. **25** Izikhulu zingezwa ukuthi ngike ngakhulumna lawe, besezisiza kuwe zithi, ‘Sitshele lokho okutshiloyeo enkosini kanye lokutshiwo yinkosi kuwe; ungasifihleli funa sikubulale,’ **26** wena zitshole uthi, ‘Kade ngincenga inkosi ukuthi ingangbuyiseli

wazitshela konke inkosi eyayimlaye ukuthi akutsho. Ngakho kazisatshongo lutho kuye futhi, ngoba kakho owayeyizwile inkulomo yakhe lenkosi. **28** UJeremiya wahlala egumeni labalindi kwaze kwaba lusuku lokuthunjwa kwejerusalem. Ijerusalem lathunjwa kanje:

**39** Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni waysjerusalem lebutho lakhe lonke wayivimbezela. **2** Ngosuku lwsificamunwemunye lwenyanga yesine, yomnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya umduli wedolobho wadilizwa. **3** Emva kwalokho zonke izikhulu zenkosи yaseBhabhiloni zafika zahlala eSangweni laPhakathi: kwakunguNerigali-Shareza oweSamugari, loNebho-Sarisekhimi induna yezikhulu, loNerigali-Shareza, indunankulu kanye lezinye zonke izikhulu zenkosи yaseBhabhiloni. **4** Kwathi lapho uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lamabutho wonke bebabona babaleka. Basu edolobheni ebusuku ngendlela yasesivandeni senkosи, baphuma ngesango eliphakathi kwmiduli, baqonda e-Arabha. **5** Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana labo, lafica uZedekhiya emagekeni asejerikho. Lamthumba, laselimuska kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni eRibhila, elizwesi laseHamathi, lapho amgweba khona. **6** Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yawabulalela khona eRibhila amadodana kaZedekhiya emehlwani akhe, yabulala lezikhulu zasesikhosini zonke zakoJuda. **7** Emva kwalokho uZedekhiya yamkhupha amehlo yasimbopha ngamaketane ethusi ukuba imuse eBhabhiloni. **8** AmaKhaladiya atshisa isigdlo ngomlilo lezindlu zabantu, badiliza lemiduli yelerusalem. **9** UNEbhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, wathatha abantu ababesele edolobheni ndawonye labalo ababebalekele kuye kanye labanye abantu wabasa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. **10** Kodwa uNebhuzaradani watshiya elizwesi lakoJuda abanye babantu abangabayang ababengelalutho olungolwabo; njalo ngalesosikhathi wabapha izivini lamasimu. **11** UNEbhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wayelaye uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini ngojeremiya wathi, **12** “Umthathe, umgcine kuhle; ungamlimazi kodwa umenzele konke akucelayo.” **13** Ngakho uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi, loNebhushazibhani induna yezikhulu, loNerigali-Shareza indunankulu kanye lezinye zonke izikhulu zenkosи yaseBhabhiloni **14** bathumela ukuba uJeremiya asuswe egumeni labalindi. Bamnikela kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, ukuba ambuyisele kibo. Ngakho wahlala labantu bakibo. **15** UJeremiya esavalelwе egumeni labalindi, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuye lathi, **16** “Hamba ku-Ebhedi-Meleki umKhushi uthi kuye, ‘UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Sekuseduze ukuba ngigcwalise amazwi ami ngedolobho leli ngokulehlsela umonakalo, hatshi ukuphumelela.

Ngalesosikhathi azagcwaliiseka phambi kwamehlo enu. **17** Kodwa ngizakuhlenga ngalolosuku, kutsho uThixo; kawuyikunikelwa kulabo obesabayo. **18** Ngizakusindisa, kawuyikubulawa ngenkemba kodwa uzaphunyuka lokuphila kwakho, ngoba ungithembile, kutsho uThixo.”

**40** Iлизви lafika kuJeremiya livela kuThixo emva kokuba uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, esemkhulule eRama. Wayefice uJeremiya ebotshwe ngamaketane phakathi kwabo bonke ababethunjwe ejerusalema lakoJuda ababesiwa ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. **2** Umlawuli wabalindi esethole ujeremiya wathi kuye, “UThixo uNkulunkulu wakho wamisela indawo le umonakalo lo. **3** Khathesi uThixo usewulethile; usenze ayethe uzakwenza. Konke lokhu kwenzakala ngoba lina bantu lona kuThixo njalo kalimlalelanga. **4** Kodwa lamhla ngiyakukhuluna amaketane ezihlakaleni zakho. Hamba lami eBhabhiloni, nxa uthanda, ngizakugcina; kodwa nxa ungafuni, ungahambi. Khangela, ilizwe lonke liphambi kwakho; yana loba kungaphi lapho ofuna khona.” **5** Kodwa-ke kwathi ujeremiya engakasuki ukuba ahambe, uNebhuzaradani wengeza wathi, “Buyela kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, osebekwe yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba abuse amadolobho akoJuda, uhiale laye phakathi kwabantu, kumbe uye loba kungaphi lapho ofuna khona.” Emva kwalokho umlawuli wamnika umphako lesipho wasesithi kahambe. **6** Ngakho uJeremiya waya kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami eMizipha wahlala phakathi kwabantu ababetshiywe elizweni. **7** Kwathi zonke izikhulu zabala wabutho lamabutho azo ayesegangenii sebezwe ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayisibe uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami ukuba abe ngumbusi welizwe njalo imenze waba ngumphathi wannadoda labesifazane kanye labantwana ababengabayanga bokucina elizweni njalo ababengasiwanga ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni, **8** bayu kuGedaliya eMizipha kungu-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, uJohanani loJonathani amadodana kaKhareya, loSeraya indodana kaThanihumethi, lamadodana ka-Efayi umNethofa, loJeziyani indodana yomMahakhathi kanye labantu babo. **9** UGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, wafunga isifungo ebathembisa labantu babo, wathi, “Lingesabi ukusebenzela amaKhaladiya. Hlalani elizweni lisebenzele inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, konke kuzalilungela. **10** Mina ngokwami ngizahlala eMizipha ukuba ngilimele kumaKhaladiya eza kithi, kodwa lina vunani iwayini lezithelo zasehlobo kanye lamafutha, likufake ezimbizeni zokugcinela, lihlale emadolobheni eseliwaphethet.” **11** Kwathi bonke amajuda baseMowabi, e-Amoni le-Edomi lawo wonke amanyi amazwe sebezwe ukuthi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayitshiye insalela koJuda njalo ibeke uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami indodana kaShafani, ukuba ngumbusi wabo, **12** bonke babuyela elizweni lakoJuda, kuGedaliya eMizipha, bevela kuwo wonke amazwe ababekhakazele kuwo. Bavuna iwayini elinengi

lezithelo zasehlobo. **13** UJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezaziloku zisegangeni, bayu kuGedaliya eMizipha **14** bathi kuye, “Kawazi na ukuthi uBhalali inkosi yama-Amoni usethume u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya ukuba akubulale?” Kodwa uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami kakukholwanga lokho. **15** UJohanani indodana kaKhareya wasekhuluma ngasese loGedaliya eMizipha esithi, “Yekela ngihambe rgiyebulula u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, kakho ozakwazi lokho. Kungani kumele akubulale enze ukuba abakoJuda bonke ababuthene kuwe bahlakazele, lensalela yakoJuda ibhubhe na?” **16** Kodwa uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami wathi kuJohanani indodana kaKhareya, “Ungensi into enjalo. Lokhu okutshoyo ngo-Ishumayeli akusiqiniso.”

**41** Ngenyanga yesikhombisa u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, indodana ka-Elishama, owayeyinzalo yesikhosini, njalo owayengomunye wezikhulu zenkosy, waya kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami eMizipha **2** lamadodana kaNethaniya lamadoda alitshumi ayelaye basukuma bamgwaza ngenkemba uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, bambulala lowo owayebekwe yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ukuba ngumbusi welizwe. **3** U-Ishumayeli wabulala lamajuda wonke ayeloGedaliya eMizipha kanye lamabutho amaKhaladiya ayelapho. **4** Ngosuku olwalandela ukubulawa kukaGedaliya, kungakabi lamuntu owayesesazi ngakho, **5** kwafika amadoda angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili evela eShekhemu, leShilo leSamariya ayephuce indevu zavo iziqgoko zavo zidabukile njalo eziske imizimba, elethe iminikelo yamabele lempepha endlini kaThixo. **6** U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasuka eMizipha ukuyawahlangabeza; wahamba ekhala. Ekuhlanganeni kwakhe labo wathi, “Wozani kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami.” **7** Kwathi sebegene phakathi kwedolobho u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya kanye lamadoda ayelaye, bawabulala bawaphosela emgodini. **8** Kodwa alitshumi awo athi ku-Ishumayeli, “Ungasibulali! Silengqoloyi lebhali, lamafutha loluju, esikufihle egangeni.” Ngakho wawayekela kaze awabulala lamanye. **9** Umgodi ayephosele kuwo zonke izidumbu zamadoda ayewabulele kanye loGedaliya ngowawenziwe yinkosi u-Asa kuyingxenyeyokuvizikela kwakhe kuBhasha inkosi yako-Israyeli. U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wawugcwala ngezidumbu. **10** U-Ishumayeli wabenza baba yizigqili bonke abantu ababesemizipha kubalisa amadodakazi enkosi kanye labanye bonke ababetshiywe khona nguNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, owayebe uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami ukuba ngumbusi wabo. U-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya wabathumba, wasuka ukuba achaphele kuma-Amoni. **11** Kwathi uJohanani indodana kaKhareya kanye lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye sebezwe konke okubi okwakwensiwe ngu-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya, **12** bathatha bonke abantu babo bayakulwa lo-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya. Bamfica phansi kwechibi elikhulu eGibhiyon. **13**

Kwathi abantu bonke ababelo-Ishumayeli bebona likaThixo, lina abasele koJuda.' UThixo uSomandla, uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zebutho uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: 'Nxa liphitshekela ezazilaye, bathaba. **14** Bonke abantu u-Ishumayeli ayebathumbe eMizipha baphenduka bayu kujohananu indodana kaKhareya. **15** Kodwa u-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya labantu bakhe abayisificaminwembili baphunyuka kujohananu babalekela kuma-Amoni. **16** Emva kwalokho uJohanani indodana kaKhareya, ngenkemba, indlala lesifo; kakho lamunye wabo lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye, wathatha bonke abasilayo ababeve eMizipha ayebahlenge wona.' **18** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-ku-Ishumayeli indodana kaNethaniya emva Israyeli, uthi, 'Njengalokhu ukuthukuthela kwami kokubulala kwakhe uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami. **19** Lolaka lwami kwehliselwa phezu kwabanthu abahlala Kwakungamabutho, labesifazane, labantwana kanye ejerusalema, ngokunjalo ulaka lwami luzakwahliselwa lezikhulu zasemthethwandaba ayezithethe eGibhiyon. **20** ukuthu lokwesatshwa, ukulahlwa lokuhlekwa; indawo le kalyikuyibona futhi.' **19** Lina abasele koJuda, uThixo ultishelile wathi, 'Lingayi eGibhithe.' Wobani leqiniso lalokhu ukuthi: Ngijalixwayisa lamuhla **20** ukuthi lenza iphutha elikhulu kakhulu ngokungithuma kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu lisithi, 'Sikhulekele kuThixo uNkulunkulu wethu; usitshela konke akutshoyo sizakwenza.' **21** Sengilitshelile lamuhla, kodwa lilokhu lingalaleli lokho uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu angithume ukuthi ngilitshele khona. **22** Ngakho khathesi wobani leqiniso ukuthi lizakufa ngenkemba, indlala lesifo endaweni elifuna ukuyahlala kuyo.'

**42** Zonke izikhulu zebutho, kanye loJohanani indodana kaKhareya lojezaniya indodana kaHoshayiya, labantu bonke kusukela komncane kusiya komkhulu bayu **2** kuJeremiya umphrofethi bathi kuye, "Ake uzwe isicelo sethu ubakhulekele bonke laba abaseleyo kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngoba njengoba lawe uzibonela khathesi, lanxa sake saba banengi khathesi kusele abalutshwana kuphela. **3** Khuleka ukuba uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho asitshela lapho okumele siye khona lalokho okumele sikwenze." **4** Ujeremiya umphrofethi waphendula wathi, "Ngizwile. Ngizakhuleka impela kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu njengoba licelile; ngizalitshela konke uThixo akutshoyo ngingalifiheli lutho." **5** Basebesithi kuJeremiya, "UThixo kabe ngufakazi wethu oqotho lothermekileyo nxa singenzi okuvumelanla lakho konke uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho akuthuma ukuba usitshelle khona. **6** Lanxa kukuhle kumbe kukubi szamlalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu esikuthuma kuye, ukuze kusilungele, ngoba szamlalela uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu." **7** Emva kwensuku ezilitshumi ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJeremiya. **8** Ngakho wabiza uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho ezazilaye kanye labantu bonke kusukela komncane kusiya komkhulu. **9** Wathi kubo, "UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, elingithume ukuba ngyekwethula isicelo senu kuye, uthi: **10** 'Lingahlala kulelilizwe ngizalakha, ngingalibhidizi, ngizalihlanyela ngingalisiphuni, ngoba ngilusizi ngomonakola engawenza kini. **11** Lingayesabi inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, eliyesabayo khathesi. Lingayesabi, kutsho uThixo, ngoba ngilanu njalo ngizalihlenga ngilikhultule ezandleni zayo. **12** Ngizakuba lesihawu kini ukuze layo ibe lesihawu kini ilibuyisele elizweni lakini.' **13** Kodwa lina lingathi, 'Kasiyikuhlala kulelizwe,' ngalokho lingalaleli uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, **14** njalo nxal isithi, 'Hatshi, thina sizakuyahlala eGibhithe lapho esingayikubona khona impi loba sizwe icilongo kumbe silambe ukudla, **15** zwanini-ke ilizwi

likathixo lokuthu labhale elizweni lakoJuda. **5** Esikhundleni salokho, uJohanani indodana kaKhareya lezikhulu zonke zebutho bathatha bonke ababesele koJuda ababebuyele koJuda ukuyahlala khona bevela ezizweni zonke ababekade behlakazelwe kuzo. **6** Bathatha lamadoda wonke, labesifazane bonke kanye labantwana bonke, lamadodakazi enkosi lawo uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi awyatshiyi loGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikhami, indodana kaShafani, loJeremiya umphrofethi kanye loBharukhi indodana kaNeriya. **7** Ngakho bangena eGibhithe bedeleta uThixo, bahamba base bayafika eThahiphanesi. **8** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuJeremiya eThahiphanesi isithi, **9** "Thatha amatshe amakhulu uwagqibele enhlabathini endaweni egandelwe ngezitina, amajuda bekhangale, esangweni lesigdlo sikaFaro eThahiphanesi, **10** uthi kubo, 'UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngizabiza inceku yami uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, njalo ngizabeka isihlalo sakhe

sobukhos i phezu kwamatshe la engiwambele lapha; ijerusalema. **14** Kakho owensalela yakoJuda owayahlala uzakwendlala ithente lakhe lobukhos i phezu kwawo. eGibhithe ozaphunyuka kumbe aphephe ukuba abuye **11** Uzaku ahlasel iGibhithe, alethe ukufa kulabo elizweni lakoJuda asebefisa ukubuyela bayehlala abamiselwe ukufa, lokuthunjwa kulabo abamiselwe kulo, kakho ozabuyela ngaphandle kweziphepheli ukuthunjwa, lenkemba kulabo abamiselwe inkemba. **12** ezilutshwane.” **15** Lapho-ke wonke amadoda ayekwazi Uzawathungela ngomlilo amathempeli abonkulunkulu ukuthi omkawo babetshisela abanye onkulunkulu bamaGibhithe; uzawatshisa amathempeli abo athumbe impepha, kanye labesifazane bonke ababekhona, labonkulunkulu bawo. Njengomelusi ezithandela ixuku elikhulu, labantu bonke ababehlala ePhathrosi ngesembatho sakhe, ngokunjalo laye uazithandela elizweni laseGibhithe, bathi kuJeremiya: **16** “Thina ngeGibhithe asuke khona engalimalanga. **13** kasiyikulilalela ilizwi olkhulume kithi ngebizo Khonale eGibhithe, ethempelin lelanga, uzadiliza izinsika ezikhonzwayo njalo uzatshisa amathempeli abonkulunkulu beGibhithe.”

**44** Ilizwi leli lafika kuJeremiya limayelana lamaJuda ayejhala eGibhithe, eMigidoli, leThahiphanesi leMemfisi, lasePhathrosi lisithi, **2** “UTHixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Liwubonile umonakalo omkhulu engawehlisela phezu kwejerusalema laphezu kwamadolobho wonke akoJuda. Lamhlanje kawahlahi muntu njalo angamanxiwa **3** ngenxa yobubi ababenzayo. Bangithukuthelisa ngokukhonza langokutshisela impepha abanye onkulunkulu abangabaziyo bona, lani kanye labokhoko benu. **4** Ngathuma izinceku zami, abaphrofethi, njalonjalo ezathi, ‘Lingayenzi into le engenisayo engiyizondayo!’ **5** Kodwa kabalalelanga njalo kabankanga; kabaphendukanga eububini babo kumbe bayekela ukutshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha. **6** Ngakho ulaka Iwami olwesabekayo Iwaphuphum; Iwavutha emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema, Iwakwenza kwaba ngamanxiwa achithekileyo ayikho lamhlanje. **7** Khathesi uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Kungani lizilethela umonakalo omkhulu kangaka ngokususa koJuda amadoda labafazi, abantwana lensame, ngalokho lingazitshiyeli lensalela na? **8** Kungani lingithukuthelisa ngokwenziwa yizandla zenu, litshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha eGibhithe, lapho eselayahlah khona? Lizazibhubhisina lina ngokwenu lizenze into yokuthukwa lokuhlekwa phakathi kwezizwe zonke emhlaben. **9** Selibukhohliwe yini ububi obenziwa ngokhoko benu lobubi obenziwa ngamakhosi lamakhosikazi akoJuda, lobubi obenziwa yini labomkenu elizweni lakoJuda, lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema? **10** Kuze kube lamhla kabazithobanga kumbe batshengise ukuhlonipha, kumbe balandele imithetho yami lezimiso engalibekela zona lina labokhoko benu. **11** Ngakho uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Ngizimisele ukulehlisela umonakalo ngibhubhise loJuda wonke. **12** Ngizathaththa abaseleyo koJuda ababemisile ukuya eGibhithe; ukuba bahlale khona. Bonke bazabhubha eGibhithe; bazabulawa ngenkemba loba babulawe yindlala. Bazabulawa yinkemba loba indlala kusukela komncinyane kusya komkhulu. Bazakuba yinto yokuqalekiswa lokwesaba, eyokulahlwa lokuthukwa. **13** Abahlala eGibhithe ngizabajejisa ngenkemba, ngendlala langesifo, njengokujezisa engakwenza

ilizwi elikhulu, labantu bonke ababehlala ePhathrosi sasilocudla okunengi, sinothile kungekho okubi. **18** Kodwa selokhu sayekela ukutshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini impepha lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo, kasisabanga lalutho njalo sesilokhu sisifa ngenkemba langendlala.” **19** Abesifazane bengeza bathi, “Ngeskathi sitshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini impepha, siyithululela leminikelo yokunathwa, omkethu babengakwazi na ukuthi sasisenza amakhekhe anjengesithombe sayo, siyithululela leminikelo yokunathwayo?” **20** UJeremiya wasesithi ebantwini bonke, abesilisa labesifazane, ababephendula, **21** “UTHixo kakhumbulanga wanakana ngempepha elayitshisela emadolobheni akoJuda lasemigwaqweni yaseJerusalema lina laboyihlo, lamakhosi enu, lezikhulu zakini kanye labantu belizweni na? **22** Kwathi uThixo engaselakho ukubekezelela izzeno zenu ezimbi lezinto ezinengisayo elazenzayo, ilizwi lenu laba yinto yokuqalekiswa logwadule oluphundlekileyo olungahlali muntu njengoba kunjalo lanamhla. **23** Umonakalo lo wehlele kini njengoba liwubona khathesi ngoba litshise impepha lenza okubi kuThixo njalo kalaze lamlalela loba lilandele umthetho wakhe kumbe imithetho yakhe loba izimiso zakhe.” **24** UJeremiya wasesithi ebantwini bonke, kubalwa labesifazane, ‘Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo lonke lina bantu bakoJuda abaseGibhithe. **25** UTHixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: Lina labomkenu selitschengisile ngezeno zenu elathembisa ukukwenza lapho lathi, ‘Impela sizagcwaliswa izifungo zethu esazenzayo zokutshisela iNdlovukazi yaseZulwini impepha kanye lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo.’ Ngakho qhubekani, yenzani elakuthembisayo. Gcwalisani izifungo zenu. **26** Kodwa zwanini ilizwi likaThixo lonke lina bajuda abahlala eGibhithe elithi: ‘Ngifunga ngebizo lami elidumileyo,’ kutsho uThixo, ‘ukuthi kakho ovela koJuda ohlala loba kungaphi eGibhithe ozabiza ibizo lami kumbe afunge esithi, “Ngeqiniso elinjengoba uThixo Wobukhos iekhona.” **27** Ngoba ngilindele ukubenza okubi, hatshi okuhle. Amajuda aseGibhithe azabhujswa yinkemba lendlala aze aphele wonke. **28** Labo abazaphepha enkembeni babuyele elizweni lakoJuda bevela eGibhithe bazakuba balutshwana. Lapho-ke bonke abayinsalela yakoJuda

abayahlala eGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi ilizwi elizakuma kuzagcwala umhlaba. Elinye ibutho lizakhubeka ngelikabani, elami kumbe elabo. **29** Lokhu kuzakuba kwelinye; womabili azawela phansi ndawonye.” **13** Leli yisibonakaliso kini sokuthi ngizalijezisa kuyonale indawo,’ kutsho uThixo, ‘ukuze lazi ukuthi okubi engalisongela ngakho kuzakwenzakala.’ **30** UThixo uthi: ‘Ngizanikela uFarro Hofira inkosi yaseGibhithe ezitheni zakhe ezifuna ukumbulala, njengalokhu nganikela uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, isitha sakhe esasifuna ukumbulala.’”

**45** Lokhu yikho ujeremiya umphrofethi akutshela uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya ngomnyaka wesine kajehoyakhimi indodana kajosiya inkosi yakoJuda, emva kokuba uBharukhi elobe emqulwini amazwi ayekhulunye nguJeremiya esithi, **2** “UThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi kuwe, Bharukhi: **3** Wena wathi, ‘Maye mina! UThixo usengezelele usizi ebuhlungwini bami; sengikhathole ngokububula njalo kangikutholi ukuphumula.’ **4** UThixo wathi, Khulumu lokhu kuye uthi: UThixo uthi: Ngizadiliza esengikwakhile ngiphinde ngisiphune esengikuhlanyele elizweni lonke. **5** Lapho-ke uzazifunela izinto ezinkulu na? Ungazidingsi, ngoba ngizaletha umonakalo ebantwini bonke, kutsho uThixo, kodwa wena loba kungaphi oya khona ngizakwenza uphephe lokuphila kwakho.”

**46** Leli yilizwi likaThixo elafika kuJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana lezizwe: **2** Mayelana leGibhithe: Leli yilizwi elimayelana lebutho likaFaru Nekho inkosi yaseGibhithe, elanqotshwado ekharikhemishi emfuleni iYufrathe nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngomnyaka wesine kajehoyakhimi indodana kajosiya inkosi yakoJuda: **3** “Lungisani amahawu enu, amakhulu lamancane, liphume liye empini. **4** Bophani amabhiza, liwagade! Manini ezindaweni zenu lilezingowane zenu! Lolani imikhonto yenu, ligqoke impahla zempil! **5** Kuyini engikubonayo? Bayesaba, bahlehlela emuva, amabutho abo ehlulwe. Abaleka ngesiqubu anganyemukuli, njalo kulokwesaba izindawo zonke,” kutsho uThixo. **6** “Olejubane kasoze abaleke kumbe olamandla aphephe. Ngasenyakatho, emfuleni iYufrathe bayakhubeka bawe. **7** Ngubani lo ophakama njengeNayili, njengemifula elamanzi agubhazelayo na? **8** IGibhithe liphakama njengeNayili, njengemifula elamanzi agubhazelayo. Lithi: ‘Ngizaphakama ngembese umhlaba; ngizachitha amadolbo labantu bawo.’ **9** Hlaselani, lina mabhiza! Qhubekani gentukuthelo, lina zinqola zempil! Yanini phambili, lina mabutho, madoda aseKhushi lawePhuthi, aphatha amahawu, madoda aseLudi agoba idandili. **10** Kodwa usuku lolo ngolweNkosi, uThixo uSomandla, usuku lokuphindsela, olokuphindsela ezitheni zakhe. Inkemba izakudla ize isuthe, ize icitshe ukoma kwayo ngegazi. Ngoba iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla uzanikela umhlatshelo elizweni lasenyakatho ngasemfuleni iYufrathe. **11** Yana eGiliyadi uyethatha umuthi wokwelapha, wena Ndodakazi egcweleyo yaseGibhithe. Kodwa imithi uyandisela ize; akukho kusila kuwe. **12** Izizwe zizakuzwa ngehlazo lakho; ukukhala kwakho

kuzagcwala umhlaba. Elinye ibutho lizakhubeka ngelikabani, elami kumbe elabo. **13** Lokhu kuzakuba kwelinye; womabili azawela phansi ndawonye.” **14** Memzelani lokhu eGibhithe, likubike laseMigidoli; kumemzeleni njalo laseMemfisi laseThahiphanesi lithi: ‘Manini ezindaweni zenu lilunge, ngoba inkemba idla abakhelene lani.’ **15** Amabutho enu azabalawelwani na? Angeke ame, ngoba uThixo uzawalahlela phansi. **16** Azakhubeka kokuphela; azakuba elekane. Azakuthi, ‘Vukani, kasibuyeleni emuva ebantwini bakithi lasemazweni akithi, kude kwenkemba yomncindezeli.’ **17** Khonale bazamemeza bathi, ‘UFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe ingumsindo omkhulu nje kuphela; useslahlekew lithuba lakhe.’ **18** Ngeqiniso elinjengokuthi ngikhona,” kutsho iNkosi, obizo layo nguThixo uSomandla, “kuzafika omunye onjengoThabhoru phakathi kwezintaba, njengoKhameli ngasolwandle. **19** Lungisani impahla zekuthunjweni, lina abahlala eGibhithe, ngoba iMemfisi izadilizwa ibe lunxiwa olungahlali muttu. **20** IGibhithe ilithokazi elihle, kodwa isibawu siyeza silisongela sivela enyakatho. **21** Amabutho okuqatshwa aphakathi kwalo arnjengamat hole anonisiweyo. Lawo azaphenduka abaleke endawonye, kawayikuma, ngoba usuku lomonakalo luyeza phezu kwabo, isikhathi sabo sokujeziswa. **22** IGibhithe izakhwaza njengenoka ebalekayo lapho isitha sisondela ngobunengi baso; sizayihlasela ngamahloka okwabantu abagamula izihlahla. **23** Sizagamula amahlathi ayo,” kutsho uThixo, “lanxa eminyene kanjani. Banengi kulentethe, ngeke babalwe. **24** Indodakazi yaseGibhithe izayangiswa, inikelwe ebantwini basenyakatho.” **25** UThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: “Sekuseduze ukuba ngijezise u-Amoni unkulunkulu waseThebesi, loFaru, leGibhithe kanye labonkulunkulu balo lamakhosi alo, lalabo abathembe uFaru. **26** Ngizabanikela kulabo abafuna ukubabulala, kuNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lezikhulu zakhe. Kodwa muva, iGibhithe lizahlalwa ngabantu futhi njengasezinukwini zakudala,” kutsho uThixo. **27** “Ungesabi, wena Jakhobe nceku yami; ungathuthumeli, wena Israyeli. Impela ngizakukhulula endaweni ekude, lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo. UJakhobe uzakuba lokuthula futhi kanye lokuveleka, njalo kakho ozamthuthumelisa. **28** Ungesabi wena Jakhobe nceku yami ngoba ngilawe,” kutsho uThixo. “Lanxa ngizachitha ngokupheleleyo izizwe zonke engakuhlkazela kuzo, wena angiyikukuchitha ngokupheleleyo. Ngizakujezisa kodwa ngokufaneleyo kuphela; angiyikukuyekela nje ungajeziswanga.”

**47** Leli yilizwi likaThixo elafika kuJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana lamaFilistiya ngesikhathi uFaru engakahlaseli iGaza: **2** UThixo uthi: ‘Khangela ukuphakama kwamanzi enyakatho; azakuba ngumfula okhukhulayo. Azakhukhula ilizwe lakho konke okukulo, amadolbo lalabo abahlala bazalila **3** ekuzweni umpsindo wamasondo amabhiza agijimayo, lekuzweni umpsindo

wezingqola zesitha lomdumo wamasondo azo. Oyise kabayikuphenduka ukuba basize abantwababo; izandla zabo zizalenga zingelamandla. **4** Ngoba usuku selufikile ukuba abhujiswe wonke amaFilistiya, lokuqedo bonke abasilayo abangasiza iThire leSidoni. Sekuseduze ukuba uThixo abhubhise amaFilistiya, insalea emakhunjini eKhaftiori. **5** Igaza izaphuca ikhanda layo ilila; i-Ashikheloni izathulisa. Lina nsalea esemagcekeni, lizaziska kuze kube nini na? **6** Likhala lisithi, ‘Maye, nkemba kaThixo, koba nini ukuze uphumule?’ Buyela emgodleni wakho; khawuka ungathi nyiki.’ **7** Kodwa ingaphumula njani yona ilaywe nguThixo, ithunywé nguye ukuba ihlasele i-Ashikheloni lamakhumbi olwandle na?’

**48** Mayelana leMowabi: uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: “Maye kuyo iNebho ngoba izachithwa. IKhiriyatayimi izayangeka njalo ithunjwe; inqaba izayangeka ibhidizwe. **2** IMowabi kayiyikudunyiswa futhi; eHeshibhoni abantu bazaceba ukumbhidiliza: besithi, ‘Wozani sitshabalise isizwe lesiyana.’ Lawe, wena Madimeni uzathulisia; inkemba izaxotshanwa lawe. **3** Zwanini ukukhala okuvela eHoronayimi; ukukhala komonakalo omkhulu lencithakalo. **4** IMowabi izachithika; abancinyane bayo bazakhala. **5** Baqansa ngendlela eya eLuhithi, bahamba belila kabuhlungu, emgwaqweni owehlela eHoronayimi, kuzwakala ukukhala okulosizi ingenxa yokuchitheka. **6** Balekani! Gijimani lizivikele ekufeni; wobani njengesihlahla enkangala. **7** Njengoba lithembe izenzo zenu lenotho yenu, lani futhi lizathunjwa, loKhemoshi uzakuya ekuthunjweni, kanye labaphristi bakhe lezikhulu zakhe. **8** Umchithi uzafika emadolobheni wonke, njalo akukho dolobho elizaphepha. Isigodi sizatshabalisa, lamagecke azaqothulwa ngoba uThixo usekhulumile. **9** Fakani itswayi kuyo iMowabi ngoba izachithika; amadolobho ayo azakuba ngamanxiwa angayikuba lamantu ozahlala kuwo. **10** Yeka isithuko kulowo oyekethisayo ekwenzensi umsebenzi kaThixo! Yeka isithuko kulowo ogodla inkemba yakhe ekuchitheni igazi! **11** IMowabi ibiphumule kusukela ebutsheni bayo njengewayini elisele phezu kwezinsipho zalo, elingathewanga kwenye imbiza lisuswa kwenye kayithunjwanga. Ngakho inambithika njengakuqala, iphunga layo kaliguqukanga. **12** Kodwa insuku ziyeza, lapho ngizathuma abantu abathulula okusembizeni, njalo bazayithululela phandle; bazachitha okuseimbizeni zayo bazimahlaze imbiza zayo. **13** Lapho-ke iMowabi izayangeka ngoKhemoshi njengokuyangeka kwendlu ka-Israyeli lapho babethembe iBhetheli. **14** Lingatsho kanjani na ukuthi, ‘Singamabutho, amadoda alesibindi empini na?’ **15** IMowabi izachithwa, amadolobho ayo ahlaselwe; amajaha ayo aqinileyo azacakazelwa phansi abulawé,’ kutsho iNkosi, obizo layo nguThixo uSomandla. **16** ‘Ukuwa kweMowabi sekuseduze; umonakalo wayo uzafika ngokuphangisa. **17** Ikhaleleni lonke lina elakhelene layo, bonke abalwaziyo udumo lwayo, lithi, ‘Yeka ukwephuka

kwentonga yobukhosie elamandla, yeka ukwephuka benu lihlale emhlabathini owomileyo, lina elihlala eNdodakazini yaseDibhoni. Ngoba lowo ochitha iMowabi uzakuzalihlasela adilize amadolobho enu avikelweyo. **19** Manini emgwaqweni lilinde, lina elihlala e-Aroweri. Buzani indoda ebalekayo lowesifazane Bikani ngase-Arinoni ukuthi iMowabi itshabalisiwe. **21** Ukwelhulela sekufikile emagcekeni eHoloni, lejahazi laseMefahathi, **22** eDibhoni, leNebho laseBhethi-Dibhilathayimi, **23** eKhiriyatayimi, leBhethi-Gamuli laseBhethi Meyoni, **24** eKheriyothe kanye laseBhözira kuwo wonke amadolobho aseMowabi, aseduze lakhatshana. **25** Uphondo lweMowabi luqunyiwe, ingalo yalo yephuliwe,’ kutsho uThixo. **26** ‘Idakiseni ngoba idelele uThixo. IMowabi kayizibhixe ngamahlanzo ayo; kayibe yinto yokuhlekwa. **27** U-Israyeli wayengasinto yokuhlekisa kuwe na? Watholakala ephakathi kwamasela na, ukuba unikine ikhanda lakho ngokweyisa ngasosonke isikhathi lapho ukhuluma ngaye? **28** Tshiyani amadolobho enu lihlale emadwaleni, lina elihlala eMowabi. Wobani njengejuba elakhela isidleke salo emlonyenii wobhalu. **29** Sizwile ngokuzigqaja kweMowabi, ukuziqakisa kwayo lokuzazisa kwayo! Ukuzigqaja lokuzikhukhumeza kwayo, kanye lokuziphakamisa kwenhliziyo yayo. **30** Ngiyakwazi ukudeleta kwayo, kodwa kuyize, lokuzincoma kwayo akusizi lutho,’ kutsho uThixo **31** ‘Ngakho-ke ngiyalila ngeMowabi, ngikhalela iMowabi yonke, ngililela abantu baseKhiri-Haresethi. **32** Ngiyalikhalela njengokulila kweJazeri, lina zivini zaseSibhima. Ingatsha zenni zinaba zifike olwandle, zafika olwandle lwaseJazeri. Umchithi usehlele phezu kwezithelo zakho eziuthiweyo laphezu kwamavini. **33** Ukuthokoza lokuthaba akusekho ezivinini lasemasimini eMowabi. Ukugeleza kweWAYINI ezikhamelweni sengikumisile; kakho ozalikhama eklabalala ngentokozo. Lanxa kulokuklabala akusukulabala kwentokozo. **34** Umsindo wokuhala kwabo uyaphakama uvelela eHeshibhoni usiya e-Elyale laseJahazi, uvela eZowari usiyafika eHoronayimi le-Egilathi Shelishiya, ngoba lamanzi aseNimirimi aseitshile. **35** EMowabi ngizabaqeda labo abanikela iminikelo ezindaweni eziphakemeyo batshisele labonkulunkulu babo impepha,’ kutsho uThixo. **36** ‘Ngakho inhliziyo yami ikhalela iMowabi njengemfegwana; iyakhala njengemfegwana ikhalela abantu beKhiri-Haresethi. Inotho ababeyizuzile kayisekho. **37** Amakhanda wonke aphuciwe lezindevu zonke zigeliwe; izandla zonke zisikiwe lezinkalo zonke zigqokiswe amasaka. **38** Phezu kwezimpahla zonke zezindlu zaseMowabi lasemagcekeni kazulu, akulalutho ngaphandle kokukhala, ngoba iMowabi ngiyibulele njengembiza engafunwa muntu,’ kutsho uThixo. **39** ‘Yeka ukupahlazwa kwayo! Yeka ukulila kwabo! Yeka ukufulathela kweMowabi ilehlazo! IMowabi isibe yinto yokuhlekwa; into yokesatshwa yibo

bonke abakhelane layo.” **40** UThixo uthi: “Khangel! uthi: “Nxa labo abangafanelanga ukunatha inkezo Ukhzozi lwehlela phansi ngesiqubu, lwlulele impiko kumele bayinathe, kungani wena ungeze wajezisa zalo phezu kweMowabi. **41** IKheriyothi izathunjwa, na? Kawuyikuphutha ukujeziswa, kumele uyinathe. lezinqaba zithunjwe. Ngalolosuku inhlizyo zamabutho aseMowabi zizakuba njengenhlizyo yowesifazane ohelelwayo. **42** IMowabi izachithwa ingabe isaba yisizwe ngoba yadelela uThixo. **43** Ukwesaba lomgodi kanye lomjibila kulilindele lina bantu baseMowabi,” njalowonke amadolobho ayo azakuba ngamanxiwa kutsho uThixo. **44** “Loba ngubani obalekela ukwesaba nji lanini,” kutsho uThixo. **45** “Loba ngubani ophuma emgodini uzawela emgodini, loba ngubani ophuma emgodini uzabanjwa ngumjibila; ngoba ngizakwehlisela phezu kweMowabi umnyaka wokujezisa kwayo,” kutsho uThixo. **46** “Emthunzini waseHeshibhoni ababalekayo bayema kungelasijo, ngoba umlilo usuphumile eHeshibhoni, ilangabi elivela phakathi kwakoSihoni; litshisa amabunzi eMowabi inkakhayi zamaqhalaqhala alomsindo. **47** Maye kuwe! wena Mowabi! Abantu baseKhemoshi babhujisiwe; amadolana athunjiwe lamadodakazi akho athunjiwe. **48** Kodwa inhlahlha ye-Mowabi ngizayibuyisela ensukwini ezizayo,” kutsho uThixo. Ukwahlulelwa kweMowabi kuphelela lapha.

**49** Mayelana lama-Amoni: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo: “U-Israyeri kalamadodana na? Kalandlalifana? Pho kungani uMoleki esethumbe iGadi na? Kungani abantu bakhe behlala emadolobheni alo na? **2** Kodwa insuku ziyeza, lapho engizahlaba khona umkhosi wempi wokumelana leRabha yama-Amoni, izakuba yindunduma yonxiwa; lemizi eseduze layo izathungelwa ngomlilo. Ngakho u-Israyeri uzabaxotsha labo ababemxtshele phandle,” kutsho uThixo. **3** “Lila weHeshibhoni, ngoba i-Ayi ichithekile! Khalani lina elihlala eRabha! Gqokani amasaka lilile; gjimelani lapha lalaphaya phakathi kwemiduli, ngoba uMoleki uzathunjwa, ndawonye labaphristi bakhe kanye lezikhulu zakhe. **4** Lizincomelani ngezigodi zenu, lizincomelani ngezigodi ezithela kangaka? Wena ndodakazi engathembekanga, uthemba inotho yakho uthi, ‘Ngubani ozangihlasela na?’ **5** Ngizalilethela ukwesaba okuvela kubo bonke abaseduze lani,” kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uSomandla. “Lonke lizaxotshelwa khatshana, njalo kakho ozaoqqa ababalekayo. **6** Kodwa emva kwalokho ngizayibuyisela inhlahlha yama-Amoni,” kutsho uThixo. **7** Mayelana le-Edomi: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: “Kakuselakuhlananipa eThemani na? Izeluleko sezaphela na kwabahlakaniphileyo? Ukuhlakananipa kwabo sekwabola na? **8** Phendukani libaleke, licatshe ezimbawini ezitshonayo, lina elihlala eDedani, ngoba ngizaletha umonakalo phezu kuka-Esawu ngesikhathi engizamjezisa ngaso. **9** Nxa abavuni bamavini befike kuwe, kabangeke batshiye amalutshwana na? Nxa amasela efika ebusuku bayakuntshontsha lokho okwanelo abakufunayo kuphela na? **10** Kodwa u-Esawu ngizamhlubula asale eze; ngizakwembula izindawo zakhe zokucatsha, ukuze angacatshi. Amabutho akhe ahlomileyo azabhubha kanye labomakhelwane bakhe labahlanganyela laye, angabikhona khona ozakuthi, **11** “Tshiya izintandane zakho; ngizavikela impilo yazo labafelokazi bakho bangathemba kimi.” **12** UThixo

na? Kawuyikuphutha ukujeziswa, kumele uyinathe. **13** Ngifunga ngami, ukuthi iBhozira izakuba lunxiwa lento yokwesatshwa, eyokuthukwa lokuqalekiswa, njalowonke amadolobho ayo azakuba ngamanxiwa nji lanini,” kutsho uThixo. **14** Sengizwe ilizwi elivela kuThixo: Kuthunywe isithunywa ezizweni ukuba sithi, “Buthanan ukuba liyihlasele! Vukani lilwe impi!” **15** “Khathesi ngizakwenza ubemcane phakathi kweziwe, udeleleke ebantwini. **16** Ukuhthuthumela okungabangwa nguwe, lokuzigqaja kwenhlizyo yakho kukukhohlisela, wena ohlala eminkenkeni yamadwala, wena ohlala ezingqongeni zoqaqa. Lanxa usakhela isidleke sakho phezulu njengengqungqulu, ukhonapho ngizakwehlisela phansi,” kutsho uThixo. **17** “I-Edomi izakuba yinto yokwesatshwa, bonke abadlu khona bazathuthumela baklolode ngenxa yamanxeba ayo wonke. **18** Njengokuchitheka kweSodoma leGomora, kanye lamadolobho awo ayeseduze, ngakho kakho ozahlala kuyo, kakho ozabuye ahiale khona” kutsho uThixo. **19** “Njengesilwane siphuma emahlahthini aseJodani sisija emadelwensi amahle, i-Edomi ngizayixotsa elizweni layo ngesikhathshana. Ngubani okhethiweyo engizamkhethela lokhu na? Ngubani onjengami, ngubani ongamelana lami na? Njalo nguphi umelusi ongajamelana lami na?” **20** Ngakho, zwanihi lokho uThixo asecebe ukukwenza nge-Edomi, asemise ukukwenza kulabo abahlala eThemani: Amazinyane omhlambi azadonselwa le; amadlelo awo uzawatshabalalisa ngokupheleleyo ngenxa yabo. **21** Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wokuwa kwabo umhlabu uzagedezela, ukukhala kwabo kuzazwakala elWandle oluBomvu. **22** Khangelani! Ingqungqulu izaqonga iphindie yehlele phansi, yelulele impiko zayo phezu kweBhozira. Ngalolosuku inhlizyo zamabutho ase-Edomi zizakuba njengenhlizyo yowesifazane ohelelwayo. **23** Mayelana leDamaseko: “IHamathi le-Ariphadi athithibele, ngoba azwe izindaba ezimbi. Adanile, akhathazeke njengolwandle olungela kuphumula. **24** IDamaseko isibe buthakathaka, isiphendukile ukuba ibaleke, isiphethwe layikuphaphazelala; ibanwe lusizi lobuhlungu, ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo. **25** Kungani idolobho lodumo lingadelwanga, idolobho engithokoza ngalo na? **26** Ngeqiniso izinsizwa zayo zizakuwa emgwaqweni; amabutho ayo wonke azathuliswa ngalolosuku,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **27** “Imiduli yaseDamaseko ngizayithungela ngomlilo; uzaqothula izinqaba zaseBheni-Hadadi.” **28** Mayelana leKhedari lemibuso yaseHazor, eyahlaselwa nguNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni: UThixo uthi: “Vuka uhlasele iKhedari ubhubhise labantu baseMpumalanga. **29** Amathente abo lemihlambi yabo kuzathunjwa; amakheteni abo azathathwa layo yonke impahla yabo kanye lamakamela abo. Abantu bazaklabalala besithi kubo, ‘Ukwesaba enhlangothini zorke!’ **30** Balekanii ngokuphangisal Hlalani ezimbawini ezitshonayo, lina elihlala

eHazori," kutsho uThixo. "UNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni usecebe icebo ngani, usebumbe icebo ngani. **31** Vukani lihlasele isizwe esizinzileyo, esihlezi ngethemba," kutsho uThixo, "isizwe esingelawo amasango kumbe imigoqo; abantu baso bahlala bodwa. **32** Amakamela aso azakuba yimpango, lemhilambi yabo emikhulu izakuba yimpango. Ngizabahilakazela emoyen labo abasezindaweni ezikude njalo ngizaletsha umonakalo kubo uvelela enhlangothini zonke," yamanxebe ayo won. **33** "IHazori izakuba yisikhundla samakhkana, indawo echithekileyo nini lanini. Kakhko Itshokeni! Lingatshiyi mitshoko ngoba yonile ozahlala khona, akulamuntu ozahlala kuyo." **34** Leli kuThixo. **35** UThixo uSomandla uthi: "Khangela, idandili le-Elamu ngizalephula, insika yamandla abo. **36** Ngizalethela i-Elamu imimoya emine ezavela emagumbini amane amazulu, ngizabahilakazela emimoyen emine, njalo akuyikuba lesizwe abathunjwe e-Elamu abangayikuya kuso. **37** I-Elamu ngizayibhidiza phambi kwezitha zayo, phambi kwalabo abafuna ukubabulala. Ngizakwehlisela umonakalo phezu kwabo yizilwane. Owaqalayo ukumudla yinkosi yase-kanye lolaka Iwami oluvuthayo," kutsho uThixo. Asiriya; mayelana le-Elamu, ekuqaleni kombuso kaZedekhiya imiduli yayo idilikela phansi. Njengoba lokhu inkosi yakoJuda, elathi: **38** UThixo uSomandla uthi: "Ngizabaxhuma ngenkemba ngize ngibaqede bonke. **39** Ngizabeka isihlalo sami sobukhos e-Elamu ngichithe inkosi yayo lezikhulu zayo," kutsho uThixo. **40** "Kodwa inhlanhla ye-Elamu ngizayibuyisa ensukwini ezzayo," kutsho uThixo.

**50** Leli yilizwi uThixo alikhuluma ngoJeremiya umphrofethi mayelana leBhabhiloni lelizwe lamaKhaladiya: **2** "Memezelani libike phakathi kwezizwe, phakamisani uphawu lilubike; lingafili lutho, kodwa lithi, 'IBhabhiloni izathunjwa, iBhel iyangiswa, iMaridubi ibe lokwesaba. Izifanekiso zayo zizayangiswa, izithombe zayo zibe lokwesaba.' **3** Isizwe esivela enyakatho sizayihlasela sitshabalalise ilizwe layo. Kakho ozahlala kuyo; abantu lezinyamazana kuzasuka kubaleke. **4** Ngalezonuku, ngalesosikhathi, abantu bako-Israyeli ndawonye labantu bakoJuda bazahamba behkala bedinga uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **5** Bazabuza indlela eya eZiyoni bakhangelise ubuso babo kuyo. Bazakuza bazibophele kuThixo ngesivumelwano esingapheliyo esingayikohohlakala. **6** Abantu bami bebeyizimvu ezilahlekileyo, abelusi babo babebadukisile babenza bazulazula phezu kwezintaba. Bantula phezu kwezintaba laphezu kwamaqaqa bakhohlwa indawo yabo yokuphumula. **7** Loba ngubani owabatholayo wabdla; izitha zabo zathi, 'Kasilacala, ngoba berza okubi kuThixo, idlelo labo eliqotho, uThixo, ithembaboyise.' **8** Balekelani ngaphandle kweBhabhiloni; sukani elizweni lamaKhaladiya, libe njengembuzi ezikhokhela umhlambi. **9** Ngoba iBhabhiloni ngizayivusela umanyo lwezizwe ezinkulu ezivela elizweni lasenyakatho. Bazaviza ezindaweni zabo bamelane layo. Njalo izathunjwa kuvelelwu enyakatho. Imitshoko yabo izakuba njengamabutho alolwazi angaphenduki engelalutho. **10** Ngakho iBhabhiloni izaphangwa, bonke abayiphangayo bazasuthiseka," kutsho uThixo. **11** "Njengoba lithokoza njalo lithabile, lizaphanga ilifa lami ngoba liyaqolotsha njengerethokazi etshanini, njalo likhale njengamabhiza amaduna, **12** unyoko uzayangeka kakhulu, yena ovalizalayo uzakuba lenhloni. Uzakuba ngowokucina phakathi kwezizwe, inkangala, ilizwe elomileyo, ugwidule. **13** Ngenxa yolaka lukaThixo kayiyikuhlalwa muntu kodwa izachithwa ngokupheleleyo. Bonke abadlu eBhabhiloni bazakwesaba baklolode ngenxa yamanxebe ayo won. **14** Vivani inlangothi kutsho uThixo. **15** Klabalalani kuyo ezinhlangothini yilizwi likaThixo elafika kujeremya umphrofethi zonke! Iyazinikela, imiphotshongo yayo iyawa, mayelana le-Elamu, ekuqaleni kombuso kaZedekhiya imiduli yayo idilikela phansi. Njengoba lokhu yomncindezeli, umuntu wonke kabuyele ebantwini iBhabhilioni; yenzani kuyo njengalokhu eyakwenza kwabanye. **16** Msuseni eBhabhiloni umhlanyeli, lomvuni lesikela yakhe ekuvuneni. Ngenxa yenkemba yomncindezeli, umuntu wonke kabayele ebantwini "Ngizayijeza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni." **17** U-Israyeli ungumhlambi ohlakazekileyo oxotshwe Ngakho uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uthi: "Ngizayijeza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni lelizwe layo njengoba ngajejisa inkosi yase-Asirya. **19** Kodwa u-Israyeli ngizambuyisela edelwени lakhe, uzakudla eKhameli kanye laseBhashani; inkanku yakhe izasuthiswo emaqaqeni ako-Efrayim kanye leGiliyadi. **20** Ngalezonsuku, ngalesosikhathi," kutsho uThixo, "ukona kuka-Israyeli kuzadingwa, kodwa akuyikuba khona; kudingwe lezonzo zikajuda kodwa kasikho esizafunyanwa, ngoba insalela engiyitshiyayo ngizayithethelela. **21** Hlaselani ilizwe laseMerathayimi lalabo abahlala ePhekodi. Kotshanani labo libabulale libaqede du," kutsho uThixo. "Yenizani konke engililaye khona. **22** Umsindo wempi uselizweni, umpsindo wencithakalo enkul! **23** Yeka ukwephuka lokucezuka kwesando somhlaba wonke! Yeka ukuchitheka kweBhabhiloni phakathi kwezizwe! **24** Ngakuthiya ngomjibila, wena Bhabhiloni, wabanjaungakwazi lokho; waficwa wathunjwa, ngoba wamelana loThixo. **25** UThixo usevule indlu yakeh yezikhali wakhupha izikhali zolaka Iwakhe, ngoba uThixo Wobukhos, uSomandla ulomsebenzi okumele awenze elizweni lamaKhaladiya. **26** Wozani kuyo limelane layo livela kude. Fohlelani eziphaleni zayo; liyibuthelele njengezinqumbi zamabele. Ichitheni okupheleleyo lingayitshiyeli nsalela. **27** Bulalani zonke inkunzi zayo ezesengamaguqa; ziwiseleni phansi ekuhlatshweni! Maye kubo! Ngoba usuku lwabo selufikile, isikhathi sabo sokujeziswa. **28** Lalelani ababalekayo labaphephileyo abavela eBhabhiloni bememezela eZiyoni ngokuphindsela uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu asekwenzile, ukuphindsela ngenxa yethempeli lakhe. **29** Bizani abemitshoko bahlasele iBhabhiloni, bonke labo abaphatha amadandili. Ihanqeni inxa zonke; kungabikhona

ophunyukayo. Iphindiseleni izenzo zayo; yenzani kuyo njengekwenzileyo. Ngoba idelele uThixo, oNgcweli ka-Israyeli. **30** Ngakho izinsizwa zayo zizakuwa emigwaqweni; ngalosuku wonke amabutho ayo azabulawa,” kutsho uThixo. **31** “Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena oyisiqhoho,” kutsho uThixo, uThixo uSomandla, “ngoba usuku lwakho selufikile, isikhathi sokujeziswa kwakho. **32** Oyisiqhoho uzakhubeka awe, njalo kakho ozamsiza amvuse. Ngizabasa umilie emadolobheni akhe ozaqothula bonke abakhelene laye.” **33** UThixo uSomandla uthi: “Abantu bako-Israyeli bancindezelwe, kanye labantu bakojudha futhi. Bonke abathumbi babo babagagadlele, besala ukubadeda bahambe. **34** Kodwa uMhlengi wabo ulamandla; uThixo uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe. Uzavikela imfanelo zabo ngamandla ukuze alethe ukuthula elizweni labo, kodwa ukuxokozela kulabo abahlala eBhabhiloni. **35** Inkemba imelana lamaKhaladiya,” kutsho uThixo, “imelane lalabo abahlala eBhabhiloni kanye lezikhulu zayo lezhilakaniphi zayo! **36** Inkemba izamelana labaphrofethi balo bamanga! Bazakuba yizithutha. Inkemba izamelana lamabutho ayo! Azakuba lokwesaba okukhulu. **37** Inkemba izamelana lamabhiza ayo lezingola zempi labo bonke abezizweni abakuyo! Bazakuba ngabafazi. Inkemba izamelana lenotho yay! Izaphangwa. **38** Kuzakuba lokoma kwamanzi ayo! Azacitsha. Ngoba yiliwze lezithombe, izithombe ezizahlanya ngenxa yokwesaba. **39** Ngakho izidalwa zasenkangala lezimpisi zizahlala khona, lesikhova sizahlala khona. Akusayikwakhiwa kuyo lanini kumbe kuhalwe kuyo kusukela kusizukulwane kusiya kusizukulwane. **40** Njengalokhu uNkulunkulu wachitha iSodoma leGomora ndawonye lamadolobho ayeseduzane lawo,” kutsho uThixo, “ngokunjalo kakho ozahlala khona; akulamuntu ozahlala phakathi kwayo. **41** Khangelani! Ibutho liyeza livela enyakatho; isizwe esikhulu lamakhosi amanengi bayadungwa kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **42** Bahlome ngamadandili langemikhonto; balesihluku, kabalahiwau. Bezvakala njengowlandise oluhlokomayo lapho begade amabhiza abo; beza njengabantu abalunglele impi ukuba bakuhlasale, wena Ndodakazi yaseBhabhiloni. **43** INkosi yaseBhabhiloni isiyizwile imibiko ngabo, njalo izandla zayo zilenga zingelamandla. Usizi seluyibamble, ubuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo. **44** Njengesilwane siphuma emahlahthini aseJodani sisaya emadlelwani amahle, iBhabhiloni ngizayixotsa elizweni layo ngesikhathshana. Ngubani okhethiweyo engizamkhethela lokhu na? Ngubani onjengami, ngubani ongamelana lami? Njalo nguphi umelutu ongajamelana lami na?” **45** Ngakho, zwaini lokho uThixo asecebe ukukwenza ngeBhabhiloni, asemise ukukwenza ngelizwile lamaKhaladiya: Amazinyane omhlambi azadonselwa le, amadlelo awo uzawatshabalisa ngokupheleleyo ngenxa yabo. **46** Ekuzwakaleni komsindo wokuthunjwa kweBhabhiloni umhlaba uzagedezela; ukukhala kwyo kuzazwakala phakathi kwezizwe.

**51** UThixo uthi: "Khangelani, ngizavusa umoya ochithayo umelane leBhabhiloni labantu beLebhi Khamayi. **2** Ngizathumela abezizweni eBhabhiloni ukuba bayihlungule njalo batshabalalise lelizwe layo; bazamelana layo enhlangothini zonke ngosuku lwencithakalo yayo. **3** Lingavumeli mtsshoki ebopha idandili lakhe loba limyekele eggqoka isiqqoko sakhe sensimbi. Lingazitshiyi izinsizwa zayo, liliqede du ibutho layo. **4** Bazawela phansi bebulewe eBhabhiloni belinyazwe okokuwa emigwaqweni yayo. **5** Ngoba u-Israyeli lojuda kabalahwanga nguNkulunkulu wabo, uThixo uSomandla, lanxa nje ilizwe labo ligcwele ukona phambi koNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **6** Balekani eBhabhiloni! Sindsani impilo yenu! Lingabhujiwa ngenxa yezonzo zayo. Yisikhathi sokuphindsela kukaThixo; uzaphindsela kuyo ngokufaneleyo. **7** IBhabhiloni yayiyinkezo yegolide esandleni sikaThixo; yenza umhlaba wonke wadakwa. Izizwe zanatha iwayini layo; ngakho khathesi sezihlanya. **8** IBhabhiloni izakuwa masinyane idilike. Ilileleni! Idingeleni umuthi wokupholisa ubuhlungu bayo; mhlawumbe ingasila. **9** 'IBhabhiloni kade singayelapha kodwa kayelapheki; kasiyitshiyeni kuthi lowo lalowo aye elizweni lakibo, ngoba ukwahlulela kufika emikhathini kuqonga kuze kufike emayezini. **10** UThixo usebonakalisile ukuthi kasilacala, wozani sibike eZiyoni osekwenziwe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wethu.' **11** Lolani imitshoko; thathani amahawu! UThixo usevuse amakhosi amaMede ngoba inhloso yakhe yikuchitha iBhabhiloni. UThixo uzaphindsela, aphindisele ngenxa yethempeli lakhe. **12** Phakamiselani imiduli yaseBhabhiloni uphawul! Qinisani ukulinda, bekani abalindayo, lungiselani ukucathamelia! UThixo uzafeza inhloso yakhe, isimiso sakhe ngabantu baseBhabhiloni. **13** Lina elihlala ngasemanzini amanengi, njalo lilenotho enengi, isiphetho senu sesifikile, isikhathi senu sokuqunywa. **14** UThixo uSomandla usefungile ngayo wathi: Impela ngizakugcwala ngabantu abanggesikhonghwane, njalo bazaklabalala ngamacilongo ngaphezu kwakho. **15** Wenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe; wamisa umhlaba ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe njalo wendlala lamazulu ngokuedisida kwakhe. **16** Lapho evungama, amanzi asemazulwini ayahlokoma; wenza amayze aphakame evela emikhawulweni yomhlabo. Uthumela umbane ulezulu njalo akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe. **17** Abantu bonke kabalangqondo njalo kabalalwazi; wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yizithombe zakhe. Izithombe zakhe azenzayo ziyinkohliso; kazilampfumulo phakathi kwazo. **18** Ziyize, izinto zenhlekisa nje; lapho ukwahlulela kwazo sekufikile, zizabhubha. **19** Lowo oyiningxene yesizwe sikajakhobe kafani labala, ngoba unguMenzi wezinto zonke, kubalwa labantu belifa lakhe, ibizo lakhe nguThixo uSomandla. **20** Wena uyinduku yami yempi, isikhali sami sokulwa ngawe ngitshabalalisa izizwe, ngawe ngichitha imibuso; **21** ngawe ngihiifiza ibhiza lomgadi walo, ngawe ngihiifiza inqola yempi lomtshayeli wayo, **22** ngawe ngihiifiza indoda lomfazi, ngawe ngihiifiza amaxhegu labatsha, ngawe ngihiifiza izinsizwa lezintombi, **23**

ngawe ngihlifiza abelusi lemihlambi, ngawe ngihlifiza 43 Amadolobho ayo azachitheka, ilizwe elomileyo umlimi lenkabi, ngawe ngihlifiza ababusi lezikhulu. leliyinkangala, ilizwe okungekho ohlala khona, 24 Emehlweni enu ngizaphindisela kuyo iBhabhiloni okungekho muntu odabula phakathi kwalo. 44 lakubo bonke abahlala kuyo ngenxa yobubi bonke Ngizamjezisa uBheli eBhabhiloni ngimenze akuhlanze ababenziyeo eZiyoni,” kutsho uThixo. 25 “Ngimelana lokho akuginyileyo. Iizizwe kazisayikujulukela kuye. lawe, wena ntaba echithayo, wena ochitha umhlabla Njalo umduli weBhabhiloni uzakuwa. 45 Bantu wonke,” kutsho uThixo. “Ngizakwelulela isandla sami bami, phumanii kulo iBhabhiloni! Balekelani ukufa! kuwe, ngikugique usuka emaweni, ngikwenzhe ubi Balekelani ulaka olwesabekayo lukaThixo. 46 yintaba eyatshiswayo. 26 Akulalitshe elizasuswa Lingapehelwa lithemba kumbe lesabe lapho kuzwakala kuwe ukuba libe ngelekhoneni, loba elinye ilitshe amahungahunga elizweni; elinye ihungahunga lifika ukuba ngelesisekelo ngoba lizachithwa kokuphela,” lonyaka, elinye kozayo, amahungahunga odlakela kutsho uThixo. 27 “Phakamisani uphawu elizweni! elizweni awombusi evukela umbusi. 47 Ngoba Khalisanici longo phakathi kwezizwe! Lungisani izizwe isikhathi sizafika impela lapho ngizajezisa izithombe ukuba zilwe layo; ibizeleni imibuso le: i-Ararathi zaseBhabhiloni; ilizwe layo lonke lizayangeka leMini kanye le-Ashikhenazi. Ibekeleni umlawuli lababulewego bayo bonke bazawela phakathi wokulwa layo; lithumele amabhiza arnjengomtshitshi kwayo. 48 Lapho-ke izulu lomhlabla lakho konke wentetthe. 28 Lungisani izizwe ukuba zilwe layo, okukukho kuzamemezela intokozo ngeBhabhiloni, amakhosi amaMede, ababusi bawo lezikhulu zavo, ngoba abachithi bazayihlasela bevelela enyakatho,” kanye lamazwe wonke awabusayo. 29 Ilizwe kutsho uThixo. 49 “IBhabhiloni kumele idilike liyaqhaqha zela libhinqike ngoba inhloso kaThixo ngenxa yabako-Israyeli ababulawayo, njengokubulawa yokumelana leBhabhiloni imi injalo ukuchitha ilizwe kwabantu emhlabeni wonke, batshabalala ngenxa leBhabhiloni ukuze kungabikhona ohlala kulo. 50 yeBhabhiloni. 51 Lina eliphophileyo enkembeni, Amabutho aseBhabhiloni aseyekele ukulwa; ahlezi sukanii njalo lingalibali! Khumbulanii uThixo elizweni ezinqaabenii zavo. Amandala awo asephelile. Asebe elikude, licabange langeJerusalem.” 51 “Siyangekile, njengabesifazane. Izindawo zayo zokuhlala zithungelwe ngoba siqalekisiwe, lehlazo lembese ubuso bethu, ngomilo; imigoqo lamasango kwephukile. 31 Esinye ngoba abeziweweni bangene ezindaweni ezingewe isithunywa silandela esinye; lesithunywa silandela zendlu kaThixo.” 52 UThixo uthi, “Kodwa insuku esinye isithunywa ukuyabika enkosini yaseBhabhiloni zyeza, lapho engizajezisa khona izithombe zayo, ukuthi idolobho lonke selithunjive, 32 amazibuko njalo elizweni layo lonke abalimeleyo bazabubula. 53 emifula athethwe, amaxhaphozi atshiswe ngomilo Lanxa iBhabhiloni ingafinyelela emkhathini iqinise lamabutho ethukile.” 33 Nanku okutshio nguThixo izinqaba zayo eziphakemeyo, ngizathumela abachithi uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: “Indodakazi bayihla sele,” kutsho uThixo. 54 “Umsindo wokukhala yaseBhabhiloni injengesiza sokubhulela ngesikhathi uvela eBhabhiloni, umsindo wencithakalo enkuu sokunyathelwa kwaso; isikhathi sokuvunwa kwayo ovela elizweni lamaKhaladiya. 55 UThixo uzayichitha sizafika masinyane.” 34 “UNebukhadineza inkosi iBhabhiloni; uzathulisa umsindo wayo wenhlokomo. yaseBhabhiloni usesidile, usesenzeni saphambana Amagagasi ezitha azahlokoma njengamanzi amanengi; amakhanda, usesenzeni saba yimbiza engelalutho. ukuvungama kwamazwi azo kuzazwakala. 56 Usesiginyile njengenyoka, wagwalisa isisu sakhe Umchithi uzakuza lasela iBhabhiloni; amabutho ayo negezibili boco zethu, wasesihlanza futhi. 35 azathunjwa, lamadandili awo azakwephuka. Ngoba Udlakela olwensiwe emizimbeni yethu kalube phezu uThixo unguNkulunkulu wempindiselo; uzaphindisela kweBhabhiloni,” kutsho abahlala eZiyoni. “Igazi lethu ngokugcwelyo. 57 Ngizadakisa izikhulu lezhilakaniphi kalibe phezu kwalabo abahlala eBhabhiloni,” kutsho zayo, kanye lababusi bayo, lezinduna kanye lamabutho; iJerusalem. 36 Ngakho uThixo uthi: “Khangelani, bazalala kokuphela bangavuki futhi,” kutsho uThixo, imfanelo yenu ngizayivikela, ngiliphindiselele; obizo lakhe nguThixo uSomandla. 58 UThixo ngizacitsha ulwandle lwayo ngomise lemithombo yayo. uSomandla uthi: “Umduli oqatha weBhabhiloni 37 iBhabhiloni izakuba yinqumbi yonxiwa, isikhundla uzabhidizwa lamasango ayo aphakemeyo athungelwe samakhanka, into yokwesatshwa lokuklolodelwa, ngomilo; abantu bazidinisa ize, umsebenzi wezizwe indawo engahlali muntu. 38 Abantu bayo bonke ungamacfutha amalangabi nje kuphela.” 59 Leli bayabonga njengezilwane ezingane, bayahwabba yilizwi uJeremiya umphrofethi alinika induna njengemidlwane yesilwane. 39 Kodwa lapho yamabutho uSeraya indodana kaNeriya, indodana besesebukhali, ngizabenzela idili ngibidakise, ukuze kaMahaseyiya, esesiya eBhabhiloni loZedekhiya inkosi baklabalale ngohleko, babe sebelala kokuphela yakoJuda ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. bangavuki futhi,” kutsho uThixo. 40 “Ngizabehlisela 60 Ujeremiya wayelobe emqulwini ngomonakalo phansi njengamawundlu esilaheni, njengenqama wonke owawuzakwephela iBhabhiloni lakho konke lembuzi. 41 Yeka ukuthunjwa okuzakwenzwa okwakubhalwe ngeBhabhiloni. 61 Wathi kuSeraya, iSheshaki, ukuzincoma komhlabla wonke kuthurjiwe! “Lapho usufikile eBhabhiloni ubowafunda wonke Yeka ukutshaqisa iBhabhiloni ezakuba yikho phakathi amazwi la ngelizwi eliphakemeyo. 62 Ube ususithi, kwezizwe! 42 Ulwandle luzaphakama phezu ‘Awu Thixo, wathi indawo le uzayichitha ukuze kweBhabhiloni; amagagasi alo ahhlokomo ayisibekela. kungabi lamuntu kumbe inyamazana ezaahlala kuyo;

izaphundleka kuze kube nininini.' **63** Lapho usuqedile ukubala umqulu lo, ubophele ilitshe kuwo uwuphosele kuYufrathe, **64** ubususithi, 'Izatshona kanje iBhabhiloni ingabe isavumbuluka ngenxa yomonakalo engizayehlisela wona. Labantu bayo bazakuwa.' Amazwi kajeremiya apehela lapha.

**52** UZedekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye, njalo wabus ajerusalem okweminyaka elitshumi lanye. Ibizo likanina lalinguHamuthali indodakazi kajeremiya waseLihina. **2** Wenza okubi emehlweni kaThixo, njengalokho okwakwenziwe ngujejohaykhami. **3** Kwakungenxa yokuthukuthela kukaThixo ukuze kwenzakale konke lokhu ejerusalem lakoJuda, njalo ekucineni kwabangela ukuthi uThixo abachithe. Ngalokho uZedekhiya wayihlamukela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. **4** Ngakho ngenyanga yesicamunwemunye yokubusa kukaZedekhiya, ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga yetshumi, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, waya ejerusalem lebutho lakhe lonke. Bahlala ngaphandle kwedolobho, bakha izinqaba zokulivimbezela kuzonkonke inhlangothi zalo. **5** Idolobho lavinjezelwa kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya inkosi. **6** Ngosuku lwsificamunwemunye lwenyanga yesine indlala yayinszima edolobheni, abantu bengaselakudla. **7** Umduli wedolobho wafohlwa, ibutho lonke labaleka. Basuka edolobheni ebusuku bephuma ngesango eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili, phansi kwestivande senkosi, lanxa nje amaKhaladiya ayeligombolozele idolobho. Babaleka beconde e-Arabha, **8** kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana lenkosi uZedekhiya layamfica emagcekeni asejerikho. Wonke amabutho akhe ehlukana laye njalo ahlakazeka, **9** yena wathunjwa. Wasiwi enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRihila elizweni laseHamathi, lapho eyamgwebela khona. **10** Khona eRihila inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yabulala amadodana kaZedekhiya emehlweni akhe; yabulala lezikhulu zakoJuda zonke. **11** Emva kwalokho, yamkhupha amehlo uZedekhiya, yambophya ngamaketane ethusi, yamusu eBhabhiloni, lapho eyamfaka khona entolongweni kwaze kwafika usuku lokufa kwakhe. **12** Ngosuku lwetshumi ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngomnyaka wetshumi lasificamunwemunye kaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi besikhosini, owayesebenzela inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, wafika ejerusalem. **13** Wathungela ithempeli likaThixo ngomilo, lesigdlo senkosi lezindlu zonke zaseJerusalem. Zonke izindlu eziqakathikelyo wazitshisa. **14** Lonke ibutho laseBhabhiloni elalingaphansi komlawuli wabalindi besikhosini layidiliza yonke imiduli eyayigomboloze ijerusalem. **15** UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi wathatha abanye babayanga bokucina wabasa ekuthunjweni lalabo ababesele edolobheni, lenengi lezingcwethi kanye lalabo abasebeye enkosini yaseBhabhiloni. **16** Kodwa uNebhuzaradani watshiya inengi labantu ababengabayanga bokucina elizweni ukuba basebenze

ezivinini lasemasimini. **17** AbeBhabhiloni baphahlaza izinsika zethusi lezinti zezibane loLwandle lwethusi, okwakusethempelini likaThixo. Bathwalela ithusi lelo eBhabhiloni. **18** Bathatha njalo imbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu lemiganu yezichelo, lezinditshi lazozonke izitsa zethusi ezazisetshenziswa enkonzweni yasethempelini. **19** Umlawuli wabalindi besigdlo wathatha izinditshi, izitsa zokutshisela impepha, imiganu yezichelo, imbiza, izinti zezibane, izinditshi lemiganu okusetszenziswa eminikeleni yokunathwayo konke okwakwenziwe ngegolide elicengkileyo loba isiliva. **20** Ithusi elalived ensikeni ezimbili, loLwandle lelenkunzi zethusi ezilitsshumi lambili ezazingaphansi kwalo kanye lelezidindi ezsusekayo konke okwakwenzelwe ithempeli likaThixo yinkosi uSolomon, kwakulesindo esasingelinganiswe. **21** Ubude bensika ngayinye babuzingalo ezilitsshumi lasificaminwembili, ubuqatha buzingalo ezilitsshumi lambili, uhlonzi luyiminwe emine njalo ilomhome. **22** Isiduku sethusi phezu kwenye insika sasizingalo ezinhlanu ubude baso njalo siceciwe ngomeluko lamaphomegranathi ethusi nxazonke. Enye insika, lamaphomegranathi ayo, layo yayingjalo. **23** Emaceleni kwakulamaphomegranathi angamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye munye leshitupha; esewonke amaphomegranathi ayengaphezu kobufikifiki obabuzungezile, ayelikhulu. **24** Umlawuli wabalindi wathumba uSeraya induna yabaphristi, loZefaniya umsekeli wakhe kanye labalindi bomnyango abathathu. **25** Kulabo ababelokhu besedolobheni wathatha isikhulu esasiphethe amadoda okulwa, labacebisi besikhosini abayiskhombisa. Wathatha lonobhala owayeyinduna eyayiphethe ukubuthwa kwabantu elizweni kanye labanye abantu bakhe abangamatshumi ayisithupha ababeficwe edolobheni. **26** UNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabathatha bonke wabasa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni eRihila. **27** Khonale eRihila, elizweni laseHamathi, inkosi yathi kabaqunywe. Ngakho abakoJuda baya ekuthunjweni kude lelizwe labo. **28** Narka amanani abantu uNebhukhadineza abasa ekuthunjweni: ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, amajuda azinkulungwane ezintathu lamatshumi amabili lantathu; **29** ngomnyaka kaNebhukhadineza wetshumi lasificaminwembili mibili, abantu bejerusalem abangakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu lambili; **30** ngomnyaka wakhe wamatshumi amabili lantathu, amajuda angamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lanhanu asiwa ekuthunjweni nguNebhuzaradani umlawuli wabalindi ekubusweni kwezizwe ezinengi. Bebonke kwakungabantu abazinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha. **31** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa ujehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda esekuthunjweni, ngomnyaka u-Evili-Merodakhi aba yinkosi yaseBhabhiloni ngawo, wakhulula ujehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, wamkhupha entolongweni ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lanhanu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili. **32** Wakhuluma laye ngomusa, wamnika isihlalo esihloniphekayo esasingaphezu kwezamanye amakhosii

ayelaye eBhabhiloni. **33** Ngakho uJehoyakhini wakhupha iziggoko zakhe zasentolongweni, wadla lenkosi izikhathi zonke okwempilo yakhe yonke. **34** Nsuku zonke inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yayinika uJehoyakhini isabelo esimisiweyo malanga wonke empilweni yakhe, kwaze kwafika ilanga lokufa kwakhe.

# Izililo

**1** Kuthule kuthe cwaka! Yeka lelidolobho elalinyakazela abantu! Selinjengomfelokazi, kanti lalilodumo phakathi kwezizwe. Lona elaliyindlovukazi phakathi kwezigodi, khathesi seliyisigqili. **2** Linjengowesifazane okhala kabuhlungu ebusuku, inyembezi zithe hlilikili ezihlathini. Kakho phakathi kwazo zonke izithandwa zakhe onganduduza. Bonke abangane bakhe bamhlamukele; sebeyizitha zakhe. **3** UJuda useye ebugqilini ngemva kokuhlupheka lokudonsa nzima. Usehlala phakathi kwabeszizwe; akatholi ndawo yokuphumula. Bonke abamzingelayo bamxhumile ephakathi kokuhlupheka kwakhe. **4** Iyalila imigwaqo eya eZiyoni, ngoba kasekho ozayo emikhosini yalo emisiwego. Wonke amasango alo asekohhlakele, abaphristi balo bayabubula, amantombazana alo ayagomela, lona lidabukile kakhulu. **5** Izitha zalo sezingababusi balo; ziylaklamasa. UThixo ulehlisele usizi ngenxa yezono zalo ezinengi. Abantwabalo bathunjiwe, baba yizigqili zezitha. **6** Kuphelile konke ukubenyezela kweNdodakazi yaseZiyoni. Amakhosana ayo asenjengezimpala ezingatholi amadlelo; zibalekile zilambilе zingelamanda zibalekela umzingile. **7** Ngezinsuku zokuhlupheka lokuntula, ijerusalema iyayikhumbula inotho eyayingeyayo ngensuku zayo. Kuthe abantu bayo sebewela ezandleni zezitha, akubanga khona ongayinceda. Zayikhanglela nje izitha zayo zahleka ukuchithika kwayo. **8** Ijerusalema yonile kakhulu, ngakho isingcolile. Bonke ababeyihlonipha sebeyideleta, ngoba sebebonile ubuze bayo; yona ngokwayo ibubula ize ifulatthele. **9** Ukungcola kwayo kwabhixa izidwaba zayo; kayinakanga ikusasa yayo. Ukuwa kwayo kwesabeka, kungekho oyiduduzayo. "Oh Thixo, ake ukhangele ukuhlupheka kwami, ngoba isitha sesinqobile." **10** Isitha saphanga yonke inotho yayo; yabona izizwe ezingakholwayo zingena endlini yayo engcwele, bona labo owabanqabela ukungena phakathi kwebandla lakho. **11** Bonke abantu bayo bayagomela behamba bedinga ukudla; bathengisa inotho yabo eligugu ngokudla ukuze bangafi. "Oh Thixo, ake ungihawukele ngoba sengidelelwu." **12** "Kakusilutho kini yini lina lonke elidlula lapha? Ake likhangele nje libone. Kambe kukhona ukuhlupheka okulingana lokwami, khona lokhu engakwehliselwayo, nguThixo ngosuku lokuvutha kolaka lwakhe? **13** Wehlisa umlilo uvela phezulu, wawehlisela phakathi kwamathambo ami. Wangithiya ezinyaweni ngomambule, wangibuyisela emuva. Wangenza ngaba lesizungu, ngaswela amandla ilanga lonke. **14** Izono zami zisongwe zaba lijogwe; ngezandla zakhe wazelukela ndawonye. Zetheswe entanyene yami, uThixo wangiqeda amandla. Usengifufeze zesisitha; seziklabalala endlini kaThixo sengathi lilanga kulabo engineke ngimelanee labo. **15** UThixo lomkhosi omisiwego. **8** UThixo wazimisela ukudilizela kabemukelanga bonke abangabebutho lami; usebize phansi umthangala ohonqolozele iNdodakazi impi ukuthi inghilasele, ichoboze zonke izinsizwa zami. yeZiyoni. Welula intambo yesilinganiso sakhe, akaze Esihluzweni sakhe sewayini, uThixo unyatthelele phansi agodla isandla sakhe esibhidilayo. Wenza izinsika iNdodakazi yakoJuda eGcweleyo. **16** Yikho ngilila, lemithangala kwalila; kanye kanye kwatshabalala. **9**

amehlo ami empompoza inyembezi. Kakho oseduze ongangiduduza, kakho ongavusa umphefumulo wami. Abantwabami sebeswela ngoba isitha sinqobile." **17** IZiyoni yelulile isandla sayo kodwa kakho oyiduduzayo. UThixo usekumisile ngoJakhobe ukuthi abakhelene laye babe yizitha zakhe; ijerusalema isiphenduke yaba yinto engcolileyo kubo. **18** "UThixo ulungile, kodwa ngaphikisana lomlayo wakhe. Lalelani bantu lonke; khangelani ukuhawula kwami. Izinsizwa lezintombi zami zonke sezaya ekuthunjweni. **19** Ngakhala kulabo engidlelana labo, kodwa banginina. Abaphristi bami labadala bami babhubhela phakathi kwedolobho besadinga ukudla, ukuwe baziphilise. **20** Ake ubone, Oh Thixo, ukuthi niglihupheka njani! Ngiyatsha ngaphakathi kwami, ngidungekile enhliziyeweni yami, ngoba bengilihlongandlebe. Ngaphandle, inkemba iyadabukisa; ngaphakathi, yikuwa kodwa. **21** Abantu bakuzwile ukububula kwami, kodwa kakho ongangiduduza. Zonke izitha zami zikuzwile ukuhlupheka kwami; ziyathokoza ngalokhu okwenzileyo. Sengathi ungalufikisa lolusuku ovalumisayo, ukuze labo babe njengami. **22** Abuvele kuwe bonke ububi babo; yenza kubo konke okwenzileyo kimi ngenxa yezono zami zonke. Kunengi ukububula kwami, lenhlizyo yami iphela amandla."

**2** UThixo wembese iNdodakazi yeZiyoni neyezei lolaka lwakhe! Ubutaklazele phansi ubunkanyankanya buka-Israyeli busuka ezulwini busiya emhlaben; kasinakanga isenabelo sakhe mhla wentukuthelo yakhe. **2** UThixo kabanga lozwelo lapho eginya yonke imizi kajakhobe; ngolaka lwakhe udilizele phansi izinqaba zeNdodakazi kajuda. Usewuchithile umbuso wakhe, lababus bawo wababhuqa phansi, baba lehlazo. **3** Ngolaka lwakhe olwesabekayo, usegumule zonke impondo zika-Israyeli. Usegodle isandla sakhe sokinene lapho kuqhamuka isitha. Utshise kojakhobe njengelangabi elihangula konke okuseduze. **4** Usethiye idandili lakhe njengesitha; isandla sakhe sokinene sesiqaphile. Njengesitha usebabulele bonke ababebahle ebusweni; usethele ulaka lwakhe olungumlilo phezu kwethente leNdodakazi yeZiyoni. **5** UThixo unjengesitha; usemginyile u-Israyeli. Usezigniyile zonke izigdlo zakhe, wabhidliza zonke izinqaba zakhe. Usekwandisile ukukhala lokulilela iNdodakazi kajuda. **6** Usetshaye wakhukhula umuzi wakhe njengensimu; usebhidlize indawo yakhe yokuhlanganelo. UThixo useenze iZiyoni yakhohlwa imikhosy yayo emisiwego lamaSabatha ayo; olakeni lwakhe olwesabekayo, ukhukhulele khatshana oyinkosi longumphristi. **7** UThixo uselikhalele i-alithari lakhe, wafulathela indlu yakhe engcwele. Usenikele imithangala yezigodlo zakhe ezandleni yezitha; seziklabalala endlini kaThixo sengathi lilanga lomkhosi omisiwego. **8** UThixo wazimisela ukudilizela kabemukelanga bonke abangabebutho lami; usebize phansi umthangala ohonqolozele iNdodakazi impi ukuthi inghilasele, ichoboze zonke izinsizwa zami. yeZiyoni. Welula intambo yesilinganiso sakhe, akaze Esihluzweni sakhe sewayini, uThixo unyatthelele phansi agodla isandla sakhe esibhidilayo. Wenza izinsika iNdodakazi yakoJuda eGcweleyo. **9**

Amasango akhe aseggibelekile; izinti zavo zephulwe waphindaphinda ilanga lonke. **4** Usenze ijwabu lami zabhidizwa. Inkosi yayo lamakhosana ayo achithizelwe laluphala, wangephula amathambo. **5** Ungihanqile kwabeizizwe, umthetho kawusekho, labaphrofethi wangihonqolozela ngosizi langobunzima. **6** Ungenze bakhe kabasayamukeli imibono evela kuThixo. **10** ngahlala emnyameni njengalabo abafa kudala. **7** Abadala beNdodakazi yeZiyoni bahlezi emhlabathini Ungihonqolozele ngenqaba ukuze ngingaphunyuki; bathule zwi; bazithele ngothuli emakhanda abo, ungibophe nko ngamaketane. **8** Kuthi lanxa ngimemeza bazembathisa amasaka. Izintombi zejerusalema loba ngidinya usizo, awuvalele phandle umkhuleko zimbozele amakhanda azo phansi. **11** Amehlo ami wami. **9** Uvale indlela yami ngamatshe; waphambukisa ayehluleka ngokukhala, ngiyatsha ngaphakathi izindlela zami. **10** Njengebhele licathamile, kwami, inhlizyo yami idabukile, ngoba abantu njengesilwane sicutshile, **11** wangihudulela eceleni bakithi babhujiwi, njalo abantwana lensane kwendela, wangifohlo, wangitshiya ngingelamsizi. ziyaqaleka emigwaqweni yomuzi. **12** Zithi kubonina, **12** Wadonsa idandili lakhe, ngaba yikudla kwemishoko “Singaphi isinkwa lewayini?” zilokhu ziqaleka yakhe. **13** Wangiciba enhliziyeweni ngemishoko evela njengamadoda alimeleyo emigwaqweni yomuzi, emxhakeni wakhe. **14** Ngaba yinhlekisa ebantwini ziphela umphefumulo ezandleni zabonina. **13** Kambe bakithi bonke; sengitshona ngiyingoma eyinhlekisa ngingathini kuwe na? Ngingakulinganisa lani, wena kubo. **15** Ungigqibe ngemithi ebabayo, wanginathisa Ndodakazi yaseJerusalema? Kambe ngingakufanisa inyongo. **16** Ungihlaufunise ukhethi ngamazinyo; lani ukuze ngikududuwe, wena Ndodakazi eGcweleyo wangigqa ebhuqwini. **17** Ngincitshiwe ukuthula; yaseZiyoni? Inxeba lakho lizike njengowandle. Ngubani angisakwazi ingabe iyini impumelelo. **18** Ngakho ongakwelapha na? **14** Imibono yabaphrofethi bakho ngithi, “Sebuphelile ubucwazicwazi bami, lakho yayikhohlsa ingasizi lutho; kabavezanga obala isono konke engangikulindele kuThixo.” **19** Ngikhumbula sakho ukuze ungehlelwa yikuthunjwa. Ukuvumisa ukuhlupheka lokuntula kwami, ubumunyu lenyongo. abalenzela khona kwakungamanga, kulikhohlsa. **15** **20** Konke ngikuhumbula kamhlrophe, umoya wami Bonke abedlula eceleni kwakho batshaya izandla wephukile. **21** Kodwa ngikuhumbula lokhu ngibe ngawe; bahleka iNdodakazi yaseJerusalema baze lethembra: **22** Ngenxa yothando olukhulu lukaThixo banikine amakhanda besithi, “Kambe yiwo yini kasibhujiswanga, ngoba isihawu sakhe kasipheli. **23** umuzi lo owawuthiwa yibuhle obupheleleyo, igugu Siba sitsha ukusa kwamalanga; kukhulu ukuthembeka lomhlaba wonke jikelele?” **16** Zonke izitha zakho kwakho. **24** Ngiyazitshela ngithi, “UThixo uysabelo zikukhamisele imilomo; ziyakuhleka zikugedlela sami; ngakho ngizalindela yena.” **25** UThixo ulungile amazinyo zisithi, “Sesimnqobile. Selize lafika ilanga kulowo omethembayo, kulowo omdingayo; **26** kuhle esasililindele; kade salilindela.” **17** UThixo usekwenzile ukulinda ngokuthula, ukulindela insindiso kaThixo. **27** ayekuhlosile; useligmwalisile ilizwi lakhe, alikhulumia Kuhle ukuthi umuntu alithwale ijogwe ngesikhathi kudala. Ukuwisile engakuzweli usizi, uvumele isitha esesemutsha. **28** Kahlale yedwa ngokuthula, ngoba santela phezu kwakho, uluphakamisile uphondo uThixo ulibeke phezu kwakhe. **29** Kembele ubuso lwezitha zakho. **18** Inhlizyo zabantu ziyakhala bakhe ethulini, mhlawumbe ithemba lizakuba eNkosini. Awu, mthangala weNdodakazi yaseZiyoni, khona. **30** Kaphe isihlathi sakhe kulowo ofuna kazigeleze njengomfula inyembezi zakho, ebusuku ukumhlankala, agcwale ihlazo. **31** Ngoba uThixo lemini; ungaziphi ikhefu, lamehlo akho ungawaphi kabalahli abantu kuze kube nini lanini. **32** Loba ukuphumula. **19** Phakama, nqongoloza ebusuku, engaletsha ubuhlungu, uzatshengisa uwelo, lukhulu lapho kuqalisa imilindo yebusuku; thulula inhlizyo kakhulu uthando lwakhe olungapheliyo. **33** Ngoba yakho njengamanzi phambi kukaThixo. Phakamisela kehliseli ukuhlupheka losizi ebantwini ngokuthanda. izandla zakho kuye, uncengela impilo yabantwabakho, **34** Ukuhlifiza ngezinyawo zonke izibotshwa elizweni, abaqalekiswa yindlala ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke. **35** ukuncitsa umuntu amalungelo akhe phambi **20** Ake ukhangele, Thixo, ube lozwelo: Ngubani koPhezukonke, **36** ukungahluleli kuhle, kambe uThixo osewake wamphatha kanje? Abesifazane badle inzalo uyabe engaziboni izinto ezinjalo na? **37** Ngubani yabo yini, abantwana ababondileyo na? Umphristi ongatsho ulutho lwenzakale nxa lungavunyelwanga lomphrofethi babulawe endlini engcwele kaThixo na? nguThixo na? **38** Akuveli emlonyeni woPhezukonke **21** Abatsha labadala babhazalele ndawonye ebhuqwini ukuthi kuyehla inhlupheko lezinto ezinhle na? **39** Iwemigwaqo; izinsizwa zami lezintombi zibulewe Pho kungani umuntu ophilayo esola nxa ejeziselwa ngenkemba. Ubabulele ngosuku lokuthukuthela izono zakhe na? **40** Kasilingeni njalo sihlole izindlela kwakho; awaze waba lesihawu lapho ubabulala. **22** zethu, sibuyeke kuThixo. **41** Asiphakamiseleni inhlizyo “Njengokunxusela idili, wanginxusela izitha inxa zonke. lezandla zethu kunkulunkulu ezulwini sithi: **42** “Sonile Ngosuku lolaka lukaThixo, kakho owaphunyukayo loba sahlamuka, njalo kawusithethelelanga. **43** Uzigubuzele owasilayo; bonke engangibanakekela lengabondlayo ngolaka waxhumana lathi; ubhubhisile ungelazwelo. babulewe yisitha sami.”

**44** Uzisibekele ngeyezi ukuze kungafinyeleli mkhuleko kuwe. **45** Usenze saba ngamanya la lengcekeza phakathi kwezizwe. **46** Izitha zethu zonke zivule imilomo yazo zewakala zisihzoa. **47** Sesihlukuluzwe yikuthuthumela lokuhilikithela, ukudilika lokubhidlika.” **48** Imifula

**3** Yimi umuntu olubonileyo usizi ngenxa yoswazi lokuthukuthela kukaThixo. **2** Ungixotshile, wangiphumputheskia emnyameni hatshi ekukhanyeni; **3** ngempela usengiphakamisele isandla sakhe,

yezinyembezi iyajuluka emehlwani ami ngoba abantu ukuthi izitha labahlaseli bangangena emasangweni bakithi babhujisiwe. **49** Amehlo ami azajuluka eJerusalema. **13** Kodwa kwenzakala ngenxa yezeno kokuphela, engelakuphumula, **50** UThixo aze akhangele zabaphrefethi bakhona, lamanya abaphristi bakhona, phansi eseuzlwini, angibone. **51** Engikubonayo abachitha igazi labalungileyo ngaphakathi kwalo kuthelela usizi emphefumulweni wami ngenxa ijerusalema. **14** Manje sebephumputha emigwaqweni yabesifazane bonke bomuzi wakithi. **52** Labo ababa njengabantu abayiziphofu. Sebengcoliswe ligazi yizitha zami kungelasizatho, bangizingela njengenyoni. kakuselamuntu ongathinta izembatho zabo. **15** Abantu **53** Bazama ukuquma impilo yami emgodini bangijikijela bayabaxotsha bathi, "Sukan! Lingcolile! Sukan! ngamatshes; **54** amanzo asibekela ikhanda lami, Sukan! Lingasintil!" Nxa bebaleka bentula, abantu ngabona ukuthi okwami sekupheli. **55** Ngalimemezelu bezizwe bathi, "Ngeke bahlale lapha njalo." **16** ibizo lakho, Oh Thixo, ngisekujulen komgodi. **56** UThixo ngokwakhe ubahlakazole; kasabalondolozi. Wezwa ukuncenga kwami: "Ungavali indlebe zakho nxa ngikahale ukwenyulwa." **57** Wasondela lapho **17** Phezu kwalokho, amehlo ethu afiphala elindele ize ngikumemeza, wathi kimi, "Ungesabi." **58** Oh Thixo, engaboni sizo; siseziqongweni zethu zokulinda, salinda wasamukela isikhala zami; wah lenga ukuphila silindele isizwe esasingelancedo kithi. **18** Abantu kwami. **59** Ubuponile Thixo, ububi obenziwe kimi. babesicwathela indawo zonke, ngakho sasesisesaba Ngisekela kulobubunzima! **60** Usuponile ukujula ukuhamba emigwaqweni yethu. Sasesiphelele, insuku kokusonga kwabo, lamacebo abo wonke ngami. **61** zethu sezibaliwe, ngoba isiphetho sethu sesifikile. Awu Thixo, uwile inhlamba zabo, wonke amacebo abo **19** Abasixotshayo babelejubane kulengqungqulu ngami, **62** ukunyeneza lokungunguna kwabo ngami ukusa kwamalanga. **63** Ake ubabone! Bahlezi kumbe bajamile, bayangihleka ngezingoma zabo. **64** Awu Thixo, akubaphindisele ngokubafaneleyo, ngalokho okwenviye yizandla zabo. **65** Basibekele ngelembu ezinhliziyeweni zabo, isiqalekiso sakho sehlele phezu kwabo! **66** Xhumana labo ngolaka, ubabuhbhise ngaphansi kwamazulu kaThixo.

**4** Yeka igolide eselilahlekewle yikukhazimula kwalo, igolide elicolekileyo selijujukile! Amatshe aligugu angcweli aselahlili ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke. **2** Yeka izinsizwa zaseZiyoni ezincombe kayo, ezake zaba lesisingo njengegolide, okwamanje sezingathini zimbiza zebumba, umsebenzi wezandla zombumbi! **3** Ngitsho lamakhanka asemunyisa abantwabawo emabeleni awo, kodwa abantu bami kabaselazwelo njengezintshe enkangala. **4** Ngenxa yokoma, ulimi losane lunamathale elwangeni lomlomo; abantwana bancenga becela isinkwa kodwa kakho obaphoxy. **5** Labo ababesidla izibiliboco sebeyiziceli emigwaqweni. Labo abondliwa ebutifitifini sebelala esilotheni. **6** Isijeziso sabantu bakithi sikhulu kuleseSodoma, yona eyabhujiwa ngomuzuwana, akwaze kwaba lasandla esazama ukuncheda. **7** Amakhosana abo ayekhazimula kulongqaqwane, emhlophe nke kulochago, imizimba yabo ibomvana njengamatshe ohlobo lwerubhi, ukubukeka kwabo kunjengelitshe elikhazimulayo. **8** Kodwa manje sebemnyama kulomsizi; kabasananzwa langubani emigwaqweni. Isikhumba sabo sesinamathele emathanjeni abo; sesome okogodo. **9** Bangcongo labo ababulawa ngenkemba, kula labo abafa ngendlala; bazaca baphele, bekukhuzwa yindlala ngoba kungelakudla okuvu emasimini. **10** Ngezandla zabo abesifazane abalesihelo, baphele abantwababo, babenza ukudla kwabo ngesikhathi abantu bakithi bebulawa. **11** UThixo ubhodlisile intukuthelo yakhe; uluthulule ulaka lwakhe olwesabekayo. Uwulumathisile umlilo eZiyoni, watshisa izisekelo zayo. **12** Amakhosi omhlabu ayengakholwa, labantu basemhlabeni babengakholwa

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**5** Oh Thixo, khumbula okusehleleyo khangela ubone ukuyangeka kwethu. **2** Ilifa lethu seliphiwe abezizweni, imizi yethu yathathwa ngabemzini. **3** Sesizintandane ezingelaboyise, omama sebenjengabafelokazi. **4** Amanzi okunatha siyawathenga; inkuni zethu zikhutshelwa imali. **5** Labo abasixotshayo basihlezi ezithende; sikhathelle asilakuphumula. **6** Sazinikela kwabeGibhithe labesiraya ukuze sizuze isinkwa. **7** Okhokho benza isono kodwa kabaskhelo, thina yithi esesjeziswa. **8** Sibuswa yizigqili, kakho osikhululayo ezandleni zazo. **9** Isinkwa sisithola ngendlela eyingozi ngenxa yenkemba ekhona enkangala. **10** Isikhumba sethu sitshisa njengeziko, silomkhuhlante wendlala. **11** Abesifazane bayahlukuluzwa eZiyoni kanye lezintombi ezicweleyo emadolobheni akoJuda. **12** Amakhosi alengisiwe ngezandla zavo; abadala abasahlonitshwa. **13** Izinsizwa ziyahoqiswa ematsheni okuchola; abafana babbensiswa yimithwalo yenkuni. **14** Abadala sebesukile esangweni lomuzi; izinsizwa sezhithule ukuhlabelela. **15** Ukhuthokoza akusekho ezinhliziyeweni zethu; ukugida kwethu sekuphenduke ukukhala. **16** Umqhele usuwile ekhanda lethu. Maye thina, ngoba sonile! **17** Ngenxa yaloku inhliziyu zethu zibuthakathaka; ngenxa yalezizinto amehlo ethu ayafiphala, **18** ngoba intaba iZiyoni silugwadule, sekucathama amakhanka kuyo. **19** Wena, Oh Thixo, busa nini lanini; ubukhosu bakho buhlezi kuzozonke

izizukulwane. **20** Kungani uhlezi usikhohlwa?  
Usifulathelelani isikhathi eside kangaka na? **21**  
Sibuyisele kuwe, Oh Thixo, ukuze siphenduke;  
buyisa kabutsha insuku zethu njengezakudala,  
**22** ngaphandle kokuba nxa ususilahle kokuphela  
wasizondela ngokungalinganisekiyo.

# UHezekheli

**1** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu, ngenyanga yesine ngosuku lwesihlanu, lapho ngangiphakathi kwabathunjwayo, eduze komfula uKhebhari, amazulu avuleka ngabona umbono kaNkulunkulu. **2** Ngosuku lwesihlanu lwenyanga ngomnyaka wesihlanu wokuthunjwa kwenkosu uejehoyakhini **3** ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuHezekhiyi umphristi, indodana kaBhuzi, phansi komfula uKhebhari elizweni lamaBhabhiloni. Khonapho isandla sikaThixo sasiphezu kwakhe. **4** Ngakhanglela, ngabona isiphepho sisiza sivela enyakatho, kuliyezi elikhulukazi lokuphazima kombanie njalo lizungezwe yikukhanya okubenyezelayo. Phakathi laphakathi komlilo kwakungathi yinsimbi evuthayo, **5** njalo phakathi komlilo kwakulokwakungathi yizidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Ngokuhangleka isimo sazo sasingesomuntu, **6** kodwa ngasinye sazo sasilobuso obune lempiko ezine. **7** Imilene yazo yayiqondile; inyawo zazo zinjengezethole njalo zinkanyayela njengethusi elilongiweyo. **8** Ngaphansi kwempiko zazo emaceleni azo amane zazilezandla zomuntu. Zonke zoxine zazilobuso lempiko, **9** njalo impiko zazo zazithintana. Esinye lesinye sazo saya phambili; kaziphendukanga ekuhambeni kwazo. **10** Ubuso bazo babukhangleka kanje: Esinye lesinye sazo sasilobuso bomuntu, njalo eceleni langakwesokudla esinye lesinye sasilobuso besilwane, ngakwesenxele silobuso benkabi; njalo ngasinye sasilobuso bengqungqulu. **11** Babunjalo ubuso bazo. Impiko zazo zazichayekele phezelu; ngasinye silamaphiko amabili olunye luthinta uphiko lwesinye isidalwa emaceleni womabili, lempiko ezimbili zigubuzele umzimba waso. **12** Esinye lesinye saya phambili. Loba kungaphi lapho umoya owaya khona lazo zaya khona zingaphenduki ekuhambeni kwazo. **13** Isimo sezidalwa eziphilayo sasinjengamalahle avuthayo omilio loba njengezibane. Umlilo wahamba usiya phambili lasemuva phakathi kwezidalwa; wawukhazimula, njalo umbane uphazima uphuma kuwo. **14** Izidalwa zagijima zisiya emuva laphambili njengokuphazima kombane. **15** Kwathi lapho ngizikhangale izidalwa eziphilayo, ngabona ivili phansi eceleni kwesidalwa ngasinye silobuso obune. **16** Nansi isimo lokwakhiwa kwamavili: Ayecazimula njengekhrisol, njalo wonke womane ayefanana. Elinye lelinye lalingathi lenziwa lanquma kwelinje ivili. **17** Ekuhambeni, ayesiya loba kuliphi lamacele amane lapho izidalwa ezaizkhangele khona, njalo amavili ayengaphenduki lapho izidalwa zihamba. **18** Amarimu awo ayephakeme njalo esesabeka, njalo womane amarimu ayelamehlo indawo yonke. **19** Lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zihamba, lamavili eceleni kwazo ayehamba, njalo lapho izidalwa eziphilayo ziphakama emhlabathini amavili lawo ayephakama lazo. **20** Loba kungaphi lapho umoya owaya khona lazo zaya khona, njalo lamavili ayephakama lazo, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini. **21** Kwakusithi izidalwa zingahamba lawo ahambe,

kuthi izidalwa zingema lawo ame; njalo kuthi lapho izidalwa ziphakama emhlabathini lawo aphakame lazo, ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini. **22** Ngaphezu kwamakhanda ezidalwa eziphilayo kwakwendaleke okwakungathi ngumkhathi, kucazimula njengongqaqwane, njalo kusesabeka. **23** Ngaphansi komkhathi impiko zazo zazelulekile olunye kolunye, njalo esinye lesinye sasilezimpiko ezimbili ezembese umnzimba waso. **24** Lapho izidalwa zihamba ngezwa umsindo wezimpiko zazo, unjengokuhlokoma kwamanzi ahamba ngesiqubu, njengelizwi likaSomandla, njengokuxokozela kwebutho. Lapho sezimi, zehlisa impiko zazo. **25** Emva kwalokho kweza ilizwi elavela ngaphezu komkhathi ngaphezu kwamakhanda azo lapho zazimi impiko zazo zehliswe. **26** Ngaphezu komkhathi phezu kwamakhanda azo kwakulokwakungathi yisihlalo sobukhosu esenziwe ngesafire, njalo ngaphezu esihlalweni sobukhosu kwakulolutho olwalufana lomuntu. **27** Lokho ngakubona kokwakungathi lukhalo lwakhe kusya phezelu ekhanya angathi yinsimbi evuthayo, kungathi kugcwle umlilo, njalo kusukela ekhalweni kusehla wayengathi ngumlilo, njalo ehonqolozelwe yikukhanya okucazimulay. **28** Ukukhanya okucazimulay okwakumzungenzele kwakunjengomchilo wamakhosikazi emayezini ngosuko lokuna kwezulu. Lokhu kwakuyisimo sesifanekiso senkazimulo kaThixo. Ngathi ngikubona ngawela phansi ngobuso, ngasengisiszwila ilizwi lalowo owaykhulum.

**2** Wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, sukuma ume ngezinyawo zakho ngikhulume lawe.” **2** Esakhuluma uMoya wafika kimi wangimisa ngezinyawo zami, ngamuzwa esekhuluma lami. **3** Wathi, “Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyakuthuma kuma-Israyeli, isizwe esihlamukayo esangihlamukelayo, laboyise bangihlamukela kuze kube yilosulusu. **4** Abantu engikuthuma kubo balenkani njalo bayiziqliho. Wothi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos.’ **5** Njalo langabe bayalalela loba bangalalel ngoba bayindlu ehlamukayo, bazakwazi ukuthi umphrofethi ubekhona phakathi kwabo. **6** Njalo wena ndodana yomuntu, ungabesabi kumbe wesabe amazwi abo. Ungesabi lanxa usuhonqolozelwe ngameva njalo usuhlala phakathi kwabofezuya. Ungakwesabi lokho abakutshoyo loba uthuthunyeliswe yibo, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. **7** Kumele ukhulume amazwi ami kubo langabe bayalalela loba kabalaleli, ngoba bangabahlamuki. **8** Kodwa wena, ndodana yomuntu, lalela lokhu engikutshoyo kuwe. Ungahlamuki njengendlu leyana ehlamukayo; **9** vula umlomo wakho udle lokhu engikupha khona.” **10** Ngakhanglela ngabona isandla esaseluelwe kimi. Phakathi kwaso kwakulomqulu, **11** awutshombulula 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.” **2** Ngakho

ngavula umlomo wami, wasengipha umqulu ukuba injengenazimulo engangiyibone phansi koMfula ngiwudle. **3** Wasesithi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, uKhebhari, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **24** Laphodlana umqulu lo engikunika wona ugcwalise isisu ke uMoya wangena kimi wangimisa ngezinyawo sakho ngawo.” Ngakho ngawudla, njalo emlonyeni zami. Wakhulumwa wathi kimi, “Hamba uyezivalela wami wawuzwakala umnandi njengoliju. **4** Wasesithi endlini yakho. **25** Njalo, wena ndodana yomuntu, kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, hamba khathesi nye bazakubopha ngemichilo; uzabotshwa ukuze ungayi endlini ka-Israyeli ukhulume amazwi ami kubo. **5** phandle ebantwini. **26** Ngizakwenza ulimi lwakho Kawuthunywa ebantwini abalolimi olungaziwayo lunamathele elwangenai lomlomo wakho ukuze uthule lolunzima, kodwa endlini ka-Israyeli, **6** hatshi ungalensi ukubakuhanza lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. ebantwini abanengi abolimi olungaziwayo lolunzima, **27** Kodwa nxa sengikhuluma lawe ngizavula umlomo ongeke uwze abakutshoyo. Ngeqiniso aluba kade wakho, njalo uzakuthi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo ngikuthume kubo kade bezakulalela. **7** Kodwa indlu ka-Israyeli kayifuni ukukulalela ngoba kabafuni kungilalela, ngoba yonke indlu ka-Israyeli ilukhuni njalo ielenkani. **8** Kodwa lawe ngizakwenza uben lenkani lobulukhuni njengabo. **9** Ngizakwenza ubuso bakho bube njengelitshe elilukhuni kulawo wonke, elilukhuni kulelitshe lomlilo. Ungabesabi kumbe bakuthuthumelise, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo.” **10** Njalo wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, lalela kakuhle njalo uwabeke enhliziywani wonke amazwi engiwatsho kuwe. **11** Hamba khathesi nye ebantwini belizwe lakini abasekuthunjweni ukhulume labo. Uthi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos,’ loba bezalalela kumbe bangalaleli.” **12** Lapho-ke uMoya wangiphakamisa, kwathi ngemva kwami ngezwa umdumo ondindindizelayo sengathi yinkazimulo kaThixo eyaphakama endaweni eyayime kuyo! **13** Umdumo wezimpiko zezidala eziphilayo zigudlana lomdumo wamavili eceleni kwazo, umdumo wokundindizela okukhulu. **14** UMoya wasungiphakamisela phezelu ungisisa, njalo ngahamba ngomoya otshisekayo lokuthukuthela komoya wami lesandla esilamandla sikaThixo siphezu kwami. **15** Ngafika kwababetunjiwe ababehlala eTheli Abhibhi phansi koMfula uKhebhari. Khonapho-ke, lapho ababehlala khona, ngahlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa ngiphelelwe ngamandla. **16** Ekupheleni kwensuku eziyisikhombisa ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi, **17** “Ndodana yomuntu, sengikwenze umlindi wendlu ka-Israyeli; ngakho zwana ilizwi engilikulumayo ubanike isixwaiso esivela kimi. **18** Nxa ngisithi emuntwini omubi, ‘Wena uzakufa impela,’ wena ungamxwayisi kumbe ukhulume ukuba umyekelise izindlela zakhe ezimbi ukue asindise ukuphila kwakhe, lowomuntu omubi uzafebla izono zakhe, kuthi wena ngikubekete icala legazi lakhe. **19** Kodwa nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze okubi, mina ngibeke isikhubekiso phambi kwakhe, uzakufa. Njengoba nxa wena ungamxwaysanga, uzafebla izono zakhe. Izinto ezelungileyo azenzayo kaziyikuhunjuwlwa, njalo wena ngizakubeka icala legazi lakhe. **21** Kodwa nxa uxwayisa umuntu olungileyo ukuba angoni lakanye uyabe uziphephisile.” **22** Isandla sikaThixo sasiphezu kwami lapho, njalo wathi kimi, “Sukuma uye egcekeni ngizakhuluma lawe khona.” **23** Ngakho ngastukuma ngaya egcekeni. Inkazimulo kaThixo yayimi lapho,

**4** “Khathesi-ke, ndodana yomuntu, thatha umcephe webumba uwubeke phambi kwakho, udwebe kuwo idolobho lasejerusalema. **2** Dweba ukuvirjezelwa kwalo: Misa izindawo zokuvirjezelwa kwalo, yakha umthezuko ngaphezu kwalo, misa inkamba zokulihlasela uphinde ulihonqolozele ngezigodo zokubhidliza. **3** Emva kwalokho thatha umganu wensimbi, uwubeke unjengomoduli wensimbi phakathi kwakho lomuzi ube usuphendulela ubuso bakho kuwo. Wena ukhangele ngakuwo umuzi, umuzi ube ngovirjezelweyo, wena ube ngumvimbezeli. Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso endlini ka-Israyeli. **4** Emva kwalokho lala ngomhlubulo wenxele, ubeke isono sendlu ka-Israyeli phezu kwakho. Kumele uthwale isono sabo okwalezonsuku ulele ngomhlubulo wakho. **5** Sengikumisele inani linye lezinsuku njengeminya yezono zabo. Ngakho izono zendlu ka-Israyeli uzazithwala okwensuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **6** Emva kokuba usuqede lokhu, lala phansi futhi, khathesi kubo ngomhlubulo wakho wokunene, uthwale isono sendlu kajuda. Ngikumisele insuku ezingamatshumi amane, usuku olulodwa lumele umnyaka munye ngamunye. **7** Phendulela ubuso bakho ekuvirjezelweni kwejerusalema kuthi izingalo zakho zingembewanga uphrofite kubi ngejerusalem. **8** Ngizakubopha ngentambo ukuze ungatshibili usuka kwelinje icele usiya kwelinje uze uqede insuku zokuvirjezelwa kwakho. **9** Thatha ingqoloyi lebhali, indumba lelentili, inyawuthi lophoko; ukubeke embizeni yokugcinela ukusebenzise ekwenzeni ukudla kwakho. Kumele ukudle phakathi kwensuku ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye ulele ngomhlubulo wakho. **10** Linganisa amashekeli angamatshumi amabilo okudla ozakudla usuku ngalunye njalo ukudle ngezikathhi ezimisiweyo. **11** Njalo linganisa okukodwa kwasethupha kwehini lamanzi uwanathe ngezikathhi ezimisiweyo. **12** Dlana ukudla njengalapho usidla ikhekhe lebhali, ukupheke abantu bekhangale, irkuni zakho kube ngamalongwe abantu.” **13** UThixo wathi, “Ngokunjalo abantu bako-Israyeli bazakudla ukudla okungcolileyo phakathi kwezizwe engizabaxotshela kuzo.” **14** Lapho-ke mina ngathi, “Akunjalo, Thixo Wobukhos. Angikaze ngizingcolise. Kusukela ebutsheni

bami kuze kube khathesi angikaze ngidle loba yini etholakale ifile kumbe edlithizwe yizinyamazana. Akulanyama engcolileyo eseyake yangena emlonyeni wami.” **15** Wasesithi, “Kulungile. Ngizakuvumela ukuba upheke isinkwa sakho ngamalongwe enkomu esikhundleni samalongwe abantu.” **16** Waphinda wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, ngizavalu ukungeniswa kokudla ejerusalema. Abantu bazakudla ukudla langolaka, ngikhuza kabuhlungu. Mina Thixo kokwabelwa benqineka, banathe lamanzu okwabelwa bengelathemba, **17** ngoba ukudla lamanzu kuzakuba yami ebhubhisayo, langemitshoko echithayo yendlala, yingcosana. Bazakwethuka lapho bebonana, njalo bazacikizeka ngenxa yezono zabo.”

**5** “Khathesi, ndodana yomuntu, thatha inkemba ebukhali uyisebenzise njengempuco yomgeli ekuphuceni ikhanda lakho kanye lezinidevu zakho. Emva kwalokho thatha izilinganiso wehlukanise inwele. **2** Lapho insuku zokuvinjelwa kwenu seziphelile, tshisa ingxenyenye yesithathu yezinwele ngomlilo phakathi kwedolobho. Thatha ingxenyenye yesithathu uygwaze ngenkemba ubhoda lonke idolobho, uhlakazele ingxenyenye yesithathu emoyeni. Ngoba ngizabalandela ngiphethe inkemba ekhokhiweyo. **3** Kodwa thatha inwele ezilutshwane uzithungele emiphethwani yesembatho sakho. **4** Thatha njalo emilutshwana yayo uyiphosele emililweni uytishise. Umlilo uzamemethaka usuka lapho uye kuyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli. **5** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosu ukuthi: Le yijerusalemengyimise phakathi kwezizwe, kulamazwe kuwo wonke amacele ayo. **6** Kodwa ngenxa yobubi bayo isihlamukele imithetho yami lezimiso zami okudlula izizwe lamazwe ayihanqileyo. Iyalile imithetho yami kayaze yalandela izimiso zami. **7** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosu ukuthi: Ube ngoxhwale okudlula izizwe ezikuhanqileyo njalo kawulandelanga izimiso zami kumbe ugcine imithetho yami. Futhi kalilaleli lezimiso zeziwe ezilhanqileyo. **8** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosu ukuthi: Mina ngokwami ngimelane lawe, wena Jerusalema, njalo ngizabeka isijejizo phezu kwakho izizwe zikhangele. **9** Ngenxa yezithombe zakho zonke ezinengekayo, kuwe ngizakwenza engingakaze ngikwenze ngaphambili njalo engingayikukwenza futhi. **10** Ngakho phakathi kwenu oyise bazakudlaabantwana babo, labantwana bazakudla oyise. Ngizabeka isijejizo phezu kwakho kuthi bonke abasindileyo bakho ngibahlakazele emoyeni. **11** Ngakho ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosu, ngoba ungcilise indlu yami engcweli ngezifanekiso zakho zonke ezingamanyala langezenzo zakho ezenyanyekayo, mina ngokwami ngizasusa umusa wami; angiyikuba lesihawu kuwe loba ngiyekele ukukubhubbisa. **12** Ingxenyenye yesithathu yabantu bakho izabulawa yisifo loba ibhujiswe yndlala phakathi kwakho; ingxenyenye yesithathu izakufa ngenkemba ngaphandle kwemiduli yakho; ingxenyenye yesithathu ngizayihlakazela emoyeni ngiphinde ngiyilandele ngiphethe inkemba. **13** Lapho-ke ukuthukuthela kwami kuzaphela, lolaka lwami kubo luzadeda, njalo ngizabe sengiphindisele. Njalo lapho

ulaka lwami sengiluqedele kubo, bazakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo ngikhulume ngokutshiseka kwami. **14** Ngizakwenza ube lunxiwa lehlazo phakathi kwezizwe ezikuhanqileyo, emehlwani abo bonke abadlu khona. **15** Uzakuba lihlazo lenhlekisa, isixwayiso lento eyesabekayo ezizweni ezikuanqileyo lapho sengibeka isijejizo phezu kwakho ngentukuthelo sengikhulumile. **16** Lapho ngikutshoka ngemitshoko yami ebhubhisayo, langemitshoko echithayo yendlala, ngizatshoka ukuba ngikutshabalalise. Ngizakwandisela indlala ngivale ukulethwa kokudla kwakho. **17** Ngizakulethela indlala lezinyamazana zeganga ukuba kukuhlasele, kuzakutshiya ungaselamntwana. Isifo lokuchithwa kwegazi kuzadabula phakathi kwakho, njalo ngizaletha inkemba ukuba ikuhlasele. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile.”

**6** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ubuso bakho ezintabeni zako-Israyeli; phrefetha ngazo uzsola **3** uthi, Lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo Wobukhosu. Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosu ezintabeni lasemaqaqeni, ezingoxweni lasezigidoni ukuthi: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngililethele inkemba yokulihlasela, njalo ngizadiliza izindawo zenu ezipifikemeyo.” **4** Ama-alithare enu azabhidizwa kuthi lama-alithare enu empepha aphahlazwe; njalo abantu benu ngizababulalela phambi kwezithombe zenu. **5** Izidumbu zabako-Israyeli ngizazibeka phambi kwezithombe zabo, njalo amathambo enu ngizawahlkaza emaceleni ama-alithare enu. **6** Loba kungaphi elihlala khona amadolobho akhona azadilizwa lezindawo ezipifikemeyo zidilizwe, ukuze ama-alithare enu achithwe abhuqwe, kuthi izithombe zenu zipphahlazwe ziqothulwe, ama-alithare enu empepha adilizwe, kuthi elikwenzileyo kutshabalalise. **7** Abantu benu bazabulawa phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **8** “Kodwa abanye ngizabaphephisa, ngoba abanye benu bazaphunyuka enkembeni lapho selihlakazekele emazweni lasezizweni. **9** Lapho-ke, ezzeweni abathunjelwa kuzo, labo abaphunyukayo bazangikhumbula ukuthi ngadabuka njani ngenxa yezinhliziyo zabo ezelobufebe, esezasukayo kimi, langamehlo abo akhanuka izithombe zabo. Bazazenanya bona ngokwabo ngenxa yobubi ababenileyo langenxa yezenzo zonke ezenyanyekayo.” **10** Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. Kangisongelanga ize lapho ngathu ngizabehlisela umorakalo lo. **11** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhosu ukuthi: “Tshaya izandla zakho unyathelle inyawo zakho ukhale uthi Maye! Ngenxa yobubi bonke lezenzo ezenyanyekayo zendlu ka-Israyeli, bonke bazakufa ngenkemba, langendlala kanye langesifo.” **12** Lowo okhatshana uzakufa ngesifo, kuthi lowo oseduze afe ngenkemba, lalowo osindileyo waphepha uzabulawa yndlala. Ngizaluqedea kanjalo ulaka lwami phezu kwabo. **13** Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, lapho abantu babo sebelele befile phakathi kwezithombe zabo emaceleni wonke ama-

alithare abo, phezu kwamaqaqa wonke aphakemeyo  
kanye lasezingqongweni zonke zezintaba, ngaphansi  
kwezihlahla zonke eziluhlaza lem'okhi yonke  
elamahlamvu amanengi, izindawo abanikelela kuzo  
impepha elephunga eliminandi kuzozonke izithombe  
zabo. **14** "Njalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami kubo  
ngenze ilizwe libe lugwadule olungelalutho kusukela  
enkangala kusiya eDibila lapho abahlala khona. Lapho-  
ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo."

**7** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana  
yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos  
elizweni lako-Israyeli: 'Isiphetho! Isiphetho sesifikile  
emagumbini amane elizwe. **3** Isiphetho sesifikile  
kini njalo ngizakwehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwenu.  
Ngizalahlulela ngokumayelana lezenzo zenu ngiliphe  
imivuze kukho konke ukwenza kwenu okunengekayo.  
**4** Kangiyikulikhanga ngesihawu loba ngilyekele,  
ngeqiniso ngizalinika umvuso wezenzo zenu kanye  
lowokwenza kwenu okunengekayo phakathi kwenu.  
Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo." **5** Nanku  
okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos ukuthi: 'Umonakalo!  
Umonakalo ongakaze ubonakale! Khanga, uyeza.  
**6** Isiphetho sesifikile! Isiphetho sesifikile! Sizivusele  
ukumelana lani. Bona, sesifikile! **7** Incithakalo isifikile  
kini, kini lina elihlala elizweni. Isikhathi sesifikile,  
ilanga selisondele; kulokuphamazela, hatshi intokozo,  
phezu kwezintaba. **8** Sekuseduze ukuba ngithululele  
ulaka lwami phezu kwenu ngiqedele ukuthukuthela  
kwami kini. Ngizalahlulela ngokumayelana lezenzo  
zenu ngiliphe imivuze kukho konke ukwenza kwenu  
okunengekayo. **9** Kangiyikulikhanga ngesihawu,  
kangiyikuliyekela, ngizalinika umvuso ngokumayelana  
lezenzo zenu kanye lokwenza okunengekayo phakathi  
kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi yimi mina  
Thixo otshayayo. **10** Usuku selukhona! Bona,  
selufikile! Incithakalo isipatshakile, induku isihlumile,  
ukuziphakamisa sekuqhakazole. **11** Udlakela selukhule  
lwaba yinduko yokujezisa ububi; kakho ebantwini  
ozatshiywa; kakho kuleliya xuku, akula notho,  
akulalutho oluligugu. **12** Isikhathi sesifikile, usuku  
selufikile. Umthengi kangathokozi kumbe umthengisi  
abe lusizi, ngoba ulaka luphezu kwexuku lonke. **13**  
Umthengisi kayikuyifumana impahla eyathengiswayo,  
nxa owathengisayo lowathengayo besaphila, ngoba  
umbono ngexuku lonke kawuyikuhlehliselwa emuva.  
Ngenxa yezono zabo kakho lamunye wabo ozalondoloza  
ukuphila kwakhe. **14** Loba bekhalisa icilongo  
benze izinto zonke zilunge, kakho ozakuya empini,  
ngoba ulaka lwami luphezu kwexuku lonke. **15**  
Ngaphandle kulempo, ngaphakathi kulesifo lendlala,  
labo abasemaphandleni bazabulawa ngenkemba, njalo  
labo abaphakathi kwedolobho bazaqothulwa yindlala  
lesifo. **16** Bonke abaphunyukayo babaleke bazakuba  
sezintabeni, bebuluba njengamajuba asezigidini,  
yilowo larovo ngenxa yezono zakhe. **17** Izandla  
zonke zizaxega, lamadoloh wonke abe buthakathaka  
njengamanzi. **18** Bazaggoka amasaka babe lokwesaba.  
Ubuso babo buzakuba lehlazo lamakhanda abo  
aphucwe. **19** Bazalahlela isiliva sabo emigwaqweni,

legolide labo lizakuba njengento engcolileyo. Isiliva  
sabo legolide labo akuyikwanelisa ukubakhulula  
kwabo kumbe bagcwaliise izisu zabo, ngoba sekubenze  
bakhubekaesonweni. **20** Babeziqhenya negezicesciso  
zabo zabo ezinhle abazisebeniza ekwenzeni izithombe zabo  
ezinenekayo. Benza lemifanekiso yabo enyanyekayo,  
ngakho ngizakwenza kube yinto engcolileyo kubo.

**21** Ngizanika inotho yabo njengempango kwabewizwe  
lakwababi basemhlabeni njengenzito ezithunjiweyo,  
njalo bazakungcolisa. **22** Ngizasusa ubuso bami kubo,  
njalo bazangcolisa indawo yami eligugu; abaphangi  
bazangena, bayingcolise. **23** Lungisani amaketane  
ngoba ilizwe ligcwele ukuchitheka kwegazi ledolobho  
ligcwele udlakela. **24** Ngizaletha izizwe ezimbi  
kakhulu ukuthi zithathe izindlu zabo. Ngizaqeda  
ukuzigqaja kwabalamanila lezindawo zabo ezingcwele  
zizangcoliswa. **25** Lapho ukwesaba kufika, bazafuna  
ukuthula. **26** Kuzafika umonakalo phezu komonakalo,  
lamahungahunga phezu kwamahungahunga. Bazadinga  
umbono kumphrofethi, ukufundiswa komthetho  
ngumphristi akusoze kube khona lokweluleka  
kwabadala kuzaphela. **27** Inkosi izalila, inkosana  
izaphelwelwa lithemba, lezandla zabantu belizwe  
zizaqhaqhazelala. Kubo ngizakwenza okumayelana  
lezenzo zabo. Ngizabahlulela ngemithetho yabo. Lapho-  
ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo."

**8** Ngomnyaka wesithupha, ngenyanga yesithupha  
ngosuku lwesthlanu, lapho ngangihlezi endlini yami  
labadala bakoJuda behlezi phambi kwami, isandla  
sikaThixo Wobukhos sehlela phezu kwami khonapho.  
**2** Ngakhangle, ngabona ulutho olwalulesimo somuntu.  
Kusukela kokwakungathi lukhalo lwakhe kusiya phansi  
wayenjengomilo, njalo kusukela lapho kusiya phezulu  
ukubonakala kwakhe kwakhazimula njengensimbi  
evuthayo. **3** Weluta okwakukhanya angathi yisandla  
wangibamba ngenwele zekhanda lami. UMoya  
wangiphakamisela phezulu phakathi komhlaba lezulu,  
kwathi ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa ejerusalem,  
ekungeneni kwesango langasenyakatho yeguma  
langaphakathi, lapho okwakumi khona isithombe  
esibangela ubukhwele. **4** Njalo khonapho phambili  
kwami kwakulenkenzimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli,  
njengasembonweni engawubona egcekeni. **5** Wasesithi  
kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, uyakubona yini  
abakwenzayo, izinto ezenyanyekayo kakhulu indlu  
ka-Israyeli ezenzayo lapha, izinto ezizangixotshela  
khatshana lendawo yami engcwele? Kodwa wena  
uzabona izinto ezenyanyekayo kakhulukazi kulalezi."  
**7** Emva kwalokho wangisa entubeni yeguma.  
Ngakhangle, ngabona imbobo emdulini. **8** Wasesithi  
kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, khathesi gubha umdul."  
Ngakho ngawugubha umduli ngasengibona umnyango  
khona. **9** Wasesithi kimi, "Ngena ubone izinto  
Ngakho ngangena phakathi ngakhangela, ngabona

indawo yonke emidulini kufanekiswe inhlobo zezinto kanye lezithombe zonke zasendlini ka-Israyeli. **11** Phambi kwazo kwakumi abadala bendlu ka-Israyeli abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, lojazaniya indodana kaShafani emi phakathi kwabo. Omunye lomunye wayephethie udengezi lokutshisela impepfa ngesandla, luthunqa intuthu elephunga eliminandi elemephepa. **12** Wathi kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, ukubonile yini okwenziwa ngabadala bendlu ka-Israyeli emnyameni, omunye lomunye esendaweni yokukhonzela isithombe sakhe?" Bathi, 'UThixo kasiboni; uThixo uselilahlide ilizwe.'" **13** Wabuye wathi, "Uzababona besenza izinto ezenyanyeka okudlula lokho." **14** Emva kwalokha wangisa ekungenenii kwasango lasenyakatho kwendlu kaThixo, ngabona abesifazane behlezi khona belilela uThamu. **15** Wasesithi kimi, "Uyakubona lokhu na, ndodana yomuntu? Uzababona izinto ezenyanyeka kakhulu kulalokhu." **16** Wasengisa egumeni lendlu kaThixo elingaphakathi, njalo khonapho ekungenenii kwethempeli, phakathi komkhandlu le-alithari, kwakulamadoda ayengaba ngamatshumi amabili lanhlana. Ayekhotoamele phansi elangenii empumalanga, efulatthele ithempeli likaThixo. Ubuso bawo bukhangele empumalanga. **17** Wathi kimi, "Sewake wakubona lokhu na ndodana yomuntu? Kuyinto encane na ukuthi indlu kaJuda yenze izinto ezenyanyekayo abazenza lapha? Kumele ilizwe baligcwalise futhi ngodlakela, njalo bangithukuthelise kokuphela na? Bakhangele bebeka ugaTsha empumulweni yabo! **18** Ngakho ngizabaphatha ngentukuthelo; angiyikuba lesihawu kubo ngibayekeli. Lanxa sebeklabalalela ezindlebeni zami, kangiyikubalaleta."

**9** Lapho-ke ngamuzwa ememeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi, "Letha abalindi bedolobho lapha, omunye lomunye elesikhali esandleni sakhe." **2** Ngasengibona amadoda ayisithupha evelela malungana lesango langaphezelu, elikhangele enyakatho, ngamunye ephethe izikhali ezibulalayo ezandleni zakhe. Ayelenye indoda eyayigqoke ilineni eyayilezinto zokubhala emhlubulweni wayo. Angena ema phansi kwe-alithari lethusi. **3** Khathesi inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yaya phezelu isuka ngaphezu kwamakerubhi, lapho eyayikade ikhona, yasudukela emnyango wethempeli. Lapho-ke uThixo wabiza indoda eyayigqoke ilineni ilezinto zokubhala emhlubulweni wayo **4** wathi kuyo, "Yana ezindaweni zonke zedolobho laseJerusalema ubeke uphawu emabunzini alabo ababubulayo behkala ngenxa yezinto zonke ezenyanyekayo ezenziwa kulo." **5** Ngisalalele, wathi kwabanye, "Mlandeleni kulolonke idolobho libulale, kungekho sihawu kumbe uzwelo. **6** Qothulanai amaxhegu, amajaha lezintombi, amanina labantwana, kodwa lingathinti loba ngubani olophawu. Qalisani endlini yami engcwele." Ngakho baqalisa ngabadala ababephambi kwethempeli. **7** Wasesithi kubo, "Ngcolisani ithempeli ligcwaliise amaguma ngababuleweyo. Hambani!" Ngakho bahamba baqalisa ukubulala edolobheni lonke. **8** Kwathi lapho

bebulala, mina ngisele ngedwa, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso, ngakhala ngathi, "Awu Thixo Wobukhosil Uzaqothula yonke insalela yako-Israyeli kulokhu kuphuphuma kolaka lwakho phezu kwejerusalemena?" **9** Wangiphendula wathi, "Isono sendlu ka-Israyeli lekaJuda sikhulu kakhulu; ilizwe ligcwele ukuchithwa kwegazi, ledolobho ligcwele ukungalungi. Bathi, 'UThixo uselidelile ilizwe; uThixo kaboni.' **10** Ngakho angiyikuba lesihawu kubo kumbe ngibayekeli, kodwa lokhu abakwenzileyo ngizakwehilsela phezu kwamakhanda abo." **11** Lapho-ke indoda eyayigqoke ilineni ilezinto zokubhala emhlubulweni yaletha ilizwe isithi, "Ngenze njengokulaya kwakho."

**10** Ngakhangelia ngabona okwakufana lesihlalo sobukhosii esensiwe ngesafire ngaphezu komkhathi owawungaphezu kwamakhanda amakherubhi. **2** UThixo wathi emuntwini owayegqoke ilineni, "Ngena phakathi kwamavili ngaphansi kwamakherubhi. Gcwalsia izandla zakho ngamalahle atshisayo avela kumakherubhi uwahaze phezu kwedolobho." Ngathi ngisabukele wangena. **3** Amakherubhi ayesemi ngaseningizimu kwethempeli lapho umuntu lowo engena phakathi, iyezi lagcwala iguma langaphakathi. **4** Lapho-ke inkazimulo kaThixo yaphakama isuka ngaphezu kwamakherubhi yasudukela ngasemnyango wethempeli. Iyezi lagcwala ethempelinii, kwathi iguma lagcwala ukukhanya kwenkazimulo kaThixo. **5** Umdumo wezimpiko zamakherubhi wawuzwakala khatshana le egumeni langaphandle, unjengelizwi likaNkulunkulu uSomandla nxa ekhuluma. **6** Kwathi lapho uThixo elaya umuntu owayegqoke ilineni esithi, "Thatha umlilo phakathi kwamavili, phakathi kwamakherubhi," umuntu lowo wangena wema phansi kwevili. **7** Elinye lamakherubhi lelulela isandla salo emililweni owawuphakathi kwawo. Lawokha lawubeka ezandleni zomuntu owayegqoke ilineni, owawuthathayo wasephuma. **8** (Ngaphansi kwempiko zamakherubhi kwakubonakala okwakungathi yizandla zomuntu.) **9** Ngakhangelia, ngabona amavili amane eceleni kwamakherubhi, liline eceleni kwekherubhi ngalinye, amavili ayecazimula njengetophazi. **10** Ukukhangaleka kwawo, amane awo ayekhanya efanana; elinye lelinye lingathi livili elalinqume phakathi kwelinye. **11** Ekuhambeni kwawo, ayesiya loba kuluphi lwezinthalangothi ezine lapho amakherubhi ayekhangele khona; amavili ayengaphenduki lapho amakherubhi ehamba. Amakherubhi ayesiya loba kuluphi uhlangothi ikhanda elalikhangele kulo, kungekho kuphenduka ekuhambeni kwawo. **12** Imizimba yawo yonke, kugoqela imihlane yawo, lezandla zawo kanye lempiko zawo, kwakugcwele amehlo, njengoba ayenjalo lamavili awo amane. **13** Amavili ngezwa kuthiwa athiwa "ngamavili atshibilika ngesiqubu esikhulu." **14** Ikherubhi ngalinye lilaboluso obune: Obunye ubuso babungobekherubhi, obesibili bungobomuntu, obesithathu bungobesilwane, obesine bungobengqungqulu. **15** Amakherubhi aphakama aya phezelu. La ayeiyizidalwa eziphilayo

engangizibone phansi komfula uKhebhari. **16** Kwathi lapho amakherubhi ehamba, lamavili emaceleni awo ahamba; njalo kwathi lapho amakherubhi eselula impiko zawo ukuba aphakame esuka phansi, amavili kawasasukanga emaceleni awo. **17** Njalo kwathi lapho amakherubhi esima, amavili lawo ema, kuthi lapho amakherubhi ephakama, amavili lawo aphakame, loThixo kakkulu; ilizwe leli saliphiwa ukuba libe yilifa ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawukuwo. lethu.” **18** “Ngakho-ke wothi: ‘Nanku okutshivo Inkazimulo kaThixo yasuka ngasemnyango nguThixo Wobukhos: Lanxa ngabasa khatshana wethempeli yayakumi ngaphezu kwamakherubhi. phakathi kwezizwe njalo ngabahlakazela phakathi **19** Amakherubhi elula amphaphiko awo ngikhangele, kwamazwe, ikanti okwesikhatshana ngibe yindlu aphakama esuka phansi, njalo kwathi lapho esehamba engcwele kubo emazweni abaye kuwo.’ **17** Ngakho-amavili ahamba lawo. Ema ekungeneni kwasango langasempumalanga lendlu kaThixo, njalo inkazimulo Ngizakubutha ezizweni ngikubuyise ngikususa kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yayingaphezu kwavo. **20** Lezi emazweni owawuhlakazekele kuwo, njalo ngizakunika kwakuyizidalwa eziphilayo engangizibone ngaphansi ilizwe lako-Israyeli futhi.” **18** Bazabuyela kulo kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngasemfuleni uKhebhari, basuse zonke izifanekiso zalo ezihlazisayo kanye ngananzelela ukuthi kwakungamakherubhi. **21** Lelo lezhithombe ezenyanyekayo. **19** Ngizabanika inhliziyo lalelo lalilobuso obune lamaphiko amane, njalo ngaphansi kwamaphiko kwakulokwakungathi yizandla zomuntu. **22** Ubuso bawo babufanana lobalawana engawabona ngasemfuleni uKhebhari. Lelo lalelo zami baqaphele ukugcina imithetho yami. Bazakuba lahamba liqonde phambili.

**11** Lapho-ke uMoya wangiphakamisela phezulu wangisa esangweni lendlu kaThixo elikhangele empumalanga. Khonapho ekungeneni kwsango kwakulamadoda angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, njalo phakathi kwavo ngabona ujazaniya indodana ka-Azuri kanye loPhelathiya indodana kaBhenayiya, abakhokheli babantu. **2** UThixo wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, laba yibo abantu abenza amacebo amabi, benika lezeluleko ezimbi kulelidolobho. **3** Bathi, ‘Masinyane nje akuyikuba yiso na isikhathi sokwakha izindlu. Idolobho leli liyimbiza yokupheka, njalo thina siyinyama.’ **4** Ngakho-ke phrofetha okubi ngabo; phrofetha ndodana yomuntu.” **5** Lapho-ke uMoya kaThixo weza kimi wangitshela ukuba ngithi, Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: “Lokho yikho wena okutshoyo, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, kodwa mina ngiyakwazi okusengqondweni yakho. **6** Sewabulala abantu abanengi phakathi kwedolobho leli wagcwala imigwaqo yalo ngabafileyo.” **7** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: “Izidumbu oziphosele lapho ziyinyama njalo idolobho leli liyimbiza, kodwa wena ngizakuxotshela ngaphandle kwalo. **8** Inkemba uyayesaba, njalo inkemba yiyo engizayiletha ukuba imelane lawe, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **9** Ngizakuxotshela ngaphandle kwedolobho ngikunikele kwabecizweni ngiphinde ngikujezise. **10** Uzabulala ngenkemba, njalo ngizakwahlulela emingceleni yako-Israyeli. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **11** Idolobho leli kalyiyikuba yimbiza yakho, kumbe wena ube yinyama phakathi kwalo; ngizakwahlulela emingceleni yako-Israyeli. **12** Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, ngoba izimiso zami kawuzilandelanga kumbe wagcina imithetho yami kodwa ulandele izenzo zezizwe ezikuhanqileyo.” **13** Kwathi lapho ngisaphrofitha, uPhelathiya indodana kaBhenayiya wafa. Ngakho ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso

ngakhala ngelizwi eliphezulu ngisithi, “Awu, Thixo Wobukhos! Uzaqothula insalela ka-Israyeli na?” **14** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **15** “Ndodana yomuntu, abafowenu, abafowenu abayizihlobo zakho zegazi kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli, yibo labo abantu baseJerusalem abathe ngabo: ‘Bakhatsana amakherubhi ephakama, amavili lawo aphakame, loThixo kakkulu; ilizwe leli saliphiwa ukuba libe yilifa ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawukuwo. lethu.’” **16** “Ngakho-ke wothi: ‘Nanku okutshivo Inkazimulo kaThixo yasuka ngasemnyango nguThixo Wobukhos: Lanxa ngabasa khatshana wethempeli yayakumi ngaphezu kwamakherubhi. phakathi kwezizwe njalo ngabahlakazela phakathi **19** Amakherubhi elula amphaphiko awo ngikhangele, kwamazwe, ikanti okwesikhatshana ngibe yindlu aphakama esuka phansi, njalo kwathi lapho esehamba engcwele kubo emazweni abaye kuwo.’ **17** Ngakho-amavili ahamba lawo. Ema ekungeneni kwasango langasempumalanga lendlu kaThixo, njalo inkazimulo Ngizakubutha ezizweni ngikubuyise ngikususa kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yayingaphezu kwavo. **20** Lezi emazweni owawuhlakazekele kuwo, njalo ngizakunika kwakuyizidalwa eziphilayo engangizibone ngaphansi ilizwe lako-Israyeli futhi.” **18** Bazabuyela kulo kukaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngasemfuleni uKhebhari, basuse zonke izifanekiso zalo ezihlazisayo kanye ngananzelela ukuthi kwakungamakherubhi. **21** Lelo lezhithombe ezenyanyekayo. **19** Ngizabanika inhliziyo engehlukananga ngifake lomoya omutsha phakathi kwabokhanda abo, kutsho Thixo Wobukhos.” **22** Lapho-ke amakherubhi, ayelamavili emaceleni, elula impiko zawo, njalo inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli yayingaphezu kwavo. **23** Inkazimulo kaThixo 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 abathunjiveyo konke Thixo ayengitshengise khona.

**12** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, uhlala phakathi kwbabantu abahlamukayo. Balamehlo ukuba babone kodwa kababoni, njalo balendlebe ukuba bezwe kodwa kabezwa, ngoba bangabantu abahlamukayo. **3** Ngakho-ke ndodana yomuntu, lungisa impahla zakho zasekuthunjweni njalo kuthi emini, bekhangale, uphume usuke lapho okhona uye kwenye indawo. Mhlawumbe bazazwisia, lanxa beyindlu ehlamukayo. **4** Negezikhathi zemini, bekhangale, khuphela impahla zakho phandle zilungiselwe ukuya ekuthunjweni. Kuthi kusihlwa, bekhangale, uphume njengabaya ekuthunjweni. **5** Bekhangale, bhoboza umduli ukhuphele impahla zakho ngaphandle kwalo. **6** Zetshathe ehlombe bekhangale uhambé lazo kusihlwa. Mboza ubuso bakho ukuze ilizwe ungaliboni, ngoba sengikwenze waba luphawu endlini ka-Israyeli.” **7** Ngakho ngenza njengokulawaywa kwami. Negezikhathi zemini ngakhupha impahla zami zilungiselwe ukuya ekuthunjweni. Kusihlwa ngabhozoa umduli ngezandla zami. Impahla zami ngazikhuphela ngaphandle

kuhwalala, ngizetshethe emahlombe ami bekhangeli. abaphrofetha okuvela emicabangweni yabo: 'Zwanini 8 Ekuseni ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: 9 ilizwi likaThixo! 3 Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo "Ndodana yomuntu, indlu leyana ehlamukayo yako- Wobukhos: Maye kubaphrofethi abayizithutha Israyeli kayikubuzanga na yathi, 'Wenzani na?' 10 abalandela umoya wabo kodwa bengabonanga lutho! 4 Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Abaphrofethi bakho, we Israyeli, banjengamakhanka Izilo leli limayelana lenkosana ejerusalema kanye asemanxiwani. 5 Kawuyanga phezulu ezikhhexeni lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli ekhonale.' 11 Wothi emdulini ukuba uwilungisele indlu ka-Israyeli ukuze kubo, 'Ngiluphawu lwestitshengisel kini.' Njengoba uqine empini ngosuku lukaThixo. 6 Imibono yabo ngenzile, kuzakwenziva kanjalo kubo. Bazakuya iyinkohliso njalo lobungoma babo bungamanga. Bathi, ekuthunjweni beyizigqili." 12 Oyinkosana phakathi "uThixo uthi," yena uThixo engabathumanga; kodwa kwabo uzakwetshatha impahla zakhe kuhwalala bathembe ukuthi amazwi abo azagcwalsika. 7 asuke, njalo imbobo izakwenziva emdulini ukuba Kalikayiboni imibono yenkohliso na, njalo lakhulum ubungoma bamanga lapho lisithi, "uThixo uthi," lanxa angaliboni. 13 Ngizamendlalela imbule lami, njalo mina ngingatshongo? 8 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo uThixo Wobukhos: Ngenxa yamazwi enu enkohliso ilizwe lamaKhaladiya, kodwa kasoze alibone, njalo kanye lemibono yenu yamanga, ngimelana lani, uafela khona. 14 Ngizabahlakazel emimoyeni kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. 9 Isandla sami sizamelana bonke labo abamhanqileyo, izisebenzi zakhe kanye labaphrofethi ababona imibono yenkohliso bakhulume lamabutho akhe wonke njalo ngizaxotshana labo ubungoma bamanga. Kabayikuba ngabenhlango ngiphethe inkemba. 15 "Bazakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo yabantu bami kumbe balotshwe emibhalweni yendlu lapho sengibachithachithela phakathi kwezizwe njalo ka-Israyeli, loba bangene elizweni lako-Israyeli. Lapho- ngibahlakazel emazweni. 16 Kodwa ngizaphephisa ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo Wobukhos. 10 abalutshwana babo ekuhlaselweni yinkemba, indlala Ngenxa yokuthi bedukisa abantu bami, besithi kanye lesifo, ukuze kuthi eziwenni abaya kuzo bazivume "Ukuthula," khona ukuthula kungekho, njalo ngoba, zonke izenco zabo ezinengayo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi nxa kwakhwiwem undlu ongaqinanga, bayawuhada ukuthi nginguThixo." 17 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi ngekalaga, 11 ngakho tshela labo abawubhada lisithi: 18 "Ndodana yomuntu, qhaqhazel nxa unatha ngekalaga ukuthi uzadilika. Kuzakuza isihlambi sezulu, amanzi akho. 19 Yitscho ebantwini belizwe uthi: njalo ngizaletha isiqhoto esitshaya phansi, kuqhamuke 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos mayelana lalabo abahlala ejerusalema kanye laselizweni lako- Israyeli: Bazakudla ukudla kwabo benqineka njalo banathe lamanzi abo bengelathemba, ngoba ilizwe lizaphundlw konke okukulo ngenxa yodlakela lwabo lizafela kuwo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. 15 elilaso elizweni lako-Israyeli esithi: 'Insuku ziyyedula Ngakho ngizachitha ulaka lwami ngimelane lomduli njalo imibono yonke iba yize?' 23 Wothi kubo, 'Nanku kanye lalabo abawubhada ngekalaga. Ngizakuthi okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizasiqed isaga kini, "Umduli kawusekho njalo yiso leso lakulabo lesi, njalo kabayikusitshe futhi ko-Israyeli.' Wothi kubo, abawucombe ngekalaga, 16 labobaphrofethi bako- 'Insuku sezisondle lapho imibono yonke izagcwalsika Israyeli abaphrofetha ngeJerusalem babona imibono khona. 24 Ngoba akusayikuba lemibono yamanga yokuthula ngalo, khona ukuthula kungekho, kutsho futhi kumbe ubungoma benkohlis ko-Israyeli. 25 uThixo Wobukhos." 17 Khathesi-ke ndodana yomuntu, Kodwa mina Thixo ngizakhuluma engikufunayo, njalo melana lamadodakazi abantu bakini aphrofetha kuzagwaliseka ngokuphangisa. Ngoba ensukwini okwemicabango yawo. Phrofetha umelana lawo zakho, wena ndlu ehlamukayo ngizagcwalsila loba 18 uthi, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: kuyini engikutshoyo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.'" 26 Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: 27 "Ndodana zabo zonke benzle lezimbombozo zamakhanda abo yomuntu, indlu ka-Israyeli ithi, 'Umbono awubonayo ezilobude obeahlkeneyo ukuze bathiye abantu. ngoweminyaka eminengi kusukela khathesi, njalo Lizathiya impilo yabantu bami kodwa lilondoloze eyenu upprofetha ngesikhathi esizayo esikhathshana kakhulu.' 19 Lingithukile phakathi kwabantu bami ngenxa 28 Ngakho wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo yohetshezana lwebhali kanye lemvuthuluka yesinkwa. Wobukhos: Akukho lalinye ilizwi lamazwi ami amanga, selibabule labo ababengamelanga bafe, elizaphuza; loba kuyini engikutshoyo kuzagwaliseka, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos." 20

**13** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrofitha umelana labaphrofethi bako-Israyeli abaphrofethayo khathesi. Uthi kulabo Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngimelana lezintebi zenu elithiya abantu ngazo njengenyoni njalo ngizazidabula ezingalweni zenu;

ngizabakhulula abantu elibathiya njengenyoni. **21** ngenxa yezilo, **16** ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, Izimbombozo zenu ngizazidabula ngikhulule abantu kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, lanxa amadoda la amathathu bami ezandleni zenu, njalo kabayikuba ngaphansi engabe ayekhona kulo ayengeke awahlenge amadodana kwamandla okubazingela kwenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona kuphela yiwo ukuthi nginguThixo. **22** Ngenxa yokuthi lenyelisa ayengahlengwa, kodwa ilizwe lalizachitheka. **17** Loba inhlizyo zabalungileyo ngamanga enu, lapho nxa ngingaletha inkemba imelane lalelolizwe ngithi, ngangingabalethelanga sizi, njalo ngoba laklhuthaza ‘inkemba kayidlule phakathi kwelizwe lonke,’ ngibulale ababi ukuba bangaphenduki ezindleleni zabo ezimbi abantu kanye lezifuyo zabo, **18** ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngalokho basilise ukuphila kwabo, **23** ngakho ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, lanxa amadoda kalyikubona imibono yamanga futhi loba izeno la amathathu kungabe ayekulo, ayengeke awahlenge zobungoma. Abantu bami ngizabahlenga ezendleni amadodana awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona kuphela zenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo.”

**14** Abanye babadala bako-Israyeli bez kimi bahlala phambi kwami. **2** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: **3** “Ndodana yomuntu, abantu laba sebebeke izithombe ezinhliziyeni zabo, bafaka lezikhubekiso ezimbi phambi kobuso babo. Ngibavumele ukungibusa na? **4** Ngakho khulumu labo ubatshela uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Lapho loba nguphi um’Israyeli ebeka izithombe enhliziyeni yakhe, afake lesikhubeke esibi phambi kobuso bakhe abesesiyaphrefetha, mina Thixo ngizamphendula mina ngokwami ngokuhambelana lokukhonza kwakhe izithombe okukhulu. **5** Ngizakwenza lokhu ukuze ngizibambe futhi inhlizyo zabantu bako-Israyeli asebengidelile bonke ngenxa yezithombe zabo.’ **6** Ngakho-ke tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Phendukanil! Tshiyani izithombe zenu lilahle imikhuba yenu enengayo! **7** Lapho owako-Israyeli loba omunye wabeziwensi ohlala ko-Israyeli ezechlukanisa lami abeke izithombe enhliziyeni yakhe njalo afake lesikhubeke esibi phambi kobuso bakhe, abesesiya kumphrofethi ukuyabuza ngami, mina Thixo ngizamphendula mina ngokwami. **8** Ngizamelana lalowomuntu ngobuso bami njalo ngimenze isibonelo kanye lesiga. Ngizamsusa ebantwini bami. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **9** Njalo nxa umphrofethi ekhohlisike ukuba akhulume isiphrofethi, mina Thixo yimi engikhohlise umphrofethi lowo, njalo ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane laye ngimbhubhise phakathi kwabantu bami u-Israyeli. **10** Bazathwala icala labo, umphrofethi uzakuba lecalal njengalowo ombuzayo. **11** Lapho-ke abantu bako-Israyeli kabasayikungifulathela kumbe bazingcolise futhi ngazozonke izono zabo. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.” **12** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **13** “Ndodana yomuntu, nxa ilizwe lisona kimi ngokungathembeki besengiselula isandla sami ukuba ngivale ukulethwa kokudla kwalu, ngithumele indlala kulo ibulale abantu bakhona kanye lezifuyo zabo, **14** lanxa amadoda amathathu la, uNowa, loDanyeli kanye lojobe, angabe ayekhona kulo, ayezazihlenga wona kuphela ngokulunga kwawo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **15** Loba nxa ngingathuma izilo zeganga ukuba zidabule phakathi kwalelolizwe zilitshiye lingaselabantwana njalo libe lugwadule okwenza kungabi lamuntu odlula phakathi kwalu

kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, lanxa amadoda la amathathu engabe ayekhona kulo ayengeke awahlenge amadodana awo kumbe amadodakazi. Wona kuphela yiwo ayengahlengwa, kodwa ilizwe lalizachitheka. **17** Loba nxa ngithumela isifo kulelolizwe, ngithululele ulaka lwami phezu kwalo ngokuchithwa kwegazi, sibulale abantu balo kanye lezifuyo zabo, **20** ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, lanxa uNowa, loDanyeli kanye lojobe bengabe bekulo bebengeke bahlenga indodana kumbe indodakazi. Bebangazihlenga bona kuphela ngokulunga kwabo. **21** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Kuzakuba kubi kakhulu okunjani na lapho sengithumela ejerusalem 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. Bazakuba kuwe, njalo lapho ubona ukuziphatha kwabo lezenzo zabo, uzaduduzeka ngomonakalo engiwehlisela phezu kwejerusalem, wonke umonakalo engawehlisela phezu kwalo. **23** Uzaduduzeka lapho usubona ukuziphatha kwabo kanye lezenzo zabo, ngoba uzakwazi ukuthi angenzanga lutho phakathi kwalo kungekho sizatho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.”

**15** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, isigodo sevini silwedlula ngani ugatsha lwaloba yisiphi sezihlaha eziseguswini na? **3** Isigodo siyake sitathwe kulo ukuba kwenziwe ulutho olusizayo na? Bayazenza izikhonkwane ngalo ukuba kulengiswe izinto kuzo na? **4** Njalo emva kokuba sesiphoselwe emililweni njengokhuni, umlilo usitshise izihloko zombili lomzaca waphakathi uhaqazeke, siselosizo ekwenzeni olunye ulutho na? **5** Nxa sasingelasizo ekwenzeni ulutho sisaphelele, kuncane kangakanani okungenziwa ukuthi sibe yilutho olusizayo lapho umlilo ususitshisile njalo sesililahle na? **6** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Njengoba ngnike isigodo sevini phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu njengokhuni lomlilo, ngizabaphatha kanjalo abantu abahlala ejerusalem. **7** Ngizamelana labo ngobuso bami. Lanxa sebephumile phakathi komlilo, umlilo usezabaqeda. Njalo lapho singimelane labo ngobuso bami, lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **8** Ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lugwadule ngoba bebengathembekanga, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.”

**16** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, melana lejerusalem ngezenzo zalo ezinengayo **3** uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos kulo ijerusalem: Umdabuko wenu kanye lozalo ngokwaselizweni lamaKhenani; uyihlo

wayengum'Amori unyoko engumHithi. 4 Ngosuku zebutsheni bakho, lapho wawunqunu njalo uze, owazalwa ngalo ufokothi lwakho kaluqunywanga, njalo uqhatshaqhatsha phakathi kwegazi lakho. 23 Maye! kawugeziswanga ngamanzi ukuba uhlambuluke, kumbe Maye kuwe, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Phezu uhlikihwe ngetswayi loba ugoqelwe ngamalembu. 5 kobubi bakho bonke, 24 wazakhela indunduma Kakho owaba lozwelo kuwe loba owaba lesihawu ukuba wenza lezindawo zokukhonza ezidephileyo akwenzele okunye kwalezizinto. Kodwa waphoselwa ezinkundleni zonke. 25 Ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke etshatshalazini leganga, ngoba ngosuku owazalwa wakha izindawo zakho zokukhonza ezidephileyo ngalo weyiswa. 6 Kwathi lapho ngidlula eduze wonakalisa ubuhle bakho, wanikela umzimba wakho ngakubona uqhatshaqhatsha phakathi kwegazi lakho, ngokuxabanisa okukhulu kuloba ngubani odlulayo. njalo kwathi ulele phakathi khonapho kwegazi lakho 26 Wenza ubufabe lamaGibhithe, omakhelwane ngathi kuwe, "Phila!" 7 Ngakukhulisa njengesilahlaha bakho abalesigweba, wangithukuthelisa ngokuba seganga. Wakhula waqina waba yilitshe eliligu ngubuyazonke kwakho okukhulu. 27 Ngakho ngelula elihle kakhu Kulawonke. Waphuhla lenwele isandla sami ukuba ngimelane lawe nganciphisa ilizwe zakho zakhula, wena owawunqunu uze. 8 Muva lakho; ngakunikela ekuphangeni kwezitha zakho, ngadlula eduze futhi, kwathi lapho sengikukhangele amadodakazi amafilistiya, ethuswa yikuziphatha ngabona ukuthi wawusukhulile okwanela uthando, kwakho kobuxhwali! 28 Wenza ubuwule lama- nglulela isembatho sami phezu kwakho ngavala Asiriya futhi, ngoba wawungasuthiseki; njalo ubunqunu bakho. Ngakufungela ngesifungo sami langasemva kwalokho wawulokhu ungakhlowanga. esiqinisekileyo, ngenza isivumelwano lawe, kutsho 29 Ngakho wandisa ukuxubanisa kwakho ukuba uThixo Wobukhos, njalo waba ngowami. 9 Ngakugezisa kungenise leBhabhiloni, ilizwe labathengisi, kodwa ngamanzi, ngagezisa legazi kuwe, ngasengikugcoba langalokhu kawusuthisekanga. 30 Yeka ubuthakathaka ngamafutha. 10 Ngakugqokisa isiqqoko esicecisiweyo bakho enhliziyeni, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, ngakufaka amanyathelo esikhumba. Ngakugqokisa lapho usenza zonke lezizinto, usenza njengesifebe ilineni elihle ngakwembesa izembatho ezidulayo. 11 esingelanloni! 31 Lapho usakha amadundulu akho Ngakulobisa ngamatshe aligugu: Ngafaka amasongo ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke usenza lezindawo ezingalweni zakho kanye longmazox entanyeni yakho, zakho zokukhonza ezidephileyo ezinkundleni 12 ngasengifaka lesongo empumulweni yakho, zonke, wawunganjengesifebe, ngoba wala imbadalo lamaci ezindlebeni zakho kanye lomqhele omuhle ngokweyisa okukhulu. 32 Wena mfazi oyisifebel ekhanda lakho. 13 Waceciswa kanjalo ngegolide Uthanda izihambi kulomkakh. 33 Izifebe zonke langesiliva; iziqqoko zakho zazensiwe ngelineni zamukela imbadalo, kodwa zonke izithandwa zakho elihle langamalembu adulayo kanye lamalembu uzinika izipho, uzithenga ukuba zize kuwe zivela acecisiweyo. Waba muhle kakhulu waze wakhuphuka ezindaweni zonke zilanda ubufabe bakho. 34 Ngakho waba yindlovukazi. 14 Udumo lwakho lwagcwala ukufeba kwakho kwehlukile kokwabanye; kakho phakathi kwezizwe ngenxa yobuhle bakho, ngoba okudingayo ukuba afebe lawe. Wena wehlukile, ubucwazicwazi engangikuphe bona benza ubuhle bakho baphelela, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. 15 Kodwa okutshiw nguThixo Wobukhos: Njengoba wachitha wathemba ubuhle bakho wasebenzisa lodumo inotho yakho waveza lobunqunu bakho ebubebeni lwakho ekubeni yisifebe. Wachithela umusa wakho emuntwini wonke odlulayo kwathi ubuhle bakho baba bakho lezithandwa zakho, njalo ngenxa yazo zonke ngobakhe. 16 Wathatha ezinye zezematho zakho izithombe zakho ezinengayo, langenxa yokuthi wenza ubucwazicwazi bezindawo eziphakemeyo, lapho wazipha igazi labantwana bakho, 37 ngakho-ke owaqhukelka khona ngobuwule bakho. Izinto ezinje ngizaziqoqa zonke izithandwa zakho, owawuthokoza akumelanga zenzakale, loba zike zivele zenzeke. 17 lazo, lezo owawuzithanda kanye lalezo owawuzionda. Njalo wathatha leziceciso ezinhle zamatshe aligugu ngizaziqoqa ukuba zimelane lawe zivela ezindaweni engakupha zona, izieciso ezenziwa ngegolide lami zonke ngikunqunule phambi kwazo, njalo zizabubona lesiliva, wazenzela izithombe ezinduna wawula lazo. bonke ubunqunu bakho. 38 Ngizakunika isigwebo 18 Wathatha leziggoko zakho ezicecisiweyo ukuba sokujeziswa kwabesifazane abafebayo njalo abachitha wembese izithombe, wanikela amafutha ami lempempha igazi; ngizakwehlisela phezu kwakho impindiselo phambi kwazo. 19 Lokudla engakupha khona, yegazi yolaka lwami kanye lentukuthelo yobukhwe. ifulawa ecolekileyo, amafutha e-oliva kanye loluju engakupha khona ukuba udle, wakunikela phambi kwazo njengempeha elephunga eliminandi. Lokhu zonke ngikunqunule phambi kwazo, njalo zizabubona 20 iziqqoko zakho zithathe lemiceciso yakho yamatthe Wathatha futhi amadodana akho kanye lamadodakazi aligugu zikutshiye unqunu njalo uze. 40 Zizaletha owangizalela wona wawanikela njengokudla ixuku elizamelana lawe, elizakutshaya ngamatshe, ezithombeni. Ubufebe bakho babunganelanga na? likuqumaqume ube yiziqa ngezinckemba zalo. 41 21 Wabulala abantwabami wabanikela ezithombeni. Bazatshisa izindlu zakho zilobe, bakujezise phambi 22 Phakathi kwazo zonke izenzo zakho ezinengayo kwabesifazane abanengi. Ngizabuqedu ubuwule kanye lobufebe bakho kawuzikhumbulanga insuku bakho, njalo kawusayikuzibhadala futhi izithandwa

zakho. **42** Lapho-ke ulaka lwami kuwe luzadeda, ususamukela odadewenu, labo abadala kulawe kanye lokuthukuthela kwami kobukhwele kuzasuka kuwe; labo abancane. Ngizakunika bona njengamodakazi, ngizaphola ngingabe ngisathukuthela futhi. **43** Ngenxa yokuthi insuku zubitsha bakho kawuzikhumbulanga kodwa wangithukuthelisa ngezinto zonke lezi, ngeqiniso lokhu okwenzileyo ngizakwelihsela phezu kwekhanda lakho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Kanje kawenzanga isigwebo kuzozonke lezizeno zakho ezinengayo na? **44** Bonke abatsho izaga basitsho isaga lesi ngawe esithi: "Indodakazi ifuna unina." **45** Wena uyindodakazi kanyoko sibili, owayeseyisa umkakhe kanye labantwana bakhe; njalo ngeqiniso ungudade wabodadewenu, abeyisa omkabo labantwana babo. Unyoko wayengumHithi uyhlo engum'Amori. **46** Udadewenu omdala wayenguSamariya, owayehlala ngasenyakatho kwakho labantwana bakhe; njalo udadewenu omncane owayehlala ngaseningizimu kwakho lamadodakazi akhe nguSodoma. **47** Kawuhambanga ezindleleni zabo nje kuphela njalo walingisa lezenzo zabo ezinengayo, kodwa kuzozonke izindlela zakho wena waphanga waxhuala kakhulu kulabo. **48** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, udadewenu uSodoma lamadodakazi akhe kazange akwenze okwensiwa nguwe lamadodakazi akho. **49** Isono sikadadewenu uSodoma sasiyilesi: Yena lamadodakazi akhe babezigqaja, badla bedulisia njalo bengakhathali; kababasizanga abayanga labaswelayo. **50** Babezazisa njalo besenza izinto eziyangisayo phambi kwami. Ngakho ngabasusa njengoba ubonile. **51** USamariya kenzanga ingxene yezonu wena osuzenile. Wenze izinto ezinengekayo kulabo, wenza odadewenu bangathi balungile ngenxa yezinto zonke lezi ozenzileyo. **52** Lithwale ihlazo lakho, ngoba usuniike isizatho esilungileyo ngabodadewenu. Ngoba izono zakho zazizimbi kakhulu kulezabo, bakhanya belunge kakhulu kulawe. Ngakho, woba lenhloni uthwale ihlazo lakho, ngoba wenze odadewenu bakhanya belungle. **53** Kodwa-ke, ngizayibuyisela inhlanhla yeSodoma lamadodakazi ayo kanye leyeSamariya lamadodakazi ayo, lenhlanhla yakho kanye labo, **54** ukuwe uthwale ihlazo lakho njalo ube lenhloni ngokubaduduza. **55** Njalo odadewenu, iSodoma lamadodakazi alo kanye leSamariya lamadodakazi alo, bazabuyela kulokho abaneyikho kuqala. **56** Udadewenu, uSodoma wawungeke umutsho ngezinsuku zokuzigqaja kwakho, **57** ububi bakho bungakavezwa. Lanxa kunjalo, khathesi usuhlekwa ngamadodakazi ase-Edomi labo bonke omakhelwane bayo kanye lamadodakazi amafilistiya, bonke labo abakuhanqileyo abakweiyisayo. **58** Uzathwala umvuzo wesagweba sakho kanye lezenzo zakho ezinengayo kutsho uThixo. **59** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizakuphatha njengalokhu okukufaneleyo, ngoba udelele isifungo sami ngokwephula isivumelwano. **60** Kodwa ngizasikhumbula isivumelwano engasenza lawe ensukwini zubitsha bakho, njalo ngizakwenza isivumelwano esingapheliyo lawe. **61** Lapho-ke uzazikhumbula izindlela zakho ube lenhloni lapho kodwa hatshi ngenxa yesivumelwano sami lawe. **62** Ngakho ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lawe njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **63** Ngakho, lapho sengikwenzela inhlawulelo yakho konke okwenzileyo, uzakhumbula ube lenhloni ungawuvuli futhi umlomo wakho ngenxa yokuthotshisa kwakho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos."

**17** Ilizi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, yenza umzekeliso utshele indlu yako-Israyeli umfanekiso. **3** Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ingqungqulu enku elezimpiko ezilamandla, izinsiba ezinde njalo zinengi zimbabalaba yafika elebhanoni. Ibambe isihloko somsedari, **4** yephula ihlumela elalingaphezu kwavo wonke yalisu elizweni labathengisi lapho eyalihlanya khona edolobheni labathengisi. **5** Yathatha enye yenhlanyelo yelizwe lakini yayifaka emhlabathini ovundileyo: Yayihlanyela njengomyezane phansi kwamanzi amanengi, **6** yahluma yaba livini elifitshane elinabayo. Ingatsha zalo zaphendukela kuyo, kodwa impande zalo zaba ngaphansi kwalo. Ngakho laba livini laba lezingatsha ezilamahlamu amanengi. **7** Kodwa kwakulenye ingqungqulu enku elezimpiko ezilamandla lezinsiba ezinengi. Khathesi ivini lakhuphela impande zalo kuyo zisuka esivandeni elalihlanyelwe kuso njalo lelulela ingatsha zalo kuyo zifuna amanzi. **8** Lalihlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle phansi kwamanzi amanengi ukuze liveze ingatsha, lithele izithelo libe livini eihle.' **9** Wothi kubo, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Kambe lizakhula kuhle na? Kaliyikusitshunwa izithelo zalo ziqhululwe ukuba libune na? Wonke amahlumela alobazabuna. Akuyikusweleka ingalo elamandla kumbe abantu abanengi ukuba balisiphune. **10** Lanxa lingayagxunyekwa kwenye indawo lingakhula kuhle na? Kambe kaliyikubuna okupheleleyo nxa umoya wasempumalanga ulihangula libune esivandeni elakhulela kuso na?" **11** Ilizi likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: **12** "Tshono kule indlu ehlamukayo uthi, 'Kalazi ukuthi izinto lezi zitshoni na?' Tshono kubo uthi, 'Inkosi yaseBhabhiloni yaya ejerusalema yathumba inkosi yalo kanye lezikhulu zalo yabuyela labo eBhabhiloni. **13** Yathatha omunye wabenzalo yasesikhosini, yenza isivumelwano laye, yamfungisa. Yathumba lamanye amadoda elizwe adumileyo, **14** ukuze umbuso uye phansi, ungavuki futhi, ume nje kuphela ngokugcina isivumelwano sayo. **15** Kodwa inkosi yamhlamukela ngokuthuma isithunywa eGibhithe ukuba ziyethatha amabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu. Kambe izaphumelela na? Kambe lowo owenza izinto ezinje uzaphunyuka na? Kambe uzakwephula isivumelwano kodwa aphunyuke na? **16** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, uzafera eBhabhiloni, elizweni lenkosu eyambeka esihlalweni sobukhos, esifungo sayo wasidelela wephula lesivumelwano sayo. **17** UFaro lebutho lakhe elilamandla kanye lexuku elikhulu akuyikumsiza empini, lapho sekwakhiwe

amadundulu kwamiswa lemiduli yokuvimbezela uzaphila na? Kasoze aphile! Ngenxa yokuba enze ukuba kuchithwe imiphefumulo eminengi. **18** zonke lezizinto ezinengisayo uzabulawa mpela legazi Wadelela isifungo ngokwephula isivumelwano. Ngoba wazibopha ngesifungo kodwa wasesenzo zonke lezizinto akayikuphunyuka. **19** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhandala lakhe isifungo sami asidelayo kanye lesivumelwano sami asephulayo. **20** Ngizamendlalela imbule lami, njalo uzabanjwa yisifu sami. Ngizamus aBhabhiloni, ngenzele khona ukumahluulela kwami ngoba wayengathembekanga kimi. **21** Wonke amabutho akhe abalekayo azabulawa ngenkemba, abasindayo bazahlakazelwa emimoyeni. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo sengikhulumile. **22** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Mina ngokwami ngizathatha ihlumela kuso kanye isihloko somsedari ngililhanyele; ngizakwephula ihlumela elibuthakathaka eklintini lawo eliphezulu kakhulu kulamanye ngililhanyele phezu kwentaba ende ephakemeyo. **23** Ngizalihlanyela ezingqongeni zentaba yako-Israyeli; lizaveza ingatsha lithlele lezithelo njalo libe ngumsedari omuhle. Izinyoni zezinhlobo zonke zizakwakhela izidleke zazo kuwo; zizathola ukusitheka emthunzini wezingatscha zavo. **24** Zonke iizihlahla zeganga zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo ngifinyeza isihlahla eside ngenze esifitshane sikhule sibeside. Ngomisa isihlahla esiluhlaza ngenze esomileyo sihlume. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza.”

**18** Iizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Litshoni lina bantu nxa libetha isaga lesi ngelizwe lako-Israyeli lisithi: ‘Oyise badla amavini amunyu, amazinyo abantwana assetshela?’ **3** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, kalisayikusitsho isaga lesi ko-Israyeli. **4** Ngoba yonke imiphefumulo ephilayo neyami, uyise kanye lendodana, bobabili ngokufanayo ngabami. Umphefumulo ownayo yiwo ozakufa. **5** Kasithi kulomuto olungileyo ownenza okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo. **6** Kadleli ezindaweni zokukhonzela zasentabenzi loba athembe izithombe zendlu ka-Israyeli. Kangcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe loba alale lowesifazane esemazibukweni. **7** Kancindezelu muntu kodwa uyabuyisela akuthathayo njengesibambiso sokwebolekwayo. Kabenzi ubuphangi kodwa unika abalambileyo ukudla kwakhe labanqunu abanike izigqoko. **8** Kabolekisi ukuba athole inzuko loba athathayo inzuko edlulisileyo. Uyasthinta isandla sakhe ekwenzensi okubi njalo ehlulele kuhle phakathi komuntu lomuntu. **9** Uyazilandela izimiso zami agcine lemithetho yami ngokuthembek. Lowomuntu ulungile; ngempela uzaphila, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **10** Kasithi ulendodana elodlakela echitha igazi kumbe yenze loba yikuphi kwalezizinto **11** (lanxa uyise engenzanga lanye yazo): Idlela ezindaweni zokukhonzela ezsientabenzi. Iyamngcolisa umfazi kamakhelwane wayo. **12** Incindezelu abayanga labaswelayo. Yenza ubuphangi. Kayibuyiseli eyakuthatha kuyisibambiso. Yethemba izithombe. Yenza izinto ezinengisayo. **13** Yebolekisa ukuba ithole inzuko njalo ithatha inzuko edlulisileyo. Umuntu onjalo

lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhandala lakhe. **14** Kodwa kasithi indodana le ilendodana ezibonayo zonke izento ezenziwa nguyise, kodwa lanxa izibona, yona kayizenzi izinto ezinje: **15** Kayidleli ezindaweni zokukhonzela ezsientabenzi, kumbe yethemba izithombe zendlu ka-Israyeli. Kayimngcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wayo. **16** Kayincindezelu muntu kumbe ifune isibambiso ekwebolekiseni. Kayibenzi ubuphangi kodwa abalambileyo iyabapha ukudla kwayo inike labanqu iziggoko. **17** Iyasihinta isandla sayo ekoneni njalo kiyathithi nzuko loba inzuko edlulisileyo. Iyagcina imilayo yami landele lezimiso zami. Kayiyikufela izono zikayise; izaphila impela. **18** Kodwa uyise uzafela izono zakhe yena ngokwakhe, ngoba wabamba ngamandla, waphanga umfowabu wenza okubi ebantwini bakibo. **19** Ikanti liyabuza lithi, ‘Kungani indodana ingabi lecalalikayise na?’ Njengoba indodana yenze okufaneleyo kuzabalelwu kuye, lobubi bomubi buzamelana laye. **20** Kodwa nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka kuzozonke izono azenzayo njalo agcine izimiso zami zonke enze okufaneleyo kuzoqondileyo, uzaphila impela, akayikufa. **21** Akukho kona kwakhe okuzakhunjulwa. Ngenxa yezito ezelungileyo azenzileyo uzaphila. **23** Ngiyathokoza ngokufa komuntu omubi na? kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Esikhundleni salokho, kangithabi na nxa bephenduka ezindeleni zabo njalo baphile? **24** Kodwa nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze izono njalo enze zona kanye izinto ezinengayo ezenziwa ngumuntu omubi, kambe uzaphila na? Akukho okwezinto ezelungileyo azenzayo okuzakhunjulwa. Ngenxa yecala lokungathembeki langenxa yezono azenzayo, uzakufa. **25** Kodwa lina lithi, ‘Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.’ Zwana, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli: Indlela yami kayifanelanga na? **26** Nxa umuntu olungileyo eguquka ekulungeni kwakhe enze izono, uzakufela lokho; ngenxa yezono azenzileyo uzakufa. **27** Kodwa nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka ebubini abenzileyo enze okufaneleyo lokuqondileyo, uzasilisa ukuphila kwakhe. **28** Ngoba ucabanga konke okubi akwenzayo aphenduke kukho, uzaphila impela; akayikufa. **29** Ikanti ndlu ka-Israyeli ithi, ‘Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.’ Izindlela zami kazilunganga na, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? **30** Ngakho ke wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, lowo lalowo ngizamahlulela ngokumayelana lezindlela zakhe, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Phendukan! Tshiyani ububi benu bonke; ngalokho isono kasiyikuba yikufa kwenu. **31** Zikhululeni kukho konke okubi elikwenzileyo, lizuze inhliziyo entsha lomoya omutsha. Kungani na uzakufa, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli? **32** Ngoba angithokozi ngokufa loba ngokukabani, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Phendukan liphile!”

**19** “Qhinqani isililo ngamakhosana ako-Israyeli **2** Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **8** Kodwa lithi: ‘Yeka isilwanekazi esasingunyoko phakathi bangihlamukela kabaze bangilalela; kabazilahlanga kwezilwane! Salala phansi phakathi kwezilwane izithombe zabo ezenyanyekayo ababebike amehlo ezisakhulayo sondla imidlwane yaso. **3** Sakhulisa abo kuzo, loba balahle izithixo zabo zaseGibhithe. omunye wemidlwane yaso waba yisilwane esilamandla Ngakho ngathi ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu wafunda ukudabula okubanjelwe ukudliwa, wadla kwabo ngiqede lokuthukuthela kwami ngimelane labo labantu. **4** Izizwe zezewa ngawo wasuthiywa egodini eGibhithe. **9** Kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami, ngenza lazo. Zawuhola ngezingwegwe zawusa elizweni okwakuzalivikela ekungcolisweni phambi kwezizwe laseGibhithe. **5** Kwathi sibona ithembalas ababhlala phakathi kwazo engiziveze emehlweni lingacgwalekanga, ithembalas lingasekho, sathatha azo kwabako-Israyeli ngokubakhupha eGibhithe. **10** omunye wemidlwane yaso saweru waba yisilwane Ngakho ngabakhupha eGibhithe ngabasa enkangala. esilamandla. **6** Wanyonyoba phakathi kwezilwane **11** Ngabanika izimiso zami ngabazisa lemithetho ngoba wawuyisilwane esilamandla. Wafunda ukudabula yami, ngoba umuntu oyilaleloyo uzaphila ngayo. **12** okubanjelwe ukudliwa, wadla labantu. **7** Wadiliza Njalo ngabanika lamaSabatha ami njengesibonakaliso izinqaba zabo wachitha lamadolobho abo. Ilizwe kanye phakathi kwami labo, ukuze bakwazi ukuthi mina labo bonke ababekulo bathuthumelisa yikubhonga Thixo ngabenza baba ngcwele. **13** Kodwa abantu bako- kwawo. **8** Izizwe zawuvukela, zivela ezindaweni eziwuzingezeleyo. Zendlala amambule azo phezu kwawo wawela egodini labo. **9** Bawudonsela ekhejini ngezingwegwe bawusa enkosini yaseBhabhiloni. Bawufaka entolongweni, ngakho ukubhonga kwawo akuzwakalanga futhi ezintabeni zako-Israyeli. **10** Unyoko wayenjengevini elihlanyelwe ngasemanzini esivinini sakho; sasithela izithelo njalo silezingatsha kwezizwe engabakhupha zikhangele. **15** Njalo isandla ezinengi ngenxa yamanzi amanengi. **11** Ingatsha zaso siphakanyisiwe ngafunga kubo enkangala ukuthi zaziqinile zifanele intonga yombusi. Sasiphakeme angiyikubafikisa elizweni engangibaphe lona, ilizwe sipezelu le ngaphezu kwamahlamu aminyeneyo, eligeleza uchago loluju, elihle kakhulu kulamazwe sibonakala ngobude baso langezingatsha zaso ezinengi. wonke, **16** ngoba imithetho yami bayala njalo **12** Kodwa sasitshunu ngokuthukuthela saphoselwa kabalandela izimiso zami, batshaphaza lamaSabatha phansi. Umoya wasempumalanga wasomisa, izithelo ami futhi. Ngoba inhliziyozabo zazinamathele zaso zaqhululwa; ingatsha zaso eziqinileyo zabuna ezithombeni zabo. **17** Ikanti ngabazwela isihawu umlilo wazitshisa. **13** Khathesi sesihlanyelwe enkangala, kangaze ngababhubhisa kumbe ngibaqede enkangala. elizweni elitshisayo lelomileyo. **14** Umlilo umemethike usuka kolunye lwezingatsha ezinkulu, watshisa izithelo zaso. Akulagatsha oluqinileyo oluseleyo kuso olufanele intonga yombusi.’ Lesi yisililo njalo sizasetshenziswa njengesililo.”

**20** Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, ngenyanga yesihlanu ngosuku Iwtshumi, abanye babadala bako-Israyeli bafika bezebuza uThixo, bahlala phansi phambi kwami. **2** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **3** “Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labadala bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwu nguThixo Wobukhos: Lilande ukuzangibuza na? Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kangiyikulivumela ukuthi lingibuze, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.’ **4** Uzabahlulela na? Uzabahlulela na, ndodana yomuntu? Ngakho batshele ngezenzo zaboyise ezinengayo **5** uthi kubo: ‘Nanku okutshiwu nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngosuku engakhetha ngalo u-Israyeli, ngafunga kuyo inzalo yendlu kajakhobe isandla siphakanyisiwe njalo ngiziveza kuyo iGibhithe. Isandla siphakanyisiwe ngathi kubo, “Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu.” **6** Ngalosoluko ngafunga kubo ukuthi ngizabakhupha eGibhithe ngibase elizweni engabadingela lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, elihle kakhulu kulamazwe wonke. **7** Njalo ngathi kubo, “Lowo lalowo wenu kalahle izifanekiso ezenyanyekayo elibeke amehlo enu kuzo, njalo lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zaseGibhithe.

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khuluma labantu bako-Israyeli uthi kubo, ‘Nanku ke lizakhumbula ukuziphatha kwenu lazozonke okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngakho lokhu, izenzo elizingcolise ngazo, njalo lizazenyanya ngenxa labokhokho benu bangithuka ngokungilahla. **28** Kwathi yobubi bonke elibenzileyo. **44** Lizakwazi ukuthi lapho sengibangenisile elizweni engangifunge ngathi mina nginguThixo lapho sengilijezisa ngenxa yebizo ngizabapha lona, bathi bebona loba luphi uqaqa lami kodwa kungayisikho mayelana lezindlela zenu oluphakemeyo, loba siphi isihlahla esilamahlamvu ezimbi kanye lezenzo zenu ezixhwalileyo, lina amanengi, khonapho banikelela khona imihlatshelo ndlu ka-Israyeli, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.’’ **45**  
 yabo, banikela iminikelo eyangithukuthelisayo, Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **46** “Ndodana banikela impepha yabo elephunga eliminandi, yomuntu, khangelisa ngaseningizimu; tshumayela okubi bathulula leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo. **29** ngeningizimu uphrofite okubi ngelizwe laseningizimu. Ngasengisithi kubo: Iyini indawo le ephakemeyo **47** Tshono ehlathini laseningizimu uthi: ‘Zwana ilizwi eliya kuyo?’’ (ithwi yiBhama lalamhlanje). **30** likaThixo. Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngilithungele ngomlilo njalo uzaziqeda zonke izihlahla zenu, ezimanzi lezomileyo. Ilangabi elivuthayo kaliyikucitsha, njalo ubuso bonke kusukela eningizimu kusiya enyakatho buzatshiswa yiyo. **48** Umuntu wonke uzabona ukuthi mina Thixo yimi engiwuthungeleyo; kawuyikucitsha.’’ **49** Ngasengisithi, ‘Awu Thixo Wobukhos! Bathi kimi, ‘Kakhulumi imifanekiso kuphela nje na?’’

**21** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho ejerusalem utshumayele okubi ngendawo engcwele. Phrofetha okubi ngelizwe lako-Israyeli **3** uthi kulo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngixabane lani. Ngizahwatsha inkemba yami emxakeni wayo ngisuse kuwe abalungileyo lababi. **4** Ngoba ngizasusa abalungileyo lababi, inkemba yami izahwatshewa ukumelana labo bonke abavela eningizimu kanye lasenyakatho. **5** Lapho-ke abantu bonke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo sengihwatshe inkemba yami emxakeni wayo, kayiyikubuyela futhi.’’ **6** Ngakho-ke bubula ndodana yomuntu! Bubula phambi kwabo ngenhliziyo edabukileyo kanye losizi olukhulu. **7** Nxa bekuuba besithi, ‘Kungani na ububula?’ uzakuthi, ‘Ngenxa yezindaba erifikayo. Zonke inhliziyo zisenyela lezandla zonke zibe buthakathaka, imimoja yonke izaphela amandalamadol wonke abe buthakathaka njengamanzi.’ Kuyeza! Ngempela kuzakwenzakala, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.’’ **8** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **9** “Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: Umhedla, umhedla, iolwe njalo yalolongwa, **10** Ilolelwé ukubulala, ilolongewe ukuphazima njengombane. Kambe sizathokoza na ntgentonga yobukhos yendodana yami uJuda? Inkemba iyazeyisa zonke izigodo ezinzalo. **11** Inkemba ibekelwe ukuba ilolongwe, ukuba ipathwe ngesandla; iyalowa ilolongwe, yensiwe ilungele isandla sombulala. **12** Hlabu umkhosi ulile, ndodana yomuntu, ngoba imelanle labantu bami; imelanle 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 yobukhos, edelelwé yinkemba, ingasahubeki? kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.’’ **14** Ngakho-ke, ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uqakeze izandla zakho. Inkemba yagigadle kabilo, lanxa kungaba kathathu. Yinkemba yokubulala, inkemba yokubulala kakhulu, ebahanqayo ivela macele wonke. **15** Ukuze inhliziyo zibe buthakathaka labawileyo

babebanengi, sengibeke inkemba yokubulala kuwo lalo kanye lezonu zalo ezenyanyekayo **3** uthi: wonke amasango abo. Bheka! Yenzelwe ukuphazima Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Wena njengombane, iphathelwe ukubulala. **16** Wena nkemba, dolobho elizilethela ukutshabala ngokuchitha igazi geca kwsesokudla, uphinde kwsenxele, loba kungaphi phakathi kwakho njalo uzingcolisa ngokwenza ubukhali bakho obuphendukela khona. **17** Lami futhi izithombe, **4** usube lecalu ngenxa yegazi olchithileyo ngizaqakeza izandla zami, njalo ulaka lwami luzadeda. njalo usungcoliswe yizithombe ozenzileyo. Usulethe Mina Thixo sengikhulumile.” **18** Ilizwi likaThixo insuku zakho ekupheleni, lesiphetho seminyaka lafika kimi lisithi: **19** “Ndodana yomuntu, canda yakho sesifkile. Ngakho ngizakwenza ube yinto imigwaqo emibili yenkemba yenkosi yaseBhabhiloni yokuklolodelwa ezizweni lenhlekisa emazweni wonke. ukuba ihambe kuyo, yomibili iqalise elizweni linye. **5** Labo abaseduze kanye lalabo abahatshana Yenza insika yesiqondiso lapho okuphambuka khona bazakuhoza, wena dolobho elidumazekileyo, eligewe umgwaqo oya edolobheni. **20** Canda omunye umgwaqo ukuxokozela. **6** ‘Khangelu ubone ukuthi yileyo wenkemba ukuba izemelana leRabha yama-Amoni, laleyo inkosana yako-Israyeli ephakathi kwakho lomunye ukumelana loJuda kanye lejerusalemu isebenzisa amanda ayo ekuchitheni igazi. **7** elivikelwego. **21** Ngoba inkosi yaseBhabhiloni izakuma Phakathi kwakho iphathe uyise lonina ngokweyisa; lapho imigwaqo eyehlukana khona, lapho okuhlangana phakathi kwakho incidezele abezizweni, njalo khona imigwaqo emibili, ukuba ifune ibika: Izaphosa yaphatha kubi izintandane labafelokazi. **8** Uzeyisile inkatho ngemitshoko, izabuza izithombe zayo, izahlola izinto zami ezingcwele watshaphaza lamaSabatha isibindi. **22** Esandleni sayo sokudla kuzakuza inkatho ami. **9** Phakathi kwakho kulabantu abahlebayo, yejerusalemu, lapho ezamisa khona imigqala yokudiliza, abahlose ukuchitha igazi; phakathi kwakho kulalabo lokunkira umlayo wokubulala, lokuhlaba umkhosi abadlela ezindaweni zokukhonzela entabenbeni benze wempi, lokumisa imigqala yokudiliza amasango, lezenzo zesigweba. **10** Phakathi kwakho kulalabo lokwakha amadundulu kanye lokumisa izindawo abangcolisa imibheda yaboyise; phakathi kwakho zokuvimbezela. **23** Kuzakhanya angathi libika kulalabo abadlwengula abesifazane besesikhathini sabo, amanga kulabo asebefungele ukuthobeka kuyo, kodwa lapho bengahlanzekanga ngokomkhuba. **11** Phakathi yona izabakhumbuza icala labo ibathumbe. **24** kwakho indoda yenza ukona okwenyanyekayo lomfazi Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: kamakhelwane wayo, enye ingcolise umalukazana ‘Njengoba lina bantu lingikhumbuze icala lenu wayo ngendlela elhzlisayo; enye njalo idlwengula ngokuhlamuka kwenu okusobala, libonakalisa izono zenu kukho konke elikwenzayo njengoba lenze lokhu, kwakho abantu bayavuma ukuthengwa ukuba lizathunjwa. **25** Wena nkosana yako-Israyeli exhwalileyo bachithe igazi; uthatha inzuvo lomvuzo odlulisileyo njalo embi, usuku lwakho selufikile, lesikhathi emalini ebolekisiweyo, uthole inzuvo engafanelanga sokujeziswa kwakho sesifike emaphethelweni, **26** kumakhelwane wakho umbamba ngamandla. Njalo nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Khupha iqhiye, usungikhohliwe, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **13** yethula umqhele. Akuyikuba njengoba kwakunjalo: Ngeqiniso ngizatshaya izandla zami ngibabaza inzuvo Abaphansi bazaphakanyiswa kuthi abaphakemeyo engafanelanga osuyenzile kanye legazi osulichithe behliselwe phansi. **27** Unxiwal Unxiwa! Ngizawenza phakathi kwakho. **14** Isibindi sakho sizaqinisela yini ube lunxiwa! Kawuyikubuyiselwa kuze kufike lowo loba izandla zakho ziqine ngosuku ngiqondana lawe ongowakhe ngokuqondileyo, ongyue engizamnika na? Mina Thixo sengikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza wona.’ **28** Njalo wena, ndodana yomuntu, phrefetha lokho. **15** Ngizakuhlakazela phakathi kwezizwe uthi, Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos ngama- ngikuchithachithele emazweni; lokungcola kwakho Amoni kanye lezithuko zavo: Inkemba, inkemba, ngizakuqed. **16** Lapho usungcolisiwe phambi ihwatselwe ukubulala, ilolongelwe ukuothona lokuphazima njengombane! **29** Langaphezu kwemibono Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: **18** ‘Ndodana yamanga ngawe, lokuhlahluwa okungamanga ngawe, yomuntu, indlu ka-Israyeli isibe ngamanyala kimi. izabekwa entanyeni zababi okumele babulawe, abasuku Iwabo selufikile, abasikhathi sokujeziswa kwabo sesifike okusele phakathi kwemvutho. Kungamanyele esiliva. emaphethelweni aso. **30** Buyisela inkemba emxhakeni wayo. Endaweni owadalelwu kuyo, elizweni labokhokho bakho, ngizakwahlulela khona. **31** Ngizathululela ulaka lomthofi ‘Ngoba lonke selibe ngamanyele, ngizaliqoqela lomthofi kanye lomnuso emvuthweni ukuba yami ethisayeo kuwe; ngizakunikela ebantwini kuncibilisikwe ngomfutho womlilo, ngizaliqoqqa kanjalo abaleshluku, abantu abakwaziyo ukuothona. **32** ngokuthukuthela kwami langolaka lwami ngilibeke Uzakuba zinkuni zomlilo, igazi lakho lizachithelwa phakathi kwedolobho ngilincibilikise. **21** Ngizaliqoqra elizweni lakini, kawuyikuhunjuwu futhi; ngoba mina njalo ngizalivuthela ngolaka lwami oluvuthayo, njalo Thixo sengikhulumile.’”

**22** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** ‘Ndodana yomuntu, uzalahlulela na? Uzalahlulela na lelidolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi? Ngakho melana

kwenu.” **23** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika futhi kimi lisithi: **24** wazingcolisa; bobabili bahamba ndlelanye. **14** “Ndodana yomuntu, tshono elizweni uthi, ‘Uyilizwe Kodwa yena ubufebe bakhe bengezeleka futhi. elingazange libe lezulu kumbe imikhizo ngosuku Wabona amadoda efanekisiwe emdulini, izithombe lwentukuthelo.’ **25** Kulokucetshwa kwamacebo amabi zamaKhaladiya ezifanekiswe ngokubomvu, **15** ngamakhosana alo phakathi kwalo njengesilwane zilamabhanti ezinkalweni zazo njalo zilamaqhiye esibhongayo sidlithiza esikubuleleyo; adla abantu, alengayo emakhanda azo; zonke zikhanya angathi athathie inotho kanye lezinto eziligugu, andise yizikhulu zezingola zempi zamakhaladiya, inzalo labafelokazi phakathi kwalo. **26** Abaphristi balo yaseBhabhiloni. **16** Kwathi khonokho nje ebabona wahle bephula umthetho wami njalo bahlambaza lezinto wabafisa wasethuma isithunywa kubo eKhaladiya. zami ezingcwele; kabehlukanisi phakathi kokungcwele **17** Ngakho amaBhabhiloni afika kuye, alala laye, okujayelekileyo; bafundisa besithi akulamehluko phakathi kokungcolileyo lokungangolanga; njalo Kwathi lapho esesenza ubufebe bakhe obala njalo okwenza ngithukwe phakathi kwabo. **27** Izikhulu bavala amehlo abo ekugcineni amaSabatha ami, eveza lobunqunu bakhe, ngasuka kuye nginengekile, zalo phakathi kwalo zirjengezimpisi zidlithiza ezikubuleleyo; zichitha igazi zibulale labantu ukuba njengoba ngangisukile kudadewabo. **19** Kodwa banda zithole inzuzo engafanelanga. **28** Abaphrofethi balo ngamandla ubuwule bakhe esekhumbula insuku bacomba izenzo zazo ngemibono yamanga lokuhlahlula zobutsha bakhe, lapho wayeyisifebe eGibhithe. **20** okungamanga. Bathi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Khonale wakanuka izithandwa zakhe, ezazilezitho Wobukhos’ kodwa uThixo engakhulumanga. **29** Abantu zangaphambil ezazifana lezabobabhem, zikhiihila belizwe benza imisebenzi yokuqilibeza lokuphang abanye; bancindezela abayanga labaswelayo, baphatthe okufana lokwamabhiza. **21** Ngakho walangazelza kubi labezizweni, babenqabele ukulunga. **30** Ngadinga **22** Ngakho-ke, Oholibha, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo umuntu phakathi kwabo owayengakha umduli ame phambi kwami esikaheni emeile ilizwe ukuze ngingalitshabalali, kodwa ngamswela. **31** Ngakho ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami phezu kwabo lezo owazitshiya unengete, njalo ngizaziletha kuwe ngingalitshabalali, kodwa ngamswela. **32** Ngakho ukuba zimelane lawe zivila emaceleni wonke, **23** ngingalitshabalali, kodwa ngamswela. **33** Ngakho ngeziletha kuwe ukuba zimelane lawe zivila emaceleni wonke, **24** abaseBhabhiloni lamaKhaladiya wonke, amadoda asePhekodi laseShowa kanye leKhowa, lamaAsirya wonke elawo, amajaha amahle, wonke Asirya wonke elawo, amajaha amahle, wonke angababusi labalawuli bebutho, izinduna zezingola zempi lamanye amadoda alezikhundla ezinkulu, bonke begade amabhiza. **25** Ngizakwenza izithandwa zakho zikuvukele, njalo bazakuphatha ngolaka. **26** Njalo bazakuzakuhlasela ngezikhali, izinqola zempi lezingola zokuthwala, njalo belexu elikhulu labantu; bazaviva ukulwa lawe emaceleni wonke belamahawu amakhulu lamancane njalo belezingowane. Ngizakunikela kubo ukuba bakujezise, njalo bazakujezisa ngokumayelana lemithetho yabo. **27** Ngizakwenza intukuthelo yobukhwele bami imelane lawe, njalo bazakuphatha ngolaka. Bazaquma impumulo zenu lezindlebe zenu, njalo abenu labo abazasala bazabulawa ngenkemba. Bazathumba amadodana enu lamadodakazi, njalo abenu labo abazasala bazaqothulwa ngumilo. **28** Njalo bazakuhlubula iziqqoko zakho bathathe lezicecizo zakho ezinhl. **29** Kanjalo-ke ngizaqeda isagweba lobufabe owabuqalisela eGibhithe. Kawuyikukhangela lezizint uzikhanuke loba ukhumbule iGibhithe futhi. **30** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Sekuseduze ukuba ngikunikele kulabo abakuzondayo, kulabo owasuka kubo unengete. **31** Bazakuphatha ngenzondo njalo bathumbe yonke into owayisebenzelayo. Bazakutshiya unqunu uze, njalo ihlazo lobufabe bakho lizavela obala. Isagweba sakho lobufabe kwehlisele lokhu phezu kwakho, ngoba ufebe lezizwe, wazingcolisa wena ngokwakho ngezithombe zazo. **32** Ulandele indlela kadadewenu; ngakho ngizabeka inkezo yakhe esandleni sakho. **33** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Uzanatha inkezo kadadewenu, inkezo enkulu ezikileyo futhi; izaletha ukuhlekwa

**23** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, kwakulabesifazane ababili, amadodakazi omfazi munye. **3** Baba yizifebe eGibhithe, beqalise ubuwule kusukela ebutsheni babo. Kulelolizwe amabele abo abanjwabanjwa lengaphambil yabo yaphathwaphathwa. **4** Omdala wayethiwo nguOhola, umnawakhe engu-Oholibha. Babengabami njalo bazala amadodana lamadodakazi. U-Ohola yiSamariya, u-Oholibha kuijerusalem. **5** U-Ohola waqalisa ubuwule esesengowami; njalo wakanuka izithandwa zakhe, ama-Asirya, amabutho **6** aggoke okulife, ababusi kanye labalawuli bebutho, bonke babengamajaha amahle, kanye labagada amabhiza. **7** Wazinikela njengesifebe kubo bonke abaphakemeyo base-Asirya njalo wazingcolisa ngezithombe zabo bonke abakhanukayo. **8** Kabudelanga ubufebe abuqalisa eGibhithe, lapho amajaha alala laye ebutsheni bakhe, ambambabamba ngaphambil, athululela lezinkanuko zavo phezu kwakhe. **9** Ngakho ngamnikela kuzithandwa zakhe, ama-Asirya, ayewakanuka. **10** Amnqunula, athatha amadodana lamadodakazi akhe yena ambulala ngenkemba. Waba yisiga phakathi kwabesifazane, wajejiswa. **11** Umnawakhe u-Oholibha wakubona lokhu, kodwa ngenkanuko lobufabe bakhe wayexhwale kakhulu kulodadewabo. **12** Laye wakanuka ama-Asirya, ababusi labalawuli bebutho, lamabutho aggoke okupheleleyo, labagadi bamabhiza, lawo wonke amajaha amahle. **13** Ngabona ukuthi laye

lokuklolodelwa, ngoba ithwele lukhulu. **33** Uzakhulelwa **5** thatha okukhethiweyo emhlambini. Basela kakhulu yikudkwa losizi, inkezo yokuchitheka lokuphundleka, ngenkuni usenzela amathambo; ixhwathise upheke inkezo kadadewenu iSamariya. **34** Uzayinatha uyibhije; amathambo phakathi kwayo. **6** Ngoba nanku okutshiro uzayiphahlaza ibe yizicucu ufucuze amabele akho. nguThixo Wobukhos: Maye kulo idolobho lokuchithwa Sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **35** Ngakho kwegazi, kuyo imbiza esithombile, ukuthomba kwayo nanku okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Njengoba okungayikuphela Thulula imbiza ukhuphe amaqhatha usungikhohliwe wangifugela ngemva kwakho, kumele ngalinye ngalinye kungekho inkatho. **7** Ngakho igazi uthwale imivuzo yesagweba sakho kanye lobufube elachithwa lidolobho leli liphakathi kwalo; lalithululela bakho.” **36** UThixo wathi kimi: “Ndodana yomuntu, edwaleni elize; kalilithululelanga phansi lapho uzakwahlulela u-Ohola lo-Oholibha na? Ngakho melana umhlabathi owangunaligqibela khona. **8** Ukuze ngivuse labo ngezenzo zabo ezinengayo, **37** ngoba benze intukuthelo njalo ngiphindisele, ngabeka igazi lelo ubufube njalo lezandla zabo zilegazi. Bafeba lezithombe phezu kwedwala elize, ukuze lingagqitshelwa. **9** Ngakho zabo; banikela labantwana babo ababengizale bona, nanku okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Maye kulo njengokudla kuzo. **38** Njalo benze lokhu kimi: idolobho lokuchithwa kwegazi! Lami futhi, ngizakwenza Ngasonalesi isikhathi bangcolisa indlu yami engcwele ibonda lenkuni eliphakemeyo. **10** Ngakho faka inkuni batshaphaza lamaSabatha ami. **39** Ngalo kanye uphembe umlilo. Ipheke kuhle inyama, uhlanganisa usuku abanikela ngalo abantwana babo ezithombeni leziyoliso; ueyele amathambo atshe. **11** Emva kwalokho zabo, bangena endlini yami engcwele bayingcolisa. beka imbiza engelalutho phezu kwamalahle ize itshise Lokho yikho abakwenzayo endlini yami. **40** Bathuma lethusi layo livuthe ukuze ukungcola kwayo kutshe lesithunywa ebantwini ukuba beze bevela khatshana, kuphele lokuthomba kwayo kutshe kuphele. **12** kwathi sebefikile wabagezelu, wacombe amehlo akho Isiphuthise imizamo yonke; uqweqwé lokuthomba wasufaka leziceciso zakho. **41** Wahlala embhedeni kwayo kalususwanga, loba langomlilo. **13** Khathesi omuhle, kuletafula elilungisiweyo phambi kwawo ukungcola kwakho yisigwebo. Ngoba ngizamile owawufake phezu kwayo impepho yami lamafutha ami. ukukuhlambulula kodwa ubungeke uhlanjululwe **42** Umsindo wexuku elalithokoza wawumzungezile; ekungcoleni kwakho, kawuyikuhlambuluka futhi amaSebhiya ayelethwe evela enkangala kanye ukukuthukuthelela kwami kuze kudedde. **14** Mina Thixo lamadoda avela exukwini elixokozelayo, njalo bafaka sengikhulumile. Isikhathi sokuba ngenze sesifikile. amasongo ezingalweni zowesifazane lodadewabo kanye Kangiyikuzithiba; kangiyikuba lesihawu, kumbe lemiqhele emihle emakhanda abo. **43** Lapho-ke ngiyekethise. Uzakwahlulewa mayelana lokuziphathe ngalowo owayesegugiswe yibufube ngathi, ‘Khathesi kwakho kanye lezenzo zakho, kutsho uThixo kabamsebenzise njengewule, ngoba lokho yikho Wobukhos.’” **15** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **16** konke ayikho.” **44** Balala laye. Njengabelisa “Ndodana yomuntu, sekuseduze ukuthi ngokugalela belala lesifebe, ngokunjalo balala lalabobafazi okukodwa nje ngisuse kuwe intokozo yamehlo abalesagweba, u-Ohola lo-Oholibha. **45** Kodwa akho. Kodwa ungalili kumbe ukhale loba wehlise abantu abalungileyo bazabanika isijeziso sabesifazane inyembezi. **17** Bubula uthule; ungalileli abafleyo. abafabayo njalo bachithe legazi, ngoba bayizifebe Bophela iqhiye yakho lamanyathela akho ezinyaweni njalo lezandla zabo zilegazi. **46** Nanku okutshiro zakho; ungambozi ingxene yaphansi yobuso bakho nguThixo Wobukhos: Baletheleni ixuku limelane labo loba udle ukudla komkhuba wabalilayo.” **18** Ngakho beselibanikela kukho ukwesaba lokuphangwa. **47** ngakhuluma labantu ekuseni, umkami wafa kusihlwa. Ixuku lizabatshaya ngamatshe libajuge ngezinckemb; Ekuseni kwakusisa ngenza njengokulawayu kwami. **19** lizabulala amadodana lamadodakazi abo litshise Abantu basebengibza besithi, “Kawuyikusitshela na izindlu zabo ngomlilo. **48** Ngizakuqedo kanjalo ukuthi izinto lezi zilani lathi?” **20** Ngakho mina ngathi ukuxhwalla elizweni, ukuze bonke abesifazane kubo, “Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **21** Tshono baxwayiseke njalo bangenzi njengano. **49** Lizajesiselwa endlini ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiro nguThixo ukuxhwalla kwenu njalo lithwale lemivuzo yezonu zenu Wobukhos: Sekuseduze ukuthi ngingcolise indlu zokukhonza izithombe. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo Wobukhos.’”

**24** Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngosuku lwetshumi, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, bhala usuku lolu, usuku lolu lona ngokwalo, ngoba iNkosi yaseBhabhiloni isivimbezele iJerusalem ngalo kanye lolusuku. **3** Tshela indlu le ehlamukayo umfanekiso uthi kubo: ‘Nanku okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Beka imbiza yokupheka eziko; ibebe phezu kwamaseko uthele amanzi phakathi kwayo. **4** Faka phakathi kwayo amaqatha enyama, wonke amaqatha amahle, umlenze lesiphanga. Igcwaliise ngamathambo amahle;

isifiso senhliziyi yabo, kanye lamadodana lamadodakazi abo futhi, **26** ngalolosuku isiphepheli yiso esizalandisa izindaba. **27** Ngalesosikhathi umlomo wakho uzavuleka; uzakhulumu laye njalo kawuyikuthula futhi. Ngakho uzakuba yisibonakaliso kubo, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo.”

**25** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho umelane lamaAmoni, uphrofithe okubi ngawo. **3** Tshono kuwo uthi, ‘Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo Wobukhos: Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngoba lina lathi ‘Aha!’ ngendlu yami engcwele lapho yayingcolisiwe langelizwe lako-Israyeli lapho lalichithiwe kanye langabantu bakoJuda lapho babethunjiwe, **4** ngakho ngizalinikelka ebantwini baseMpumalanga njengenotho yabo. Bazakwakha izihonqo zabo bamise amathente abo phakathi kwenu; bazakudla izithelo zenu banathe lochago lwenu. **5** Ngizakwenza iRabha ibe lidlelo lamakamela le-Amoni ibe yindawo yokuphumulela izimvu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **6** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngoba liqakeze izandla zenu lagida langezinyawo zenu, lithokoza ngabo bonke ububi benhliziyi yenu ngelizwe lako-Israyeli, **7** ngakho ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane lani, ngilinikele ezizweni. Ngizaliqedu du phakathi kwezizwe, ngibuye ngilisuse emazweni enu. Ngizaliqothula, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo.” **8** “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: ‘Ngenxa yokuthi iMowabi kanye leSeyiri athi, ‘Khangelani, indlu kajuda isinjengezinye izizwe zonke,’” **9** ngakho-ke ngizakwambula uhlangothi lweMowabi, kusukela emadolobheni asemingcelemi yeBheti-Jeshimothi, leBhali-Meyoni kanye leKhiriyathayimi, udumo lwelizwe. **10** Ngizanikelka iMowabi ndawonye lama-Amoni ebantwini baseMpumalanga njengenotho, ukuze ama-Amoni angakhunjulwa phakathi kwezizwe; **11** njalo ngizaletha isijeziso eMowabi. Bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.” **12** “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: ‘Ngoba i-Edomi yaphindisela endlini kajuda yasisiba lecalala elikhulu ngokwenza njalo, **13** ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelane le-Edomi ngibulale abantu bayo kanye lezifuyo. Ngizayichitha, njalo kusukela eThemani kusiya eDedani, bazabulawa ngenkemba. **14** Ngizaphindisela e-Edomi ngesandla sabantu bami u-Israyeli, njalo i-Edomi bazayiphatha mayelana lentukuthelo yami kanye lolaka Iwami; bazayazi impindiselo yami, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.” **15** “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: ‘Ngoba amaFilistiya enza impindiselo njalo aphindisela ngolunya ezinhliziyeni zaho, njalo ngenzondo yasendulo afuna ukuchitha uJuda, **16** ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Sekuseduze ukuba ngelule ingalo yami ngimelane lamaFilistiya, njalo ngizaqothula amaKherethi ngichithe lalabo abaseleyo ngasolwandle. **17** Ngizakwenza impindiselo enkulukubo njalo ngibajezise ekuthukutheleni kwami. Ngakho bazakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo, lapho sengiphindisela kubo.”

**26** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngosuku lwakuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, ngoba iThire itshilo kulo ijerusalema yathi, ‘Aha!’ Isango lokuya ezizweni lidilikile, leminyango isivulekele mina; njengoba khathesi selingamanxiwa ngizaphumelela, **3** ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngimelana lawe, wena Thire, njalo ngizakulethela izizwe ezinenyi zimelane lawe njengolwande lophosa amagagasi alo phezulu. **4** Zizadiliza imiduli yaseThire, ziwisele phansi imiphotshongo yalo; ngizaphala inkunkuma yalo ngilene libe lidwala elingelalutho. **5** Elwandle lizakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule enhlanzi, ngoba sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Lizakuba yimpango yezizwe, **6** lemizana yalo ephakathi kwelizwe izachithwa ngenkemba. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi nginguThixo. **7** Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizaletha uNebukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, inkosi yamakhosi, evela enyakatho ukuba amelane leThire, ngamabhiza lezinqola zempi, ngabagadi bamabhiza kanye lebutho elikhulu. **8** Uzachitha imizana yakho phakathi kwelizwe ngenkemba; uzamisa izindawo zokuvimbezela, akhe idundulu kusiya phezulu emdulini wakho njalo akuphakamisele lamahawu amelane lawe. **9** Uzaqondisa imiggala yakhe yokudiliza emidulini yakho, abhidlize imiphotshongo yakho ngezikhalizakhe. **10** Amabhzia akhe azakuba manengi kakhulu okuzakwenza akwembese ngothulu. Imiduli yakho izanyikinyisa ngumsindo wamabhiza empi, izinqola zokuthwala kanye lezinqola zempi lapho esengena emasangweni akho njengabantu abangena edolobheni elilemiduli efohiliyeo. **11** Amasondo amabhiza akhe azanyathela zonke izitalada zakho; uzabulala abantu bakho ngenkemba; lezinsika zakho eziqinileyo zizawela phansi. **12** Bazaphanga inotho yakho bathumbe impahla yakho ethengiswayo; bazadiliza imiduli yakho babhidlize lezindlu zakho ezinhle njalo baphosele amatshe akho, lezigodo kanye lenkunkuma elwandle. **13** Ngizaleda umsindo wezingoma zakho; lomculo wamachacho akho awuyikuzwakala futhi. **14** Ngizakwenza ube lidwala elize, njalo uzakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule enhlanzi. Kawuyikwakhwiwa futhi, ngoba mina Thixo sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **15** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos kuyo iThire: Kambe amazwe angasolwandle kawayikunyikinyeka yini ngomsindo wokuwa kwakho, lapho abalimeleyo sebebubula njalo lokubulala sekusenzakala phakathi kwakho na? **16** Lapho-ke wonke amakhosana angasolwandle azakwehla ezihlalweni zaho zobukhos: akhuphe izembatho zaho njalo ahlubule lezembatho zaho eziccesiweyo. Ephethwe yikwesaba, azahlala phansi, eqhaqhazela isikhathi sonke, ngokwesaba wena. **17** Lapho-ke azaqhinqa isililo ngawe athi kuwe: ‘Yeka ukuchitheka kwakho, wena dolobho lodumo, ogcwele ngabantu basolwandle! Wawulamanda elwandle wena kanye labakhe kuwe; waletsha ukwesabeka kwakho kubo bonke ababehlala khona. **18** Khathesi amazwe angasolwandle

ayathuthumela ngosuku lokuwa kwakho; izihlenge zakhho ezithengiswayo bazithenga ngamatsho aligugu zasolvandle ziyakwesaba ukuwa kwakho.' **19** Nanku aluhlaza, amalembu alubende, umsebenzi oecesisiweyo, okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Lapho ngikwenza ilineni elihle, ikhorali langelitshe eliligu glibomvu. ube lidolobho elichithekileyo, njengamadolobho **17** UJuda lo-Israyeli bathengiselana lawe; impahla angasahlali muntu, njalo lapho ngiletha inziki zakhho ezithengiswayo bazithenga ngengqoloyi eyavela zolvandle phezu kwakho kuthi amanangi eMinithi langokumnandi, uluju, amafutha kanye kakhulu akwembese, **20** lapho-ke ngizakuletha lenhlaka. **18** Ngenxa yezimpahla zakhho ezinengi kanye phansi lalabo abaya phansi egodini, ebantwini lenotho enku yempahla, iDamaseko yathengiselana basendulo. Ngizakuhlalisa ngaphansi komhlaba, lawe ngewayini elivelva eHelibroni langewulu evela kunjengasemanxiwi endulo, lalabo abaya phansi egodini, njalo kawuyikuphenduka loba ube lendawo athenga impahla zakhho; azithenga ngensimbi yakho elizweni labaphilayo. **21** Ngizakwenza ukucina kwakho kube ngokwesabekayo uhle utshabalale. **22** Uzadingwa, kodwa ungatholakali futhi, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos."

**27** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** "Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo ngeThire, **3** uthi kuyo iThire esesangweni lasolvandle, yona engumthengiseli wabantu abanenji abangasolvandle, 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Wena Thire uthi, "Ngiphelele ngobuhule." **4** Umbuso wakho wawuphakathi kolwandle; abakhi bakho baphelela ubuhle bakho. **5** Wonke amapulanka akho bawenza ngezihlahla zejaniphia ezivela eSeniri; bathatha umsedari eLebanoni ukuba bakwenzele insika. **6** Ngemi-okhi eyavela eBhashani bakwenzela amaphini okugwedla izikepe; ngezigodo zomsipresi ezavela ngasolvandle IwaseKhithimi benza indawo yokuhamba kuyo, yendlalwe impondo zendlovu. **7** Iseyili lakho kwakuyilineni elihle elicecisiweyo elavela eGibhithe, elaba yilonia phawu lwakho; amaseyili akho okusitha ilanga ayengawokulu laza lokuyibubende okwabela ngasolvandle Iwase-Elisha. **8** Amadoda aseSidoni le-Avadi ayengabagwedli bakho; izazi zakhho, wena Thire, zazisemkhunjini njengabatshayeli bomkhumbi. **9** Izicingcwethi ezindala zaseGebhalii zaziphakathi komkhumbi njengabalungisi bemikhumbi ukuba bagcike imiphetho yakho. Yonke imikhumbi yasolvandle labatshayeli bayo yeza ikanyane lawe ukuzathenga impahla zakhho. **10** Amadoda asePhezhiya, leLudi kanye lePhuthi asebenza njengamabutho ebuthweni lakho. Alengisa amahawu awo lezingowane emidulini yakho, akulethela ubuhle obukhulu. **11** Amadoda ase-Avadi kanye leHelekhi abakhona emidulini yakho ezinhlangothini zonke; amadoda aseGamadi ayesemiphotshongweni yakho. Aphanyeka amahawu awo inxa zonke zemiduli yakho; aphelela ubuhle bakho. **12** IThashishi yathengiselana lawe ngenxa yenotho yezimpahla zakhho ezinengi; impahla yakho ethengiswayo bayithenga ngesiliva, insimbi, ithusi kanye lomnuso. **13** IJavani, leThubhali kanye leMesheki athengiselana lawe, athenga impahla zakhho ngeziqili langezinto ezenziwe ngethusi. **14** Abantu baseBhethi Thogarima bathenga impahla zakhho ngamabhiza omsebenzi, amabhiza empi kanye lezimbongolo. **15** Abantu baseRodesi bathengiselana lawe, njalo amazwe amanangi angasolvandle athenga kuwe, akubhadala ngempondo zendlovu langezihlahla esithiwa yi-ebhoni. **16** I-Aramu yathengiselana lawe ngenxa yezimpahla zakhho ezinengi, impahla

zakho ezithengiswayo bazithenga ngamatsho aligugu zasolvandle ziyakwesaba ukuwa kwakho.' **17** UJuda lo-Israyeli bathengiselana lawe; impahla angasahlali muntu, njalo lapho ngiletha inziki zakhho ezithengiswayo bazithenga ngengqoloyi eyavela zolvandle phezu kwakho kuthi amanangi eMinithi langokumnandi, uluju, amafutha kanye kakhulu akwembese, **18** lapho-ke ngizakuletha lenhlaka. **19** AbakoDani lamaGrikhi avela e-Uzali eZahari. **20** AbakoDani lamaGrikhi avela e-Uzali eZahari. **21** IDedani yathengiselana lawe ngezingubo zezihlalo. **22** IArabiya lazozonke izikhulu zaseKhedari babethenga kuwe; bathengiselana lawe ngezimvu, inqama kanye lembuzi. **23** Abathengi baseShebha labaseRahama bathengiselana lawe; impahla zakhho bazithenga ngezinhlobo zonke ezinhle zeziyoliso langamatshe aligugu kanye legolide. **24** IHarani, leKhane le-Edeni kanye labathengi baseShebha, le-Asirya kanye leKhilimadi bathengiselana lawe. **25** Endaweni yakho yokuthengiselana, bakuthengisela izembatho ezinhle, amalembu aluhlaza, imisebenzi eecesisiweyo kanye lamajali alembala eminengi lezintshaka ezipophothiweyo njalo zilamafindo abotshwe aqina. **26** Agabwedi bakho bakusa elwandle olukhulu. Kodwa umoya wasempumalanga uzakwephula ube yiziqayiqa enzikini yolwandle. **27** Inotho yakho, okuthengiswayo kanye lempahla, abatshayeli bakho, labaqondisi kanye labalungisi bemikhumbi, abathengisi bakho lawo wonke amabutho akho, labanye bonke abaphakathi komkhumbi bazatshona enzikini yolwandle ngosuku lokonakala komkhumbi. **28** Amazwe angaselwandle azanyikinyeka lapho abahambisa umkhumbi bakho sebehlabu umkhosi. **29** Bonke abaphethe amaphini okugwedla bazaitshiya imikhumbi yabo; abatshayeli bayo kanye labaqondisi bayo bonke bazakuma ekhunjini. **30** Bazaphakamisa amazwi abo bakhale kabuhlungu ngawe; bazathela uthuli emakhana abo bagiqike emlotheni. **31** Bazaphcuca amakhanda abo ngenxa yakho njalo bazaggoka amasaka. Bazaqhinqa isililo ngawe ngesililo esibuhlungu. **32** Lapho bekukhalela bekulilela bazaqhinqa isililo ngawe bathi, "Ngubani owake wathuliswa njengeThire, elizungezwu lulwandle na?" **33** Ekuphumeni kwempahla yakho elwandle wasuthisa izizwe ezinengi; ngenotho yakho enengi langempahla yakho wanothisa amakhosi omhlabo. **34** Khathesi usuphahlazwe lulwandle ezinzikini zamanz: impahla yakho lenhlanganiso yakho yonke kuzatshona phansi kanye lawe. **35** Bonke abahlala emazweni angasolvandle balokwesaba ngawe; amakhosi abo ayathuthumela ngokwesabu lobuso bawo bunyukubaliswe luvalo. **36** Abathengi phakathi kwezizwe bayakuncifela; usufike ekucineni okwesabekayo, njalo kawuyikuba khona futhi."

**28** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana ubuso bakho eSidoni; uphrofithe okubi ngalo yomuntu, tshono kumbusi waseThire uthi, **22** uthi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngokuzigqaja kwenhliziyo yakho uthi, “Ngingunkulunkulu; ngihlala esihlhaweni sobukhosikankulunkulu enzikini yeziwandle.” Kodwa wena ungumuntu hatshi uNkulunkulu, lanxa ucabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphe njengoNkulunkulu. **3** Kambe uhlakaniphile kuloDanyeli na? Akulamfiho esithekileyo kuwe na? **4** inkemba imelane lalo amace wonke. Lapho-ke Ngenhlakaniphoyakho lokuedisisa uzizuzele inotho njalowabuthela igolide lesiliva eziphaleni zengcebo **5** Ngolwazi lwakho olukhulu ekuthengiseni uyandisile inotho yakho, njalo ngenxa yenotho yakho, inhliziyo yakho isizigqaja. **6** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Njengoba ucabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile, uhlakaniphe njengoNkulunkulu, **7** ngizaletha abezizweni ukuba bamelane lawe, izizwe ezilesihluku kakhu; zizahwatsha inkemba zazo zimelane lobuhle bakho kanye lenhlakaniphoy, zone lobuhle bakho obukhazimulayo. **8** Zizakwehlisela phansi egodini, njalo uzakufa kabuhlungsenzikini yeziwandle. **9** Lapho-ke uzakutshona phambi kwalabo abakubulalayo ukuthi, “Mina ngingunkulunkulu?” Uzakuba ngumuntu nye, hatshi unkulunkulu, ezandleni zalabo abakubulalayo. **10** Uzakufa ukufa kwabangasokanga ezandleni zabezizweni. Sengikhulume, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosi.” **11** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **12** “Ndodana yomuntu, khala isililo ngenkosiyaseThire uthi kuyo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Wawayisibonelo sokuphelela ugcwele inhlakaniphoy, lobuhle obupheleleyo. **13** Wawuse-Edeni isivande sikaNkulunkulu; waceca ngawo wonke amatshe aligugu: irubhi, lethophazi le-emeralidi, ikhrisolithe, i-onikisi lejaspa, isafire, ithukhwayizi lebherili. Izibonakaliso zakho lezisekelo kwakwensiwe ngegolide; kwalungiswa ngosuku owadalwa ngalo. **14** Wagotshwa njengekherubhi elondlayo, ngoba ngakumisela lokho. Wawuphezu kwentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu; wahamba phakathi kwamatshayavutha umlilo. **15** Wawungelasici ezindeleni zakho kusukela ngosuku owadalwa ngalo ububi baze bafunyanwa kuwe. **16** Ngenxa yokuthengisa kwakho ezindaweni ezinengi wagcwala udlakela, wasusona. Ngakho ngakususa njengehla entabenikaNkulunkulu, njalo ngakuxotsha, wena kherubhi elondlayo, phakathi kwamatshayavutha umlilo. **17** Inhliziyo yakho yaziggajagenxa yobuhle bakho, njalo wonakalisa inhlakaniphoyakho ngenxa yobucwazicwazi bakho. Ngakho ngakuphosesa emhlabeni; ngakwenza umbukiso phambi kwamakhosi. **18** Ngezonozakho ezinengi lokuthengisa lobuqili usungcolise izindawenizingcwele. Ngakho ngaphembamumlilo phakathi kwakho wakutshisa wakuqedo, njalo ngakwenza waba ngumlotha emhlabathini phambi kwabobonke ababekhangeli. **19** Zonke izizwe ezazikwazi zithithibe ngawe; usufike ekucinenerokwesabekayo njalo kawuyikuba khona futhi.” **20** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **21** “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa Ngimelana lawe, wena Sidoni, njalo ngizathola udumo phakathi kwakho. Bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo lapho sengiletha isijeziso kulo njalo ngizibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwalo. **23** Ngizathumela isifo kulo, ngenze igazi ligeleze ezindeleni zalo. Abafileyo bazakuba phakathi kwalo, na? Akulamfiho esithekileyo kuwe na? **24** Abantu bakonjalo wabuthela igolide lesiliva eziphaleni zengcebo Israyeli kabasayikuba labomakhelwane abalenhliziyo yakho. **25** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: **26** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Lapho sengiqoqa abantu bako-Israyeli uhlakaniphile, uhlakaniphe njengoNkulunkulu, **7** ezizweni ababehlakazelwe kuzo, ngizibonakalisa ngingongcwele phakathi kwabo phambi kwezizwe. Emva kwalokho bazahlala elizweni labo, engalinika inceku yami ujakhobe. **26** Bazahlala kulo bevikelekile njalo bazakwakha izindlu bahlanyezelevi; bazahlala bevikelekile lapho sengiletha isijeziso kubo bonke omakhelwane babo ababaphatha kubi. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo.”

**29** Ngomnyaka wetshumi, ngenyanga yetshumi ngosuku lwetschumi lambili, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho kuFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe uphrofithe okubi ngaye langelizwe lonke laseGibhithe. **3** Khulumalaye uthi: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngimelane lawe, Faro nkosi yaseGibhithe, wena silo esikhulu esile phakathi kwezifula zaso. Uthi, “INayili ngeyakho; wazenzela yona.” **4** Kodwa ngizafaka iwuka emihlathini yakho nginamathisele inhlanzizezifula zakho, emaxolweni akho. Ngizakukhuphela ngaphandle kwezifula zakho, lenhlanzizonke zinamathele emaxolweni akho. **5** Ngizakutshiya enkangala, wena kanye lenhlanzizonke zasezifulenizakho. Uzwela egcekeni egangenijalo ungabuthwala loba udojwe. Ngizakunikelajengokudla eziyinamazaneni zomhlaba lezinyoni zasemoyeni. **6** Lapho-ke bonke abahlala eGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. Ube uludondolo lomhlanga lwendlu ka-Israyeli. **7** Kwathibekubamba ngezandla zabo, wacezuka waqhaqha amahlolome abo; kwathi lapho beseyama kuwe wephuka lamaqolo abo aqhzuzuka. **8** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizaletha inkemba imelane lawe ngibulale abantu bakho kanye lezifuyo zabo. **9** IGibhithe izakuba yinkangala echithekileyo. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. Ngoba wathi, “INayili ngeyakho; nguwe owayenzayo,” **10** ngakho ngimelana lawe kanye lezifula zakho, njalo ngizakwenza ilizwe laseGibhithe libe lunxiwa logwadule oluphundlekileyo kusukela eMigidoli kusiya e-Asiwani, kuze kuyefika emgceleni weKhushi. **11** Akulanyawo lomuntloba olwenyamazana oluzadabula phakathi kwalo; akulamuntu ozahlala khona okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **12** Ngizakwenza ilizwe

laseGibhithe libe ngeliphundlekileyo phakathi kuphele ukungazikhathazi kwalo. Bazakwehlelwa lusizi kwamazwe achithekileyo, njalo amadolobho alo ngosuku lokutshabalala kweGibhithe, ngoba ngempela azaphundleka okweminyaka engamatshumi amane kuzaFika. **10** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: phakathi kwamadolobho angamanxiwa. AmaGibhithe Ngizawaqeda amaxuku aseGibhithe ngesandla ngizawachithela phakathi kwezizwe ngiwahlakazele sikaNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni. **11** Yena emazweni. **12** Kodwa nanku okutshivo nguThixo lebutho lakhe, abalolunya olukhulu phakathi kwezizwe, Wobukhos: Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi bazalethwa ukuba bachtie ilizwe. Bazahwatsha amane ngizaqoqa amaGibhithe eziweni ayehlakazelwe izinkemba zabo ukuba bamelane leGibhithe bagcwalise kuzo. **14** Ngizawabuyisela evela ekuthunjweni ilizwe ngababuleweyo. **12** Ngizakomisa izifula zeNayili yiGibhithe, ePhathrosi, ilizwe labokhoko babo. lelizwe ngilithengisele abantu ababi; ngesandla Lapho bazakuba ngumbuso omncane. **15** Uzakuba sabezizweni, ngizalichitha ilizwe, lakho konke okukulo. ngumbuso omncane kakhulu emibusweni njalo Mina Thixo sengikhulumile. **13** Nanku okutshivo kawuyukuziphamisela phezulu kwezinye izizwe nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizachitha izithombe ngiqede futhi. Ngizawenza ungabi lamandla ukuze ungabusi izifanekiso eMemfisi. Akusayikuba khona inkosana izizwe futhi. **16** iGibhithe kalyikuba ngumthombo eGibhithe, njalo ngizaletha ukwesaba kulolonke wethemba futhi wabantu bako-Israyeli kodwa lizakuba ilizwe. **14** Ngizachitha iPhathrosi, ngithungele yisikhumbuzo sesono sabo sokuyafuna usizo kulo. iZowani ngomlilo, besengiletha isijeziso phezu Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo kweThebesi. **15** Ngizakwehlisela ulaka lwami Wobukhos!.” **17** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili phezu kwePhelusiyami, inqaba yaseGibhithe, ngiqede lesikhombisa, ngenyanga yakuqala ngelanga lakuqala, lamaxuku aseThebesi. **16** Ngizathungela iGibhithe yomuntu, uNebhukhadineza inkosi yaseBhabhiloni iThebesi izathunja ngesidumo esikhulu; iMemfisi waqhuba ibutho lakhe ukuyakulwa impi enzima leThire, izakuba sosizini olumiyo. **17** Amajaha aseHeliyopholisi amakhanda wonke aphuculwa aphuceka, lamahlombe leBhubhastisi azabulawa ngenkemba, lamadolobho wonke aba buhluNgi. Ikanti yena lebutho lakhe wona ngokwawo azathunjwa. **18** ETHahiphanesi kabatholanga mvuzo empini ayikhokhela ekuhlaseleni imini izakuba mnyama, lapho ngisephula ijogwe iThire. **19** Ngakho nanku okutshivo nguThixo leGibhithe; khonale-ke amandla alo aziqhenyayo Wobukhos: iGibhithe ngizalinikela kuNebhukhadineza azaphela. Azakwembesa ngamayezo, njalo imizi yalo inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, njalo uzathumba inotho yalo. izakuya ekuthunjweni. **19** Ngokunjalo ngizakwehlisela Uzaliphundla aliphange ilizwe njengeholo lebutho isijeziso phezu kweGibhithe, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi lakhe. **20** Ngimnike iGibhithe njengomvuzo wemizamo mina nginguThixo.” **20** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, yakhe ngoba yena lebutho lakhe lokho bakwenzela ngenyanga yakuqala ngosuku lwasikhombisa, ilizwi mina, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **21** Ngalolosuku likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **21** “Ndodana yomuntu, phrefetha uthi: ‘Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Lilani lithi, “Maye ngalolosuko!” **3** Ngoba usuku seluseduze, usuku lukaThixo seluseduze zidilizelwe phansi. **5** iKhushi lePhuthi, iLudi le-Arabiya yonke, iLibhiya kanye labantu belizwe lesivumelwano bazabulawa ngenkemba ndawonye leGibhithe. **6** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Abasekeli beGibhithe bazakufa, lamandla alo aziqhenyayo azaphela. Kusukela eMigidoli kusiya e-Asiwanu bazakuwa ngenkemba phakathi kwalo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **7** Bazachitheka phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo, njalo amadolobho abo azakuba phakathi kwamadolobho adilizwewo. **8** Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, lapho sengithungela iGibhithe ngomlilo labasizi balo bonke sebeqothulwe. **9** Ngalolosuku izithunywa zizophuma zisuka kimi ngemikhumbi ziyetshayisa iKhushi ngovalo, ‘Ngubani ongalinganiswa lawe ngobucwazicwazi? **3**

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Cabanga i-Asiriya, eyake yaba ngumsedari eLebhanoni, olamagatsha amahle embese iihlathi ngomthunzi; wawumude uphezulu le, isihloko sawo singaphezu kwamahlamu avitshileyo. **4** Amanzi awondla, imithombo etshonayo yawenza wakhula waba mude; izifudlana zayo zageleza emaceleni esidindi sawo sonke, imisele yazo ayafika kuzozonke izihlahla zeganga. **5** Wawuphakeme kanjalo umude kulazo zonke izihlahla zeganga; ingatsha zawa zanda, ingatsha zawa zakhula zaba zinde zendlalekile ngenxa yobunengi bamanzi. **6** Zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni zakhela izidle zazo ezingatsheni zawa, zonke izinyamazana zeganga zazalela ngaphansi kwezingatsha zawa; zonke izizwe ezinkulu zahlala emthunzini wawa. **7** Wawunkanyazelha ngobuhle bawo, ngezingatsha zawa ezendlalekileyo, ngoba impande zawa zazitshona phansi emanznini 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 okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngoba wawumude uphezulu le, isihloko sawo siphakamele ngapezu kwezingatsha ezivitshileyo, njalo ngenxa yokuthi wawuziqhenya ngobude bawo, **11** ngawunikela kumbusi wezizwe ukuba awuphathe ngokufanele ububi bawo. Ngawulahlela eceleni, **12** njalo isizwe sasezizweni esilesihluku kulazo zonke sawucakazela phansi sawutshiya. Ingatsha zawa zawela phezu kwezintaba lasezigodini zonke, amagatsha awo ephukela ezindongeni zonke zelizwe. Zonke izizwe zasemhlabeni zasuka emthunzini wawa zawutshiya. **13** Zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni zahlala phezu kwestihlahla esiwileyo, lezinyamazana zonke zeganga zaziphakathi kwezingatsha zaso. **14** Ngakho kazikho ezinye izihlahla ngasemanznini ezizaphakama ngokuziqhenya phezulu le, zifikise izihloko zazo ngapezu kwezingatsha. Kazikho ezinye izihlahla ezizuba amanzi kuhle kanjalo ezizake zifike phezulu kangako; zonke zimiswelue ukufa, emhlabeni ongaphansi, phakathi kwabantu abafayo, kanye labo abehlela egodini. **15** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngosoku owehlisela ngalo engcwaben, ngavala imithombo etshonayo ngokulilewa kwavo, ngamisa izifudlana zawa, lamanzi awo amanengi avinjelwa. Ngenxa yawo ngembesa iLebhanoni ngomnyama, njalo zonke izihlahla zeganga zabuna. (**Sheol h7585**) **16** Ngenza izizwe zathuthunyeliswa ngumdumo wokuwa kwavo lapha ngawehlisela phansi engcwaben kanye labo abehlela phansi egodini. Lapho-ke zonke izihlahla zase-Edeni, ezikhethekileyo lezhinle kakhulu zaseLebhanoni, zonke izihlahla ezazithola amanzi kuhle, zaduduzeka ngaphansi komhlaba. (**Sheol h7585**) **17** Labo ababehlala emthunzini wawa, ababevumelana lawo phakathi kwezizwe, basebehlele phansi engcwaben kanye lawo, bahlangana labo ababulawa ngenkemba. (**Sheol h7585**) **18** Yisiphi sezihlahla zase-Edeni esingafaniswa lawe ngobuhle langobucwazicwazi na?

Ikanti lawe futhi uzakwehli selwa phansi ngaphansi komhlaba kanye lezhlahla zase-Edeni; uzalala phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. Lo nguFaro kanye lamaxuku akhe wonke, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.”

**32** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngenyanya yetshumi lambili ngosuku lokuqala, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, khala isilile ngoFaro inkosi yaseGibhithe uthi kuye: ‘Wena unjengesilwane phakathi kwezizwe; umjengesilo phakathi kolwandle, uvubavuba amanzi ezifuleni zakho, uchaphaze amanzi ngezinyawo zakho, ungcilda lezifula ngodaka. **3** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngoquqaba olukhulu lwabantu ngizaphosela imbulu lami phezu kwakho njalo bazakudonsela phezulu ngomambule wami. **4** Ngizakuphosela emhlabathini ngikudonsele egcekeni egangeni. Ngizakwenza zonke izinyoni zasemoyeni zihlale phezu kwakho lezinyamazana zonke zasemhlabeni zizitike kuwe. **5** Ngizachaya inyama yakho phezu kwezintaba njalo ngicgwaliise izigodi ngezidumbu zakho. **6** Ngizathambisa ilizwe ngegazi lakho eligeleza indawo yonke kusiya ezintabeni, lezindonga zizagcwala inyama yakho. **7** Lapho sengikucitsha, ngizakwembesa amazulu ngenze izinkanyeye zawa zibe myyama; ngizakwembesa ilanga neyezi, lenyanga ingabe isakhanyisa. **8** Zonke izibane ezikhanyisa emazulwini ngizazenza zibe myyama elizweni lakho, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **9** Ngizakhathaza inhliziyu zabantu abanengi lapho sengiletha ukuchithwa kwakho phakathi kwezizwe, phakathi kwamazwe ongazange uwazi. **10** Ngizakwenza abantu abanengi bamangale ngawe, lamakhos abo azathuthumela ngokwesaba ngenxa yakho lapho nginyikinya inkemba yami phambi kwavo. Ngosoku lokuwa kwakho lowo lalowo wabo uzaqhaqhazela isikhathi sonke sokuphila kwakhe. **11** Ngoba nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Inkemba yenkosy yaseBhabhiloni izamelana lawe. **12** Ngizakbulala zonke inkomo zabo ngaseduzane lamanzi amanengi angaphindi adungwe lunyawo lomuntu futhi kumbe angcoliswe ngamasondo enkomu ngodaka. **14** Lapho-ke ngizakwenza amanzi alo azinze lezifula zalo zigeleze njengamafutha, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **15** Lapho iGibhithe sengilichitha ngiphundla ilizwe lakho konke okukulo, lapho sengibacakazela phansi bonke abahlala khona, lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.” **16** Lesi yisililo esizaculewa iGibhithe. Amadodakazi ezizwe azasicula: azasicula iGibhithe kanye lamaxuku alo wonke, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.” **17** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili, ngosoku lwetshumi lanhlano lwenyanga, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **18** “Ndodana yomuntu, lilela amaxuku aseGibhithe njalo wehleise ngaphansi komhlaba kokubili lona iGibhithe kanye lamadodakazi ezizwe ezilamandla, labo abehlela phansi egodini. **19** Tshono kubo uthi, ‘Lina

liyathandwa kakhulu kulabanye na? Yehlelani phansi lilale phakathi kwabangasokanga.' **20** Bazafela phakathi kwalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. Inkemba isihwatshiwe; iGibhithe kalihudulwe lamaxuku alo wonke. **21** Abakhokheli abalamandla bazakutsho ngeGibhithe labamanyene layo bephakathi kwengcwaba bathi, 'Sebelele phansi njalo balele labangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba.' (**Sheol h7585**) **22** I-Asirya ikhona lebutho layo lonke; izungezwe ngamangcwaba abo bonke abayo ababulewyo; bonke ababulawa ngenkemba. **23** Amangcwaba abo asekuzikeni kwegodi njalo ibutho layo lilele lihanqe ingcwaba layo. Bonke abandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo babulewe, bebulawa ngenkemba. **24** I-Elamu ikhona, lamaxuku ayo wonke azungeze ingcwaba layo. Bonke babulewe, bebulawa ngenkemba. Bonke abandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo behlela phansi ngaphansi komhlaba bengasokanga. Bathwele ihlazo labo belalabo abehlela phansi egodini. **25** Yenzelwa umbheda phakathi kwababulewyo, lamaxuku ayo wonke ehanqe ingcwaba layo. Bonke kabasokanga, babulawa ngenkemba. Ngoba ukwesatshwa kwabo kwasckugcweli elizweni labaphilayo, bathwala ihlazo labo lababo abehlela phansi egodini; babeikwa phakathi kwababulewyo. **26** IMesheki leThubhalii akhona, lamaxuku awo wonke ezungeze amangcwaba awo. Wonke amaxuku kawasokanga, abulewe ngoba andisa ukwesatshwa kwawo elizweni labaphilayo. **27** Karje kawalele lamanye amabutho angasokanga awafayo, wona ehlela phansi engcwabeni lezikhalii zavo zempi, azinkemba zavo zabekwa ngaphansi kwamakhanda awo na? Isijeziso sezonzo zavo sahlala phezu kwamathambo awo, lanxa ukwesatshwa kwamabutho la kwagcwala elizweni labaphilayo. (**Sheol h7585**) **28** Lawe futhi, wena Faro, uzakwephulwa njalo ulale phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. **29** I-Edomi ikhona, amakhosi ayo lamakhosana ayo wonke; phezu kwamandila abo, balaliswa lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba. Balele labangasokanga, lalabo abehlela phansi egodini. **30** Wonke amakhosana asenyakatho kanya lamaSidoni wonke bakhona; behlela phansi lababulawayo behlazekile lanxa kulokwesaba okwabangelwa ngamandla abo. Balele bengasokanga kanya lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba njalo bathwala ihlazo labo lalabo abehlela phansi egodini. **31** impela; kaso afe. **32** Lanxa ngamenza wandisa ukwesaba elizweni labaphilayo, uFaro kanya lamaxuku akhe wonke, bazalaliswa phakathi kwabangasokanga, lalabo ababulawa ngenkemba, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosii.

lapho-ke nxa loba ngubani ozwa icilongo kodwa angasinaki isixwayiso njalo inkemba ifike imbulale, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. **5** Njengoba ukukhala kwecilongo ekuzwile kodwa kaze asinaka isixwayiso, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. Aluba ubesinakile isixwayiso, ubezazisindisa. **6** Kodwa nxa umlindi ebona inkemba isiza angatshayi icilongo axwayise abantu, njalo inkemba ifike ibulale omunye wabo, lowomuntu uzasuswa ngenxa yesono sakhe, kodwa mina ngizabeka umlandu wegazi lakhe kumlindi.' **7** Ndodana yomuntu, sengikwenze umlindi wendil ka-Israyeli; ngakho zwana ilizwi engilikulumayo ubanike isixwayiso esivela kimi. **8** Lapho ngisithi komubi, 'Wena muntu omubi, uzakufa impela,' njalo wena ungabe usakhulumu ukuba umyekelise izindlela zakhe, lowomuntu omubi uzafera izono zakhe, njalo mina ngikubeka umlandu wegazi lakhe. **9** Kodwa nxa umxwayisa umuntu omubi ukuba aphenduke ezindleleni zakhe kodwa angenzi njalo, uzafera izono zakhe, kodwa wena uzakuba uzsindisile. **10** Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kuyo indlu ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku elikutshoyo ukuthi, "Iziphambeko zethu lezono ziyyasinda, njalo siyacikizeka ngenxa yazo. Pho singaphila njani na?"' **11** Tshono kubo uthi, 'Ngeeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhosii, 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, kaso avunyelwe ukuphila ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe kwakuqala.' **13** Nxa ngitsheha umuntu olungileyo ukuthi impela uzaphila, kodwa abe esethema ukulunga kwakhe enze okubi, akukho okwezinto ezelungileyo azenzayo okuzakhunjulwa; uzafera okubi asekwenzile. **14** Njalo nxa ngisithi emuntwini omubi, 'Impela uzakufa,' kodwa aphenduke ezonwени zakhe enze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo, **15** lapho ebuyisela lokho akuthatha kuyisibambiso salokho akwebolekisayo, abuyisele akwebayo, alandele izimiso ezinika ukuphila, angenzi okubi, uzaphila azenzayo esizakhunjulwa ngaye. Usenize okufaneleyo lokulungileyo; uzaphila impela. **17** Ikanti abantu bakini bathi, 'Indlela ka-Thixo kayilunganga.' Kodwa neyaboo indlela engalunganga. **18** Nxa umuntu olungileyo eguuka ekulungeni kwakhe enze okubi, uzakufela lokho. **19** Njalo nxa umuntu omubi ephenduka ebubini bakhe enze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo, uzaphila

**33** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma labantu bakini uthi kubo, 'Lapho ngiletha inkemba ukumelana lelizwe, abantu balelolizwe bakhethi omunye wamadoda akibo bamenze abe ngumlindi, 3 abone inkemba isizamelana lelizwe abesetshaya icilongo exwayisa abantu, 4 ngenxa yokwenzanjalo. 20 Ikanti, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, uthi, 'Indlela kaThixo kayilunganga.' Kodwa mina ngizakwahlhulelo lolo walowo wenu ngokufanele izindlela zakhe." 21 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokuthunjwa kwethu, ngenyanya yetshumi ngosuku lwieshlanu, umuntu owayebalekele ejerusalemena wafika kimi wathi. "Idolobha selingotshiwei!" 22

Kusihlwa umuntu lowo engakafiki, isandla sikaThixo kwamaqaqa wonke. Zazihlakazekele emhlabeni wonke, sasiphezu kwami, njalo wavula umlomo wami njalo kakho owazidingayo loba owazicingayo. 7 Ngakho, umuntu lowo engakafiki ekuseni. Ngakho umlomo wami wawusuvuliwe njalo ngangingasathulanga. 23 Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kimi lisithi: 24 "Ndodana yomuntu, abantu abahlala emanxiwени lawana elizweni lako-Israyeli bathi, 'U-Abrahama wayengumuntu zonke zeganga, njalo ngenxa yokuthi abelusi bami oyedwa nje kuphela, ikanti ilizwe lalingelakhe. kabawudinganga umhlambi kodwa bazikhathalela Kodwa thina sibanengi; impela ilizwe siliphie bona ngokwabo kulomhlambi wami, 9 ngakho-njengelifa lethu.' 25 Ngakho tshono kubo uthi, ke lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo elithi: 10 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Njengoba lisidla inyama ilokhu ilegazi lithembe izithombe zenu njalo lichithe legazi, kambe lingaba ngabanikazi izinto ezenyanyekayo, njalo omunye lomunye wenu ngcolisa umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe. Kambe lingaba ngabanikazi belizwe na?' 27 Tshono lokhu kubo uthi: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, labo abaseleyo emanxiweni bazabulawa ngenkemba, labo abangaphandle egangeni ngizabani kela ezinyamazaneni zeganga ukuba badliwe, njalo labo abasezingabeni lasezimbalwini bazabulawa yisifo. 28 Ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lugwadule oluphundlekileyo, njalo ukuziqhenya kwamandla kuze kungabikhona odlula kuzo. 29 Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, nxa sengenze ilizwe laba lugwadule oluphundlekileyo ngenxa yezinto ezenyanyekayo abazenileyo.' 30 Okunjengawe, ndodana yomuntu, abantu bakini bakhulumisana ngawe emidulini laseminyango yezindlu besithi, omunye komunye, 'Woza uvezkuwa ilizwi eselifike livela kuThixo.' 31 Abantu bami bayafika kuwe, njengabajayele ukukwenza, bahlale phambi kwakho ukuba bezwe amazwi akho, kodwa akutshoyo kabakwenzi. Ngemilomo yabo batsho ukuzinikela, kodwa inhlizyo zabo zihawukela inzudo engafanelanga. 32 Ngempela, kubo wena kawusilutho olungedlula umuntu ohlabela izingoma zothando ngelizwi elihle njalo esitshaya kuhle isiginci, ngoba amazwi akho bayawewza, kodwa akutshoyo kabakwenzi. 33 Nxa konke lokhu sekugcwaisikele njalo impela kuzakwenzakala, lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi umphrefethi ubekhona phakathi kwabantu."

**34** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: 2 "Ndodana yomuntu, phrefetha okubi ngabelusi bako-Israyeli; phrefetha uthi kubo: 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Maye kini lina belusi bako-Israyeli elizikhathalelayo lina ngokwenu kuphela! Abelusi akumelanga bakhathalele umhlambi wezimvu na? 3 Lidla izankefu, ligqoke uboya njalo lihlabe ezinonileyo, kodwa imihlambi yenu kaliyelusi. 4 Ezibuthakathaka kaliziqinisanga kumbe lelapha ezigulayo loba labopha ezilimeleyo. Kalinqandanga eziphambukileyo loba ladinga ezilahlekileyo. Lizibuse ngochuku langesihluku. 5 Ngakho zahlakazekele ngoba kwakungelamelusi, njalo kwathi lapho sezihlakazekele zaba yikudla kwazo zonke izinyamazana zeganga. 6 Izimvu zami zantula phezu kwezintaba zonke laphezu

lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo elithi: 8 Ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, ngoba umhlambi wami uswela umelusi ngakho usuphangiwe njalo usube yikudla kwezinyamazana 'Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Njengelana lisidla inyama ilokhu ilegazi lithembe izithombe labelusi njalo ngizababekha umlandu wezimvu zami. Ngizabasusa ewkeluseni umhlambi, abelusi bangabe belizwe na?' 26 Lithembe inkemba yenu, lenza besaba lokudla. Ngizawuhluthuna umhlambi wami emilonyeni yabo, njalo kawuyikuba yikudla kwabo futhi. 11 Ngoba nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Mina ngokwami ngizadinga izimvu zami ngizeluse. 12 Njengomelusi eluse umhlambi wakhe ohlakaze kileyo elawo, ngizazelusa kanjalo izimvu zami. Ngizazihlenga ezindaweni zonke ezahlakaze kela kuzo ngosoku lwamayezi lomnyama. 13 Ngizazikhupha ezizweni ngizibuthe emazweni, njalo ngizazisa elizweni lazo uqobo. Ngizazidisa phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli, ezihotsheni kanye lasemizaneni yonke eselizweni. 14 Ngizazelusela emadlelweni amahle, njalo iziqqongo zezintaba zako-Israyeli zizakuba ngumhlaba wedlelo lazo. Khonapho zizalala phansi emhlabeni olidlelo elihle, njalo khonapho zizakudla eddlelweni elivundileyo phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. 15 Mina ngokwami ngizazelusa izimvu zami njalo ngizazilalisa phansi, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. 16 Ngizadinga ezilahlekileyo ngingqande eziphambukileyo. Ngizabophha ezilimeleyo ngiqinise ezibuthakathaka. Ezinonileyo leziqinileyo ngizazibulala. Umhlambi ngizawelusa ngokulunga. 17 Okunjengawe, mhlambi wami, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwenye imvu lenye kanye laphakathi kwenqama lembuzi. 18 Kwanale yini kini ukudla emadlelweni amahle na? Kambe kumele lize linyatthele amanyo amadlelo enu ngezinyawo zenu na? Kakwanelanga kini na ukunatha amanzi ahlanzekileyo? Kambe kumele lingcolise aseyole ngezinyawo zenu na? 19 Umhlambi kumele udle elikunyatthelejo njalo unathe lokho elikungcolise ngezinyawo zenu na? 20 Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: kuzo: Khangelani, mina ngokwami ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwezimvu ezinonileyo lezimvu ezicakileyo. 21 Ngoba liyafuqa ngemihlubulo langamahlombe, ligqubule zonke imbuza ezbuthakathaka ngempondo zenu lize lizixotshele khatshana. 22 Ngizahlenga umhlambi wami, njalo kawuyikuphangwa futhi. Ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwenye imvu lenye. 23 Phezu kwazo ngizabeka umelusi oyedwa, inceku yami uDavida, uzazelusa; uzazelusa abe ngumelusi wazo. 24 Mina Thixo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wazo, njalo inceku yami uDavida izakuba yinkosana phakathi kwazo. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile. 25 Ngizakwenza isivurnelwano sokuthula lazo njalo ngixotshe izilo zeganga elizweni ukuze ziyejhala

enkangala kuthi izimvu zihlale emahlathini zigcinakale. **26** Ngizazibusisa kanye lezindawo ezihanqe intaba yami. Ntaba yeSeyiri, wena kanye le-Edomi yonke. Lapho-ke Ngizakwehlisa imikhizo ngesikhathi sayo; kuzakuba bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.”

lemikhizo yesibusiso. **27** Izihlahla zeganga zizathela izithelo zazo njalo lomhlabathi uzathela izilimo zavo; abantu bazahlaliseka elizweni labo. Bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, lapho sengisephula imiqoqo 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 negezilimo zalo, njalo kabayikuhltshwa yindlala futhi elizweni loba bathwale ihlazo lezizwe. **30** Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina, UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, ngilabo kanye lokuthi bona, indlu ka-Israyeli, bangabantu bami, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **31** Lina zimvu zami, zimvu zedlelo lami, lingabantu bami, njalo mina nginguNkulunkulu wenu, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.”

**35** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** kwami okukhulu sengikhulume ngimelana lezinye izizwe njalo lange-Edomi lonke, ngoba ngokuthaba eNtabeni iSeyiri; uphrofithe okubi ngayo **3** uthi: ‘Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngimelane lawe, Ntaba Seyiri, njalo ngizakwelula isandla sami ukumelana lawe ngikwenze ube lugwadule oluphundlekileyo. **4** Ngizakwenza amadolobho akho abe ngamanxiwa lawe uzachithwa. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **5** Ngoba wagcina inzondo yasendulo wanikela ama-Israyeli enkembeni ngesikhathi sosizi lwavo, lapho isijeziso sawo sasesifike ekucineni, **6** ngakho-ke ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, ngizakunikela ekuchithekeni kwegazi njalo kuzakulandela. **7** Ngizakwenza iNtaba iSeyiri ibe lugwadule oluphundlekileyo, njalo ngiqede kuyo bonke abafika bahambe. **8** Ngizagcwala isintaba zakho ngababuleweyo; labo ababulawe ngenkemba bazawela phezu kwamaqaqa akho lasezigidini zakho kanye lasezindongeni zakho zonke. **9** Ngizakwenza uchitheke okwanininini; amadolobho akho kawayikuhlwala muntu. Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **10** Ngoba wena uthi, “Izizwe lezi ezimbili lanazwe la amabili kuzakuba ngokwethu njalo sizakuthatha,” lanxa mina Thixo ngangikhonapho. **11** Ngakho-ke ngeqiniso elinjengoba ngikhona, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, ngizakuphatha ngokufanele ukuthukuthela lobukhwele owakubonakalisayo ekubazondeni kwakho njalo ngizakwenza mina ngazakale phakathi kwabo lapho sengikwahluropa. **12** Lapho-ke uzakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo sengizizwile zonke izinto ezenyanekayo owayitshoyo ngezintaba zako-Israyeli. Wathi, “Sezichithiwe njalo sezinkelwe kithi ukuba sizitshwabadele.” **13** Wazikhukhumeza kubi ngami njalo wakhulumha kubi ngami kungekho kuzibamba, njalo ngakuzulu lokho. **14** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Kuzakuthi umhlabu wonke uthokoza, mina ngizakwenza uphundleke. **15** Ngoba wena wathokoza lapho ilifa lendlu ka-Israyeli lichitheka, leyo yiyo indlela engizakuphatha ngayo. Uzaphundleka, wena zako-Israyeli uthi: ‘Lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo. **2** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Isitha satsho ngani sathi, ‘Awu! Iziqongo zasednulo sezibe yilifa lethu.’” **3** Ngakho-ke phrofetha uthi, ‘Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngoba baliphanga njalo balixotsha bevela ezinhlangothini zonke laze laba yilifa lezinye izizwe lento yokunyeywa lokuchothozwa ngabantu, **4** ngakho-ke, lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo Wobukhos: Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos kuzu izintaba lamaqaqa, ezindongeni lasezigidini, emanxiweni aphundlekileyo lasemadolbeni atshiyiweyo aphangwayo njalo ahlekwa ngezinye izizwe ezikuhangileyo, **5** nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngokutshiseka kwami okukhulu sengikhulume ngimelana lezinye izizwe njalo lange-Edomi lonke, ngoba ngokuthaba langenzondo ezinhliziyeweni zabo benza ilizwe lami elabo ukuze baphange amadelo alo.’ **6** Ngakho phrofetha ngelizwe lako-Israyeli uthi kuzu izintaba lamaqaqa, indonga lezigidodi: Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngikhuluma ngolaka lwami olulobukhwele ngoba lithwale isithuko sesizwe. **7** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngifunga izandla ziphakanyiselwe phezulu ukuthi izizwe ezilihanqileyo lazo zizathwala isithuko. **8** Kodwa lina, lina zintaba zako-Israyeli, lizaveza ingatsha lezithelo zabantu bami u-Israyeli, ngoba sebezakuza ekhaya masinyane nje. **9** Ngiyalinqinekela njalo ngizalikhanga ngomusa; lizalinywa lihlanyelwe, **10** njalo ngizakwandisa inani labantu phezu kwenu, lakyuo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli, Amadolobho kuzahalwa kuwo futhi lamanxiwa avuselelwe. **11** Ngizakwandisa inani labantu lelezinyamazana phezu kwenu: njalo kuzazalana kwande. Ngizahalisa abantu phezu kwenu njengakudala njalo ngizalenza liphumelele kakhulu kulakudala. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **12** Ngizakwenza abantu, abantu bami bako-Israyeli bahambe phezu kwenu. Bazalenza libe ngabobo, njalo lizakuba yilifa labo; kalyikubemuka abantwana babo futhi. **13** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngoba abantu bathi kini, ‘Lidla abantu lemuke isizwe senu abantwana baso, **14** ngakho-ke kalyikudla abantu futhi loba lenze isizwe senu singabi labantwana, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **15** Angiyikulenza lizwe izibhinqo zeziqwe, njalo kalisayikuthwala izithuko zabantu loba ngenze ukuba isizwe senu siwe, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.’” **16** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi njalo lisithi: **17** “Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha kuzo izintaba zako-Israyeli besahlala elizweni labo, yomuntu, abantu bako-Israyeli besahlala elizweni labo, balingcolisa ngendlela abaziphatha ngayo langezenzo zabo. Ukuziphatha kwabo kwakufana lokungcola kowesifazane kwanyanya zonke emehlwemi ami. **18** Ngakho ngehlisela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngoba babechithe igazi elizweni njalo ngoba babelingcolisile

ngezithombe zabo. **19** Ngabachithela phakathi kwezizwe, njalo bahlakazekela emazweni; ngabahlulela ngokufanele ukuziphatha kwabo kanye lezenzo zabo. **20** Loba ngaphi abaya khona phakathi kwezizwe balincolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, ngoba kwathiwa ngabo, ‘Laba ngabantu bakaThixo, kodwa basuswa elizweni.’ **21** Nganqinekela ibizo lami elingcwele, elangcoliswa yindlu ka-Israyeli phakathi kwezizwe abaya kuzo. **22** Ngakho tshono endlini ka-Israyeli uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Akusingenxa yakho, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, ukuthi ngizakwenza izinto lezi, kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami elingcwele, osulingcolisile phakathi kwezizwe lapho oye khona. **23** Ngizabonakalisa ubungcwele bebizo elikhulu, eselingcolisiwe phakathi kwezizwe, ibizo osulingcolisile phakathi kwazo. Lapho-ke izizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos, lapho sengizibonakalisa ngingcwele ngawe phambi kwamehlo azo. **24** Ngoba ngizakususa ezizweni; ngizakuqoqa emazweni wonke ngikubuyisele elizweni lakho. **25** Ngizakuchela ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo, uzahlambuluka; ngizakuhlambulula kukho konke ukungcola kwakho kanye lakuzo zonke izithombe zakho. **26** Ngizakunika inhliziyo eritsha ngifake lomoya omutsha phakathi kwakho; ngizasusa kuwe inhliziyo yakho yelitshe ngikunike inhliziyo yenyama. **27** Njalo ngizafaka uMoya wami phakathi kwakho ngikwenze ulandele izimiso zami njalo unanzelele ukugcina imithetho yami. **28** Lizahlala elizweni engalinika okhokho benu; lizakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu. **29** Ngizalikhulula kukho konke ukungcola kwenu. Ngizabiza amabele ngiwenze abe manengi njalo angiyikuletha indlala kini. **30** Ngizakwandisa izithelo zezihlahla kanye lamabele emasimini, ukuze lingabi lehlazo futhi phakathi kwezizwe ngenxa yendlala. **31** Lapho-ke lizakhumbula izindlela zenu ezimbi kanye lezono zenu ezingalunganga, njalo lizazizonda lina ngokwenu ngenxa yezono kanye lezenzo zenu ezenyanyekayo. **32** Ngifuna ukuba likwazi ukuthi lokhu angikwenzeli lina, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Yangeka ubo lenhloni ngenxa yokuziphatha kwakho, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli! **33** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngosuku engizakuhlambulula ngalo ezonweni zakho zonke, ngizahlalisa abantu emadolbenhi akho, njalo lamanxiwa azavuselelo. **34** Ilizwe eliphundlekileyo lizalinywa kulokuthi lihlale liphundlekile emehlweni abo bonke abadabula phakathi kwalo. **35** Bazakuthi, “Ilizwe leli elaselenziwe laba lugwadule selibe njengesivande se-Edeni; amadolobho ayesengamanxiwa, ephundlekile njalo echithekile, khathesi asevikelwe ngezinqaba njalo sekuhlala abantu kuwo.” **36** Lapho-ke izizwe ezilihanqileyo eziseleyo zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo sengikwakhe kutsha okwakudiliziwe njalo sengikuhlanyele kutsha okwakuphundlekile. Mina Thixo sengikhulumile njalo ngizakwenza lokhu.” **37** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizasivuma njalo isicelo sendlu ka-Israyeli ngibenzele lokhu; Ngizakwenza abantu bakibo babebanengi njengezimvu,

**38** babebanengi njengemihlambi yemihlatshelo ejeruselema ngesikhathi semikhosi yalo emisiweyo. Ngokunjalo amadolobho achithekayo azagcwala ngamaxuku abantu. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.”

**37** Isandla sikaThixo sasiphezu kwami, njalo wangkhuphela phandle ngoMoya kaThixo wangibeka phakathi kwasigodi; sasigcwele amathambo. **2** Wangisa emuva laphambili phakathi kwavo, njalo ngabona amathambo amanengi kakhulu phansi esigodini, amathambo ome kakhulu. **3** Wangibuwa bathi, “Ndodana yomuntu, kambe amathambo la angaphila na?” Mina ngathi, “Awu Thixo Wobukhos, wena kuphela nguwe owaziyo.” **4** Wasesithi kimi, “Phrefetha emathanjeni la uthi kuwo, ‘Mathambo omileyo, zwanini ilizwi likaThixo! **5** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos emathanjeni la: Ngizakwenza umoya ungene phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakuba lokuphila. **6** Ngizaxhuma imisipha kini ngenze inyama ihlume phezu kwenu njalo ngibeke ijwabu phezu kwenu; ngizafaka umoya phakathi kwenu, njalo lizakuba lokuphila. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.” **7** Ngakho ngaphrofitha njengokulaywa kwami. Kwathi ngisaphrofitha, kwaba lomsindo, umsindo okhehlezelo, njalo amathambo aqoqana ndawonye, ithambo ethanjeni. **8** Ngakhangel, imisipha lenyama kwavela phezu kwavo kwathi ijwabu lawembesa, kodwa kwakungelamoya phakathi kwavo. **9** Wasesithi kimi, “Phrefetha emoyeni, phrefetha, ndodana yomuntu, uthi kuwo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Woza, wena moyo, uvela ezindaweni zonke, uphefumulele kubo ababulawayo, ukuba baphile.’” **10** Ngakho ngaphrofitha njengokungilaya kwakhe, umoya wasungena kuwo; aba lokuphila njalo ema ngenyawo zawo, kulixuku elikhulukazi. **11** Wasesithi kimi: “Ndodana yomuntu, amathambo la ayiyo yonke indlu ka-Israyeli. Bona bathi, ‘Amathambo ethu omile njalo ithembu lethu selishabalele; sesihunundiwe.’” **12** Ngakho phrefetha uthi kubo: ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Awu bantu bami, ngizavula amangcwaba enu ngilivuse kuwo; ngizalibuyisela elizweni lako-Israyeli. **13** Lapho-ke, lina bantu bami, lizakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo, lapho sengivula amangcwaba enu ngilivusa kuwo. **14** Ngizafaka uMoya wami phakathi kwenu njalo lizaphila, futhi ngizalihlalisa elizweni lenu. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo sengikhulumile, njalo sengikwenzile lokho, kutsho uThixo.” **15** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **16** “Ndodana yomuntu, thatha uluthi lwasigodo, ulobe kulo ukuthi, ‘NgolukJuda labako-Israyeli amanyane laye.’ Emva kwalokho thatha olunye njalo uluthi lwasigodo, ulobe kulo ukuthi, ‘Uluthi luka-Efrayimi, olukJosefa kanye lendlu yonke ka-Israyeli emanyene laye.’” **17** Zihlanganise ndawonye zibe yiluthi olulodwa ukuze zibe luthilunye esandleni sakho. **18** Lapho abantu bakini bekubuza besithi, ‘Kawuyikusitshela na ukuthi utshoni ngalokhu?’ **19** uthi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngizathatha uluthi lukajosefa olusesandleni sika-

Efrayimi lolwezizwana zako-Israyeli ezimanyene laye, njalo uzaceba isu elibi. **11** Uzakuthi, “Ngizahlasela ngiluhlanganise loluthi lukaJuda, ngizenze zibe yiluthi ilizwe elilemizi engelamithangala; ngizahlasela abantu lunye lwsigodo, njalo zizakuba ngolulodwa esandleni abalokuthula abanganakaneli lutho, bonke abahlezi sami.” **20** Izinti olobe kuzo ziphathe phambi kwamehlo bengelamithangala njalo bengelamasango lemigoqo. **12** abo **21** uthi kubo, ‘Nanku okutshiro nguThixo Ngizaphanga njalo ngithumbe ngiphinde ngiguulele Wobukhos: Ngizakhupha ama-Israyeli ezizweni aya isandla sami ekumeleni amanxiwa asahlaliswa abantu kuzo. Ngizawaqoqa ezindaweni zonke ngiwayabuyisele lasebantwini abaqoqwa eizizweni, abalezfuyo ezinengi elizweni lawo. **22** Ngizawenza abe yisizwe sinye lempahla, abahlala enkabeni yelizwe.” **13** IShebha elizweni, phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. Kuzakuba leDedani kanye labathengisi bonke base Thashishi lenkosi eyodwa phezu kwabo bonke njalo akuyikuba lemizi yalo yonke bazakuthi kuwe, “Lande ukuzaphanga lezizwe ezimbili futhi kumbe behlukaniswe ukuba na? Uqoqe amaxuku akho ukuba uthumbé, uthathe yimibuso emibili. **23** Kabasayikuzingcolisa ngezithombe isiliva legolide, uthathe izifuyo kanye lempahla zabo langezifanekiso zabo enyanyekayo loba ngezinye njalo uthumbé impango enengi na?” **14** Ngakho, zeziphambeko zabo, ngoba ngizabasindisa kukho ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi kuGogi: ‘Nanku konke ukuhlehlala kwabo emuva esonweni, njalo okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngalosuku, lapho ngizabahlambulula. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina abantu bami u-Israyeli sebehlah la ekuvikelweni, ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo. **24** Inceku yami kawuyikukubona na? **15** Uzakuza uvela endaweni uDavidia uzakuba yinkosi yabo, njalo bonke bazakuba yakho khatshana le enyakatho, wena kanye lezizwe lomelusi munye. Bazalandela imithetho yami njalo ezinengi ezilawe, zonke zigade amabhiza, ixuku bananzelele ukugcina izimiso zami. **25** Bazahlala elikhulukazi, ibutho elilamandla. **16** Uzaqhube ka elizweni engalinika inceku yami ujakhobe, ilizwe umelana labantu bami u-Israyeli njenyezei elisibekel lapho oyihlo ababehlala khona. Bona labantwana ilizwe. Ensukwini eezizayo, wena Gogi, ngizakwenza babo kanye labantwana babantwana babo bazahlala umelane lelizwe lami, ukuze izizwe zingazi lapho khona kokuphela, njalo uDavidia inceku yami sengizbonakalisa ngingcweli ngawe phambi kwazo. uzakuba yinkosana yabo kokuphela. **26** Ngizakwenza **17** Nanku okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Kanti isivumelwano sokuthula labo; sizakuba yisivumelwano kawusuwe yini engakhulumu ngawe ensukwini esingayikuphela. **27** Indawo yami yokuhlala izakuba zakudala ngezincekz amabaphrofethi bako-Israyeli kubo; ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, njalo bona bazakuba ngabantu bami. **28** Lapho-ke izizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo ngenza u-Israyeli abengcweli, nxa indlu yami engcweli iphakathi kwabo nini lanini.”

**38** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lisithi: **2** “Ndodana yomuntu, khangelisa ubuso bakho bumelane loGogi, owaselizweni laseMagogi, inkosana enku yaseMesheki kanye laseThubhali; phrofetha kubi ngaye **3** uthi: ‘Nanku okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngimelana lawe, wena Gogi, nkosana enku yaseMesheki kanye laseThubhali. **4** Ngizakutshibilikisa, ngifake amawuka emihlathini yakho ngikukhuphe lebutho lakho lonke, amabhiza akho, abagadi bamabhiza bakho behlome bephele, lexuku elikhulukazi lilamahawu amancane lamakhulu, bonke benyikinya izinkemba zabo. **5** IPhezhiya, leKhushi kanye lePhuthi bazakuba belabo, bonke belamahawu lezingowane, **6** njalo leGomeri lamabutho ayo wonke, kanye leBhethi Thogarima ivela khatshana enyakatho lamabutho ayo wonke, izizwe ezinengi ezilawe. **7** Lunga; zilungisele, wena kanye lamaxuku wonke abuthene emaceleni akho wonke, uwalawule. **8** Emva kwensuku ezinengi uzabizelwa empini. Eminyakeni ezayo uzahlasela ilizwe eselisindile empini, elilabantu balo ababuthwa ezizweni ezinbasiwa ezintabeni zako-Israyeli ezaziphundlekile okwesikhathi eside. Babekhutshiwe eizizweni, khathesi bonke bahlezi ekuvelekeni. **9** Wena lamabutho akho wonke kanye lezizwe ezinengi ezilawe lizakuya khonale, liqhubeka njengesiphepho; lizakuba njenyezei lisibekeli ilizwe. **10** Lokhu yikho okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngalosuku kuzafika imicabango engqondweni yakho

njalo uzaceba isu elibi. **11** Uzakuthi, “Ngizahlasela abalokuthula abanganakaneli lutho, bonke abahlezi bengelamithangala njalo bengelamasango lemigoqo. **12** Ngizaphanga njalo ngithumbe ngiphinde ngiguulele isandla sami ekumeleni amanxiwa asahlaliswa abantu kuzo. Ngizawaqoqa ezindaweni zonke ngiwayabuyisele lasebantwini abaqoqwa eizizweni, abalezfuyo ezinengi elizweni lawo. **13** IShebha elizweni, phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. Kuzakuba leDedani kanye labathengisi bonke base Thashishi lenkosi eyodwa phezu kwabo bonke njalo akuyikuba lemizi yalo yonke bazakuthi kuwe, “Lande ukuzaphanga lezizwe ezimbili futhi kumbe behlukaniswe ukuba na? Uqoqe amaxuku akho ukuba uthumbé, uthathe yimibuso emibili. **14** Ngakho, zeziphambeko zabo, ngoba ngizabasindisa kukho ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha uthi kuGogi: ‘Nanku konke ukuhlehlala kwabo emuva esonweni, njalo okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngalosuku, lapho ngizabahlambulula. Bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina abantu bami u-Israyeli sebehlah la ekuvikelweni, ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo. **15** Uzakuza uvela endaweni uDavidia uzakuba yinkosi yabo, njalo bonke bazakuba yakho khatshana le enyakatho, wena kanye lezizwe lomelusi munye. Bazalandela imithetho yami njalo ezinengi ezilawe, zonke zigade amabhiza, ixuku bananzelele ukugcina izimiso zami. **16** Bazahlala elikhulukazi, ibutho elilamandla. **17** Nanku okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Kanti isivumelwano sokuthula labo; sizakuba yisivumelwano kawusuwe yini engakhulumu ngawe ensukwini esingayikuphela. **18** Indawo yami yokuhlala izakuba zakudala ngezincekz amabaphrofethi iminyaka eminengi na? Ngalesosikhathi baphrofetha iminyaka eminengi ukuthi ngangizakwenza umelane labo. **19** Nanku okuzakwenzakala ngalosuku: Lapho uGogi esehlasela ilizwe lako-Israyeli ulaka lwami oluvuthayo luzavuka, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **20** Ngokutshiseka kwami langolaka lwami oluvuthayo ngithi ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu elizweni lako-Israyeli. **21** Inhlanzi zasolwandle, izinyoni zasemoyeni, izinyamazana zeganga, zonke izidalwa ezihamba phansi, labantu bonke abasemhlabeni kuzathuthumela ngokuba khona kwami. Izintaba zizagenqulwa, amawa azabhidliko njalo lemiduli yonke izawela phansi. **22** Ngizalaya inkemba imelane loGogi kuzozonke izintaba zami, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Inkemba yomuntu ngamunye izamelana lomfawabo. **23** Ngizamahlulela ngesifo langokuchithwa kwegazi; ngizathululela phansi iziqlambi zezulu, isiqhotho lesolufa etshisayo phezu kwakhe laphezu kwamabutho akhe kanye laphezu kwezizwe ezinengi ezilaye. **24** Ngalokho ngizabonakalisa ubukhulu bami lobungcweli bami, njalo ngizakwenza ngazakale phambi kwezizwe ezinengi. Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo.”

**39** “Ndodana yomuntu, phrofetha kubi ngoGogi uthi, ‘Nanku okutshiro nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngimelana lawe, wena Gogi, nkosana enku 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. Ngizakunikelka kuzozonke izinhlobo zezinyoni ezdla ingcuba kanye lasezinyamazaneni zeganga. **5** Uzafela egangeni, ngoba sengikhulumile, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **6** Ngizathumela umlilo eMagogi lakulabo abahlezi ngokuvikeleka emazweni angasolwandle, njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo. **7** Ngizakwenza ibizo lami elingcwelle lazakale phakathi kwabantu bami u-Israyeli. Kangisayikuyekela ibizo lami elingcwelle lingcoliswa futhi, lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi mina Thixo ngingoNgcwele ka-Israyeli. **8** Kuyezal Kuzakwenzakala impela, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. Lolu yilo usuku engakhuluma ngalo. **9** Lapho-ke labo abahlala emadolobheni ako-Israyeli bazaphuma basebenzise izikhali njengenkuni bazibase zitshe amahawu amancane lamakhulu, amadandili lemitshoko, izagila zempi kanye lemikhonto. Bazazisebenzisa ekubaseni umlilo iminyaka eyisikhombisa. **10** Akuyikusweleka ukuba batheze inkuni egangeni loba bazigamule emahlathini, ngoba bazabasa izikhali. Njalo bazaphanga labo ababaphangayo bathathethe lalabo ababathathelayo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **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 ezyisikhombisa ukuze kuhanjululwe ilizwe. **13** Abantu bonke belizwe bazabangcwaba, njalo usuku engizadunyiswa ngalo luzakuba lusuku olukhunjulwayo kubo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **14** Abantu bazakuba beqhatshwa ngezikathhi ukuba bahlambulule ilizwe. Abanye bazahamba ilizwe lonke njalo, phezu kwabo, abanye bazangcwaba labo abasala phezu komhlabathi. Ekupheleni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa bazaqlisa ukudinga kwabo. **15** Behamba phakathi kweлизwe omunye wabo angabona ithambo lomuntu, uzamisa isibonakaliso phansi kwalo abagebhi bamangcwaba base balimbeli esiGodini sikaHamoni Gogi. **16** Idlobho elithiwa yiHamona lalo lizakuba khonapho. Ilizwe bazalihlambulula kanjalo.” **17** Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Memezela kuzozonke inhlobo zezinyoni lakuzo zonke izinyamazana zeganga uthi: ‘Buthanani livela ezindaweni zonke lize ndawonye emhlatselweni engililungisela wona, umhlatshelo omkhulu phezu kwezintaba zako-Israyeli. Lapho lizakudla inyama linathe igazi. **18** Lizakudla inyama yamadoda alamandla linathe legazi lezikhulu zasemhlabeni kube angathi bebezingama lamawundlu, imbuzi lenkunzi, konke kuyizifuyo ezinonisiweyo ezivela eBhashani. **19** Emhlatselweni engililungisela wona, lizakudla amahwahwa lize lisuthisise njalo linathe legazi lize lidakwe. **20** Etafuleni lami lizakudla lisuthe amabhiza labagadi, amadoda alamandla kanye lamabutho ezinhlobo zonke,” kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **21** “Ngizabonakalisa inkazimulo yami phakathi kwezizwe, njalo izizwe zonke zizasibona isijeziso engisilethayo lesanda engisibeka phezu kwabo. **22** Kusukela ngalolosuku kusiya phambili indlu ka-Israyeli izakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. **23** Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi abantu bako-Israyeli bathunjwa ngenxa yesono sabo, ngoba ngabanikela ezitheni zabo, njalo bonke babulawa ngerenkemba. **24** Ngabaphatha ngokufanele ukungcola kwabo kanye leziphambeko zabo, njalo ngabafihlela ubuso bami. **25** Ngakho ke nanku okutshivo nguThixo Wobukhos: Khathesi sengizambuyisa ujakhobe evela ekuthunjweni njalo ngizatshisekela ibizo lami elingcwelle. **26** Bazalikhohlwa ihlazo labo lakho konke ukungathembeki abakwenza kimi lapho babehlez i bevikeleleli elizweni labo engekho owayengabenza besabe. **27** Lapho sengibabuyisile bevela ezizweni njalo sengibaqqole bevela emazweni ezitha zabo, ngizazibonakalisa ngingcwelle ngabo phambi kwezizwe ezinengi. **28** Lapho-ke bazakwazi ukuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba lanxa ngabasa ekuthunjweni phakathi kwezizwe, ngizabaqqola elizweni labo, ngingatshiyi lamunye emuva. **29** Kangisayikubafihlela ubuso bami futhi, ngoba ngizathululela uMoya wami phezu kwendlu ka-Israyeli, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.”

**40** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lanhlanu wokuthunjwa kwethu, ekuqaliseni komnyaka, ngosuku lwetshumi lwenyanga, ngomnyaka wetshumi lane emva kokuthunjwa kwedolobho, ngalolosuku isandla sikaThixo sasisiphezu kwami njalo wangithatha wangisa khona. **2** Ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa elizweni lako-Israyeli wangibeka phezu kwentaba ende kakhulu, eceleni langaseningizimu kwayo kulezindlu ezaizingathi lidolobho. **3** Wangisa khonapho, ngasengibona umuntu owayengathi lithusi, wayemi esangweni esandleni ephethe intambo yelineni loluthi lokulinganisa. **4** Umuntu lowo wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngamehlo akho njalo uwwe ngezindlebe zakho, uqaphelisise konke engizakutshengisa khona, ngoba leso yiso isizatho osilethelo lapha. Tshela indlu yak-Israyeli konke okubona lapha.” **5** Ngabona umduli uzingeleze ithempeli ngokupheleleyo. Ubude boluthi lokulinganisa olwaluphethwe ngumuntu lowo babuzingalo eziyisithupa, eyodwa kuingalo lobubanzi besandla. Walinganisa umduli; ubuqatha bawo babululuthi lokulinganisa olulodwa lobude bululuthi olulodwa. **6** Emva kwalokho waya esangweni elikhangele empumalanga. Wakhwela ngezinyathelo zalo walinganisa umbundu wesango; wawululuthi olulodwa ukutshona kwano. **7** Izindlwana zabalindi zaziluluthi olulodwa ubude loluthi olulodwa ububanzi; imiduli eyaiiphumele emikhandlwani yezindlwana yayizingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha. Umbundu wesango eduze lentuba ekhangane ithempeli wawuyingalo eyodwa ukutshona kwano. **8** Wabuya walinganisa intuba yesango; **9** yayizingalo ezificaminwembili ukutshona kwalo lezinsika zalo zazizingalo ezimbili. Intuba yesango

yayikhangele ethempelini. **10** Ngaphakathi kthesango Kwakungamanyathelo ayisikhombisa ukuya kulo, langasempumalanga kwakulezindlwana ezintathu icele intuba yalo imaqondana lawo; lalilemiceciso yesihlahla ngalinye; zontathu izilinganiso zazo zazifanana, lobuso selala ebusweni bemiduli eyayiphumele phambili icele bemiduli eyayiphumele phambili izilinganiso zabo ngalinye. **27** Iguma langaphakathi lalo lalilesango amacele wonke zazifanana. **11** Wabuya walinganisa elikhangele eningizimu, njalo walinganisa esuka ububanzi bentuba yokuya esangweni; babuzingalo kuleli isango kusiya esangweni langaphandle eceleni ezilishumi lobude bayo buzingalo ezilishumi lantathu. laseningizimu; lalizingalo ezilikhulu. **28** Wabuya **12** Phambi kwendlwana ngayinye kwakulomdu wangingenisa egumeni langaphakathi ngesango owawayingalo eyodwa ukuphakama kwavo, njalo laseningizimu, waselinganisa isango laseningizimu; izindlwana zizingalo eziyisithupha icele ngalinye. ubude lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye. **29** **13** Walinganisa isango kusukela phezu komduli Izindlwana zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye ongemuva kwenye indlwana kusiya phezu kwenye lentuba yalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana emaqondana layo; ibanga lalizingalo ezingamatshumi lobokunye. Isango lentuba yalo kwakulezikhala amabili lanhlanu kusukela emnyango womunye indawo yonke. Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu umduli omncane kusiya komaqondana lawo. **14** ubude lamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi. Walinganisa elandela ubuso bemiduli ephumele phandle konke langaphakathi kthesango kwaba zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha. Ukulinganisa kwakufike **30** (Amangenelo amasango ayezingeleze iguma langaphakathi ayezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lezingalo ezinhlanu ukutshona.) **31** esangweni elikhangele iguma. **15** Ibanga kusukela Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma langaphandle; ekungeneni kthesango kusiya ekucineni kthesango kwsango kwakulezikhadlanya indawo yonke lasempumalanga, waselinganisa isango; ubude emdulini omncane, lalinjalo lentuba; izikhadlanya indawana yonke zazikhangele ngaphakathi. Ubuso **32** kwezindlwana lemiduli ephumele phandle ngaphakathi Wabuya wangisa egumeni langaphakathi, eceleni kthesango kwakulezikhadlanya indawo yonke lobubanzi balo babulingana lobamanye. **33** Izindlwana emdulini yalo ephumele phambili kanye lentuba zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye lentuba bemedulii ephumele phandle babuceciswe ngezihlahla yalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana lobokunye. zelala. **17** Emva kwalokho wangisa egumeni Isango lentuba yalo kwakulezikhala indawo yonke. elingaphandle. Lapho ngabona izindlu lendifawo yokuhamba egandelwego izingezele iguma lonke; lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi kwakulezindlu ezingamatshumi amathathu ezazisekele balo. **34** Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma langaphandle; indawo egandelwego. **18** Yayeyame amacele izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika zalo amacele amasango njalo ububanzi bayo babulingana lobude womabili, njalo amanyathelo ayisificaminwembili bawo; le yayiyindawo engaphansi yokuhamba ayesiya kulo. **35** Wabuya wangisa esangweni egandelwego. **19** Wabuye walinganisa ibanga lasenyakatho walilinganisa. Ubude lobubanzi balo elisukela ngaphakathi kthesango langaphansi lisiyafika babulingana lobamanye, **36** zinjalo lezindlwana egumeni langaphakathi; lalizingalo ezilikhulu eceleni zalo, imiduli yalo ephumele phambili kanye lentuba lasempumalanga kanye lasenyakatho. **20** Wabuya yalo, njalo yayilezikhala indawo yonke. Lalizingalo walinganisa ubude lobubanzi besango elikhangele ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude balo lezingalo enyakatho, elokuya egumeni laphandle. **21** ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi balo. Izikhala zalo ezintathu icele ngalinye, imiduli **37** Intuba yalo yayikhangele iguma langaphandle; yalo ephumele phandle lentuba yalo kwakulingana izihlahla zelala zazicecise izinsika zalo amacele lokwesango lakuqala. Kwakuzingalo ezingamatshumi womabili, njalo amanyathelo ayisificaminwembili amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ayesiya kulo. **38** Indlu eyayilomnyango yaiseduze lanhlanu ububanzi. **22** Izikhadlanya zalo, lentuba kulelo lalelo isango langaphakathi, lapho intuba yalo kanye lemiceciso yezihlaha zelala, iminikelo yokutshiswa eyayigzelwa khona. **39** ubude lobubanzi bakho, kwakulingana lokwesango Entubeni lesango kwakulamatafula amabili icele elikhangele empumalanga. Kwakungamanyathelo ngalinye, lapho okwakuhlatshelwa khona iminikelo ayisikhombisa ukuya kulo, litentuba yalo maqondana yokutshiswa, iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo lawo. **23** Kwakulesango egumeni langaphakathi yecala. **40** Phansi komduli wangaphandle owengenelo likhangele isango lasenyakatho, njengelalikhona lesango, eduze kwamanyathelo ekungeneni kthesango empumalanga. Walinganisa esuka kwelinje isango lasenyakatho kwakulamatafula amabili. **41** Ngakho kusiya kwelimaqondana lalo; kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu. kwakulamatafula amane kwelinje icele lesango lamane **24** Wabuya wangisa eceleni langaseningizimu ngabona njalo kwelinje, amatafula ayisificamunwemunye isango elalikhangele eningizimu. Walinganisa izinsika esewonke, phezu kwavo yikho okwakuhlatshelwa zalo lentuba yalo, ubude lobubanzi bakho babulingana khona imihlatshelo. **42** Kwakulamatafula amane lobokunye. **25** Isango lentuba yalo kwakulezikhala futhi awamatshe abaziweyo awomnikelo wokutshiswa, ezincane indawo yonke njengezikhala zokunye. liline liyingalo eyodwa lengxene ubude, ingalo Lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubude lezingalo eyodwa lengxene ububanzi kanye lengalo eyodwa ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi. **26** ukuphakama kwalo. Izinto zokuhlabu umnikelo

wokutshiswa leminye imihlatshelo zazibekwa phezu ezindlini ezingaphansi esiya kweziphezelu edlula kwawo. **43** Njalo kwakulezingwegwe ezigwegwa inxa ezindlini eziphakathi. **8** Ngabona ukuthi ithempeli zonke, enye lenye ingangobabanzi besandla ubude lalilombundu olizingelezileyo owawuyisonasisekelo bayo, zixhunyelwe emdulini indawo yonke. Amatafula sezindlu zasemaceleni. Wawulingana loluthi, uzingalo ayengawenyma yeminikelo. **44** Ngaphandle kwasango langaphakathi, phakathi kweguma langaphakathi, wezindlu zasemaceleni wawuzingalo ezinhlanu kwakulezindlu ezimbili, enye iseceleni lesango lenyakatho njalo ikhangele eningizimu, enye njalo iseceleni lesango langaseningizimu njalo ikhangele enyakatho. **45** Wathi kimi, "Indlu ekhangele eningizimu ngeyabaphristi abaphethe ithempeli, **46** njalo indlu ekhangele enyakatho ngeyabaphristi abaphethe i-alithari. Laba bangamadodana kaZadokhi abayibona baLevi kuphela abangasondela phansi kukaThixo ukuba bamkhone." **47** Emva kwalokho walinganisa iguma: Lalilingana inxa zonke, lalizingalo ezilikhulu ubude lezingalo ezilikhulu ububanzi. I- alithari laliphansi kwethempeli. **48** Wabuya wangisa entubeni lethempeli waselinganisa izinsika zengenel; zazizingalo ezinhlanu ububanzi amacele womabili. Ububanzi bentuba babuzingalo ezilitshumi lane njalo imiduli yayo ephumele phandle ububanzi bayo babuzingalo ezintathu amacele womabili. **49** Intuba lalizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi, lezingalo ezilitshumi lambili kusukela phambili kusiya emuva. Kulo kwakufikwa ngezinyathelo, njalo kwakulezisekelo emaceleni wonke ezinsika.

**41** Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangisa endaweni engcwele phandle walinganisa izinsika; ububanzi bezinsika babuzingalo eziyisithupha icele ngalinye. **2** Intuba yayizingalo ezilitshumi ububanzi bayo. Imiduli ephumele phambili eceleni ngalinye layo yayizingalo ezinhlanu ububanzi bayo. Walinganisa lendawo engcwele yaphandle; yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude bayo lezingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi. **3** Wangena endaweni engcwele yangaphakathi walinganisa izinsika zentuba; nganye zazizingalo ezimbili ububanzi. Intuba yayizingalo eziyisithupha ububanzi, lemiduli ephumele phambili eceleni ngalinye yayizingalo eziyisikhombisa ububanzi. **4** Walinganisa lobude bendawo engcwele yangaphakathi; babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; lobubanzi bayo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ngale kwendawo engcwele yangaphandle. Wathi kimi, "Le yindawo eNgcwele kakhulu." **5** Emva kwalokho walinganisa umduli wethempeli; wawuyizingalo eziyisithupha ubuqatha, njalo enye lenye yezindlu zasemaceleni ezazihanze ithempeli yayizingalo ezine ububanzi. **6** Izindlu zasemaceleni zazelekene ngezigaba ezintathu, enye phezu kwenye, amatshumi amatathu mzila munye. Kwakulezisekelo emdulini wonke wethempeli ezazisekela izindlu zasemaceleni ukuze izinsika zingakhelwa phakathi komduli wethempeli. **7** Izindlu zasemaceleni ezazingezelele ithempeli zazibanzi phezulu kusukela kwenye indlu kusiya kwenye engaphezu kwayo. Izakhwi ezazingezelele ithempeli zazakhwi zingamabanga akhwelayo esiya phezulu, okwenza izindlu zibe banzi nxa umuntu esiya phezulu. Kwakulamakhwelelo ayesaka ezindlini ezingaphansi esiya kweziphezelu edlula kwawo. **8** Ngabona ukuthi ithempeli zasemaceleni zethempeli **10** lezindlu zabaphristi yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi bayo inxa zonke zethempeli. **11** Kwakulentuba zokuya ezindlini zasemaceleni zivelala endaweni eligece, elinye enyakatho leliney eningizimu; njalo isisekelo esasixhumane lendaudo eligece sasizingalo ezinhlanu inxa zonke. **12** Indlu eyayikhangale iguma lethempeli eceleni lasentshonalanga yayizingalo ezingamatshumi aysisikhombisa ububanzi bayo. Umduli wendlu leyo wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ubuqatha bawo indawo zonke, ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi aysisificamunwemunye munye. **13** Waselinganisa ithempeli; lalizingalo ezilikhulu ubude balo, leguma lethempeli lendlu kanye lemiduli yalo lakho kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu ubude. **14** Ububanzi beguma lethempeli ngasempumalanga, kanye langaphambi kwethempeli, babuzingalo ezilikhulu. **15** Waselinganisa ubude bendul eyayikhangale iguma ngemva kwethempeli, kanye lemiduli yayo icele ngalinye; babuzingalo ezilikhulu. Indawo engcwele yangaphandle, lendawo engcwele yangaphakathi lentuba elikhangele iguma, **16** kanye lemnyango lamawindi amancane kanye lemiduli ezingeleze ezintathu zakhona, konke okuphambil laphaya kubalwa lemnyango kwakuvalwe ngamapulanka. Iphansi, imiduli kusiya phezulu emawindini, kanye lamawindi kwakuvaliwe. **17** Indawo eyayiphezu kwangaphandle kwasango lendawo engcwele yangaphakathi kanye lasemidulini izibanga ezilinganayo inxa zonke zendawo engcwele engaphakathi lengaphandle **18** kwakulamakherubhi abaziwego kanye lezihlahla zelala. Izihlahla zelala zazigabana lamakerubhi. Ikherubhi ngalinye lalilobuso obubili: **19** ubuso bomuntu obukhangale esihlahleni selala kwelinje icele, lobuso besilwane obukhangale esihlahleni selala ngakwelinye icele. Kwakubaziwe inxa zonke zethempeli. **20** Kusukela phansi kusiya ngapezu kwasango, amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala kwakubaziwe emdulini wendawo engcwele yangaphandle. **21** Indawo engcwele yangaphandle yayilemigubazi emide ukuyapezulu imifitshane ukunquma kwayo njalo leyaphambili kwenDawo eNgcwele kakhulu yayinjalo. **22** Kwakulealithare lezigodo lizingalo ezimbili ukuphakama kwalo njalo lizingalo ezimbili ubude lobubanzi; izingosi zalo, lesidindi salo kanye lamacele alo kwakwensiwe ngezigodo. Umuntu lowo wathi kimi, "Leli litafula eliphambi kukaThixo." **23** Kokubili indawo engcwele yangaphandle leNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu kwakulezivalo ezimbili. **24** Isivalo ngasinye sassilempiko ezimbili, impiko ezimbili ezivulekayo zisesivalweni sinye ngasinye. **25** Njalo ezivalweni zendawo engcwele

yangaphandle kwakulamakherubhi abaziweyo kanye lezihlahla zelala njengokwakubazelwe emidulini, njalo 16 Walinganisa icele lasempumalanga ngoluthi kwakulophahla lwezigodo ngaphambi kwasango. 26 Emidulini yemaceleni yengenelo kwakulamawindi amancane alezihlahla zelala ezibazelwe kucele ngalinye. Izindlu zemaceleni zethempeli lazo zazilophahla.

**42** Umuntu lowo wangikhokhelela enyakatho egumeni langaphandle wangisa ezindlini eziqondane leguma lethempeli maqondana lomduli waphandle eceleni lasenyakatho. 2 Indlu elomnyango owawukhangale enyakatho yayizingalo ezilikhulu ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu ubabanzi. 3 Kokubili ehlangothini izingalo ezingamatshumi amabili kusukela egumeni langaphakathi lasehlangothini oluqondane lendawo egandelweyo yeguma langaphandle, umduli wawukhangale umduli ezigabeni ezintathu. 4 Phambi kwezindlu kwakulendawo yokuhamba izingalo ezilitshumi ububanzi lezingalo ezilikhulu ubude. Iminyango yazo yainingyakatho. 5 Izindlu zangaphezulu zazincane ngoba imikhandlu yayithethe indawo enagi kuzo kulezindlini ezingaphansi leziphakathi zesakhiwo. 6 Izindlu zaphezulu zazingelansika, njengamaguma ayejazo, ngakho iphansi lazo lalilincane kulalezo ezazisesitezi 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 lendu engcwele lwaluzingalo ezilikhulu ubude. 9 Izindlu zangaphansi zazilentuba ngasempumalanga lapho umuntu angena lakhona evela egumeni langaphandle. 10 Eceleni langaseningizimu kulandela ubude bomduli weguma langaphandle, kuxhume iguma lethempeli maqondana lomduli wangaphandle, kwakulezindlu 11 ezindawo yokuhamba phambi kwazo. Lezi zazinjengezindlu ezingenyakatho; ubude lobubanzi bazo babulingana, zileminyango yokuphuma efananayo kanye lobukhulu. Njengeminyango yangenyakatho, 12 iminyango yezindlu zangaseningizimu layo yayinjalo. Kwakulomnyango ekuqalseni kwendawo yokuhamba eyayisekelane lomduli owawuhambelana layo usiya empumalanga, okuyiwo umuntu owayengena ngawo ezindlini. 13 Wasesithi kimi, "Izindlu ezingenyakatho leziseningizimu ezikhangele iguma lethempeli yizindlu zabaphristi lapho abaphristi abasondela kuThixo abazadlela khona iminikelo engcwele kakhulu. Bazayibeka khonapho iminikelo engcwele kakhulu, iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo yesono kanye leminikelo yecala ngoba indawo ingcwele. 14 Abaphristi bangavele bangene endaweni engcwele, akumelanga baye egumeni langaphandle baze batshiye ngemuva izembatho abakhonza bezigqokile, ngoba lezi zingcwele. Kumele bagqoke ezinye iziggoko bengakai eduze lezindawo ezingebabantu." 15 Wathi eseqedee ukulinganisa okwakuphakathi kwendawo yethempeli, wangisa phandle ngesango

lasempumalanga walinganisa indawo yonke. lokulinganisa; lalizingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu. 17 Walinganisa icele lasenyakatho; lalizingalo amancane alezihlahla zelala ezibazelwe kucele ngalinye. 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. Yailomduli owawuyizingelezele, izingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ubude lezingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ububanzi, ukwehlukanisa okungwele kokwabantu bonke.

**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 engangiwbune lapho wayezediliza idolobho njalo wawunjengombono engangiwbune ngasemfuleni iKhebhari, ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso. 4 Inkazimulo kaThixo yangena ethempelini ngesango elikhangele empumalanga. 5 UMoya wangiphakamisa wangisa egumeni langaphakathi, njalo inkazimulo kaThixo yagcwala ethempelini. 6 Kwathi umuntu lowo emi phansi kwami, ngezwa omunye engikhulumisa engaphakathi kwethempeli. 7 Wathi, "Ndodana yomuntu, le yindawo yesihlalo sami sobukhosu lendawo yokunyathela ngezinyawo zami. Lapha yikho engizahlala khona phakathi kwama-Israyeli kuze kube laphakade. Indlu Israyeli kayisayikulingcolisa futhi ibizo lami, bona loba amakhosi abo, ngobuwule babo langezithombe ezingaphiliyo zamakhosi abo ezindaweri zaho eziphakemeyo. 8 Lapho babeka iminyango yabo phansi komnyango wami lemigubazi yabo eceleni kwemigubazi yami, kulumduli nje kuphela phakathi kwami labo, bangcolisa ibizo lami ngezenzo zabo ezinengekayo. Ngakho ngabaqeda ekuthukutheleni kwami. 9 Khathesi-ke kabasusele kude lami ubuwule babo kanye lezithombe zamakhosi abo ezingaphiliyo, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwabo kuze kube laphakade. 10 Ndodana yomuntu, chazela abantu bako-Israyeli ngethempeli ukuze bayangeke ngezono zabo. Wothi bacabange ngokumele kwensiwe ngobunono, 11 njalo nxa belenhloni ngakho konke abakwenzayo, bazise ngesimo sethempeli, ukumiswa kwalo, izindawo zalo zokuphuma lezokungena, isimo salo sonke lezimiso zalo zonke kanye lemitetho yakhona. Bhala lokhu phansi phambi kwabo ukuze bathembe kuso isifanekiso salo njalo balandele zorke izimiso zalo. 12 Nanku umthetho wethempeli: Wonke umango oseduze phezu kwentaba uzakuba ngcwele kakhulu. Lowo yiwo umthetho wethempeli." 13 "Lezi yizilinganiso ze-alithare ngezingalo, ingalo kuyingalo lobubanzi besandla: Isidindi salo sasiyingalo eyodwa ukuphakama kwaso

lengalo eyodwa ububanzi, silomqolo ongangobubanzi yengenelo lesango njalo iphume ngayonaleyo besandla emphethweni waso. Njalo nampu ubude be- alithare ukuphakama kwalo: **14** Kusukela esidindini ngendlelesyango lasenyakatho. Ngakhangela ngabona phansi kusiya elitsheni elingaphansi lizingalo ezimbili inkazimulo kaThixo igcwele ethempelini likaThixo, ukuphakama lezingalo ezimbili ububanzi, njalo ngathi mbo phansi ngobuso. **5** UThixo wasesithi kusukela elitsheni elincane kusiya elitsheni elikhulu kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, khangela ngokunanzelela, lizingalo ezine ukuphakama lengalo eyodwa ububanzi. **15** Iziko le-alithari lizingalo ezine ukuphakama njalo ulalelisise njalo uqaphela konke engikutshela khona mayelana lemitetho yonke eqondane lethempeli impondo ezine zikhokhekele phezulu zisuka eziko. **16** IZiko le-alithari liyalingana amacele wonke, izingalo likaThixo. Qaphela intuba lethempeli layo yonke ezilitshumi lambili ubude lezingalo ezilitshumi kuyo indlu ehlamukayo ka-Israyeli uthi, 'Nanku lambili ububanzi. **17** Uhlangothi lwangaphezulu lalo okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, luyalingana macele wonke, izingalo ezilitshumi lane kaziphele izenko zakho ezinengayo! **7** Phezu kwazo ubude lobubanzi lulomphetho oyingxene yengalo zonke ezinye izenko zakho ezinengayo ungenise lesidindi esiyngalo eyodwa inxa zonke. Izinyathelo abezizweni abangasokanga enhliziweleni lasenyameni ze-alithare zikhangele empumalanga." **18** Wasesithi endlini yami engcwele, ungcocolisa ithempeli lami kimi, "Ndodana yomuntu, nanku okutshiwo nguThixo lapho unginika ukudla, amafutha legazi, njalo Wobukhos: Le izakuba yimithetho yokunikela wephula isivumelwano sami. **8** Ekuben wenze iminikelo yokutshisa lokuchela igazi phezu kwe- alithari lapho selakhiwe: **19** Kumele unikele inkunzi okumele ukwenze mayelanalezinto zami ezingcwele, eseseliguqa njengomnikelo wesono kubaphristi, wena wabeka abanye ukuba baphathe indlu yami abangabaLevi, abendlu kaZadokhi abasondela eduze Akulamuntu wezizweni ongasokanga enhliziweleni ukuba bakhonze phambi kwami, kutsho uThixo lasenyameni ozangena endlini yami engcwele ngitscho Wobukhos. **20** Kumele uthathe elinye igazi ulifake labezizweni abahlala phakathi kwama-Israyeli. **10** empondweni ezine ze-alithare lasemagumbini amane AbaLevi abaya khatshana lami lapho u-Israyeli elitshe langaphezulu lasemphethweni inxa zonke, wayeduhiile njalo sebehlanhlathekele ezithombeni zabo ngokunjalo uhlambulule i-alithari njalo ulenzele besuka kimi, kumele bathwale umvuzo wesono sabo. inhlawulelo. **21** Kumele uthathe inkunzi yomnikelo **11** Bangakhona endlini yami engcwele, bephethe wesono uyitshisele endaweni ekhethiweyo yethempeli ngaphandle kwendawo engcwele. **22** Ngosuku bangahlabela abantu iminikelo leminikelo yokutshisa ngaphenele amasango ethempeli njalo bekhonza phakathi kwalo; lwsibili kumele unikele imbuzi enduna engelasici njalo bame phambi kwabantu babasebenzele. **12** Kodwa ukuba ngumnikelo wesono, njalo le-alithari kumele ngenxa yokuthi babasebenzela phambi kwezithombe lihlanjululwe njengokuhlanjululwa elakwensiwa zabo benza indlu ka-Israyeli yawela esonweni, ngakho ngenkunzi. **23** Lapho usuqedile ukulihlambulula, sengifunge ngesandla siphakanyisiwe ukuthi kumele kwaloba yiphi yezipto zami ezingcwele loba iminikelo kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa kanye lenqama evela emhlambini, kokubili kungelasici. **24** Kumele eziyisikhombisa kuzamele unikele imbuzi enduna lezenzo zabo ezinengayo. **14** Ikanti ngizabenza nsuku zonke ukuba ngumnikelo wesono; njalo kumele unikele inkunzi eseseliguqa kanye lenqama evela emhlambini, kokubili kungelasici. **25** Okwensuku yami engcwele kakhulu; kumele bathwale ihlazo eziyisikhombisa bazakwenzela i-alithari inhlawulelo, lezenzo zabo ezinengayo. **15** Kodwa balihlambulule, kanjalo balenze libengcwele. **27** yami engcwele lapho ama-Israyeli ayengihlamukele, Ekupheleni kwalezizinsuku, kusukela ngosuku kumele basondele eduze ukuba bakhonze phambi lwsificaminwembili kusiya phambil, abaphristi kumele bame phambi kwami ukuba banikele kumele bethule iminikelo yakho yokutshisa kanye umhlatshelo wamafutha legazi, kutsho uThixo leminikelo yobuzalwane e-alitharen. Lapho-ke Wobukhos. **16** Bona kuphela kumele bangene endlini ngizalamukela, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos."

**44** Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangibuyisela esangweni langaphandle lendlu engcwele, leli elikhangele empumalanga, njalo lalivaliwe. **2** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Isango leli kumele lihlale lalivaliwe. Akumelanga livulwe; akulamuntu ongangena ngalo. Kumele lihlale lalivaliwe ngoba uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ungene ngalo. **3** Inkosana yona ngokwayo yiyo kuphela engahlala phakathi kwesango ukuba idle phambi kukaThixo. Kuzamele ingene ngendlela

langaphandle lapho okulabantu khona, kumele ukuba bakhonze phambi kukaThixo. Izakuba yindawo bakhuphe izigqoko ababekhonza bezigqokile njalo yezindlu zabo kanye lendawo engcwele yendlu kumele bazitshiye ezindlini ezingcwele, bagqoke ezinye engcwele. **5** Umango ozingalo eziyinkulungwane izigqoko, ukuze bangangcwelisi abantu ngezemba batho ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlalu ubude lengalo zabo. **20** Akumelanga baphuce amakhanda abo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ububanzi izakuba kumbe bayekele inwele zabo zikhula zisiba zinde; ngeyabaLevi, abakhonza ethempelini, njengesabelo kodwa kumele bagcine inwele zabo zigundiwe. sabo samadolobho okuhlala kuwo. **6** Kumele **21** Akulamphristi ozanatha iwayini lapho engena unike idolobho njengelifa lalo umango ozingalo iguma langaphakathi. **22** Akumelanga bathathe eziyinkulungwane ezinhlanu ububanzi lengalo abafelokazi loba abesifazane abehlukana labomkabo; eziyinkulungwane ezinhlanu ubude, obambane kumele bathathe izintombi ezimsulwa kuphela lengenyne engcwele; uzakuba ngowayo yonke indlu ezenzalo yako-Israyeli loba abafelokazi babaphristi. **23** ka-Israyeli. **7** Inkosana izathatha ilizwe eliphetha Kumele bafundise abantu bami umahluko phakathi eceleni ngalinye lendawo eyisifunda esingcwele lifila kokungcwele lokwabantu bonke babatshengise ledolobho. Lizaqhela lisya entshonalanga lisuka indlela yokwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcolieyo eceleni langentshonalanga njalo liye empumalanga lokuhlanzekileyo. **24** Lapho kulombango abaphristi lisuka eceleni langasempumalanga, lilandele ubude bazasebenza njengabahluleli baqume mayelana kusukela emngceleni wentshonalanga kusiya lezimiso zami. Kumele bagcine imithetho yami kowempumalanga osekelane lowesabelo sabantu. **8** lezimemezelo zami kuyo yonke imikhosi yami Ilizwe leli lizakuba yisabelo sayo ko-Israyeli. Njalo emisiweyo, njalo kumele bagcine amaSabatha ami inkosana yami kayisayikuncidezelabantu bami engcwele. **25** Umphristi akumelanga azingcolise kodwa izavumela indlu ka-Israyeli ukuba bathathe ngokuya phansi komuntu ofileyo; kodwa-ke nxa ilizwe mayelana lezizwana zabo. **9** Nanku okutshiwo umuntu ofileyo ubenguyise loba unina, indodana nguThixo Wobukhos: Eselikwenzile kwanele, lina yakhe kumbe indodakazi, umfowabo kumbe udadewabo makhosana ako-Israyeli! Yekelani udlakela lwenu ongendifanga, lapho angazingcolisa. **26** Emva kokuba lokuncindezelabantu lenze okufaneleyo lokulungileyo. esehlanjultuliwe, uzakuma insuku eziyisikhombisa. Khawulani ukuxotsha abantu bami ezindaweni zabo, **27** Ngosuku azakaya ngalo egumeni langaphakathi kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **10** Kumele lisebenzise lendlu engcwele ukuba enze inkonko endlini izikalni eziqotho, ihefa eliqotho kanye lebhathi engcwele, kumele azinikelele ummikelo wesono, eliqotho. **11** Ihefa lebhathi kumele kulingane, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **28** Mina ngizakuba ibhathi lilengxene yetshumi yehomeri njalo lehefa yilona lifa kuphela abaphristi abalalo. Akukho lifa ingxene yehomeri; ihomeri lizakuba yisilinganiso ozabapha lona ko-Israyeli; mina ngizakuba yilifa esamuakeleyo kukho kokubili. **12** Ishekeli lizakuba labo. **29** Bazakudla iminikelo yamabele, iminikelo ngamagera angamatshumi amabili. Amashekeli yesono leminikelo yecala; kanye lakho konke okuko- Israyeli okwahlukaniselwe uThixo kuzakuba ngokwabo. amabili lanhlalu kanye lamashekeli alitshumi lanhlalu **30** Okuhle kakhulu kwazo zonke izithelo zakho kuba limina elilodwa. **13** Lesi yisipho esiqakathekileyo zakuqala lokwezipho zenu ezikhethiweyo kuzakuba okumele usinikelo: Ingxene yeedithupa yehefa ngokwabaphristi. Kumele libaphe ingxene yakuqala kuhomeri ngalinye lamabele lengxene yeedithupa yempuphu yenu echoliwego ukuze isibusiso sihlale yehefa kuhomeri ngalinye lebhali. **14** Ingxene endlini yenu. **31** Abaphristi akumelanga badle loba emisiweyo yamafutha, elinganiswa ngebhathi, yini, inyonu kumbe inyamazana, etholakale ifile kumbe idlithizwe yizinyamazana zeganga.”

**45** “Lapho usaba ilizwe njengelifa kuzamela wethule kuThixo ingxene yelizwe njengesifunda esingcwele, izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlalu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili ububanzi; umango wonke uzakuba ngcwele. **2** Kulokhu indawo ezingalo ezingamakhulu amahlanu ubude lobubanzi izakuba ngeyendlu engcwele; kulezingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu eziyizingelezileyo yelizwe elingelalutho. **3** Esifundeni esingcwele linganisa ingxene ezingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlalu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ububanzi. Phakathi kuyo kuzakuba lendlu engcwele, iNdawo eNgcwele kakhulu. **4** Izakuba ingxene engcwele yelizwe ingeyabaphristi, abakhonzayo endlini engcwele njalo abasondela eduze Njalo imvu eyodwa kumele ithathwe emhlambini ngamunye wezingamakulu amabili emadlelweleni ako-Israyeli alamanzi amanengi. Lezi zizasetshenzisa eminikelwени yamabele, eminikelwени yokutshiswa kanye laseminikelwени yobuzalwane ukwenzela abantu inhlawulelo, kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **16** Bonke abantu belizwe bazahlanganyela kulesisipho esiqakathekileyo ukuba sisetshenziswe yinkosana yako-Israyeli. **17** Kuzakuba ngumsebenzi wenkosana ukunika iminikelo yokutshiswa, iminikelo yamabele kanye leminikelo yokunathwayo emikhosini, ekuThwaseni kweziNyanga langamaSabatha, kuyo yonke imikhosi yako-Israyeli. Izanikela iminikelo yesono, iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yobuzalwane ukwenzela indlu ka-Israyeli inhlawulelo. **18** Nariku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Ngenyanya yakuqala ngosuku lwakuqala

kumele uthathe inkunzi eliguqa engelasici uhlambulule lenyakatho. Kakho ozabuyela ngesango angene ngalo, indlu engcwele. **19** Umphristi kumele athathat kodwa lowo lalowo uzaphuma ngesango aqondane lalo. elinye legazi lomnikelo wesono alifake emigubazini yethempeli, ezingosini ezine zelitshe langaphezulu le-alithari lasezinsikeni zesango leguma langaphakathi. **20** Kuzamele wenze khonokho ngosuku lwesikhombisa lwenyanga ukwenzela loba ngubani owenza isono njalo lamazinyane kuzakuya ngokuthanda komuntu, kungasikho ngabomu loba ngenxa yokungazi; kanye lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. **21** Lapho ngokunjalo uzakwenzela ithempeli inhlawulelo. inkosana inika umnikelo ngokuzithandela kuThixo kumele cube lomkhosi wePhasika, umkhosoi ozathatha loba kungumnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe iminikelo insuku eziyisikhombisa, ngelesosikhathi kumele udle yobuzalwane, kumele ivulelwie isango elikhangele isinkwa esingelavubelo. **22** Ngalolosuku inkosana kumbe umnikelo wayo wobuzalwane njengkewenzayo izanikela inkunzi njengomnikelo wesono izinikela emva kokuba isiphumile, isango lizavalwa. **23** Nsuku zonke phakathi kwensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi kumele inikele inkunzi eziyisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa ezingelasici njengomnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo, lempongo yomnikelo wesono. **24** Kuzamela inikele njengomnikelo wamabele ihefa elilodwa lenkunzi ngayinye lehefa elilodwa lenqama ngayinye ndawonye lehini lamafutha elilodwa kuhefa ngalinye. **25** Phakathi kwensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi oqalisa ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlamu, kumele inikele okufanayo okomnikelo wesono, umnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha.”

**46** “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Isango leguma langaphakathi elikhangele empumalanga kumele livalwe ngezinuku eziyisithupha zokusebenza, kodwa ngosuku lweSabatha langosuku lokuThwasa kweNyanga kumele livulwe. **2** Inkosana izangena ngentuba lesango ivela phandle ibe isisima phansi kwensiya yesango. Abaphristi kuzamele banikele umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa kanye leminikelayo yobuzalwane. Izakhonza ekungeneni kwesango ibe isiphuma, kodwa isango kalyikuvalwa kuze kuge kusihlwa. **3** NgamaSabatha lasekuThwesen kweziNyanga abantu belizwe kumele bakhonze phambi kukaThixo ekungeneni kwalelosango. **4** Umnikelo wokutshiswa olethwa yinkosana kuThixo ngosuku lweSabatha uzakuba ngamazinyane amaduna ayisithupha kanye lenqama, konke kungelasici. **5** Umnikelo wamabele onikelwa lenqama uzakuba lihefa, njalo umnikelo wamabele onikelwa lamazinyane uzakuya ngokuthanda kwayo, kanye lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. **6** Ngosuku lokuThwasa kweNyanga kumele inikele inkunzi eliguqa, amazinyane ayisithupha kanye lenqama, konke kungelasici. **7** Kuzamele inike njengomnikelo wamabele ihefa elilodwa kanye lenkunzi, ihefa elilodwa kanye lenqama, kuthi lamazinyane kuge yilokho ethande ukukunika, kanye lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. **8** Lapho inkosana ingena kuzamele ingene ngentuba lesango, njalo kumele iphume ngaleyondela. **9** Lapho abantu belizwe besiza phambi kukaThixo emikhosini emisiweyo, loba ngubani ongena ngesango lenyakatho ukuzakhonza uzaphuma ngesango leningizimu; njalo loba ngubani ongena ngesango leningizimu uzaphuma ngesango

lenyakatho. Kakho ozabuyela ngesango angene ngalo, indlu engcwele. **10** Inkosana kumele ibe phakathi kwabo, ingene lapho bengena njalo iphume lapho bephuma. **11** Emadilini lasemikhosini emisiweyo, umnikelo wamabele kumele ube lihefa kanye lenkunzi, ihefa kanye lenqama, njalo lamazinyane kuzakuya ngokuthanda komuntu, kanye lehini lamafutha kuhefa ngalinye. **12** Lapho inkosana inika umnikelo ngokuzithandela kuThixo kumele kubonkalo wayo wobuzalwane njengkewenzayo empumalanga. Izanikela umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa kumbe umnikelo wayo wobuzalwane lweSabatha. Emva kwalokho izaphuma, njalo emva kokuba isiphumile, isango lizavalwa. **13** Insuku zonke kuzamele unlike izinyane elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici ukuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuThixo; uzalinika nsuku zonke ekuseni. **14** Kuzamele unlike kanye lalo nsuku zonke ekuseni umnikelo wamabele kuhlanganiswe ingxene yesithupha yehefa lengxene yesithathu yehini lamafutha ukuba athambise impuphu. Ukwethulwa kwalo umnikelo wamabele kuThixo kuyisimiso esingapheliyo. **15** Ngakho izinyane umnikelo wamabele kanye lamafutha kuzanikwa nsuku zonke ekuseni kuge ngumnikelo wokutshiswa wansuku zonke. **16** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: Nxa inkosana inika enye yamadodana ayo isipho elifenilayo, sizakuba ngesezizukulwane zayo futhi; sizakuba yimpahla yazo ngokudla ilifa. **17** Kodwa-ke nxa inika esinye sezisebenzi zayo isipho elifenilayo, isisebenzi singasigcina kuze kuge ngumnyaka wokukkululwa; lapho isipho sesibuyela kuyo inkosana. Ilifa layo lingathathwa ngamadodana ayo kuphela; ngelawo. **18** Inkosana akumelanga ithathe ilifa labantu, ibaxotsha empahleni yabo. Kumele inike amadodana ayo ilifa empahleni yayo, ukue kungabikhona ebantwini bami owehlukaniswe lempahla yakhe.” **19** Emva kwalokho umuntu lowo wangikhupha ngentuba eseceleni kwesango ukuya ezindlino ezingcwele ezikhangele enyakatho ezazingezabaphristi, wangitshengisa indawo ekucineni ngasentshonalanga. **20** Wathi kimi, “Le yindawo lapho abaphristi abazaphekela khona umnikelo wecalwa lomnikelo wesono bachocombise lomnikelo wamabele, ukuba kuxwaywe ukuya layo egumeni langaphandle kungcweliswe abantu.” **21** Wabuya wangisa egumeni langaphandle wangibhodisa ezingosini ezine, njalo engosini ngayinye ngabona elinye iguma. **22** Ezingosini ezine zeguma langaphandle kwakulamaguma ayebiyelwe, ezingalo ezingamatshumi amane ubude lezingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu ububanzi; wonke amaguma ezingosini ezine ayelingana. **23** Ngaphakathi kwalelo lalelo lamaguma amane kwakulesakhiwo samatshe, silezindawo ezakhelwe umlilo indawo yonke ngaphansi kwaso. **24** Wasesithi kimi, “Le yimikulu lapho labo abakhonzayo ethempelinia abazaphekela khona imihlatshelo yabantu.”

**47** Umuntu lowo wangibuyisela entubeni yethempeli, ngasengibona amanzi ephuma ngaphansi kwasekungeneni kwethempeli esiyi

empumalanga (ngoba ithempeli lalikhangele uzahamba phakathi kweHawurani leDamaseko, empumalanga.) Amanzi ayegelezela phansi evela ulandela ijodani phakathi kweGiliyadi lelizwe lako-  
ngaphansi kwecele langaseningizimu lethempeli, Israyeli, uye elwandle lwasempumalanga uze uyefika  
enizingizimu kwe-alithari. **2** Wasengikhupa ngesango eThamari. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele wasempumalanga.  
lenyakatho wangibhodisa ngaphandle engisa **19** Enizingizimu uzahamba usuka eThamari uze uyefika  
esangweni elikhangele empumalanga, njalo amanzi emanzini aseMeribha Khadeshi, ube usulandela  
ayegeleza evela eceleni langaseningizimu. **3** Kwathi iSihotsha saseGibhithe usiyafika eLwandle Olukhulu. Lo  
umuntu lowo esiya empumalanga ephethe isilinganiso  
ngesanda, walinganisa ingalo eziyinkulungwane  
wasengidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi ayetshona  
okufika enqagalen. **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  
owayengawuphapha. **6** Wangibuba wathi, "Ndodana  
yomuntu, uyakubona lokhu na?" Emva kwalokho  
wangibuyisela emuva ekhunjini lomfula. **7** Sengifike  
lapho ngabona izihlahla ezinengi kakhulu eceleni  
ngalinye lomfula. **8** Wasesithi kimi, "Amanzi la  
agelezelu esigabeni sempumalanga njalo ehlela phansi  
e-Arabha lapho angena khona ulwandle. Lapho  
esengene elwandle amanzi azakuba mahle. **9** Uquqaba  
Iwezidalwa eziphilayo luzahlala loba kungaphi lapho  
umfula ogelezelu khona. Kuzakuba lenhlanzi ezinengi  
kakhulu, ngoba amanzi la agelezelu khona njalo  
enza amanzi aletswayi abe mahle; ngakho lapho  
umfula ogelezelu khona izinto zonke zizophila. **10**  
Abagoli bezinhlanzi bazakuma besekele ulwandle;  
kusukela e-Eni-Gedi kusiya e-Eni Egilayimi kuzakuba  
lezindawo zokwendlala amambule. Inhlanzi zizakuba  
ngezezinhlobo ezinengi njengenhanzi zoLwandle  
olukhulu. **11** Kodwa amaxaphozu lamatete kawayikuba  
mahle. Azasala eyizindawo zetswayi. **12** Inhlolo zonke  
zezihlahla zezithelo zizakhula emakhunjini womabili  
omfula. Amahlamvu azo kawayikubuna, lezithelo zazo  
kazisoze ziphuthe. Zizathela nyanga zonke ngoba  
amanzi avela endlini engcwele agelezelu kuzo. Izithelo  
zazo zizakuba yikudla kuthi amahlamvu azo abe  
ngawokwelapha." **13** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo  
Wobukhos: "Le yimngcele ozakwehluhanisa ngayo  
ilizwe lokuba yilifa phakathi kwezizwana ezilitshumi  
lambil zako-Israyeli, kulezigaba ezimbili zikajosefa. **14**  
Kumele ulehlukanise ngokulingana, ngoba ngafunga  
isandla siphakanyiselwe phezulu ukulinika okhokho  
benu, ilizwe leli lizakuba yilifa lenu. **15** Nanku  
okuzakuba ngumngcele welizwe: Ngenhla usuke  
oLwandle Olukhulu ulandele umgwaqo iHethiloni  
udlule eLebho Hamathi usiya eZedadi, **16** eBherotha  
kanye laseSibhirayimi (esemngceleni ophakathi  
kweDamaseko leHamathi), uze uyefika eHazeri  
Hathikhoni, esemngceleni weHawurani. **17** Umngcele  
uzaqhubeka usuka elwandle usiya eHazari-Enani  
ulandela umngcele wargasenyakatho weDamaseko,  
umngcele weHamathi usernyakatho. Lo uzakuba  
ngumngcele wenyakatho. **18** Empumalanga umngcele  
uzakuba ngumngcele waseningizimu. **20** Entshonalanga  
uLwandle Olukhulu luzakuba ngumngcele kuze kuge  
malungana leLebho Hamathi. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele  
wentshonalanga. **21** Lizakwahlukanisela ilizwe leli  
phakathi kwenu mayelana lezizwana zako-Israyeli.  
**22** Kumele libale njengelifa lenu kanye labezizweni  
asebehlezi phakathi kwenu njalo abalabantwana.  
Kumele libathathe njengabantu bakini ko-Israyeli;  
kanye lani bazakwabelwa ilifa phakathi kwezizwana  
zako-Israyeli. **23** Loba kupakathi kwasiphi isizwana  
owezizweni ahiale kuso, kumele limnike ilifa lakhe  
khonapho," kutsho uThixo Wobukhos.

**48** "Lezi yizizwana, zihlelw ngamabizo: Emngceleni  
wasenyakatho, uDani uzakuba lesigaba  
esisodwa; sizalandela umgwaqo weHethiloni oya  
eLebho Hamathi; iHazari-Enani lasemngceleni  
weDamaseko wasenyakatho eduze leHamathi kuzakuba  
yingxene yomngcele kusukela empumalanga  
kusiya entshonalanga. **2** U-Asher uzakuba lesigaba  
esisodwa; sizangcezelana lelizwe likaDani kusukela  
empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **3** UNAfithali  
uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcezelana lelizwe  
lika-Asher kusukela empumalanga kusiya  
entshonalanga. **4** UManase uzakuba lesigaba  
esisodwa; sizangcezelana lelizwe likaNafithali  
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **5** U-  
Efrayimi uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcezelana  
lelizwe likaManase kusukela empumalanga kusiya  
entshonalanga. **6** URubheni uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa;  
sizangcezelana lelizwe lika-Efrayimi kusukela  
empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **7** UJuda uzakuba  
lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcezelana lelizwe likaRubheni  
kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **8**  
Okungcezelana lelizwe likaJuda kusukela empumalanga  
kusiya entshonalanga kuzakuba yisigaba ozasethula  
njengesipho esiqakathekiley. Sizakuba zingalo  
eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu  
ububanzi, njalo ubude baso kusukela empumalanga  
kusiya entshonalanga buzalingana lobesinye sezigaba  
zezizwana; indlu engcwele izakuba phakathi kwaso. **9**  
Isigaba esiqakathekiley ozasipha uThixo sizakuba  
zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili  
lanhlanu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi  
ububanzi. **10** Lesi sizakuba yisigaba esingcwele  
sabaphristi. Sizakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane  
ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ubude  
ngasenyakatho, ingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi  
ububanzi ngasentshonalanga, ingalo eziyinkulungwane  
ezilitshumi ububanzi ngasempumalanga kanye  
lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili  
lanhlanu ubude ngaseningizimu. Phakathi enkaben

yaso kuzakuba lendlu engcwele kaThixo. **11** yenkosana izakuba phakathi komngcele kaJuda Lesi sizakuba ngesabaphristi abangcweliweyo, lomngcele kaBhenjamini. **23** Izizwana eziseleyo: amaZadokhi, ababethembekile ekungikhonzeni UBhenjamini uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizaqhubeke njalo abangadukanga njengokwenziwa ngabaLevi sisukela eceleni lasempumalanga sisiya eceleni ekudukeni kwama-Israyeli. **12** Sizakuba yisipho lasentshonalanga. **24** USimiyoni uzakuba lesigaba esiqakathekileyo kubo sivela esigabeni esingcwele esisodwa; sizangcezelana lelizwe likaBhenjamini selizwe, isigaba esingcwele kakhulu, esingcezelane kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **25** Ulesigaba sabaLevi. **13** AbaLevi bazakuba lesabelo Isakhari uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcezelana esizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lelizwe likaSimiyoni kusukela empumalanga kusiya lanhlanu ubude lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi entshonalanga. **26** UZebhuluni uzakuba lesigaba ububanzi njalo sisekelane lesabaphristi. Ubude esisodwa; sizangcezelana lelizwe lika-Isakhari baso sonke buzakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane kusukela empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga. **27** ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu ububanzi baso UGadi uzakuba lesigaba esisodwa; sizangcezelana buzingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **14** lelizwe likaZebhuluni kusukela empumalanga kusiya Akumelanga basithengise loba bantshintshe ngokunye entshonalanga. **28** Umngcele wangasenningizimu kwaso. Lesi ngesihle kakhulu selizwe njalo akumelanga kaGadi uzahamba eningizimu usuka eThamari siphie abanye abantu ngoba singcwele kuThixo. **15** emanzini aseMeribha Khadeshi, ubuye ulandele Indawo eseleyo, ingalo eziyinkulungwane ezinhlanu uMhotsha waseGibhithe uye eLwandle Olukhulu. ububanzi lengalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi **29** Leli yilizwe okumele ulabele izizwana zakamabili lanhlanu ubude, izasetshenzisa nguzulu Israyeli njengelifa, njalo lezi zizakuba yizigaba wedolobho, negeyzindlu lamadlelo. Idolobho lizakuba zazo,” kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **30** “Lezi zizakuba phakathi kwayo **16** njalo lizakuba lalezi izilinganiso: zintuba zedolobho zokuphuma: Kusukela eceleni Icele lasenyakatho izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lenyakatho, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlalu, icele laseningizimu izingalo lamakhulu amahlalu ubude, **31** amasango amathathu eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlalu, icele eceleni langenyakatho azakuba lisango likaRubheni, lasempumalanga izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine isango likaJuda lesango likaLevi. **32** Eceleni lamakhulu amahlalu, icele lasentshonalanga izingalo langempumalanga, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlalu. **17** lamakhulu amahlalu ubude, kuzakuba lamasango Amadleo edolobho azakuba zingalo ezingamakhulu amathathu: isango likaJosefa, isango likaBhenjamini amabili lamatshumi amahlalu ngasenyakatho, lesango likaDani. **33** Eceleni leningizimu, elizingalo izingalo ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlalu eziyinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlalu, ngaseningizimu, izingalo ezingamakhulu amabili kuzakuba lamasango amathathu: isango likaSimiyoni, lamatshumi amahlalu ngasempumalanga, lezingalo isango lika-Isakhari lesango likaZebhuluni.” **34** Eceleni ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlalu langentshonalanga, elizingalo eziyinkulungwane ezine ngasentshonalanga. **18** Indawo esalayo, engcezelane lamakhulu amahlalu ubude, kuzakuba lamasango lesigaba esingcwele njalo ilandela ubude baso izakuba amathathu: isango likaGadi, isango lika-Asher lesango zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngasceleni buzakuba zingalo eziyinkulungwane ezilitshumi ndawonye lempahla yedolobho. **21** Okusalayo emaceleni lasempumalanga lezingalo eziyinkulungwane lasitshiyagalombili. Njalo ibizo ledolobho kusukela yedolobheri eziyilimayo zizavela kuzozonke ulapha.”

izizwana zako-Israyeli. **20** Isigaba sonke sizalingana inxa zonke, izingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu icele ngalinye. Njengesipho esiqakathekileyo uzaphawula isigaba esingcwele ndawonye lempahla yedolobho. **21** Okusalayo emaceleni womabili endawo eyisisgaba esingcwele lempahla yedolobho kuzakuba ngokwenkosana. Kuzaqhubekele empumalanga kusukela ezingalweni eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu zesigaba esingcwele kusiya emngceleni wasempumalanga, kuphinde kuye entshonalanga kusukela kuzingalo eziyinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu 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

# UDanyeli

**1** Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi inkosi yakwajuda, uNebhukhadinea inkosi yaseBhabhiloni wafika eJerusalema walihanqa. **2** UThixo wanikela ueJehoyakhimi inkosi yakwajuda ezandleni zakhe, kanye lezinye impahla zethempeli likaNkulunkulu. Konke wakuthwala wakusa ethempelinli likankulunkulu wakhe eBhabhiloniya wakufaka endlini yenotho kankulunkulu wakhe. **3** Kwathi-ke inkosi yasilaya u-Ashiphenazi, induna yezikhulu zesigdlo sayo ukuthi alethe abanye bama-Israyeli besikhosini lasezikhulwini, **4** amajaha amizimba ingelasici, amahle, atshengisa ukufundiseka ezintweni zonke, azi okunengi, aphanisayo ukuzwisia njalo abonakala efanele ukukhonza esigidlweni senkoski. Ayemele awafundise ulimi lezincwadi zamaBhabhiloni. **5** Inkosi yababela ukudla okukhethiweyo okwansuku zonke kanye lewayini kuthathwa kokwakulungiselwe inkosi. Babezafundisa okweminyaka emithathu, kuthi ngemva kwalokho baqalele ukusebenza esigidlweni. **6** Phakathi kwalabo babekhona ababephuma kojuda: uDanyeli, loHananiya, loMishayeli kanye lo-Azariya. **7** Indunankulu yabanika amabizo amatsha: uDanyeli kwathiwa nguBhelitheshazari; uHananiya waba nguShadreki, uMishayeli waba nguMeshaki; u-Azariya waba ngu-Abhediniko. **8** Kodwa uDanyeli wazimisela ukuthi angazingcolisi ngokudla kjesikhosini lewayini lakhona, yikho wasecela kundunankulu imvumo yokuthi angazingcolisi kanjalo. **9** UNkulunkulu wayekwenzile ukuthi Indunankulu imthande njalo imhawukele uDanyeli, **10** kodwa wathi kuDanyeli, “Ngiyamesaba umhlekazi wami inkosi, ongyue okumisileyo ukudla kwenu lokokunatha. Kambe akayikulibona yini selikhangeleka kubi kulamanye amajaha angontangka benu? Inkosi ingahle ingiqume ikhanda ngenxa yenu.” **11** UDanyeli wasesithi enxuseni elalibekwe yindunankulu phezu kwaboDanyeli, loHananiya, loMishayeli lo-Azariya, **12** “Ake uzilinge izincek zakho okwensku ezilitshumi nje: Ungasiphi lutho ngaphandle kwemibhida ukuba sidle yona lamanzi okunatha. **13** Lapho-ke ubusufananisa imizimba yethu laleyo eyamajaha adla ukudla kjesikhosini, ubususenza njengokubona kwakho ezincekwini zakho.” **14** Lakanye inxusa lakuvuma lokho labalinga okwensku ezilitshumi. **15** Ekupheleni kwensku ezilitshumi bakhangeleka bephila ngcono njalo bezimukile kulamajaha ayesidla ukudla kjesikhosini. **16** Yikho inxusa laselisusa ukudla kwabo kwekhethelo kanye lewayini ababelinatha labapha imibhida. **17** La amajaha amane uNkulunkulu wawanika ulwazi lokuzwisia zonke izibhalo lemfundu. Njalo uDanyeli wayezwisia imibono lamaphupo wonke ehlukeneyo. **18** Ekupheleni kjesikhathhi esasibekwe yinkosi ukuthi balethwe, indunankulu yabethula kuNebhukhadinea. **19** Inkosi yakhuluma labo yafumana engekho olingana loDanyeli, loHananiya, loMishayeli kanye lo-Azariya; ngakho bangeniswa ukusebenzela inkosi. **20** Kuzozonke

izindaba zokuhlakanipha lokuzwisia inkosi eyababuza ngazo yabafumana bebedlula bonke omasalamusi lezangoma ngokuphindwe katshumi kuwo wonke umbuso wayo. **21** UDanyeli wahlala khona kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wokuqala weNkosi uKhrosi.

**2** Ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kwakhe, uNebhukhadinea waphupha amaphupho; wahlpheka engqondweni, wehluleka lokulala. **2** Ngakho inkosi yasibiza omasalamusi, lezangoma, labavumisi lezingcazi zezinkanyezi ukuthi bamtshele lokho ayekuphophile. Sebengenile bema phambi kwayo inkosi, **3** yathi kubo, “Ngibe lephupho elingihluphayo yikho ngifuna ukwazi ukuthi litshoni.” **4** Kwasekusithi ingcazi zezinkanyezi zayiphendula inkosi zikhuluma ngesi-Aramu zathi, “Bayethe, nkosi! Phila kuze kuge nininin! Zitshele izincek zakho iphupho lelo, thina sizalichaza.” **5** Inkosi yaziphendula ingcazi zezinkanyezi yathi, “Nanku esengikumisile: Nxa lingangitsheli ukuthi iphupho lami belyini beselilchaza, ngizakuthi liqunywaqunywe iziqa, izindlu zenu zidilizwe zibe yinqwaba. **6** Kodwa lingangitshela iphupho kanye lengcazole yalo ngizaliphia zipho lemivuze lodumo olukhulu. Ngakho ngitshelani iphupho libe selingichazelola.” **7** Baphinda njalo baphendula bathi, “Inkosi kayizitshele izichaka zayo iphupho lelo, thina sizalichasisa.” **8** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Ngilequiniso ukuthi liqonde ukuchitha isikhathi ngoba libona ukuthi yilokhu esengikumisile ukuthi: **9** Nxa lingangitsheli iphupho lelo, sinye zwi isijeziso senu. Seliyengene ukuthi lingitshele inkohliso lamanyal, licabanga ukuthi kumbe izinta zizaguquka. Manje-ke ngitshelani iphupho lelo yikho ngizakwazi ukuthi lingangichasisela lona.” **10** Ingcazi zezinkanyezi zayiphendula inkosi zathi, “Kakulamuntu emhlabeni ongakwenza lokho okufunwa yinkosi! Kayikho inkosi, loba ingenkulu kanganani kumbe ilamandla anganani, eyake yafuna into enjalo labola kubani oyenza amasalamusi, kumbe isangoma loba ingcazi yezikanyezi. **11** Lokhu okufunwa yinkosi kunzima kakhulu. Kakho ongakwambulela inkosi ngaphandle kwabonkulunkulu, njalo kabahlali ebantwini.” **12** Lokhu kwayizondisa inkosi yabilo ngolaka yahle yathi zonke izihlakanipha zaseBhabhiloni kazibulawewe. **13** Ngakho sakutshwa isimemezelo sokuthi izazi kazibulawewe, yikho kwathunywa amadoda ukuyadinga uDanyeli labakhula bakhe ukuthi babulawewe. **14** Kwathi u-Ariyoki, indunankulu yamanxusa enkosi isiphumile ukuyabulala izihlakanipha zaseBhabhiloni, uDanyeli wakhuluma laye ngokuhlakanipha langokumanzelela. **15** Wasibuza isikhulu lesi senkoski wathi, “Kungani inkosi ikhuphe isimemezelo esibuhlungu kangaka na?” U-Ariyoki waseyichaza indaba kuDanyeli. **16** Esekuzwile lokho uDanyeli waya enkosini wacela ukuba ake aphiwe isikhathi, ukuze ayichazele iphupho layo. **17** UDanyeli wabuyela endlini yakhe wayatshela abakhula bakhe oHananiya, loMishayeli lo-Azariya ngendaba leyo. **18** Wabakhuthaza ukuthi bacele umusa kuNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngale inkinga eyimfihlakalo, ukuze kuthi yena labakhula bakhe baphephe ekubulaweni kanye

lazozonke izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni. **19** Kwathi zihlala ngaphi, ukwenze wena waba ngumbusi wakho ebusuku inkginga leyo yambulelwa uDanyeli ngombono. konke. Ulikhanda leliyana legolide. **39** Ngemva UDanyeli wasemdumisa uNkulunkulu wasezulwini kwakho, kuzakuba khona omunye umbuso, ophansi **20** wathi: "Kalidunyiswe ibizo likaNkulunkulu kulowakho. Kuzalandela owesithathu owethusi nini lanini; inhlakanipho lamandla kungokwakhe. ozabusa umhlabu wonke. **40** Ekucineni kuzakuba **21** Uyaguqula izikhathi lezibanga; uyawabeka lombuso wesine oqinileyo njengensimbi ngoba amakhosi aphinde awaqethule. Unika inhlakanipho insimbi iyephula ivodloze yonke into, yikho njengoba kwabahlakaniphileyo lolwazi kwabaqedisayo. insimbi isephula izinto zibe yizicu, kanjalo umbuso **22** Uveza obala izinto ezizikileyo lezifihlakeleyo; lowo uzayichoboza yonke eminye. **41** Njengoba uyakwazi okucatshe emnyameni, lokuhanya kuhlala ubonile ukuthi inyawo lamazwane bekulengxene ykuye. **23** Ngiyakubonga njalo ngiyakudumisa, Oh Nkulunkulu wabokhokho bami: Ungiphile inhlakanipho lamandla, usungazisile mina lokho esikucelileyo kuwe, ususazisile thina iphupho lenkosi." **24** UDanyeli wasesiya ku-Ariyoki owayekhethwe yinkosi ukuba **42** Njengoba amazwane abelengxene yensimbi, abulale izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni, wathi kuye, lengxene yebumba, kanjalo umbuso lo uzakuba "Ungazibulali izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni. Ngisa lamandla nganxanye, nganxanye ubucuzeke. **43** enkosini, ngizayichasisela iphupho layo." **25** U-Ariyoki Njalo njengoba ubonile insimbi ixubene lebumba wahle wasa uDanyeli enkosini wathi, "Sengiyifumene indoda kwabathunjiveyo bakwajuda engayitshela bahlale bengamanyananga, njengoba insimbi inkosi ukuthi iphupho layo litshoni." **26** Inkosi yambuza ongasoze wabhidiliza lanini njalo ongasoze utshiyelwe uphinde ulichasise?" **27** Waphendula uDanyeli wathi, "Kasikho isihlakaniphi, noma isangoma, noma oyenza amasalamusi, noma isanuse esingayiuhlhlulela inkosi imfihlakalo eyidingayo, **28** kodwa ukhona uNkulunkulu ezulwini owambula zonke imfihlakalo. Utshengise inkosi uNebhukhadinea okuzakwenzakala ngezinsuku ezizayo. Iphupho lakho lemibono eyafika engqondweni yakho ulele embhedeni wakho yile: **29** Wathi ulele khonapho nkosi, ingqondo yakho yaphatha izinto wazilahla wathi mbo phambi kukaDanyeli wamkhonza ezisezakuza, kwathi umhlahluli wezinkinga wakubonisa okuzakwenzakala." **30** Okwami yikuthi ngiyambulelwa imfihlakalo le, kungesukuthi yingoba ngilenhlakanipho eyeqa eyabanye abaphilayo, kodwa ukuze kuthi wena, Oh nkosi, uyazi ingcازelo njalo ukuze uzwisise okwakuphithikanu engqondweni yakho. **31** Wathi uyakhangela, Oh nkosi, wabona kumi phambi kwakho isithombe esikhulukazi, inkalakatha yesithombe esikhazimulayu, sisesabeka ukukhangeleka kwaso. **32** Ikhanda lesithombe lalenziwe ngegolide elicengekileyo, isifuba saso lezingalo kubunjiwe ngesiliva, isisu lemilenle kubunjiwe ngethusi, **33** imibala ibunjwe ngensimbi, inyawo zaso zilengxene yensimbi lenye ingxene yebumba elitsisiweyo. **34** Wathi ulokhu usabukele, kwaqetsulwa ilitshe, kungesingazandla zamuntu. Lasigxoba isithombe ezinyaweni zaso zensimbi lebumba lazihlifiza. **35** Kwasekusithi insimbi, lebumba, lethusi, lesiliva kanye legolide kwachobozeka kwaba yizicu kanyekanye kwaba njengomule esizeni ehlobo. Umoya waziphephula izicu wazikhucula du. Kodwa ilitshe elagxoba isithombe laba yintaba enkulu yagcwala umhlabu wonke. **36** Leli bekuyilo iphupho, manje-ke sesizalichazelu inkosi. **37** Wena, Oh nkosi uyinkosi yamakhosi. UNkulunkulu wasezulwini ukunikile umbuso, lamandla lobukhulu lodumo; **38** uluntu lonke ulunikele ezandleni zakho kanye lezinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zemoyeni. Loba

**3** Inkosi uNebhukhadinea yenza isithombe segolide, saphakama izingalo ezingamatshumi ayisifcamunwemunye lobabanzi obuzingalo ezyisifcamunwemunye, yasimisa egcekeni laseDura elizweni laseBhabhiloni. **2** Yasibiza ababusizi bezigaba, labalisa, ababusizi bemikhono yelizwe, labeluleki, **3** labaphathizikhwama, labehluleli, labomantshi kanye lazonke izikhulu zezigaba ukuza emkhosini wokubusisa isithombe leso ayesimisile, bema phambi kwaso. **4** Umlawuli womkhosi wasemememeza kakhulu wathi, "Mahlabezulu, lani zizwe zonke kanye lani bantu bezindimi zonke, nanku elilaywa ukuthi likwenze: **5** Lingavele lizwe ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho, lezindweba layo yonke imihlobo yokuhlabela ngokukhalisa iziginci

libokuthi mbo phansi lisikhonze isithombe segolide oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, **23** kwathi esimiswe yinkosi uNebhukhadineza. **6** Iloba ngubani amadoda la womathathu ayebotshwe nko awela ongayi kukhothama asikhonze uzahle aphoselwe phakathi kwesthando somlilo olavuzayo. **24** esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo.” **7** Yikho, bonela Khonapho inkosi uNebhukhadineza wathi lothu ukuzwa ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga, ngokumangala, wabuza abacebisi bakhe wathi, lomhubhe, lechacho lemihlobo yonke yeziginci, “Kanti angithi abemathathu amadoda esiwabophileyo bonke abantu, leziwe labantu bezindimi zonke bathi mbo phansi bakhonza isithombe segolide inkosi uNebhukhadineza eyayisimisile. **8** Ngalesiskhathi ezinye izingcazi zezinkanyezi zeza zachothonza amajuda. **9** Zathi enkosini uNebhukhadineza, “Bayethe lutho, njalo owsine lowo ukhangaleka njengendodana nkosi, mana njalo! **10** Ukhophile isimemezelo, yabonkulunkulu.” **26** UNebhukhadineza wasesondela wena nkosi, wathi wonke okuzwayo ukukhala emlonyeni wesithando somlilo olavuzayo wamemeza kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho wathi, “Shadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, zinceku lezindweba kanye lazoonke iziginci ezikhaliwayo zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, phuman! Wozani kathi mbo phansi akhonze isithombe segolide, **11** laphal!” Ngakho oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko lokuthi loba ngubani ongathi mbo phansi akhonze baphuma emlilweni, **27** kwathi ababusi bezigaba, uzaphoselwa esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo. **12** labalisa, lababusi bemikhono yelizwe labeluleki Kodwa bakhona abanye amajuda obabeke ukupaththa besikhosini bababunganyela. Babona ukuthi ilizwe laseBhabhiloni, uShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, abangakhathali lutho ngawe, wena kungahaqazekanga lalunye unwele lwamakhanda nkosi. Kababakhonzi onkulunkulu bakho njalo abo; izembatho zabo zingahanglekanga, njalo kabasikhonzi isithombe lesi osimisileyo.” **13** Wazonda kunganuki mlilo kubo. **28** UNebhukhadineza wadla inja uNebhukhadineza, wasebiza oShadreki, wasesithi, “Kadunyiswe uNkulunkulu kaShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko. Yikho amadoda la alethwa phambi kwenkiso, **14** uNebhukhadineza wathi kubo, “Kuliqiniso yini, Shadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, ukuthi kalibakhonzi onkulunkulu bami njalo kalisikhonzi isithombe segolide engisimisileyo?” **15** Manje nxa lingezwa ukukhala kophondo, lomfece, lomhlanga, lomhubhe, lechacho, lezindweba layo yonke imihlobo yezikhaliswayo, nxa selizimisele ukuthi mbo phansi lisikhonze isifanekiso engasenzayo, kulungile. Kodwa nxa lingasikhonzi lizaphoselwa ngokuphangisa esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo. Pho nguphi unkulunkulu ozalilamulela esandleni ukuthi bayiphendula inkosi bathi, “Nkosi Nebhukhadineza, kasidangi kuzilwela phambi kwakho ngale indaba. **17** Singaphoselwa esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo, uNkulunkulu esimkhonzyao ulamanda okusinsindisa kuwo, njalo uzasilamulela esandleni sakho, wena nkosi. **18** Loba engasisindisi, sithanda ukuba ukwazi, wena nkosi, ukuthi sivele kasisoze sikakhonze onkulunkulu bakho kumbe sisidumise isifanekiso segolide lesi osimisileyo.” **19** Lapho-ke uNebhukhadineza waphuphuma ngolaka kuShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko, wahle waguqula indlela aye esebehathwa ngayo. Walaya ukuthi isithando somlilo sibaselwe sitshise okuphindwe kasikhombisa kulenjayelo **20** waphinda walaya ukuthi abanye bamabutho angobambapheqe bempa yakhe bababophe oShadreki, loMeshaki lo-Abhediniko babaphosele esithandweni somlilo olavuzayo. **21** Yikho amadoda la abotshwa elokhu eggoko amajazi awo, lamabhlugwe, amaqhiye kanye lezinye iziqqoko zavo, aphoselwa esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo. **22** Umlayo wenkosи wawuthukuthele kakhulu lesithando somlilo sitshisa okukuthi amalangabi omlilo awabulala amanxusa ayefuqela

**4** Inkosi uNebhukhadineza, Ezizweni zonke lebantwini benhlanga zonke abahlala emhlabeni wonke: Sengathi inganda kini inhlakahle! **2** Kuyintokozo kimi ukulitshela ngezibonakaliso ezimangalisayo lezingkinga uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke angenzele zona. **3** Zinkulu kangakanani izibonakaliso zakhe, **4** Mina, Nebhukhadineza, ngangisekhaya esigodlwani sami, nganelisiwe njalo ngikhomba ngophakathi. **5** Ngehlelwa liphupho elangitshayisa uvalo. Ngathi ngilele embhedeni wami kwafika engqondweni yami izifanekiso lezibonakaliso ezangithuthumelisayo. **6** Ngasengilaya ukuthi zonke izihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni zilethwe phambi kwami ukuthi zingihlahlulele lelophupho. **7** Kwathi sebefikile omasalamusi, lezagoma, lezingcazi zezinkanyezi lezanuse ngazitshela lelophupho kodwa zehluleka ukungichasisela lona. **8** Ekucineni uDanyeli wafika kimi ngamtshela ngephupho lelo. (Uthiwa nguBhelitheshazari, ngokuphathelene lebizo likankulunkulu wami, njalo umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele uphakathi kwakhe.) **9** Ngathi kuye, Bhelitheshazari, nduna yabomasalamusi, ngiyazi

ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele uphakathi emhlabathini. Kagxanxwe ngamazolo aphezulu; kwakho, njalo kakukho okuyinkinga kuwe. Nanti kaphile njengezinyamazana zeganga kuze kudlule iphupho lami; ngihlahlhulela lona. **10** Yile imibono eyangivelelayo ngilele embhedeni wami: Ngakhangela, ngabona kumi phambi kwami isihlahla phakathi komango. Ubude baso babule. **11** Isihlahla sakhula saba sikhulu saqina, isiqongo saso sakhotha umkhathi; sasibonakala lasemikhawulwemi yomhlabo. **12** Kuzakudlula iminyaka eyisikhombisa uze uvume Amahlamu aso ayebukeka, izithelo zaso zinengi ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa phezu kwemibuso kuso kukhona ukudla kwakho konke. Ngaphansi yabantu ayinika ingqe ngulowo amthandayo. **26** kwaso izinyamazana zeganga zafumana isiphephelo Umlayo wokutshiya isidindi kanye lezimpande zaso lezinyoni zemoyeni zazihlala emagatsheni aso; utsho ukuthi umbuso wakho uzabuyiselwa kuwe zonke izidalwa zisongiwa kuso. **13** Ezibonakalisweni nxatshana usuvuma ukuthi iZulu liyabusa. **27** Ngakho-ezeza ngilele embhedeni wami, ngakhangela, ke, Oh nkosi, kuhle ukuthi wamukele ukucebisa ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kulesithunyu, kwami: Yekela izono zakho wenze okulungileyo, singongcwele, sisehla sisuka ezulwini. **14** Samemeza lobubi bakho ube lomusa kwabancindezelweyo. ngelizwi elikhulu sathi: Gamulelani phansi isihlahla Lapho-ke mhlawumbe ukuphumelela kwakho licakaze amagatsha aso; liwaphundle amahlamu aso lihlakaze izithelo zaso. Yekelani izinyamazana zibalek ngaphansi kwaso kanye lezinyoni emagatsheni lambili, inkosi ihambahamba ephahleni lwasigodlo aso. **15** Kodwa akuthi isidindi saso kanye lempande saseBhabhiloni, **30** yathi, “Kakusilo yini iBhabhiloni zakhona kusale kugxumekile emhlabathini phakathi leli engalakha laba ngumuzi wobukhosu bami kotshani beganga, kubotshiwe ngensimbi langethusi. na?” **31** Kwathi amazwi la elokhu esesemlonyeni Kagxanxwe ngamazolo avela phezulu, njalo kahlae wakhe kwehla ilizwi livela ezulwini lathi, “Nanku lezinyamazana phakathi kwezilhlahla zeganga. **16** osukunqunyelwe, nkosi Nebhukhadineza: Amandla Ingqondo yakhe kayiguqlwe isuke ebuntwini, aphiwe akho obukhosu asesusiwe kuwe. **32** Uzaxotshwa ingqondo yenyamazana, kuze kudlule iminyaka ebantwini ueyhla lezinyamazana zeganga; uzakudla eyisikhombisa. **17** “Isinquno lesi sibikwa yizithunyu, utshani njengezinkomo. Kuzadlula iminyaka zona ezingcwele yizo ezimemezela lesi isigwebo, eyisikhombisa uze uvume ukuthi oPhezukonke ukuze kuthi abaphilayo bazi ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa phezu kwemibuso yabantu ayiphe ingqe unguThixo yemibuso yabantu njalo uyabanikela ngubani ngokuthanda kwakhe.” **33** Masinyane rje loba kukubani amfunayo futhi enze buswes okwakutshiwo ngoNebhukhadineza kwagcwaliiseka. ngumuntukazana.’ **18** Yilo iphupho engibe lalo mina Waxotshwa ebantwini wadla utshani njengezinkomo. inkosi uNebhukhadineza. Manje-ke Bhelitheshazari, Umzimba wakhe wagxanxwa ngamazolo aphezulu, ngitshela ukuthi litshoni, ngoba kasikho isihlahkaniphi inwele zakhe zakhula njengezinsiba zengqungqulu, embusweni wami esingangihlahlhulela lona. Kodwa kwathi inzipo zakhe zaba njengenkumba zenyoni. **34** wena ungakwenza, ngoba umoya wabonkulunkulu Ekupheleni kwalessosikhathi, mina, Nebhukhadineza, abangcwele uphakathi kwakho.” **19** Yikho uDanyeli ngaphakamisela amehlo ami ezulwini, ingqondo (njalo othiwa nguBhelitheshazari) wakhathazeka yami yabuya. Ngasengimdumis oPhezukonke; kakhulu okwesikhathi esithile, imicabango yakhe ngambabaza, ngambonga yena ohlezi kuze kuge yamethusa. Yikho inkosi yasisithi, “Bhelitheshazari, phakade. **35** Imihlolo yonke yabantu bomhlaba **36** ungethuswa liphupho lelo kumbe yincazel yalo.” Ngasonalesosikhathi ingqondo yami yabuya, udumo UBhelitheshazari waphendula wathi, Nkosi yami, Iwami lenkazimulo yami kwabuyiswa kimi ukusekela sengathia ngabe iphupho lelo liqonde labo abayizitha ubukhosu bombuso wami. Abeluleki bami lezikhulu zakho lengcrazo yalo ikhomba labo abakuzondayo! **20** zami bangidipa bangibuyisela esihlahlwani sami Isihlahla osibonileyo, esakhula saba sikhulu saqina, sobukhosu, ngase ngisiba mkhulu kulakuqala. **37** isiqongo saso sakhotha isibhakabhaka size sibonakale Ngakho-ke mina, Nebhukhadineza, ngiyayidumisa emhlabeni wonke, **21** silamahlamvu abukekayo njalo ngiyayibabaza, ngiyiphakamise iNkosi yezulu, lezithelo ezinengi, sisipha ukudla kukho konke, siphie ngoba konke ekwenzayeo kuqondile futhi lezindlela isiphephelo izinyamazana zeganga, emagatsheni zayo zonke zilungle. Njalo bonke abaziggajayo aso silezindawo zezidleke zezinyoni zemoyeni, **22** yabathobisa.

**5** Inkosi uBhelishazari wenzela izikhulu zakhe ezipinkulungwane idili elikhulu, wanatha lazo iwayini. **2** Kwathi uBhelishazari enatha iwayini lakhe walaya ukuthi kulethwe izitsha zegolide lezesiliva ezazithethwe nguyise uNebhukhadineza ethempelini ejerusalem, efuna ukuthi inkosi, lezikhulu zayo, labafazi bayo kanye labafazi bayo beceleni banathele kuzo. **3** Yikho baziletha izitsa

zegolide ezazithethwe ethempelini likaNkulunkulu eJerusalema, kwasekusithi inkosi lezikhulu zayo kanye labafazi bayo beceleni banathela kuzo. **4** Bathi belinatha iwayini babelokhu bedumisa onkulunkulu begolide labesiliva, labethusi, labensimbi, labezigodo labamatshe. **5** Masinyane nje kwavela iminin yeandal somuntu yaloba emdulini eduzane loluthi lwasibane esigodlwani. Inkosi yasibukela isandla siloba. **6** Ubuso bayo bahloba, yethuka amadoloy aze atshayana, imilenze yathamba yathi wohlo phansi. **7** Inkosi yamemeza yathi kakubizwe izangoma lezingcazi zezinkanyeye kanye lezanuse yasisithi kuwo la amadoda ayizihlakaniphi zaseBhabhiloni, "Loba ngubani ongabala umbhalo lo angitshele ukuthi utshoni uzaggokiswa ezyiyibubende aqgisizwe iketane legolide entanyeni yakhe, njalo uzaphiwa isikhundla sesithathu sokuba ngumbusi kulelilizwe." **8** Zasezingena zonke izihlakaniphi. Kodwa zehluleka ukuwubala umbhalo lokutshela inkosi ukuthi utshoni. **9** Ngakho inkosi uBhelishazari yathuthumela okwedululayo, ubuso bayo bahloba. Izikhulu zayo zadideka. **10** Indlovukazi yathi isizwa amazwi inkosi lezikhulu zayo yeza yangena endlini yedili. Yathi, "Oh nkosi, mana njalo. Ungethuki! Ungaze wahloba kanjalo! **11** Kulomuntu embusweni wakho olomoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele phakathi kwakhe. Ngesikhathi sikayihlo watshengisa ukuqonda, lokukhalipha lenhlakanipho okufana lokwabonkulunkulu. Uyihlo, inkosi uNebhukhadineza yambeka ukuba yinduna yabomasalamusi, lezangoma, lezingcazi zezinkanyeye lezanuse. **12** Indoda le, uDanyeli, inkosi eyayimbiza ngokuthi nguBhelishazari, wabonakala elengqondo evukileyo, lolwazi lokuzwisisa, njalo elamandla okuhumutsha amaphupho, lokuchaza amalibho kanye lokuhlahlu izinkinga ezinzima. Mbize uDanyeli, uzakutshela ukuthi umbhalo utshoni." **13** Ngakho uDanyeli walettha phambi kwenkosi, inkosi yathi kuye, "Wena unguye uDanyeli na, omunye wabathunjwa abalethwa ngubaba inkosi bevela kojuda? **14** Sengizwile ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu uphakathi kwakho lokuthi ulokuqonda, lokukhalipha lenhlakanipho eyinqaba. **15** Izihlakaniphi lezangoma zilethwe kimi ukuthi zingibalele umbhalo lo, zingitshele ukuthi utshoni, kodwa zehlulekile ukuwuchaza. **16** Manje sengizwile ukuthi wena ulamandla okutsho ingcazelulo, lokuhlahlu izinkinga ezinzima. Aluba ungawubala umbhalo lo uphinde ungitshela ukuthi utshoni, uzaggokiswa ezyiyibubende, uqgisizwe leketane legolide entanyeni yakho, uphinde ubekwe esikhundleni sokuba ngowesithathu ebukhulwini bombuso lo." **17** UDanyeli wasephendula inkosi wathi, "Ungazigcinela lezozipho zakho, uphe leyomivuzo yakho omunye umuntu. Loba kunjalo ngizayibalela inkosi umbhalo lowo ngiyitshele ukuthi utshoni. **18** Yebo kambe nkosi, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke wanika uyihlo uNebhukhadineza ubukhosibukhulu lodumo kanye lenkazimulo. **19** Ngenxa yesikhundla esiphezulu amnika sona, bonke abantu kanye lezizwe zonke labantu bendimi zonke babemqhuqa, bemesaba. Labo inkosi eyafuna ukubabulala, yababulala; labo eyafuna ukubaxolela, yabaxolela; labo eyafuna ukubakhweza ezikhundleni yabakhweza; kwathi labo eyafuna ukubayangisa, yabayangisa. **20** Kodwa kwathi lapho inhliyizo yayo isilobuqholo, isiluhkuni ngokuzigqaja yethulwa esihlhaweni sayo sobukhosibukhulu udumo lwayo. **21** Yaxotshwa ebantwini yaphiwa ingqondo bayo bahloba, yethuka amadoloy aze atshayana, utshani njengezinkomo; lomzimba wayo wagxanxwa ngamazolo omkhathi yaze yavuma ukuthi uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke nguye uThixo phezu kwemibuso yabantu, abeke phezu kwayo loba nguphi umbusi amthandayo. **22** Kodwa wena ndodana yayo, awu Bhelishazari, kawuzithobanga, lokuba ukwazi konke lokhu. **23** Endaweni yalokho, uzmisele ukumelana loThixo layo zilethwe kuwe, kwasekusithi wena lezikhulu zakho, labafazi bakho kanye labafazi bakho beceleni lanathela iwayini kuzo. Wadumisa onkulunkulu besiliva legolide, abethusi, lensimbi, lezigodo lamatshe, abangaboniyo, labangezwayo labangaqedisiyo. Kodwa kawumhloniphanga uNkulunkulu ophethe ukuphila kwakho kanye lezindlela zakho zonke esandleni sakhe. **24** Kungakho ethumele lesosandla esalobe lumbhalo. **25** Nanku umbhalo obulotshiwe: mene, mene, thekheli, pharisini. **26** Nanku okutshiro ngamagama la: Mene: Nkulunkulu usezibilale insuku zokubusa kwakho, usekuqedile. **27** Thekheli: Usulinganisiwe esikalibya wafunyanwa ulula. **28** Pharisini: Umbuso wakho usuhlukaniswe phakathi, wabelwa amaMede lamaPhezhya." **29** Kwathi ngomlayo kaBhelishazari uDanyeli wagqokiswa ezyiyibubende, wagqiziswa iketane legolide entanyeni yakhe, kwamenyezelwa ukuthi usengumbusi wesikhundla sobuthathu elizweni. **30** Ngabona lobobusuku uBhelishazari, inkosi yamaBhabhiloni wabulawa, **31** kwathi uDariyu umuMede wabuthatha ubukhosibukhulu eleminya engamatshumi ayisithupha lambili.

**6** UDariyu wathanda ukubeka ababusibezigaba abalikhulu lamatshumi amabili ukuba babuse kulolonke ilizwe, **2** wabeka omongameli abathathu phezu kwabo, omunye wabo enguDanyeli. Ababusibezigaba babesethula kubo konke ukuze inkosi ingalahlekewa lutho. **3** UDanyeli waba yisilomo, wedlula abanye omongameli lababusi bezigaba ngokwenza kwakhe, inkosi yaze yafisa ukumbeka phezu kweлизе lonke. **4** Ngenxa yalokho omongameli lababusi bezigaba badinga amabhada okumangalela uDanyeli ngendlela ayeqhuba ngayo kwezombuso, kodwa behluleka. Kabafumananga kungcola kuye ngoba wayethembekile futhi engasihaga lemalijalo engayekethisi lutho. **5** Eku cineri amadoda la athi, "Kasisoza safala salizuza izaba lokwethesa indoda le uDanyeli icala ngaphandle kwalokho okuphathelelo lmoothetho kaNkulunkulu wakhe." **6** Ngakho omongameli lababusi bezigaba bayo enkosini belixiku bafika bathi: "Oh nkosi Dariyu, mana njalo! **7** Omongameli besikhosini, labalisa, lababusi bezigaba, labeluleki lababusi bemikhono yelizwe

bonke sebevumelene ukuthi inkosi kayikhuphe ngoba wathemba kuNkulunkulu wakhe. **24** Inkosi isimemezelo iwugcizelele umlayo othi noma ngubani yalaya ukuthi baletwe labo ababemangalele uDanyeli okhuleka kuwuphi uNkulunkulu noma umuntu ngamanga baphoselwa emgodini wezilwane kanye phakathi kwalezi insuku ezingamatshumi amathathu, labafazi babo labantwababo. Bathi bengakathinti ngaphandle kokukhuleka kuwe wena, Oh nkosi, phansi emgodini izilwane zabaqaga zabafohloza uzaphoselwa emgodini wezilwane. **8** Manje, Oh wonke amathambo abo. **25** Inkosi uDariyu yasilobela nkosi, sikhuphe lesosimermezelo sibhalwe phansi ukuze singaguqlwa njengoba kunjalo ngemithetho yamaMede lamaPhezhiya engaguqlwayo.” **9** Ngakho inkosi uDariyu yawubhala phansi lowomthetho. **10** Kwathi uDanyeli esezwile ukuthi umthetho wawusukhutshiwe, waya ekhaya endlini yakhe ephezulu esitezi eyayilamawindi avulwe akhangela ejerusalema. Kathathu ngelanga wayezilahla phansi ngamadolokhuleke, ebonga uNkulunkulu wakhe, njengalokho ayevele ekwenza mandulo. **11** Kwasekusithi amadoda la aqhuhuba elixuku afica uDanyeli ekhuleka ecela usizo kuNkulunkulu. **12** Asesiya enkosini ayakhulumaya loyo ngomthetho owaphuma esigodlweni, athi: “Kawukhuphanga isimemezelo yini sokuthi ngezinisuku ezilandelayo ezingamatshumi amathathu noma ngubani okhuleka komunye unkulunkulu noma umuntu ngaphandle kokukhuleka kuwe, Oh nkosi, uzaphoselwa emgodini wezilwane?” Inkosi yaphendula yathi, “Lowomthetho umi njengemithetho yamaMede lamaPhezhiya, engeke iguqlulwe.” **13** Asesithi enkosini, “UDanyeli, ongomunye wabathunjwa bakoJuda, kakunanzi, wena nkosi, kanye lomthetho owawubhala phansi. Ulokhu ekhuleka kathathu ngelanga.” **14** Kwathi inkosi isikuwile lokho yakhathazeka kakhulu; yayizimisele ukukhulula uDanyeli, yenza yonke imizamo yokumsiza ilanga laze layatshona. **15** Amadoda lawo asehamba elixuku aya enkosini athi kuyo, “Khumbula, Oh nkosi, ukuthi ngomthetho wamaMede lamaPhezhiya kakulasimemezelo loba isimiso esikhutshwe yinkosi esingaguqlwa.” **16** Ngakho inkosi yasikhupha umlayo, basebemletha uDanyeli bamphosela emphandwini wezilwane. Inkosi yathi kuDanyeli, “Sengathi uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonyazo njalonjalo angakuhlenga!” **17** Kwaletsha ilitshe lafakwa emnyango womgodi, inkosi yaslinameka ngendandatho yayo yobukhosoi langezindandatho zezikulu zayo, ukuze umumo kaDanyeli ungaquqlwa. **18** Yikho inkosi yase ibuyela esigodlweni sayo yazila ukudla lokunatha ubusuku bonke. Yehluleka ukulala. **19** Kwathi emadabukakusa inkosi yavuka yaya emgodini wezilwane. **20** Ithe isifikile emgodini, yamemeza uDanyeli ngelizwi losizi yathi, “Danyeli, nceku kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonyazo njalonjalo ukuphephisile yini eziwlwaneni?” **21** UDanyeli waphendula wathi, “Oh nkosi, mana njalo! **22** UNkulunkulu wami uthume ingilosiyakhe yayivala imilomo yezilwane. Kazingilimazanga ngoba ngifunyanwe ngingelacala phambi kwakhe. Njalo kangikaze ngenze okubi kuwe, Oh nkosi.” **23** Inkosi yathaba yafa yakhupha umlayo wokuba uDanyeli akhutshulwe emgodini lowo. UDanyeli esekhutshiwe emgodini, kakubonakalanga nxeba kuye,

bonke abantu, lezizwe zonke lenhlanga zendimi zonke kulolonke ilizive yathi: “Sengathi impilo enhle inganda kini! **26** Ngimisa isimiso sokuthi kuzozonke izindawo zombuso wami, abantu kabesabe, bakhonze uNkulunkulu kaDanyeli. **27** Uyakhululu, asindise; **28** Ngakho uDanyeli waphumelela ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaDariyu lesokubusa kukaKhurosni umPhezhiya.

**7** Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaBhelishazari inkosi yaseBhabhiloni, uDanyeli waphupha iphupho, kwaphithika imibono engqondweni yakhe elele embhedeni wakhe. Wakubhala phansi okwakuqkethwe liphupho lakhe. **2** UDanyeli wathi: “Embonweni wami ebusuku ngakhangela ngabona phambi kwami imimoya emine yasezulwini iqubula ulwandle olukhulu. **3** Izilo ezine ezinkulu, yileso singafanani lezinye, zaqhamuka olwandle. **4** Esakuqala sasinjengesilwane, njalo silamaphiko engqungqulu. Ngabukela amaphiko aso aze akhutshwa, sasesiphakanyiswa emhlabathini sema ngezinyawo ezimbili njengomuntu, sasesiphiwa inhliziyi omuntu. **5** Khonapho phambi kwami kwakujame isilo sesibili esasifana lebhele. Sasisiphakanyisiwe kwelinye icele laso, njalo emlonyen iwaso sasislezbimbambo ezintathu emazinyweni aso. Satshelwa kwathiwa, ‘Sukuma udle inyama usuthe!’ **6** Ngemva kwalokho ngakhangela ngabona phambi kwami esinje isilo esasikhangeleka njengengwe. Emhlane waso sasislamaphiko amane afana lawenyoni. Isilo lesi sasislamakhanda amane, saphiwa amandla okuba sibuse.” **7** Ngemva kwalokho, embonweni wami ebusuku ngakhangela, kwathi phambi kwami kwema isilo sesine esithuthumelisayo, sisesabeka njalo silamandla amakhulu. Sasilamazinyo ensimbi amakhulu; safohoza esikubambleyo sakudula, okuseleyo sakugxobela phansi. Sasingafanani lazozonke izilo zakuqala, sona silempondo ezilitsumi. **8** Ngisalokhu ngicabanga ngempondo lezo, khonapho phambi kwami kwaba lolunye uphondo oluncinyane olwama phakathi kwazo; kwathi ezintathu zempondo zakuqala zugunywla phambi kwalo. Uphondo lolu lwalulamehlo anjengamehlo omuntu lomlomo owawukhuluma okukuzikhukhumeza. **9** “Ngisakhangele, kwabekwa izihlalo zobukhosni, uSimakade wahlala kwesakhe. Izigqoko zakhe zazimhlophe njengeqhwani; inwele zekhanda lakhe zimhlophe njengoboya bezimvu. Isihlalo sakhe sasilavuka umlilo, lamavili aso wonke evutha umlilo. **10** Kwakugeleza umfula womlilo, uthutsha ngaphambi kwakhe. Izinkulungwane lezinkulungwane zazimkhonza; izinkulungwane ezilitsumi ziphindwe ngezinkulungwane ezilitsumi zema phambi kwakhe. Inkundla yokwahlulela yahlala phansi, kwasekuvulwa izincwadi.” **11** Ngasengiqhubeka

ngilokhu ngibukele ngenxa yamazwi okuzikhukhumeza Embonweni wami ngazibona ngisenqabeni yaseSusa ayekhulunywa luhphondo. Ngala ngilokhu ngikhangele esigabeni sase-Elamu; embonweni ngangisekhunjini isilo saze sabulawa, isidumbu saso saphoselwa lomgelomfula u-Ulai. **3** Ngakhangel, ngabona emlilweni ovuthayo. **12** (Leziyana ezinye izilo zase khonapho phambi kwami kwakulenqama elempondo ziphucive ubukhulu bazo kodwa zavunyelwa ukuphila ezimbili imi eceleni komgelo, impondo zazizinde. okwesikhathi esithile.) **13** Embonweni wami ebusuku Olunye Iwempondo Iwalulude kulolunye kodwa ngakhangel kaabonakala khonapho phambi kwami muva lwakhula kakhulu. **4** Ngayibukela inqama lowo owayefana lendodana yomuntu esiza ngamayeye ihlasela isiya entshonalanga, lenyakatho leningizimu. ezulu. Yasondela kuSimakade yasiwa phambi kwakhe. Kwakungelanyamazana eyayingamelana layo, **14** Yaphiwa amandla lobukhosи lamandla okubusa; kungekho njalo ongalamulela emandleni ayo. bonke abantu, lezizwe zonke labantu bendimi zonke Yazenela ngokuthanda kwayo yaba yinto enku. **5** bamkhonza. Ubukhosи bakhe yibukhosи obungapheliyo Ngilokhu ngicabanga ngalokhu, masinyane kwathutsha obungayikwedlula, lombuso wakhe kawusoze uchithwe. imbuzy entshonalanga ilophondo oluqaphileyo **15** Mina Danyeli, ngakhathazeka emoyeni, lemibono phakathi kwamehlo ayo, idabula phakathi komhlaba eyayidlula engqondweni yami yangidabula. **16** wonke ingathintanga umhlabathi. **6** Yasondela Ngasondela komunye walabo ababemi khonapho enqameni yempondombili engayibona imi ekhunjini ngambuza okuyikho okutshiro yikho konke lokhu. lomgelomfula yayihlasela ngolaka olukhulu. **7** Yikho wangitshela wangipha ingcavelo yezinto lezi, Yayidumela inqama ngodlakela, yayigqubula wathi: **17** “Izilo ezine ezinkulu yimibuso emine yavikiza impondo zombili. Inqama yayingelamandla ezaqhamuka emhlaben. **18** Kodwa abangcwele bakhe okumelana layo; impongo le yayilahla phansi inqama oPhezukonke bazawemukela umbuso ubo ngowabo yayigxobagxoba, kungekho ongayilamulela emandleni lanininini, yebo, okwanini lanini.” **19** Ngase ngifisa ayo. **8** Impongo (imbuzy) yaba lamandla amakhulu, ukwazi ingcavelo eqotho eyesilo sesine, esasingafanani kodwa kwathi amandla ayo esemakhulu kangako lezinye njalo sisesabeka kakhulu, ngamazinyo aso uphondo lwayo olukhulu lwehphuka, endaweni yalo ensimbi lenziphio zethusi, isilo esafohloza sadla kwakhula impondo ezine eziqaphileyo ezakhula esikubambiloye sagxobagxoba okuseleyo. **20** Ngafuna zakhangela kuwo wonke amagumbi amane omkhathi. njalo ukwazi ngempondo ezilitshumi ekhanda laso **9** Kolunye uphondo lwayo kwathutsha olunye uphondo langalolo olunye uphondo olwamailo, okwathi olwaqlisa luluncinyane kodwa lwakhula ngamandla ezinye ezintathu zawa phambi kwalo lolophondo kusuya eningizimu, lasempumalanga laseLizweni olwabonakala kakhulu kulezinye, olwalulamehlo Elihe. **10** Lwakhula lwaze lwafinylela izinkanyezi kanye lomlomo owawukhuluma ngokukloloda. **21** zezulu, Iwaphosela phansi emhlabeni ezinye Ngilokhu ngibukele, uphondo lolu lwalusilwa luhlasela izinkanyezi lwazigxobagxoba. **11** Lwaziphakamisa abangcwele lubehlula, **22** kwaze kfafika uMvelinqaki ngokuzikhukhumeza njengengomlawuli webutho wabalamulela abangcwele bakhe oPhezukonke, kfafika likaThixo, Iwamisa umhlatshele walo wansuku isikhathi bawuthatha umbuso. **23** Wangipha ingcavelo zonke kuThixo lendawo yakhe yokukhonzela le: Isilo sesine singumbuso wesine ozavela emhlaben. yangcoliswa. **12** Ngenxa yomvukela, ibutho likaThixo, Uzaba lomahluko kweminye yonke imibuso njalo kanye lomhlatshele wansuku zonke kwanikelwa uzawuthumba wonke umhlabu, uwugxobagxobe, kulo. Lwaphumelela kukho konke olwalukwenza, uwufohloze. **24** Impondo ezilitshumi ngamakhosi iqiniso alabe lisatsho ulutho. **13** Ngasengisizwa alitshumi azavela kuwo lo umbuso. Ngemva kwavo ongcwele ekhuluma, omunye ongcwele wathi kuye, kuzavela enye inkosi engafani laiyana awokuqala; “Kuzathatha isikhathi esingakanani ukuze umbono izanqoba amakhosi amathathu. **25** Izakhulumu okubi lo ugcwalseke, umbono omayelana lomhlatshele ngoPhezukonke incidezele abangcwele bakhe izame wansuku zonke, lomvukela oletha incithakalo, ukuguqula izikhathi ezimisiweyo kanye lemithetho. lokukhalala indawo yokukhonzela, lezinkanyezi Abangcwele bazanikelwe kuyo okwesikhathi esithile, ezizagxotshwagxotshwa zinyawo zabantu bakaThixo?” izikhathi ezelengxene yesikhathi. **26** Kodwa **14** Wathi kimi, “Kuzathatha izikhathi zokuhlu lezokusa umthethwandaba uzahlala phansi, amandla ayo asuswe ezizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu; abhidilizwe okwanini lanini. **27** Lapho-ke ubukhosи, lapho-ke indawo yokukhonzela izangcweliswa kutsha.” lamandla lobukhulu bemibuso leyo ngaphansi **15** Kwathi mina Danyeli ngilokhu ngiwubukele kwezulu lonke kuzaphiwa abangcwele, abantu bakhe umbono lo, ngizama ukuwuzwisia, kwema khonapho oPhezukonke. Umbuso wakhe uzakuba ngumbuso phambi kwami othile owayefana lomuntu. **16** ongapheliyo, njalo bonke ababus Bazamkhonza Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lomuntu limemeza lisuka ebamlalele. **28** “Lokhu yikho ukuphela kwendaba. Mina Ulayi lisithi, “Gabhriyeli, tshela umuntu lo ingcavelo Danyeli ngakhathazeka kakhulu ngemicabango yami, yombono lo.” **17** Wathi esondela engangimi khona, ubuso bami bahloba, kodwa indaba le yaba yimfihlo ngezwa ngisesaba, ngawa ngithe thwitshi. Wathi kimi, “Ndodana yomuntu, qedisisa ukuthi umbono umayelana lesikhathi sokucina.” **18** Wathi esakhuluma lami, ngalala ubuthongo obunzima ngithe mbo phansi ngobuso. Wasenginthinta, wangiphakamisa,

**8** Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwenkosi uBhelishazari mina Danyeli ngaba lombono ohambelana lalowo owake wangifikela ngaphambili. **2**

wangimisa ngezinyawo zami. **19** Wathi, “Ngizakutshela ezifungelwayo ezibhaliwego eMthethweni kaMosi, okuzakwenzakala ngemuva, ngesikhathi esimisiwego imele amakhosi eMede lePhezhiya. **21** Impongo eyisinephu yinkosi yeGrisi, lophondo olukhulu oluphakathi kwamehlo ayo yinkosi yakuqala. **22** kakukaze kwensiwe ulutho olulingana lalokhu Impondo ezine ezathatha indawo yalolo olwephukayo zimele imibuso emine ezaphuma esizweni sakhe kodwa kayiyikuba lamandla alingana lawoso.” **23** Lapho umbuso wabo ususiya ekucineneri, abahlamuki nxa sebexhwale beqisa, inkosi elolunya, eliqili kakhulu, izavela. **24** Izaqina kakhulu kodwa kungasikho ngenxa yamandla ayo. Izakwenza umonakalo wokubhidliza okukhulu, iphumelele kukho konke ekwenzayo. Izawabhubhisa amaqhawe kanye labantu abangcwelo. **25** Izakwandisa inkohlakalo, izibone yona isedlula bonke abanye. Bazakuthi besithi sebezinzile, izabhubhisa abanengi ibe isihlasela iNkosi yamakhosi. Ikanti yona izabhujiwa kodwa hatshi ngezandla zomuntu. **26** “Umbono owuphiwego ovezikhathi zokuhlwa lezokusa uliqiniso, kodwa ugcike umbono lo, ngoba uphathelane lesikhathi esizayo esikhathshana.” **27** Mina Danyeli, ngadinwa kakhulu ngalala ngingogulayo okwensuku ezimbawla. Ngasengivuka ngaqhubeka ngomsebenzi wami wenkosi. Ngadideka ngombono lowo; wawungaphezu kwengqondo.

## **9** Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyu indodana ka-

Ahasuweru (umuMede ngosendo), owenziwa umbusi phezu kombuso waseBhabhiloni **2** ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, mina Danyeli ngezwa emiBhalweni, mayelana lelizwi likaThixo elaphiwa ujeremiya umphrefethi, ukuthi incithakalo yejerusalema yayizakuba khona okweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **3** Yikho ngaphendukela eNkosiini uNkulunkulu ngamcenga ngomkhuleko langokulabhela, langokuzila, ngigooke amasaka ngazibhuqa emlotheni. **4** Ngakhuleka kuThixo uNkulunkulu wami ngafakaza ngathi: “Oh Nkosi, Nkulunkulu omkhulu, owesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano sakhe sothando lalabo bonke abamthandayo, abagcina imilayo yakhe: **5** senzile isono njalo senza okubi. Sisuke saxhwala, sahlamuka; siyifulatthele imilayo yakho kanye lemithetho yakho. **6** Kasizilalelanga izinceku zakho abaphrofethi abakhulumu ngebizo lakho emakhosini ethu, lamakhosana ethu lakubobaba lakubo bonke abantu belizwe. **7** Nkosi, ulungile, kodwa lamuhla sembeswe ngehlahzo, abantu bakojudia labantu bejerusalema lo-Israyeli wonke, abaseduze labakude, kuwo wonke amazwe lapho osihlakazele khona ngenxa yokungathembeki kwethu kuwe. **8** Oh Thixo, thina lamakhosi ethu, lamakhosana ethu kanye labobaba sembeswe ngehlahzo ngoba senzile isono kuwe. **9** INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ilesihawu njalo iyathethela loba thina siyihlamukele; **10** kasimlalelanga uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo kasiyigcinanga imithetho asipha yona ngezinceku zakhe abaphrofethi. **11** U-Israyeli wonke uwephule umthetho wakho wafulathela, esala ukukulalela. Ngakho iziqalekiso lezahlulelo

ezifungelwayo ezibhaliwego eMthethweni kaMosi, inceku kaNkulunkulu, zithululelw phezu kwethu, ngoba senzile isono kuwe. **12** Usuwagcwalis amazwi okusilahla njalo alahlha ababusi bethu ngokusehlisela incithakalo enkulu. Ngaphansi kwalo lonke izulu osekwenziwe ejerusalema. **13** Njengoba kultotshiwe eMthethweni kaMosi yonke le incithakalo yehlele kithi, ikanti kasicelanga umusa kaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ngokufulathela izono zethu sifunisise iqiniso lakho. **14** UThixo kathikazanga ukwehlisela incithakalo phezu kwethu, ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu wethu ulungile kukho konke akwenzayo; kodwa kasimlalela. **15** Manje-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, owakhupha abantu bakho eGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla njalo owazenzela ibizo elimiyo kuze kuge namhla, senzile isono, senzile okubi. **16** Nkosi, ngenxa yemisebenzi yakho yonke elungileyo, qambula ulaka lwakho lentukuthelo yakho kusuke ejerusalema, idolobho lakho, intaba yakho engcwele. Izono zethu lezinengiso zababba sezenze ijerusalema labantu bakho baba **17** yinto yokuhlekisa kubo bonke abakhelene lathi. **18** Manje-ke, Nkulunkulu wethu, zwana imikhuleko lokulabhela kwenceku yakho. Ngenxa yebizo lakho, awu Nkosi, ake uhawukele indlu yakho engcwele esibhidlikile. **19** Beka idlebyle yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu, uwze; vula amehlo akho ubone incithakalo yedolobho elibiza ngeBizo lakho. Kasilethi lezizicido kuwe ngoba silungile, kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakho esikhulu. **20** Nkosi, lalela! Nkosi, thetelela! Nkosi, lalela wenze! Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Oh Nkulunkulu wami, ungaphuzi, ngoba idolobho lakho labantu bakho kubizwa ngeBizo lakho.” **21** Ngathii ngikhuluma njalo ngikhuleka, ngivuma isono sami, lesono sabantu bakithi abako-Israyeli, ngiletha isikhala zo sami kuThixo uNkulunkulu wami ngentaba yakhe engcwele, **22** ngilokhu ngisakhuleka, ugabhrayeli, indoda engayibonayo embonweni wokuqala, weza kimi endiza kungesikhathi somhlatshele wakusihlwa. **23** Wangilaya wathi kimi, “Danyeli, khathesi singilande ukukupha ukujonda lokuzwisia. **24** Wonele ukujalisa ukukhuleka impendulo yahle yaphiwa, eyiyo engizokutshela yona, ngoba uyaqakathekisawa kakhulu. Ngakho-ke, cabanga ngalo ilizwi, uwuzwisesi umbono ukuthi: Amatshumi ayisikhombisa ‘ezikhombisa’ (amaviki) asequyelwe abantu bakini ledolobho lenu elingcwele ukujedisa ukona, ukukhawula isono, ukuhlawule ububi, ukuletha ukulunga okungapheliyo, ukuphetha umbono lesiphrefethi lokugcoba indawo engcwelengcwele. **25** Yazi njalo uwzwisesi lokhu: Kusukela ekukhutshweni kwesimemelozokuthi kuvuselelw njalo kwakhwiwe kutsha ijerusalema kuze kufike umbusi oGcotshiweyo kuzakuba lamaviki ‘ayizikhombisa’ eziyisikhombisa ‘lezikhombisa’ ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili. Lizakwakhwi libe lemigwaqo lomgelo, kodwa kuyizikhathi zohlupho. **26** Ngemva ‘kwezikhombisa’ le ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lambili oGcotshiweyo uzaqunywa afe engelalutho. Abantu bombusi ozakuza basalibhidliza idolobho lendlu yenkonzo. Ukuphela

kuzafika njengesikhukhula: Impi izaqhubeka kuze kube sekupheleni, sekumenyezelwe incithakalo. **27** Uzaqinisa isivumelwano labanengi 'okwesikhombisa' esisodwa. Phakathi 'kxesikhombisa' uzamisa imihlatshelo leminikelo. Kuzakuthi eceleni lethempeli uzabeka isinengiso esibanga incithakalo, kuze kuthi ukucina okumisiweyo kuchithelwe kuye."

**10** Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaKhurosi inkosi yasePhezhiya, kwafika kuDanyeli (owayebizwa ngokuthi nguBhelitheshazar) isambulelo. Umbiko waso wawuqinisile umayelana lempu enkuwu. Ukuzwisiseka kombiko lowo kwamehlela ngombono. **2** Kulesosikhathi mina Danyeli ngalila okwamaviki amathathu. **3**

Angizange ngikudle ukudla okuconsayo; inyama loba iwayini kakuzange kuzithinte izindebe zami; njalo kangizange ngisebenzise amagcobo lakanye kwaze kwaphela amaviki amathathu. **4** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yokuqala, ngathi ngimi ekhunjini lomfula omkhulu, iThigrisi, **5** ngakhangelga ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kumi indoda igqoke ilineni, ilebhanti legolide elihle okhalweni lwayo. **6** Umzimba wayo wawufana lekhrisolathi, ubuso bayo burjengombane, amehlo ayo enjengezibane ezivuthayo, izingalo zayo lemilenze kuyo yonke yomine imimoya yezulu. Kawuzukuya yayo kufanana lokuhazimula kwethusi eliolongiweyo, lelizwi layo linjengomsindo wexuku labantu. **7** 0 awawulawo ngoba umbuso wakhe uzaqutshunwa Mina Danyeli, yimi ngedwa engawubonayo umbono; uphiwe abanye. **5** Inkosi yaseNingizimu izakuba amadoda aylelami kawubonanga, kodwa afikelwa ngasala ngedwa, ngiqhuzule amehlo ami kulo umbono ngakuthi esiphelelwe. **9** Ngasengimuzwa yaseNingizimu izakuya enkosini yaseNyakatho ekhuluma, kwathi ngilokhu ngimlalele, ngehlelwa ayo likhoza lobuthongo ngithe mbo phansi ngobuso. **10** indodakazi kawayikuma, lenkosi leyo kanye lamandla Isanda sangithinta ngezwa sengiqaqhaqzela ezaandleni ayo kakuba khona okwesikhathi eside. Ngalezonuku lemadolweni. **11** Wathi, "Danyeli, uyaqakatheswa kakhulu, nanzelela amazwi esengizawakhulumu kuwe, usukume, ngoba manje ngithunywe kuwe." Wathi esitsho lokhu kimi ngasukuma ngiqaqhaqzela. **12** Uzahlasela amabutho empi enkosini yaseNyakatho Waseqhubeka wathi, "Ungesabi, Danyeli. Kulokhu kwasukela mhla ubeka ingqondo yakho ukuzuwa ukuzwisia lokuzithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakho, amazwi akho ewzakala, yikho ngilapha ngenxa yikho ngilapha ngenxa

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**17** Mina inceku yakho, ngingakhuluma kanjani lawe na,

nkosi yami? Amandla ami kawasekho njalo sekusala ukuthi ngiphefumule." **18** Waphinda njalo othile owayefana lomuntu wangithinta wangipha amandla. **19** Wathi, "Ungesabi, Oh muntu oqakatheswayo kakhulu. Ukuthulala Qina manje; qina." Wathi ekhuluma lami ngaqina ngathi, "Khuluma, nkosi yami, njengoba usungiphile amandla." **20** Ngakho wasesithi, "Uyakwazi nje ukuthi kungani ngize kuwe na? Masinyane ngizabuya ukuzakulwa lenkosi yasePhezhiya, kuthi nginqahamba, kuzakuza inkosi yaseGrisi; **21** kodwa ngizaqala ngikutshela okulotshiweyo eNcwadini yeQiniso. (Kakho ongelekelelayo ukumelana labo ngaphandle kukaMikhayeli inkosana yakho.

**11** Kwathi ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyu umuMede, ngazimisela ukuba ngime laye ngimsekele njalo ngimvikele.)" **2** "Manje-ke ngikutshela iqiniso: Kuzavela amanye amakhosi amathathu ePhezhiya, kulandele eyesine, ezanota kakhulu okudlula amanye. Izakuthi ingazuza amandla ngenxa yento yayo izakhuthaza bonke abanye ukuxabana lombuso waseGrisi. **3** Besekuvela inkosi enkuwu ezabusa ngamandla amakhulu, yenze njengokuthanda kwayo. **4** Isivelile, umbuso wayo uzachitheka uhlakazeke ngamandla amakhulu, yenze njengabangane. Indodakazi yenkosini okokufa njalo sengiphelelwe. **9** Ngasengimuzwa yaseNingizimu izakuya enkosini yaseNyakatho ekhuluma, kwathi ngilokhu ngimlalele, ngehlelwa iyekwenza ubudlelwano, kodwa amandla ayo likhoza lobuthongo ngithe mbo phansi ngobuso. **10** indodakazi kawayikuma, lenkosi leyo kanye lamandla Isanda sangithinta ngezwa sengiqaqhaqzela ezaandleni ayo kakuba khona okwesikhathi eside. Ngalezonuku lemadolweni. **11** Wathi, "Danyeli, uyaqakatheswa kakhulu, nanzelela amazwi esengizawakhulumu kuwe, usukume, ngoba manje ngithunywe kuwe." Wathi esitsho lokhu kimi ngasukuma ngiqaqhaqzela. **12** Uzahlasela amabutho empi enkosini yaseNyakatho Waseqhubeka wathi, "Ungesabi, Danyeli. Kulokhu kwasukela mhla ubeka ingqondo yakho ukuzuwa ukuzwisia lokuzithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakho, amazwi akho ewzakala, yikho ngilapha ngenxa yikho ngilapha ngenxa

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Kuzakuthi inkosi yaseNyakatho ihlasele umbuso wenkosi yaseNingizimu kodwa iphinde ihlehlele muva elizweni layo. **10** Amadodana ayo azalungisela impi aphake iviyo elikhulu lamabutho azathululeka njengesikhukhula sikazamcolo impi ize iyengena enqabeni yayo; uzakulwa lawo aewhlule. **11** Lapho-ke inkosi yaseNingizimu izaphuma ngokuthukuthela iyekulwa lenkosi yaseNyakatho, yona ezaphaka iviyo elikhulu lempu, kodwa izakwehlulwa. **12** Kuzakuthi inkosi yaseNyakatho ihlasele umbuso wenkosi yaseNingizimu kodwa iphinde ihlehlele muva elizweni layo. **13** Ngoba inkosi yaseNyakatho izabutha elinje ibutho elikhulu kulelakuqala; kuthi ngemva kweminyaka embalwa

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izahlasela ngebuto elikhulukazi lihlome liphelele. **14** Kulezozikhathi banengi abazavukela inkosi yaseNingizimu. Izidlwangudlwangu phakathi kwabantu bakini zizahlamuka ukuze kugcwaliseke umbono, kodwa kaziyikuphumelela. **15** Inkosi yaseNyakatho izafika yakhe amadundulu okuvimbezela, ithumbe idolobho elivikelwe ngenqaba. Amabutho aseNingizimu azakwehluleka ukuzivikela; kanye lamaqhawe awo odumo kazukuba lamandla okuma. **16** Umhlaseli uzazenzela intando yakhe, kakho loyedwa ozakuba lamandla okumelana laye. Izazibeka iqine eLizweni Elihle ibe lamandla okulichithiza. **17** Izazimisela ukuza ngenkani yombuso wayo wonke yenze isivumelwano sokuvelana lenkosi yaseNingizimu. Izamendisela indodakazi yayo ukuze iwuchithe umbuso, kodwa amacebo ayo lawo kawayikuphumelela, esimisiweyo.” **36** “Inkosi izakwenza njengokuthanda kawayikuyisiza. **18** Abeseguqukela ngasemazweni kwayo. Izaziphakamisa njalo izikhukhumeze asemakhunjini olwandle awathumble amanengi akhona, kodwa umlawuli wempi omunye uzamquma umsila amnqobe. **19** Ngemva kwalokhu izabuyela ezingabeni zelizwe layo kodwa izakhubeka iwe, ingaphindi ibonakale futhi. **20** Ozathatha ubukhosи ngemva kwayo uzathuma umthelisi ukuze buqhubuke ubukhazikhazi basesikhosini. Kodwa kungeminyaka mingaki izaqethulwa, kungasikho ngodlakela kumbе empini. **21** Izalandela ngumuntu odedelekileyo ongelakho ukuhlonipheka kobukhosи. Uzawuhlasela umbuo ngesikhathi abantu bawo besithi sebezinzile, awuthumbe ngokuxabanisa abanye. **22** Kuzakuthi impi eyesabekayo ikhukhulwe phambi kwakhe; yona lenkosi yesivumelwano kuzabuhjiswa. **23** Ngemva kokwenza isivumelwano layo uzakwenza inkohliso abesezuza ubukhosи encediswa lihlekana labantu. **24** Kuzakuthi lezozigodi ezelenotho enengi sezisithi zizinile uzazihlasela aphumelele okungazange kwensiwe nguyise loba ngokhokho bakhe. Uzakwaba impango len tho kubalandeli bakhe. Uzakwakha amacebo okubhidiza izinqaba kodwa okwesikhathshana nje. **25** Uzaphaka impi enkulu ukuze avuselele amandla akhe aqunge isibindi sokusukela inkosi yaseNingizimu. Inkosi yaseNingizimu izadumelana laye ngempi enkulu elamandla, kodwa kayizukuma ngenxa yamacabo azakwensiwa awokuyiqethula. **26** Labo abadla esiphalenii senkosi bazazama ukuyibulala; impi yakhe izakhukhulwa, kufe abanengi empini. **27** Amakhosи la amabilii alenlhiliyo ezigaya iziboi azahlala tafula linye aqambelane amanga, kodwa kungancedi lutu ngoba isiphetho sizajinge sifike ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. **28** Inkosi yaseNyakatho izabuyela elizweni layo ikhithika ngenotho, kodwa inhliziyo yayo izabe ilokozela isivumelwano esingcwele. Kukhona ezakwenza ngaso andubana ibuye leizweni layo. **29** Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo izahlasela eNingizimu njalo, kodwa ngelesosikhathi impumela yakhona kayizukufana leyakuqala. **30** Imikhumbi evela emakhunjini olwandle lwasentshonalanga izamelana layo ihle iphele amandla. Izabuyela emuva iyebhodlisela ulaka lwayo phezu kwestivumelwano esingcwele. Izaphinda isikele labo abadela isivumelwano esingcwele.

**31** Amabutho ayo ahломileyo azasuka angcolise inqaba yethempeli, acinise umhlatsheho wansuku zonke. Yikho-ke abesemisa lawomanyala azaletha incithakalo. **32** Ngobuqili bayo izabaxhwalisa labo asebesephulile isivumelwano, kodwa labobantu abamaziyo uNkulunkulu wabo bazajamelana layo yehluleke. **33** Labo abahlakaniphileyo bazafundisa abanengi, lokuba nje okwesikhathi esithile bezakuwa ngenkemba, kumbe batshiswe, kumbe bathunjwe loba baphangwe. **34** Ekumeni kwabo bazazuwa uncedo oluncinyane, kuthi abanengi abangazimiselanga bazihihangane lezitha. **35** Abanye babahlakaniphileyo bazakhubek, ukuze bacoliswe, bahlanjulju njalо benziwe bahlanteke kuze kufike isikhathi lesо sokucina, ngoba sijinge sizafika ngesikhathi lesо umbuso, kodwa amacebo ayo lawo kawayikuphumelela, esimisiweyo.” **36** “Inkosi izakwenza njengokuthanda kawayikuyisiza. **18** Abeseguqukela ngasemazweni kwayo. Izaziphakamisa njalo izikhukhumeze ngaphezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke ikhhlize izibozи ngoNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu. Izaphumelela kuze kugcwaliseke isikhathi sentukuthelo, ngoba lokho okumisiweyo kusamele kwenzeke. **37** Kayizukubanza onkulunkulu baboyise, kumbe lowo olangathwa ngabesifazane, njalo kayiyikunanza lawuphi unkulunkulu, kodwa izaziphakamisa ngaphezelu kwabo bonke. **38** Esikhundleni sabo izakhonza unkulunkulu wezinqaba, unkulunkulu owayengaziwa ngoyise izamkhonza ngegolide langesiliva langamatshe aligugu leziphо ezipulayo. **39** Izahlasela izinqaba eziqine onkululayo incediswa ngunkulunkulu wezizweni njalo ibahloniphe kakhulu labo abayivumayo. Izabekha ukuba ngababusи babantu abanengi njalo umhlaba izawaba ngokuphiwa intengo. **40** Ngesikhathi sokuicina inkosi yaseNingizimu izadumelana layo empini, lenkosi yaseNyakatho izattheleka layo ngezinqola zempi, lebutho, lamabhiza kanye langemikhumbi eminengi. Izahlasela amazwe amanengi iwakhukhule njengozamcolo. **41** Izahlasela njalo iLizwe Elihle. Azakuwa amazwe amanengi, kodwa i-Edomi leMowabi labakhokheli bako-Amoni bazaphepha esandleni sayo. **42** Izaqhelisa amandla ayo phezu kwamazwe amanengi; iGibhithe kayiyikuphunyuka. **43** Izahluthuna inotho legolide lesiliva layo yonke inotho yaseGibhithe, amalibhiya lamaKhusi ayikhonе. **44** Kodwa imibiki evela empumalanga lasenyakatho izayethusa ibisiphuma ngolaka olukhulu ukuyabulala lokutshabalala abanengi. **45** Izamisa amathente ayo obukhosи phakathi kolwandle lentaba engcwele enhle. Kodwa kuzafika okwayo ukuphela, engasekho ongaysiza.”

bazakhazimula njengokubenyezela kwamazulu, lalabo abaholela abanengi ekulungeni, bazakhazimula njengezinkanyezi okwanini lanini. **4** Kodwa wena Danyeli, vala uncine amazwi omgoqwancwadi kuze kube yisikhathi sokucina. Abanengi bazakuya lapha lale ukwandisa ulwazi.” **5** Kwathi mina, Danyeli, ngakhangelā, ngabona khonapho phambi kwami kumi abanye ababili, omunye ngakuleli ikhumbi lomfula lomunye ngakuleliyana ikhumbi. **6** Omunye wabo wathi emuntwini owayegqoke ilineni owayengaphezulu kwamanzi omfula, “Kuzakuba yisikhathi esingakanani zingakenzakali izinto lezi eziyisimanga na?” **7** Indoda eyayigqoke ilineni, eyayiphezulu kwamanzi omfula yaphakamisela isandla sayo sokunene lesandla sayo sokhohlo ezulwini, ngayizwa ifunga ngaye ohleziyo laphakade, isithi, “Kuzakuba ngokwesikhathi, izikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi. Lapho amandla abantu abangcwele eseze afohlözwa, zonke lezi izinto zizapheleliwa.” **8** Ngezwa, kodwa kangizwisisanga. Yikho ngabuza ngathi, “Nkosi yami, pho sizaba yini isiphetho sakho konke lokhu na?” **9** Waphendula wathi, “Zihambele, Danyeli, ngoba amazwi asevaliwe ananyekwa kuze kube sekucineni kwesikhathi. **10** Abanengi bazahlanjululwa, bangabi latshatha njalo bacoliswe, kodwa abagangileyo bazaqhubeka begangile. Kakho kwababi ozazwisia, kodwa labo abahlakaniphileyo bazazwisia.” **11** Kusukela ngesikhathi kusaliswa umhlatshelo wansuku zonke, sekumiswe amanyala abanga incithakalo, kuzakuba lensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **12** Ubusisiwe lowo okulindelayo njalo akufice ukucina kwensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amathathu alamatshumi amathathu lanhlalu. **13** “Kodwa wena, zihambele nje kuze kube sekucineni. Uzaphumula, besekusithi ekucineni kwensuku uzavuka ukuba wamukele elakho ilifa olabelweyo.”

# UHoseya

**1** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuHosiya indodana kaBheri ngezinsuku zemibuso yabo-Uziya, loJothamu, lo-Ahazi loHezekhiya amakhosi akoJuda, kanye lasezinuskwini zokubusa kukajerothowamu indodana kajowashi inkosi yako-Israyeli. **2** Kwathi uThixo esequalise ukukhuluma ngoHosiya, uThixo wathi kuye, "Hamba uyethatha umfazi oyisifebe ubelabantwana bobufefe, ngoba ilizwe lilecalalobufefe obubi kakhulu ngokweduka kuThixo." **3** Ngakho wathatha uGomeri indodakazi kaDibilayimi, njalo wathatha isisu wamzalela indodana. **4** UThixo wasesithi kuHoseya, "Methe ibizo uthi nguJezerili, ngoba masinyane nije ngizayijeza indlu kajehu ngenxa yesihluku sokubulala abantu abanengi ejekerili, njalo ngizawuqedu umbuso wako-Israyeli. **5** Ngalolosuku ngizakwephula idandili lika-Israyeli eSigodini sasejezerili." **6** UGomeri wathatha isisu futhi, wazala indodakazi. UThixo wasesithi, "Muphe ibizo uthi nguLo-Ruhama, ngoba kangisoze ngibe lothando futhi endlini ka-Israyeli, ukuba ngibathethiele. **7** Kodwa ngizakuba lothando endlini kaJuda, njalo ngizabakhulula, kungayiskiko ngedandili, inkemba kumbe impi, loba ngamabhiza langabagadi bamabhiza, kodwa ngoThixo uNkulunkulu wabo." **8** UGomeri eselumule uLo-Ruhama ebeleni, waba lenye indodana. **9** UThixo wasesithi, "Muphe ibizo lokuthi nguLo-Ami, ngoba lina kalisibo bantu bami, lami kangisuye uNkulunkulu wenu. **10** Kodwa abako-Israyeli bazakuba njengetshetshebe ekhunjini lolwandle elingeke lilinganiswe kumbe libalwe. Endaweni lapho okwakuthiwe khona kubo, 'Kalisibo bantu bami,' bazabizwa ngokuthi, 'bantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo.' **11** Abantu bakoJuda labantu bako-Israyeli bazamanyana, njalo bazakhetha umkhokheli oyedwa baphume elizweni, ngoba luzakuba lukhulu usuku lukajezerili."

**2** "Tshono kubafowenu uthi, 'Bantu bami,' ngabodadewenu uthi, 'Banthandekayo bami.'" **2** "Mkuze unyoko, mkuze, ngoba engasuye mkami, lami kangisuye mkakhe. Kasuse ukukhangeleka kobufefe ebusweni bakhe kanye lokungathembeki phakathi kwamabele akhe. **3** Funa ngimhlubule abe nqunu, ngimenze abeze njengamhla ezalwa; ngizamenza abe njengenkanga, ngimenze abe yilizwe elomileyo ngimbulaale ngokomela amanzi. **4** Kangiyikubonakalisa uthando lwami ebantwanenibakhe, ngoba bangabantwana bobufefe. **5** Unina ubeyisifebe, njalo ubemule ngehlahzo. Wathi, 'Ngizazilandela izithandwa zami, ezingipha ukudula kwami lamanzi ami, iwulu yami lamalembu ami, amafutha ami lokunathwayo kwami.' **6** Ngakho-ke indlela yakhe ngizayivala ngamahlahla ameva; ngizamhonqolozela ngomduli ukuze indlela yakhe angayifumanli. **7** Uzaxotshana lezithandwa zakhe kodwa angazifici, uzazidunga kodwa angazitholi. Ngakho uzakuthi, 'Ngizabuyela endodeni yami yakuqala, ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngangingcono kulakhathesi.' **8**

Kavumanga ukuthi yimi engamnika amabele, lewayini elitsha lamafutha ngamnika isiliva esinengi legolide abakusebenzisela uBhali. **9** Ngakho-ke ngizawathatha amabele ami lapho esevuthiwe, lewayini lami elitsha lapho selilungle. Ngizayithatha lewulu yami kanye lelineni lami, okwakumiselwe ukuvala ubunqunu bakhe. **10** Ngakho khathesi ngizahlazulula ukuxhwala bakhe emehlwani ezithandwa zakhe; kakho ozamsusa ezandleni zami. **11** Ngizayiqeda yonke imikhosi yakhe yokuthokoza: imikhosi yakhe yeminyaka yonke, ukuThwasa kweziNyanga, insuku zakhe zamasabatha, yonke imikhosi yakhe emisiweyo. **12** Ngizatshabalisa izivini zakhe lezilahlala zakhe zemikhiwa, lokhu athi yinhlawulo yakhe evela kuzithandwa zakhe; ngizazenza zibe liguswanyana zdilli yizinyamazana zeganga. **13** Ngizamjezisela insuku atshisela ngazo oBhali impepha; wazicecisa ngamasongo langamangqongqo, walandela izithandwa zakhe, kodwa mina wangikhohlwa," kutsho uThixo. **14** "Ngakho sengizamhuga; ngizamholela enkangala ngikhulume laye kakuhle. **15** Lapho-ke ngizambuyisela izivini zakhe, ngenze iSigodi sase-Akhorisibe ngumnyango wethembra. Khonapho uzahlabelela njengasezinsukwini zoubusha bakhe, njengamhla ephuma eGibhithe. **16** Ngalolosuku," kutsho uThixo, "lizangibiza ngokuthi 'ndoda yami'; kalisayikungibiza ngokuthi 'nkosi yami.' **17** Ngizawasusa amabizo aboBhali ezindebeni zakhe; amabizo abo akusayikutkhulekwa ngawo futhi. **18** Ngalolosuku ngizabenzela isivumelwano lezinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zasemoyeni kanye lezidalwa ezihiquzela emhlabathini. Idandili lenkemba kanye lempi ngizakuqedu elizweni ukuze konke kulale phansi kuvikelekile. **19** Ngizakwendisa kimi kuze kube nininini; ngizakwendisa ngokulunga langemfanelo, ngothando langesihawu. **20** Ngizakwendisa ngokuthembeka, njalo uzamamukela uThixo. **21** Ngalolosuku ngizasabela," kutsho uThixo, "Ngizasabela emikhathini, layo izasabela emhlabeni, **22** lomhlaba uzasabela emabeleni lasewayinini elitsha kanye lasemafutheni, lokhu kuzasabela kujezerili. **23** Ngizazihlanyeleta yena elizweni; ngizabonakalisa uthando lwami kulowo engambiza ngokuthi, 'Akasi sitandwa sami.' Ngizakuthi kulabo ababizwa ngokuthi, 'Abangasibantu bami,' 'Lingabantu bami'; bona bazakuthi, 'UnguNkulunkulu wethu.'"

**3** UThixo wasesithi kimi, "Hamba, utshengisele uthando lwakho kumkakho futhi, lanxa nye ethandwa ngomunye njalo eyisifebekazi. Mthande njengoThixo ethanda abako-Israyeli, lanxa baphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu njalo bethanda amakhekhe ezithelo ezonyisiweyo." **2** Ngakho ngamtengha ngamashekeli esiliva alitshumi lanhlalu langokwakuphosu kube lihomeri leletheki lebhali. **3** Ngasengisithi kuye, "Uzahlala lami insuku ezinengi; akumelanga ube yisifebe loba wembathe lenye indoda, lami ngizahlala lawe." **4** Ngoba abako-Israyeli bazahlala insuku ezinengi bengelankosi kumbe inkosana, bengelamhlatshelo kumbe amatske angewe, bengelasembatho semahlolme kumbe

isithombe. **5** Muva abako-Israyeli bazaphenduka bamdinge uThixo uNkulunkulu wabo kanye loDavida inkosi yabo. Bazakusa kuThixo beqhaqhzela kanye lasezibusisweni zakhe ensukwini zokucina.

**4** Zwanini ilizwi likaThixo, lina bako-Israyeli ngoba kulecalu uThixo alethesa lina elihlala elizweni: "Akulakwethembeka, akulathando, akukho ukumamukela uNkulunkulu elizweni. **2** Kulokuthuka kuphela, lokuqamba amanga lokubulala, lokuntshontsha kanye lobufube; benza ububi bonke, njalo ukuchithwa kwegazi kulandela ukuchithwa kwegazi. **3** Ilizwe liyalila ngenxa yalokhu, njalo bonke abahlala kulo bayacikizeka; izinyamazana zeganga lezinyoni zasemoyeni kanye lenhlanzi zasowandle kuyafa. **4** Kodwa akungabi lamuntu omangalayo, akungabi lomuntu owerethesa omunye icala ngoba abantu bakho bafana labalo abamangalela umphristi. **5** Liyakhubeka emini lebusutu, labaphrofethi bakhubeka kanye lani. Ngakho uryoko ngizamchitha, **6** abantu bami bachithwa yikungabi lolwazi. Njengoba likwalile ukwazi, lami ngiyalala njengabaphristi bami; ngoba kaliwunakanga umthetho kaNkulunkulu wenu, lami angiyikubanaka abantwana benu. **7** Ngokwanda kwabaphristi, kwanda kanjalo lokona kwabo kimi, benanisa uDumo lwabo ngento elihlazo. **8** Badla izono zabantu bami bajabuliswe yikuxhwa kwabo. **9** Njalo kuzakuba kanje: Njengabantu, njengabaphristi. Bonke ngizabajezisa izindlela zabo, ngiphindisele kubo lezenzo zabo. **10** Bazakudla kodwa bangasuthi; bazakwenza ubufube kodwa bangandi, ngoba bamdelile uThixo ukuba bazinikele **11** ebufebeni, lewayini elidala kanye lelitsha elisusa ukujedisisa kwabantu bami. **12** Badinga izeluleko esithombeni sesigodo baphendulwe yiluthi lwestigodo. Umoya wobufube uyabedukisa; kabathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wabo. **13** Banikela imihlatshelo ezingqongweni zezintaba batshise iminikelo phezu kwamaqaqa, ngaphansi kom'okhi, lomphophila kanye lomtherebhinti, lapho okulomthunzi omnandi. Ngakho amadodakazi enu enza ubuwule, labomalukazana benu benze ubufabe. **14** Angiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu lapho esenza ubuwule loba omalukazana benu lapho besenza ubufube, ngoba amadoda uqobo azwana lezifebe anikele imihlatshelo lezifebe ezisezindaweni zokukhonzela abantu abangelakuqedisia bazabhubha. **15** Lanxa ufeba, we Israyeli, uJuda kangabi lecalu. Lingayi eGiligali; lingayi eBhethi-Aveni. Njalo lingafungi lisithi, 'Ngeqiniso njengoba uThixo ekhon!' **16** Abako-Israyeli bayiziqhola, njengethokazi eliyisiqhola. Pho uThixo angabelusela njani emadelweni njengezimu na? **17** U-Efrayimi uhlangene lezithombe; myekeleni enjal! **18** Lalapho okunathwayo kwabo sekuphelite, bayaghubecka ngobufube babo; ababusu babo bazithanda kakhulu izindlela ezilihlazo. **19** Isavunguzane sizabakhukhula, lemihlatshelo yabo izabalethela ihlazo."

**5** "Zwanini lokhu, lina baphristi! Lalelani, lina bako-Israyeli. Lalela, wena ndlu yobukhos! Ukwahlulela lokhu kumelane lani: Kade lingumjibila eMizipha, umambule owendlalwe eThabbori. **2** Abahlamuki batshonile ekubulaleni, ngizabalaya bonke. **3** Mina ngazi konke ngo-Efrayimi; u-Israyeli kafihlakalanga kimi. Efrayimi, khathesi ususenza ubufube; u-Israyeli uxhwalile. **4** Izenzo zabo kazibavumeli ukubuyela kuNkulunkulu wabo. Umoya wobufube usezinhliziyweni zabo; kabamamukeli uThixo. **5** Ukuzigqaja kuka-Israyeli kufakaza okubi ngaye; abako-Israyeli, kanye laye u-Efrayimi, bayakhubeka ezonweni zabo. LoJuda laye ukhubeka labo **6** Lapho behamba lemhilambi yezimvu zabo leyenkomu ukuyadinga uThixo, kabayikumfumana; uzisusile kubo. **7** Kabathembekanga kuThixo; bazala abantwana ngokungemthetho. Khathesi imikhosi yabo yokuThwasa Kwezinyanga izabaothula kanye lamasimu abo. **8** Khalisani icilongo eGibhiya, lophondo eRama. Hlabani umkhosi wempi eBhethi-Aveni; khokhela, wena Bhenjamini. **9** U-Efrayimi uzachithwa ngosuku lokwahlulela. Phakathi kwezizwana zako-Israyeli ngimemezela okuliqiniso. **10** Abakhokheli bakoJuda banjengalabo abatshedisa amatshe omngcele. Ngizathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo njengesikhukhula samanzi. **11** U-Efrayimi uncindezelwe, wanyathelwa ekwahluleni, ehllose ukulandela izithombe. **12** Mina nginjengenondo ku-Efrayimi, njengokubola ebantwini bakoJuda. **13** Kwathi u-Efrayimi ebona umkhuuhlane wakhe, loJuda ebona izilonda zakhe, u-Efrayimi waya e-Asiriya, wathumel ilizwi loncedo enkosini enkulu. Kodwa kayenelisi ukukwelapha, kayenelisi ukwelapha izilonda zakho. **14** Ngoba ngizakuba njengesilwane ku-Efrayimi, lanjengesilwane esikhulu kujuda. Ngizabadabubula ngisuke ngihamble; ngizabathwala ngihamble labo, kungekho ozabahlenga. **15** Ngizabuyela endaweni yami baze balivume icala labo. Njalo bazabudinga ubuso bami; esizini lwabo bazangidinga impela."

**6** "Wozani sibuyelete kuThixo. Usesidabule saba yizicucu kodwa uzaselapha; usilimazile kodwa uzawabopha amanxeba ethu. **2** Emva kwensuku ezimbili uzasivuseleta; ngosuku lwestithathu uzasibusiyela ukuze sihlae lapho akhona. **3** Kasimamukeleni uThixo; kasiqiniseni ukumamukela. Ngoqotho njengoba ilanga liphuma, uzabonakala; uzakuza kithi njengezulu lebusika, lanjengezulu lentwasa elithambisa umhlaba." **4** "Ngingenzani ngawe, Efrayimi na? Ngingenzani ngawe, Juda na? Uthando lwenu lunjengenkungu yekuseni, lunjengamazolo ekuseni anyamalalayo. **5** Ngakho ngaliquumaquma ngabaphrofethi bami, ngalibulala ngamazwi omlomo wami; ukwahlulela kwami kwaphazima njengombane phezu kwenu. **6** Ngoba mina ngifuna isihawu, hatshi umhlatshelo, lokwamukela uNkulunkulu kuleminikelo yokutshiswa. **7** Njengo-Adamu, sebesejhule isivumelwano babengathembekanga khonale. **8** IGiliyadi lidolobho labantu abaxhwalileyo. Lingcolile ngezinyathelo zegazi **9** Njengezibengwa zicathamela umuntu, zenzanjalo izigangi zabaphristi; zibulala abantu emgwaqweni oya eShekhemu zisenza

izinto ezimbi. **10** Sengibone into etshaqisayo endlini ka-Israyeli. U-Efrayimi uwela khonapho, lo-Israyeli ungcilisiwe. **11** Lakuwe futhi Juda, ukuvuna sekulungiselwe. Lapho ngingabuyisela inotho yabantu bami.

**7** Lapho engizakwelapha khona u-Israyeli, izono zika-Efrayimi ziyadalulwa lobubi besamariya buyembulwa. Benza inkohliso, amasela agqekeza izindlu, izigebenga ziyaphanga emigwaqweni **2** kodwa kabananzeleli ukuthi mina ngiyazikhumbula zonke izenzo zabo ezimbi. Izono zabo ziyabaminza; zihlezi ziphambi kwami. **3** Bathokozisa inkosi ngobuxhwali babo, lababusu ngamanga abo. **4** Bonke bayizifebe, batshisa njengeziko elimlilo walo akudingeki ukuba umpheki wezinkwa awukhweweze kusukela ekuvoxeni inhlama ize ikuhkhumale. **5** Ngosuku lomkhosu wenkosi yethu ababusu bathukutheliswa liwayini, inkosi iziangularise labaklolodayo. **6** Inhliziyo zabo zinjengezikko, inkosi bayilanda ngamacebo ensitha. Ukufutheka kwabo kuyadeda ubusuku bonke; ekuseni kuyavutha njengomlilo obhebhayo. **7** Bonke batshisa njengezikko; batshwabadele ababusu babo. Wonke amakhosi abo ayawa, kayikho ekhuleka kimi. **8** U-Efrayimi uxubana lezizwe; u-Efrayimi ulikhekhe eliyisicecedu elingaphendulwanga. **9** Abezizweni bacikiza amandla akhe, kodwa yena kakunanzeleli. Inwele zakhe sezilezimvu kodwa yena kakunanzeleli. **10** Ubuqholo buka-Israyeli bufakaza okubi ngaye, kodwa phezu kwakho konke lokhu kabuyeli kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe loba amdinge. **11** U-Efrayimi unjengejuba, ukoholiseka lula kalangqondo ucela usizo eGibhithe, abuye alucele e-Asirya. **12** Lapho sebehamba, ngizaphosa umambule wami phezu kwabo; ngizabondensa phansi njengezinyoni zasemoyeni. Ngizabezuba behamba bonke, ngizababamba. **13** Maye kubo ngoba bedukile kimi! Akube lencithakalo kubo ngoba bangihlamukele! Ngiyafisa ukubahenga kodwa bona bakhulumu amanga ngami. **14** Kabakhala kimi ngezinhlizyo zabo kodwa bakhalela emibhedeni yabo. Babuthanelu amabele lewayini elitsha kodwa mina basuka bangidele. **15** Ngabafundisa ngabaqinisa, kodwa baceba okubi ngami. **16** Kabaphendukeli koPhezukonke banjengedandili elisolekayo. Abakhokheli babo bazabulawa ngenkemba ngenxa yamazwi abo okweyisa. Ngalokhu bazahlekwa elizweni laseGibhithe."

**8** "Faka icilongo ezindebeni zakho! Ukhizo lungaphezu kwendlu kaThixo ngoba abantu basephule isivumelwano sami bahlamukela lomthetho wami. **2** U-Israyeli uyakhalaza kimi esithi, 'Oh Nkulunkulu wethu, siyakwamukela!' **3** Kodwa u-Israyeli ukwalile okuhle; isitha sizaxotshana laye. **4** Babeka amakhosi kungekho mvumo yami; bakhetha ababusu kungekho mvumo yami. Ngesiliva sabo lange golide, bazenzela izithombe zibe yikubhujiswa kwabo. **5** Lahla isithombe sakho sethole, wena Samariya! Ulaka lwami luyavutha ngawe. Koze kube nini bengelamandla okuhlambuluka na? **6** Bavela ko-Israyeli! Ithole leli labunjwa yingcwethi;

kalisuye Nkulunkulu. Lizachobozwa libe yizicucu, ithole lelo laseSamariya. **7** Bahlanyela umoya bavune isavunguzane. Ihlanga kalilaskhwebu; kalyikuthela ifulawa. Aluba belingathela amabele, abezizweni kade bezawamimiliza. **8** U-Israyeli useginyiwe; khathesi phakathi kwezizwe unjengento engelasizo. **9** Ngoba sebeye e-Asirya njengobabbemi weganga entula yedwa. U-Efrayimi uzithengisile kuzithandwa. **10** Lanxa bezithengisile phakathi kwezizwe, ngizabaqoqela ndawonye. Bazaqalisa ukukicizeka bengaphansi kwencindezelu yenkosy elamandla. **11** Lanxa u-Efrayimi wakha ama-alithare amanengi eminikelo yezono, asebe ngama-alithare okwenza izono. **12** Ngabalobelua izinto ezinengi zomthetho wami kodwa bona bazithatha njengento engaziwayo. **13** Banikela imihlatshelo njengezipo kimi babuye badle inyama yakhona, kodwa uThixo kathokozi ngabo. Khathesi usezakhumbula ukuxhwala kwabo abajezisele izono zabo: Bazabuyela eGibhithe. **14** U-Israyeli usemkohlli uMenzi wakhe wakha izindlu zamakhosi; ujuda usevikele amadolobho amanengi ngezingqaba. Kodwa ngizathumela umlilo emadolobheni abo ozaqothula izinqaba zabo."

**9** Ungathokozi, we Israyeli; ungajabuli njengezinye izizwe. Ngoba ube ungathembekanga kuNkulunkulu wakho; uthanda umholo wesifebe ezizeni zonke zokubhulela. **2** Iza lezikhamelo zewayini kakuyikunika abantu ukudla; iwayini elitsha lizabehlulekisa. **3** Kabayikuhlala elizweni likaThixo; u-Efrayimi uzabuyela eGibhithe adle ukudla okungcolileyo e-Asirya. **4** Kabayikuthululela iminikelo yewayini kuThixo, lemihlatshelo yabo kayiyikumthokozisa. Imihlatshelo enje kubo izakuba njengesinkwa sabalilayo; bonke abayidlayo bazangcola. UKudla lokhu kuzakuba ngokwabo; akuyifikia ethempelini likaThixo. **5** Lizakwenzani ngosuku lwemikhosy yenu emisiweyo, ngensuku zamadili kaThixa na? **6** Lanxa bengaphunyuka ekubhujisweni, iGibhithe izababutha, njalo iMemfisi izabangcwaba. Ingcebo yabo yesiliva izathathwa yimbabazane, njalo ameva azagcwala emathenteni abo. **7** Insuku zokujeziswa ziyeza, insuku zokwahlulewa sezifikasi. U-Israyeli kumele akwazi lokhu. Ngoba izono zenu zinengi kakhulu lenzondo yenu inkulu kakhulu, umphrofethi ubalwa njengesiwu umuntu ohlwa ngomoya enziwe njengohlanya. **8** Umphrofethi, ekanye loNkulunkulu wami, ungumuntu olinda u-Efrayimi, kodwa imijibila imlindele kuzozonke izindlela zakhe, kanye lenzondo endlini kaNkulunkulu. **9** Batshone bapelela ekonakaleni, njengasezinuskwini zaseGibhiya. UNkulunkulu uzakukhumbula ukuxhwala kwabo abajezisele izono zabo. **10** "Ekufumaneni kwami u-Israyeli kwakunjengokuthola amagrebisi engangala; ekuboneni kwami okhokho benu, kwakunjengokubona izithelo zakuqala zomkhiwa. Kodwa ekufikeni kwabo kuBhali-Pheyori, bazinekela kulesosithombe esihlazisayo benyaneka njengaleyonto ababeyithanda. **11** Udumo luka-Efrayimi luzaphapha luhambe njengenyoni, akuyikuba lokuzala, lokukhulelw, lokuthatha izisu. **12** Loba bangaze bondle abantwana, ngizabemuka bonke. Maye kubo, lapho sengibadelile!"

**13** Ngimbonile u-Efrayimi, njengeThire, ebekwe endaweni enhle. Kodwa u-Efrayimi uzakhuphela abantwana bakhe phandle kobulalayo.” **14** Baphe, Oh Thixo uzabaphani na? Baphe izibeletho eziphunzayo lamabele angelalutho. **15** “Ngenxa yokuxhwala kwabo konke eGiligali, ngabazonda khonale. Ngenxa yezenzo zabo eziyizono, ngizabaxotsha endlini yami. Kangisayikubathanda futhi; bonke abakhokheli babo bangabahlamuki. **16** U-Efrayimi udlekile, impande zabo zomile, kabatheli zithelo. Loba bengazala abantwana, ngizayibulala inzalo yabo abayithandayo.” **17** UNKulunkulu wami ubalile ngoba kabamlalelanga; bazakuba zinzulane phakathi kwezizwe.

**10** U-Israyeli wayelivini eliqhelayo, wazizalela izithelo. Ngokwanda kwezithelo zakhe wakha ama-alithare amanengi; kwathi ngokuphumelela kwelizwe lakhe wahllobisa amatshe akhe akhonzwayo. **2** Inhlizyo zabo ziaykohhlisa, khatthesi kufanele bathwale icala labo. UThixo uzawabhidliza ama-alithare abo, uwachithile lamatshe abo, akhonzwayo. **3** Ngakho bazakuthi, “Thina kasilankosi ngoba kasimhloniphanga uThixo. Kodwa loba sasingawa lenkosi, kuyini eyayingasenzela khona?” **4** Benza izithembiso ezinengi, bafunge izifungo zamanga, benze lezivumelwano; ngakho amacala ayanda njengokhula olubulalayo ensimini elinyiweyo. **5** Abantu abahlala eSamariya bayesaba ngenxa yesithombe sethole saseBhethi-Aveni. Abantu bakhona basasililela benzenjalo labaphristi bakhona abakhonza izithombe, labo abathokozela ubuhle baso ngoba sithethwe kubo ekuthunjweni. **6** Sizathwalela e-Asiriya njengomthelo enkosini enkulu. U-Efrayimi uzayangeka; u-Israyeli uzakuba lenhloni ngezithombe zakhe zezigodo. **7** ISamariya lenkosi yakhona kuzabujiswa kuzakhukhulwa kuhambe njengogatshanyana phezu kwamanzi. **8** Izindawo zokukhonza zobuxhiali zizachithwa, kuyisono sika-Israyeli. Ameva lokhula kuzakhula kwembese ama-alithare abo. Lapho-ke bazakuthi ezintabeni, “Sembeseni!” Lakuko amaqqa bathi, “Welani phezu kwethul” **9** “Kusukela ensukwini zaseGibhiya wenze isono, we Israyeli, njalo ulokhu usele khonapho. Kanje impi kayibafigcanga yini abenza okubi eGibhiya? **10** Lapho sengifuna, ngizabajezisa; izizwe zizaqoqanelu ukumelana labo ukuba zibabophele isono sabo esiphindiweyo. **11** U-Efrayimi ulithokazi elifundisiweyo elithanda ukubhula amabele; ngakho ngizagaxa ijogwe entanyeni yakhe enhle. U-Efrayimi ngizamtshayela, uJuda kumele alime uJakhobe kumele abulale amagade. **12** Zihlanyeeleni ukulunga, vunani isithelo sothando olungapheliyo, liqegebule lomhlabathi wenu ongalinywanga; ngoba kuyisikhathi sokudinga uThixo, aze abuye atheli ukulunga phezu kwenu. **13** Kodwa lina lihlanyela ukuxhwala, livune ububi, lidle isithelo senkohliso. Njengoba lithembe amandla enu lamabutho enu amanengi, **14** ukuhlokoma kwempi kuzakuba khona ebantwini bakini, ngakho zonke izingqaba zenu zibahidliza njengalokhu uShaliman iWabhidliza iBhethi-Abheli ngosuku lwempi, lapho onina

basakazelwa phansi labantwababo. **15** Kuzakwenzakala kanjalo lakuwe, wena Bhetheli, ngoba ukuxhwala kwakho kukhulu. Lapho lolosuku lusisa, inkosi yako-Israyeli izachithwa okupheleleyo.”

**11** “U-Israyeli esesengumntwana, ngangimthanda njalo indodana yami ngayikhupha eGibhithe. **2** Kodwa kwathi lapho u-Israyeli ngimbiza kanengi kwayikhona ehllehlela khatshana lami. Banikela imihlatshelo kuboBhali, batshisela lezifanekiso impepha. **3** Yimi engafundisa u-Efrayimi ukuhamba, ngibabambe ngezingalo; kodwa kababonanga ukuthi yimi engabelaphayo. **4** Ngabakhokhela ngentambo zomusa woluntu, ngezibopho zothando; ngaba njengomuntu osusa amajogwe entanyeni zabo, ngakkothamelia phansi ukuba angiphe ukudla. **5** Kabayikubuyela eGibhithe na, njalo i-Asiriya kayiyikubabusa na njengoba besala ukuphenduka? **6** Izinkemba zizaphazima emadolobheni abo, zizachitha imigoqo yamasango abo ziqede amacebo abo. **7** Abantu bami bazimisele ukungihlamukela. Lanxa bekhuleka koPhezukonke kasoze abaphakamise. **8** Ngingakukhalela kanjani, Efrayimi? Ngingakuphatha kanjani njengo-Adima na? Ngingakwenza kanjani, njengoZebhoyimi na? Inhlizyo yami iguukile phakathi kwami; isihawu sami sonke siqubukile. **9** Kangiyikwenza okwentukuthelo yami eyesabekayo, kumbe ngiphenduke ngimqothule u-Efrayimi. Ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, hatshi umuntu, oNgcwele phakathi kwenu. Kangiyikuza ngolaka. **10** Bazamlandela uThixo; uzabhonga njengesilwane. Lapho esebehonga, abantwana bakhe bazakusa beqhaqhazel bevela entshonalanga. **11** Bazakuza bevela eGibhithe beqhaqhazel ngezenginyoni bevela e-Asiriya bephaphazel ngejamajuba. Ngizabahlalisa emakhaya abo,” kutsho uThixo. **12** “U-Efrayimi usengizingeleze ngamanga, lendlu ka-Israyeli ngenkohliso. LoJuda uluhlaza kuNkulunkulu, kanye lakuye othembekileyo oNgcwele.”

**12** U-Efrayimi udlu umoya; uxitshana lomoya wasempumalanga ilanga lonke andise amanga lodlakela. Wenza isivumelwano le-Asiriya, athumele amafutha e-oliva eGibhithe. **2** Kulecalu uThixo azalethesa uJuda; uzajejisa uJakhobe mayelana lezindlela zakhe aphindisele kuye mayelana lezenzo zakhe. **3** Esiswini wabamba isithende sikamfowabo; eseyindoda wabindana loNkulunkulu. **4** Wabindana lengilosil wayehlula; wakhala wacela umusa kuyo. Wayifica eBhetheli wakhulumu layo khonapho, **5** uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla, uThixo yilo ibizo lakhe lodumo! **6** Kodwa kumele ubuyele kuNkulunkulu wakho; ugcine uthando lokulunga, umlindele kokuphela uNkulunkulu wakho. **7** Umthengisi usebenzisa izikali zenkohliso; uthanda ukuqilibeza. **8** U-Efrayimi uyazincoma esithi, “Nginethe kakhulu; sengiyisipatsha. Ngenotho yami kabayikufumana ububi loba isono kimi.” **9** “Mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ovalikhupha eGibhithe; ngizalenza lihlale

emathenteni futhi, njengasezinsukwini zemikhosi yenu emisiweyo. **10** Ngakhulumu labaphrefethi, ngabatshengisa imibono eminengi ngakhulumu imizekeliso ngabo.” **11** IGiliyadi iixhwalile na? Abantu bakhona bakhohlake! EGiligali bayanikela umhlathshelo wenkunzi na? Ama-alithare abo azakuba njengezinqwaba zamatshe ensimini elinyiweyo. **12** UJakhobe wabalekela elizweni lase-Aramu; u-Israyeli wasebenzela ukuthola umfazi, njalo welusa izimvu ukuba amlobole. **13** UThixo wasebenzisa umphrefethi ekukhupheni u-Israyeli eGibhithe; wamlondoloza ngomphrefethi. **14** Kodwa u-Efrayimi umthukuthelise kabuhlungu; UThixo wakhe uzaliyekela liphezu kwakhe icala lokuchitha kwakhe igazi njalo uzaphindisela kuye ukudelela kwakhe.

**13** Lapho u-Efrayimi ekhuluma, abantu bathuthumela; wabatshazwa ko-Israyeli. Kodwa waba lecalia lokukhonza uBhali wasesifa. **2** Khathesi benza izono njalonjalo; bazenzela izithombe ngesiliva sabo, izifanekiso ezenziwe ngokuhlanipha, zonke ziymisebenzi yezingcitshi. Ngabantu laba kuthiwa, “BaniKela imihlatshelo yabantu, bange izithombe zamathole.” **3** Ngakho bazakuba njengenkungu yekuseni, njengamazolo ekuseni anyamalayo, njengamakhoba asuka ezineni, njengentuthu iphuma ewindini. **4** “Kodwa mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, owallkhupha elizweni laseGibhithe. Kaliyikwamukela omunye uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, hatshi omunye uMsindisi ngaphandle kwami. **5** Ngalilondoloza enkangala, elizweni eliolokutshisa okuvuthayo. **6** Lapho ngibapha ukudla, basutha; sebesuthi, basuka baziqqaja; basebengikhohlwa. **7** Ngizakwehlela phezu kwabo njengesilwane, ngizacathama ngasendleleni njengengwe. **8** Njengebhele elithathelwe imidlwane yalo ngizabahlasela ngibaqhaqhe. Ngizabadla njengesilwane, inyamazana yeganga izababula. **9** Uchithiwi, wena Israyeli, ngoba umelane lami, umelane lomsizi wakho. **10** Ingaphi inkosi yakho, ukuba ikusize na? Bangaphi ababusi bakho kuwo wonke amadolobho akho, bona owathi ngabo, ‘Ngipha inkosi lababusi?’ **11** Ngakho ngakuniika inkosi ngithukuthele, njalo ngolaka lwami ngayisusa. **12** Icalia lika-Efrayimi ligciniwe, izono zakhe zigcinwe embihalweni. **13** Ufikelwa yibuhlungu obunjengesifazane ehelelwa, kodwa ungumntwana ongelalwazi; lapho iskhathi sifika, kabuyi ekuvulekeni kwesizalo. **14** Ngizabahlela emandleni engcwaba; ngizabasindisa ekufeni. Zingaphi, we kufa izifo zakho? Kungaphi, we ngcwabá, ukuchitha kwakho? Kangiyikuba lesihawu, (**Sheol h7585**) **15** lanxa ekhula phakathi kwabafowabo. Umoya wasempumalanga ovela kuThixo uzafika, uphephetha uvela enkangala; intwasa yakhe izakwehluleka, lemithombo yakhe itshe. Indlu yakhe yokugcina izaphangwa yonke ingcebo yayo. **16** Abantu baseSamariya kuzamela balithwale icala labo, ngoba bamhlamukele uNkulunkulu wabo. Bazabulawa ngenkemba; insane zabo zizasakazelwa phansi, abesifazane babo abazithweleyo baqhaqhwe.”

**14** Buyela, we Israyeli, kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakho. Izono zakho yizo ezikuwisileyo! **2** Thatha amazwi ubuyele kuThixo. Uthi kuye, “Sithethelele zonke izono zethu njalo usamuukele ngomusa ukuba sinikele isithelo sezindebe zethu. **3** I-Asiriya ayingeke isikhulule; kasiyikugada amabhiza empi. Kasisoze siphinde sithi, ‘Onkulunkulu bethu’ kulokho okwenziwa yizandla zethu, ngoba abazintandane bathola isihawu kuwe.” **4** “Ngizakwelapha ubuphakaphaka babo ngibathande ngokukhululeka, ngoba ukuthukuthela kwami sekusukile kubo. **5** Ngizakuba njengamazolo ku-Israyeli; uzaqhakaza njengeluba. Uzatshonisa impande zakhe phansi njengomsedari waseLebanoni; **6** amahlumela akhe amatsha azakhula. Ubuhle bakhe buzakuba njengesihlahla se-oliva, iphunga lakhe libe njengomsedari waseLebanoni. **7** Abantu bazahlala njalo emthunzini wakhe. Uzakhula kuhle njengamabele. Uzaqhakaza njengevini, lodumo lwakhe luzakuba njengolwewayini laseLebanoni. **8** Awu Efrayimi, kuyini futhi engingakwenza ngezithombe? Ngizamphendula ngimlondoloze. Mina nginjengesihlahla sephayini esiluhlaza, ukuthela kwakho izithelo kuvela kimi.” **9** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo? Uzazibona lezizinto. Ngubani oqedisisayo? Uzazizwisisa. Izindlela zikaThixo zilungile abalungileyo bahamba kuzo, kodwa abahlamuki bayakhube ka kuzo.

# UJoweli

**1** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kujoweli indodana kaPhethuweli. **2** Zwanini lokhu, lina badala; lalelani lonke lina elihlala elizweni. Into enjengale seyake yenzakala na ensukwini zenu loba ensukwini zabokhokho benu? **3** Kutsheleni abantwabenu, abantwabenu labo batshele ababantwababo, abantwababo batshele isizukulwane esilandelayo. **4** Lokho okutshiywe ngumtshitshi wezintethe kudliwe yisikhongwane; okutshiywe yisikhongwane kudliwe yibuyane; okutshiywe yibuyane kudliwe ngezinye intethe. **5** Vukani lina zidakwa likhale! Lilani lonke lina banathi bewayini; lilani ngenxa yewayini elitsha, ngoba lihluthunwe ezindebeni zenu. **6** Isizwe sihlasele ilizwe lami, silamandla asingeke sibalwe, silamazinyo esilwane, ingavula zesilwanekazi. **7** Sesisitshabalalise izivini zami, saqothula lezihlahla zami zemikhiwa. Sebule amaxolo azo sawaphosela khatshana, ingatsha zazo zasala sezimhlophe rke. **8** Lilani njengentombi egqoke isaka idabukele umyenii wobutsha bayo. **9** Umnikelo wamabele lomnikele wokunathwa kususiyelo endlini kaThixo. Abaphristi bayalila, bona abakhonzayo phambi kukaThixo. **10** Amasimu atshabalele, umhlabathi womile; amabele onakele, iwayini elitsha liphelile, amafutha kawasekho. **11** Delani, lina balimi, lilani, lina balimi bamavini; bubulelani ingqoloyi lebhali, ngoba isivuno sensimu sitshabalaliswe. **12** Ivini lomile lomkhiwa ubunile; iphomegranathi, lelala lesihsahlala sama-aphula, zonke izihsahlala zeganga, zomile. Impela ukuthokoza kwabantu kuphelile. **13** Vunulani amasaka, lina bapristi, likhale. Lilani lina elikhonzayo phambi kwe-alithari. Wozani, lilale lembethe amasaka ebusuku, lina elikhonzayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wami, ngoba iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yokunathwayo igoddliwe, kayanikelwa endlini kaNkulunkulu wenu. **14** Memezelani ukuzila okungcwele; bizani ibandla elingcwele. Memani abadala labo bonke abahlala elizweni, baye endlini kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, likhale kuThixo. **15** Maye ngalolosuku! Ngoba usuku lukaThixo seluseduze; lufazika njengencithakalo evela kuSomandala. **16** Ukudla akuzange kuphele phambi kwamehlo ethu, lokuthokoza kanye lokuthaba endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu na? **17** Inhlanyelo itshwabhene ngaphansi kwamagade. Izindlu zamabele zingamanxiwa, iziphala zidiliziwe, ngoba amabele kawasekho. **18** Yeka ukukhala kwezikomo! Imihlambi yenkomo iyaphithizela ngoba kayilamadleo; lemihlambi yezimvu iyahlupheka. **19** Ngiyakhala kuwe Thixo, ngoba umlilo usuqede amadleo lamalangabi asetshise zonke izihsahlala zeganga. **20** Lezinyamazana zeganga zifuna wena; izifula zamanzi sezicithile njalo lomlilo usuqede amadleo.

**2** Vuthelani icilongo eZiyoni; hlabani umkhosi entaben yami engcwele. Bonke abahlala elizweni kabathuthumele, ngoba usuku lukaThixo luyeza. Selusondele, selufikile, **2** usuku lomnyama

lokudana, usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama. Njengokusa kusendaleka phezu kwezintaba, liyeza ibutho elikhulu elilamandla elingazange libe khona endulo kumbe libe khona eminyakeni ezayo. **3** Phambi kwabo umlilo uyatshisa, ngemva kwabo amalangabi ayavutha. Phambi kwabo ilizwe linjengensimu yase-Edeni ngemva kwabo yinkangala elugwadule, akukho okubaphunyukayo. **4** Bakhangeleka benjengamabhiza; bamatha njengamabhiza empi. **5** Ngomsindo onjengowezinqola zempi, beqa phezu kwezingqongo zezintaba, njengamabibi omililo etshisa inhlanga, njengebutho elilamandla selilungele impi. **6** Ekubaboneni nje, izizwe zizwa ubuhlungu; ubuso bonke buyadana. **7** Bahlasela njengamaqhawe; bakhwele imiduli njengamabutho. Bonke bahamba beludwendwe bengaphambuki endleleni yabo. **8** Kabasunduzani; lowo lalowo uhamba eqonde phambili. Badabula phakathi kwezivikelo kungekho kwehlukana kubo. **9** Baya ngesiqubu edolobheni; bagijima besekele umduli. Bayakhwela bangene ezindlini; bangena ngamawindi njengamasela. **10** Umhlabu uyanyikinyeka phambi kwabo; umkhathi uyaqhahqazel, ilanga lenyanga kube mnyama, lezinkanyezi kazisakhanyisi. **11** UThixo uyakhwaza phambi kwebutho lakhe; amabutho akhe angeke abalwe, njalo balamandla labo abalalela ukulaya kwakhe. Usuku lukaThixo lukhulu; luyesabeka. Ngubani ongalumela na? **12** “Lakhathesi,” kutsho uThixo, “phendukelani kimi ngenhliziwe zenu zonke, ngokuzila langokukhala lokulila.” **13** Dabulani inhlizyo zenu hatshi iziqqoko zenu. Buyelani kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba ulomusa lesihawu, uyaphuza ukuthukuthela, ulothando olukhulu, njalo uyaxola ukuthumela umonakalo. **14** Ngubani owaziyo? Engxenyi angaphenduka abe lesihawu atshiye isibusiso, iminikelo yamabele leminikelo yokunathwayo kaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu. **15** Vuthelani icilongo eZiyoni, memezelani ukuzila okungcwele, bizani ibandla elingcwele. **16** Buthanisani abantu, ngcwelisani ibandla; hlanganisani abadala, buthanisani abantwana labo abamunyayo. Umyeni katshiye indlu yakhe lomlobokazi atshiye ikamele lakhe. **17** Abaphristi abakhonzayo phambi kukaThixo, kabakhale bephakathi laphakathi kwentuba le-alithari. Kabathi, “Awu Thixo, zwela abantu bakho. Unzenji ilifa lakho libe yinto yokuhlekisa, isiga phakathi kwezizwe. Kungani phakathi kwezizwe kumele bathi, ‘Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo?’” **18** Lapho-ke uThixo uzakuba lobukhwele ngelizwe lakhe abe lesihawu ebantwini bakhe. **19** UThixo uzabaphendula athi: “Ngijalithumela amabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha, okwaneleyo ukulisuthisa ngokugcweleyo; angiyikuphinda futhi ukulenza into yokuhlekisa eziweni. **20** Ibutho lasenyakatho ngizalixotshela khatshana lani, ngilifuqelete elizweni elomileyo elilugwadule, amaviyo alo aphambili esiya olwandle lwasempumalanga lawo angemuva esiya olwandle lwasentshonalanga. Iphunga lalo elibi lizakuya phezulu, umnuko walo uzaphakama.” Ngempela wenze izinto ezinkulu ezimangalisayo. **21** Ungesabi, wena lizwe; thaba uthokoze. Impela uThixo wenze

izinto ezinkulu. **22** Lingesabi, lina zinyamazana yokuthena izihlahla ibe yimikhonto. Obuthakathaka zeganga, ngoba amadleo asesiba luhlaza. Izihlahla kathi, “Ngiqinile!” **11** Wozani ngokuphangisa, lonke sezithela izithelo zazo; imikhiwa lemivini kuthela lina zizwe zasezinhlangothini zonke, libuthane kakhulu. **23** Thabani, lina bantu baseZiyoni, thokozani khonapho. Yehlisa amabutho akho, Oh Thixo! **12** kuThixo uNkulunkulu wenu ngoba ulinike izulu “Izizwe kazivuswe; kaziye eSigodini sikajehoshafathi lekwindla ngokulunga. Ulilethela izulu elinengi ngoba ngizahlala khona ukwehlulela izizwe zonke kanye lezulu lekwindla lelentwasa, njengakuqala.” **24** zasezinhlangothini zonke. **13** Hehethani ngesikela Iziza zizagcwala amabele; izikhamelo zizaphumphuma ngoba okuvunwayo sekuvuthiwe. Wozani, gxobani iwayini lamafutha. **25** “Ngizalihlawula okwaleyo amavini, ngoba isikhamelo sewayini sesigcwele minyaka lokho okwadliwa zintethe, lesikhonyane lezimbizakazi sezipphumphuma, bukhulu kangaka ububi lobuyane, ezinye izintethe kanye lemitshtshi bazol.” **14** Amaxuku, amaxuku esigodini sesinqumo! yezintethe, ibutho lami elikhulu engalithumela Ngoba usuku lukaThixo luseduze esigodini sezinqumo. kini. **26** Lizakuba lokudla okunengi lize lisuthe, **15** Ilanga lenyanga kuzakuba mnyama, lezinkanyaze njalo lizadumisa ibizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wenu, zingabe zisakhanya. **16** UThixo uzavungama eseZiyoni olenzele izimangaliso; abantu bami kabayikuphinda aphinde akhwaze eseJerusalem; umhlaba lomkhathi bayangeke futhi. **27** Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi ngiko- kuzagedezela. Kodwa uThixo uzakuba yisiphephelo Israyeli, lokuthi mina nginguThixo uNkulunkulu sabantu bakhe, inqaba yabantu bako-Israyeli.” **17** wenu, kanye lokuthi kakho omunye; abantu bami “Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi mina, uThixo uNkulunkulu kabayikuphinda bayangeke futhi.” **28** “Emva wenu, nighlala eZiyoni, intaba yami engcwele. kwalokho, ngizathululela uMoya wami kubo bonke IJerusalem izakuba ngcwele; kayiyikuphinda abantu. Amadodana lamadodakazi enu azaphrofitha, ihlaselwe ngabebizweni futhi. **18** Ngalosuku izintaba izinsizwa zenu zizabona imibono, lamaxhegu enu zizagobhoza iwayini elitsha, lamaqaqa ageleze uchago; azaphupha amaphupho. **29** Lasezincekwini zami, zonke indonga zakoJuda zizageleza amanzi. Umthombo ezesilisa lezesifazane, ngizawuthulula uMoya wami uzantuntuza endlini kaThixo uthambise isigodi ngalezonsuku. **30** Ngizabonakalisa izimangaliso saseShithima. **19** Kodwa iGibhithe izachithakala, i-emazulwini lasemhlabeni, igazi lomlilo lezikhatha Edomi ibe yinkangala elugwadule, ngenxa yodlakela zentuthu. **31** Ilanga lizaphendulwa libe yibumnyama olwenziwa ebantwini bakoJuda lapho bachitha khona lenyanga ibeligazi phambi kokuba kufike usuku igazi elingelacala elizweni labo. **20** KoJuda kuzahlalwa olukhulu lukaThixo, olwesabekayo. **32** Njalo wonke khona kuze kuge nininini lasejerusalem kuzahlalwa obiza ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa; ngoba eNTabeni izizukulwane zonke. **21** Umlandu wabo wegazi, iZiyoni lasejerusalem kuzakuba lokukhululwa, engingakaxoli ngawo, ngizabaxolela ngawo.” njengoba uThixo etshilo, iloba phakathi kwabasindileyo labo ababizwa nguThixo.”

**3** “Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi, lapho sengibuyisela inotho kajuda leJerusalem, **2** ngizaqoqa izizwe zonke ngizehlisole eSigodini sikajehoshafathi. Lapho-ke ngizazahlulela mayelana lelifa lami, abantu bami u-Israyeli ngoba zahlkazela abantu bami phakathi kwezizwe, zabelana ilizwe lami. **3** Zenza inkatho ngabantu bami, zathenga izifebe ngabafana; zathengisa amankazana ngewayini ukuze zinathe. **4** Manje-ke lisolani ngami, wena Thire loSidoni lani lonke zifunda zaseFilistiya? Liyangiphindisela ngolutho engilwenzileyo na? Nxa lingiphindisela, ngizaphanga ngibuyisole elakwenzayo phezu kwamakhanda enu ngokuphangisa. **5** Ngoba lathatha isiliva sami legolide lami lathwalela lenotho yami eligugu emathempelini enu. **6** Lathengisa abantu bakoJuda laseJerusalem kumaGrikhi, ukuze libase khatshana lelizwe labo. **7** Khangelani, ngizabavusa ezindaweni elabathengisa kuzo, njalo ngizabuyisela phezu kwamakhanda enu lokho elakwenzayo. **8** Ngizathengisa amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu ebantwini bakoJuda, njalo labo bazawathengisa kumaSabhini, isizwe esikhatschana.” UThixo usekhulumile. **9** Memezelani lokhu ezizweni lithi: Lungiselani impi! Vusani amabutho! Wonke amadoda empi kasondele ahla sele. **10** Khandani amakhuba enu abe zinkemba lemihedla yenu

# U-Amosi

**1** La ngamazwi ka-Amosi, omunye wabelusi baseThekhowa, lokho akubonayo mayelana lo-Israyeli eminyakeni emibili ngaphambi kokuzamazama komhlaba, ngezinusu u-Uziya eyinkosi yakoJuda loJerobhowamu indodana kajowashi eyinkosi yako-Israyeli. **2** Wathi: "UTHixo uyavungama eseZiyoni, idume ijerusalema; amadleo abelusi ayoma lengqongo yeKhameili iyabuna." **3** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zeDamaseko, loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami. Ngenxa yokuthi yatshaya iGiliyadi ngemibhulo elamazinyo ensimbi, **4** ngizathumela umlilo endlini kaHazayeli ozalobisa izinqaba zikaBheni-Hadadi. **5** Ngizabhidiza isango laseDamaseko; ngizachitha inkosi ephakathi kweSigodi sase-Aveni lalowo ophethe intonga yobukhos eBhethi Edeni. Abantu base-Aramu bazathunjwa basiwe eKhiri," kutsho uThixo. **6** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zeGaza loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami ngenxa yokuthi yathumba abantu bezigaba zonke yabathengisa e-Edomi, **7** ngizathumela umlilo emidulini yaseGaza ozalobisa izinqaba zayo. **8** Ngizayichitha inkosi yase-Ashidodi kanye lalowo ophatha intonga yobukhos e-Ashikheloni. Ngizaphendulela isandla sami ekuhlaseleni i-Ekroni kuze kufe umFilistiya wokucina," kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **9** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zaseThire loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami. Ngenxa yokuthi yabathengisa e-Edomi bonke abantu bezigaba zonke ezathunjwayo inganaki isivumelwano sobuzalwane, **10** ngizathumela umlilo emidulini yaseThire ozalobisa izinqaba zayo." **11** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zase-Edomi loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami. Ngenxa yokuthi waxotshana lomfowabo ngenkemba, enqabela isihawu sonke, ngoba ulaka lwakhe lwavutha kokuphela lentukuthelo yakhe yabhebha ingelakuthishwa, **12** ngizathumela umlilo eThemani ozalobisa izinqaba zaseBhozira." **13** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zase-Amoni, loba langenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami. Ngenxa yokuthi waqhaqha abesifazane abazithweleyo baseGiliyadi ukuze aqhelise ilizwe lakhe, **14** ngizathungela imiduli yaseRaba ngomlilo ozalobisa izinqaba zayo kumenyezelwa izitsho zempi ngosuku lokulwu kulomoya olamandala ngosuku lwesiphepho, **15** inkosi yalo izathunjwa, yona kanye lezikulu zayo," kutsho uThixo.

**2** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zaseMowabi loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami, ngoba utshive amathambo enkosi yase-Edomi aze afana lekalaga, **2** ngizathumela umlilo kuMowabi ozalobisa izinqaba zaseKheriyo thi. UMowabi uzachitheka kulokuxokozela okukhulu lokumenyezelwa kwezitsho zempi lokukhala kwecilongo. **3** Ngizaqothula ababusi bakhe ngibulale

zonke izikhulu zakhe kanye laye," kutsho uThixo. **4** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zikajuda loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami, ngoba bawalile umthetho kaThixo kabaze bagcina lezimiso zakhe, ngoba badukiswe ngonkulunkulu bamanga, onkulunkulu abalandelwa ngokhokho babo. **5** Ngizathumela umlilo kojuda ozalobisa izinqaba zaseJerusalem." **6** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: "Ngenxa yezono ezintathu zika-Israyeli loba ngenxa yezine, kangiyikulunqanda ulaka lwami ngoba bathengisa abalungileyo ngesiliva, labaswelayo ngamanyathelo. **7** Banyathela phezu kwamakhanda abayanga njengapehu kothuli lomhlabathi banqabele imfanelo yabancindezelweyo. Uyise lendodana bembatha lentombi yinye kanjalo bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele. **8** Bacambalala phansi emaceleni ama-alithare wonke, phezu kwezem batho ezithethwe ziyizibambiso. Endlini kankulunkulu wabo banatha iwayini elithethwe njengenhlawulo. **9** Ngachitha um'Amori phambi kwabo, lanxa wayemude njengemisedari njalo eqine njengom'okhi. Ngachitha izithelo zakhe phezulu kanye lempande zakhe ngaphansi. **10** Ngalikhupha eGibhithe ngalikhokhela iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkanga ukuba linilike ilizwe lama-Amori. **11** Ngakhupha labaphrofethi bephuma phakathi kwamadodana enu, kanye lamaNaziri ephuma phakathi kwezinsizwa zenu. Lokhu akuqotho na, bantu bako-Israyeli?" kutsho uThixo. **12** "Kodwa lanathisa amaNaziri iwayini, layala abaphrofethi ukuba bangaphrofethi. **13** Khathesike me mina ngizalichoboza njengokuchoboza kwenqola ithwele amabele. **14** Olejubane kayikubaleka, oqinileyo uzwawsela amandla akhe, lebutho kaliyikusindisa impilo yalo. **15** Umtshoki akayikugxila, ibutho elilejubane kaliyikuphunyu ka lomgadi webhiza kayikusindisa impilo yakhe. **16** Lebutho elilesibindi kakhulu, ngalolosoku lizabaleka linqunu," kutsho uThixo.

**3** Zwanini ilizwi elikhulunywe nguThixo ngani lina bantu bako-Israyeli Lomndeni wonke engawukhupha eGibhithe: **2** "Yini kuphela engalikhethayo kuyo yonke imideni yasemhlabeni; ngakho ngizalijezisa zonke izono zenu." **3** Ababili bayahamba bendawonye ngaphandle kokuba bevumelene ukwenzanjalo na? **4** Isilwane siyabhonga ehlathini kungelalutho esingalubamba na? Siyabhonga esikhundleni saso singabambanga lutho na? **5** Inyonu iyabanjwa emhlabathini okungelamjibila othiywe khona na? Umjibila uyathanca usuke emhlabathini kungelalutho olubambayo na? **6** Lapho icilongo likhala edolobheni abantu kabetuki na? Lapho incithakalo isehelela idolobho kayenziwanga nguThixo na? **7** Impela uThixo Wobukhosu kenzi lutho engavezanga icebo lakhe ezincekwini zakhe abaphrofethi. **8** Isilwane sibhongile, ngubani ongayikwesaba na? UThixo Wobukhosu usekhulumile ngubani ongayekela ukuphrofitha na? **9** Memezelani ezinqabeni zase-Ashidodi lasezinqabeni zaseGibhithe lithi: "Buthanani phezu kwezintaba zaseSamari; libone

isiyaluyulu esikhulu phakathi kwayo lokuncindezela phakathi kwabantu bayo.” **10** “Kabakwazi ukwenza okulungileyo,” kutsho uThixo, “bona ababuthelela impango baphange lasezinqabeni zabo.” **11** Ngakho uThixo Wobukhos uthi: “Isitha sizachitha ilizwe; sizadiliza izinqaba zenu, siphange izinqaba zenu.” **12** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: “Njengomelusi ehlenga emlonyeni wesilwane amathambo amabili kuphela omlenze loba isiqà sendlebe, bazahengwa kanjalo abako-Israyeli abahlala eSamariya bethithibele ekucineni kwemibheda yabo, kanye laseDamaseko phezu kwemibheda yabo yokumphumulela.” **13** “Zwanini lokhu lifakaze ngendlu kajakhobe,” kutsho iNkosi, uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandala. **14** “Ngosuku engizajejisela u-Israyeli izono zakhe ngizabhidiliza amalithare aseBhetheli; impondo ze-alithare zizaqunywa ziwele emhlabathini. **15** Ngizadiliza indlu yebusika kanye lendlu yehlobo, izindlu eziceciswe ngempondo zendlovu zizadilizwa lezindlu ezinkulu zizabhidizwa,” kutsho uThixo.

**4** Zwanini ilizwi leli lina mankomokazi aseBhashani phezu kweNtaba iSamariya, lina besifazane elincindezelababayangalichoboze abaswelayo beselisithi kubomkenu, "Siletheleni okunathwayo!" **2** UTHixo Wobukhosiusufunge ngobungcwele bakhe wathi: "Isikhathi sizafika impela lapho elizathathwa khona ngewuka, owokucina wenu ngewuka yenhlanzi. **3** Lizaphuma ngamunye ngezikhala emdulini liqonde nta phandle, njalo lizalahlewa ngaphandele ngokuya eHamoni," kutsho uThixo. **4** "Hambani eBhetheli liyekwenna isono; hambani eGiligali liyekwenna isono ngokudlulayo. Lethani imihlatsheleyenu nsuku zonke ekusenilokwetshumi kwenu minyaka yonke emithathu. **5** Tshisani isinkwa esilemvubelo njengomnikelo wokubonga lintele ngeminikelo yenu yokuzithandela lizikhukhumeze ngayo, lina bako-Israyeli, ngoba lokhu yikho elithanda ukukwenza," kutsho uThixo Wobukhosius. **6** "Ngalilethela indlala emadolobheni wonke lokusweleka kokudla emadolobheni wonke, kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **7** "Ngagodla izulu futhi kusasele inyanga ezintathu ukuba kuvunwe. Izulu ngalinisa kwelinye idolobho kodwa ngaligodla kwelinye. Enye insimusi yaba lezulu, enye kayaze yaba lalo njalo yoma qha. **8** Abantu babhadazelabesuka kwelinye idolobho besiya kwelinye befuna amanzi kodwakabawatholanga aneukebukaholwe, ikanti kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **9** "Ezikhathini ezinengi ngahlasela izivande zenu lezivini zenu, ngizihlasela ngesona langengumane. Izintethe zadla imikhiwa yenu lezihlahla zenu zamaloliva, kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **10** "Ngathumelizifopakathi kwenu njengengakwenza kweleGibhithe. Ngabulala izinsizwa zenu ngenkemba ndawonyelamabhiza enu athunjwayo. Ngavimbani amakhala enu ngomnuko wezihlonqozenu, kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo. **11** "Ngachithaabanye benu njengalokhu ngachitha iSodoma leGomora. Lalinqengesikhuni esitshayosishluthunwe emlilweni, kodwa kalibuyelanga kimi," kutsho uThixo.

12 "Ngakho-ke engizakwenza kuwe Israyeli yilokhu, njalo njengoba lokhu ngizakwenza kuwe, zilungisele ukuhlangana loNkulunkulu wakho, wena Israyeli."

13 Yena obumba izintaba, udala umoya, aveze lemicabango yakhe ebantwini, yena oguqula ukusa kube ngumnyama, anyathele lezindawo eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla yilo ibizo lakhe.

**5** Zwana ilizwi leli, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, isililo lesi engisenzayo ngani: **2** “Iwile iNtombi u-Israyeli, kayiphindi ivuke futhi, ideliwe elizweni layo, kungekho ongayiphakamisela phezulu.” **3** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo Wobukhos: “Idolobho lenu elikhupha inkulungwane eziqinileyo lizasala labalikhulu kuphela; idolobho elikhupha abalikhulu abaqinileyo lizasala labalitshumi kuphela.” **4** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo endlini ka-Israyeli: “Dingani mina, liphile; **5** lingadigi iBhetheli, lingayi eGiligali, lingayi eBherishebha. Ngoba impela iGiligali izakuya ekuthunjeni, leBhetheli izadiwi iphele nya.” **6** Dingani uThixo liphile hlezzi adabule phakathi kwendlu kajosefa njengomlio; uzatshisa uqothule, njalo iBhetheli kayiyikuba lomuntu ozawucitsha. **7** Lina eliguqula ukulunga kube yibuhlungu, lilahlele ubuqotho emhlabathini. **8** Yena owenza iSilimela loMthala, oguqula umnyama ube yikusa enze imini ibe yibusuku obumnyama, yena obiza amanzi olwandle, awathele phezu kobuso belizwe, uThixo yilo ibizo lakhe, **9** wehlisela incithakalo phezu kwenqaba atshabalise idolobho elivikelweyo. **10** Liyamzonda okhuzayo emthethwandaba limeyise larollo okhuluma iqiniso. **11** Linyathezelu umyanga limcindezele ukuba aliphe amabele. Ngakho-ke, lanxa lakhe izindlu ezinkulukazi zamatshe kalyiukhla kuzo; lanxa lihlanyele izivini ezinhle, iwayini lazo kalyiukulinatha. **12** Ngoba iziphambeko zenu ngiyazazi ukuthi zingaki kanye lokuthi izono zenu zinkulu okunganani. Lincindezela abalungileyo lamukele isivalamlomo, njalo emithethwandaba linqabelo abayanga imfanelo. **13** Ngakho ezikhathini ezinjalo umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uyazithulela, ngoba izikhathi zimbi. **14** Dingani okuhle, hatshi okubi, ukuze liphile. Lapho-ke uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla uzakuba lani njengoba lisithi ulani. **15** Zondani okubi lithande okuhle; qinisan ukulunga emithethwandaba. Mhlawumbu uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla uzakuba lomusa kuzinsalela zakoJosefa. **16** Ngakho nanku okutshiwo iNkosi, uThixo, uNkulunkulu uSomandla, “Kuzakuba lokulila emigwaqweni yonke lokukhala kabuhlungu ezinkundleni zonke zikazulu. Abalimi bazabizwa ukuba bakhale, labakhalayo ukuba balile. **17** Kuzakuba lokulila ezivinini zonke, ngoba ngizadlu phakathi kwenu,” kutsho uThixo. **18** Maye kini lina elilangazelela usuku lukaThixo! Kungani lilangazelela lolosuku lukaThixo na? Lolosuku luzakuba ngumnyama, hatshi ukukhanya. **19** Kuzafana lokuthi umuntu ubalekele isilwane wahlangana lebhele, njengangathi ungene endlini yakhe wabambelela emdulini ngesandla waselunywa yinyoka. **20** Usuku lukaThixo

kaluyikuba ngumnyama na, hatshi ukukhanya, **7** Nanku engakutshengiswa nguThixo Wobukhos: lumnyama bhuqe, kungekho nhlansi yokukhanya? **21** Wayelungisa imitshitsi yezintethe emva “Ngiyayizonda, ngiyayeyisa imikhosi yokholo lwenu; kokuvunwa kwesabelo senkosi khonapho amabele angingeke ngiyimele imbuthano yenu. **22** Lanxa esibili esakhula. **2** Kwathi lapho ilizwe seziliphundile, lingangilethela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo ngamemeza ngathi, “Thixo Wobukhos, thethlela! yamabele kangiyikuyamukela. Lanxa liletha iminikelo Ujakhobe angaphepha kanjani? Mncinyane kakhulu!” emidle kakhulu yobuzalwane, lokunoni siweyo 3 Ngakho uthixo waxola. “Akusoze kwenzakale” kangiyikuyinanza. **23** Sukani lomsindo wezingoma zenu! Kangiyikuwulalela umculo wamachacho enu. **24** nguThixo Wobukhos: uThixo Wobukhos Kodwa ukulunga kakugeleze njengamanzi, lobuqotu wayememeza ukwehlulela ngomlilo; womisa njengesefi esingatshiy! **25** Karje wake wangilethela ulwandle waqothula lelizwe. **5** Ngakho ngamemeza ngathi “Thixo Wobukhos, ngiyakuncenga, ake ume! Ujakhobe angaphepha kanjani na? Mncinyane kakhulu!” **6** Ngakho uThixo waxola. “Lokhu lakho isenabelo senkosi unkulunkulu wenu uSakhuthi, akyuikwenzakala,” kwatsho uThixo Wobukhos. **7** lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uKhayiwani, elazenzela khona lina ngokwenu. **27** Ngakho ngizalisa komduli owawakihi waqonda nta ephethe intambo yokuqondisa ngesandla sakhe **8** UThixo wasengibuya obizo lakhe nguNkulunkulu uSomandla.

**6** Maye kini lina elingakhathaliyo eZiyoni, lakini elizizwa livikelekile eNtabeni iSamariya, lina madoda adumileyo esizwe sokuqala, abantu bako-Israyeli abaya kusol. **2** Yanini eKhaline liyikhangele; lisuka lapho yanini eHamathi enku, beselisehlela eGathi eseFilistiya. Bangcono kulemibuso yenu embili na? Ilizwe labo likhulu kulelenu na? **3** Lisusa usuku olubi lisondeze eduze ukubusa ngodlakela. **4** Lilala emibhedeni eyenziwa ngempondo zendlovu licambalale phezu kwemibheda yenu yokuphumulela. Lidla inyama yezimvu zekhethelo leyamathole anonisiweyo. **5** Lihweba amachacho njengoDavida kodwa engamachacho ezaba. **6** Linatha iwayini ligcwele inqayi, ligcobe ngamagcobo amahle, kodwa kalikhathazeki ngokuchitheka kukajosefa. **7** Ngakho ke lizakuba ngabanye bakuqala ekuthunjweni; ukuzitika kwenu lokuhleka kuzaphela. **8** UThixo Wobukhos uzfungele yena ngokwakhe, uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla uthi: “Ngiyakwenyanya ukuzigqaja kukaJakhobe njalo ngiyayizonda izinqaba zakhe; ngizalinikela idolobho lakho konke okuko.” **9** Nxa amadoda alitshumi esele endlini eyodwa, lawo azakufa. **10** Njalo nxa isihlobo okumele sitshise izidumbu zifika ukuba sizisuse kuleyondlu besesibuba loba ngubani oyabe elokhu ecatshile khonapho, sithi, “Kulomunye olawe na?” Yena athi, “Hatshi,” lapho-ke uzakuthi, “Thula! Akumelanga sithinte ibizo likaThixo.” **11** Ngoba uThixo usekhuphe umlayo, njalo uzaphahlaza indlukazi ibe yizihlephu kuthi indlu encinyane ibe yizicucu. **12** Amabhiza ayagijima emadweleni angamawa na? Umuntu uyalima khonapho ngenkabi na? Kodwa lina liphendule ukulunga kwaba yitshefhi lesithelo sokulunga saba yibuhlungu, **13** lina elithokoziswa yikunqotshwa kweLo-Debhari beselisithi, “IKharinayimi kasiyithumbanga ngamandala ethu na?” **14** Ngoba uThixo uNkulunkulu uSomandla uthi, “Ngizakuvusela isizwe, wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, esizakuncindezela indawo yonke kusukela eLebho Hamathi kusiyafika esigodini sase-Arabha.”

**7** Nanku engakutshengiswa nguThixo Wobukhos: Wayelungisa imitshitsi yezintethe emva kokuvunwa kwesabelo senkosi khonapho amabele angingeke ngiyimele imbuthano yenu. **2** Kwathi lapho ilizwe seziliphundile, lingangilethela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo ngamemeza ngathi, “Thixo Wobukhos, thethlela! yamabele kangiyikuyamukela. Lanxa liletha iminikelo Ujakhobe angaphepha kanjani? Mncinyane kakhulu!” emidle kakhulu yobuzalwane, lokunoni siweyo 3 Ngakho uthixo waxola. “Akusoze kwenzakale” kangiyikuyinanza. **7** Nanku engakutshengiswa nguThixo Wobukhos: uThixo Wobukhos Kodwa ukulunga kakugeleze njengamanzi, lobuqotu wayememeza ukwehlulela ngomlilo; womisa njengesefi esingatshiy! **25** Karje wake wangilethela ulwandle waqothula lelizwe. **5** Ngakho ngamemeza ngathi “Thixo Wobukhos, ngiyakuncenga, ake ume! Ujakhobe angaphepha kanjani na? Mncinyane kakhulu!” **6** Ngakho uThixo waxola. “Lokhu lakho isenabelo senkosi unkulunkulu wenu uSakhuthi, akyuikwenzakala,” kwatsho uThixo Wobukhos. **7** Nanku angitshengisa khona: uThixo wayemi phansi komduli owawakihi waqonda nta ephethe intambo yokuqondisa ngesandla sakhe **8** UThixo wasengibuya esithi, “Kuyini okubonayo, Amosi?” Ngaphendula ngathi, “Yintambo yokuqondisa.” UThixo wasesithi, “Khangelia, ngibeka intambo yokuqondisa phakathi kwabantu bami bako-Israyeli; kangisayikubaxolela futhi. **9** Izindawo ezipifikemeyo zika-Isaka zizadilizwa lezindawo ezingcweli zako-Israyeli zizachithwa; indlu kaJerobhowamu ngizayihlasela ngenkemba yami.” **10** U-Amaziya umphristi waseBhetheli wathomela ilizwi kuJerobhowamu inkosi yako-Israyeli, wathi, “U-Amosi ueba okubi ngawe khona kanye phakathi kwako-Israyeli. Ilizwe lingkele limelane lawo wonke amazwi akhe. **11** Ngoba u-Amosi uthi: ‘Ujerobhowamu uzakufa ngenkemba, njalo impela u-Israyeli uzathunjwa, asiwe khatshana kwelizwe lakibo.’” **12** U-Amaziya wasesithi ku-Amosi, “Phuma, wena mboni! Buyela elizweni lakoJuda, usebenzele ukudla kwakho khonale wenze lokuphrofetha kwakho khonale. **13** Ungaphrofithi futhi eBhetheli, ngoba le yindawo yenkosи kanye lethempeli lombuso.” **14** U-Amosi waphendula u-Amaziya wathi, “Mina ngangingesuye mphrofethi kumbe indodana yomphrofethi, kodwa nganginguvelusi, njalo ngigcina izihlahla zomkhiwa wesikhamore. **15** Kodwa uThixo wangithatha eweluseni imihlambi yezimvu wathi kimi, ‘Hamba ueyephrofetha ebantwini bami bako-Israyeli.’ **16** Ngakho-ke khathesi zwana ilizwi likaThixo. Wena uthi: ‘Ungaphrofethi kubi ngo-Israyeli, njalo yekela ukutshumayela kubi ngendlela ka-Isaka.’” **17** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshivo nguThixo: ‘Umkakho uzakuba yisifebe edolobheni, amadoda lamadodakazi akho azakufa ngenkemba. Ilizwe lakho lizalinganisa labiwe, njalo wena ngokwakho uzafela elizweni lamaqaba. Njalo impela u-Israyeli uzathunjwa asiwe khatshana kwelizwe lakhe.’”

**8** Nanku engakutshengiswa nguThixo Wobukhos: isitssha esilezithelo eziyuthiweyo. **2** Wangibuya wathi, “Kuyini okubonayo, Amosi?” Mina ngaphendula ngathi, “Yisitssha esilezithelo eziyuthiweyo.” UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Isikhathi sabantu bami bako-Israyeli sesifile; kangisabaxoleli futhi. **3** Ngalolosuku, izingoma zethempelinizizaphenduka zibe yikulila. Izidumbu ezinengi kakhulu zidaklazelwe indawo

yonke! Thulani!” Kutsho uThixo Wobukhos. **4** na?” kutsho uThixo. “U-Israyeli kangimkhuphangha Zwanini lokhu, lina elincindezela abaswelayo eGibhithe, lamaFilistiya eKhafithori, kanye lamanjalo lichitha labayanga elizweni, **5** lisithi, Aramu eKhiri na? **8** Impela amehlo kaThixo Wobukhos “Ukuthwasa kweNyanga Entsha kuzaphela nini ukuze aphezu kombuso olesono. Ngizawukhucula ebusweni sithengise amabele, leSabatha lidlule ukuze sithengise bomhlaba ikanti indlu kajakhobe angiyikuyichitha ingqoloyi na?” Sinciphise isilinganiso, sikhweze ngokupheleleyo,” kutsho uThixo. **9** “Ngoba ngizakupha intengo siqilibezele negezilinganiso zenkohiliso, **6** umlayo, njalo ngizahlungula indlu ka-Israyeli phakathi sithenge abayanga ngesiliva, abaswelayo sibathenge kwezizwe zonke njengokuhlungulwa kwamabele ngamanyathelo, sithengise lamakhoba ngengqoloyi. **7** ekhomane ni njalo akukho hlamvu oluzawela UThixo ufungile ngokuziQhenya kukaJakhobe wathi, phansi. **10** Izoni zonke phakathi kwabantu bami “Angisoze ngakhohlisa loba yini abayenzileyo. zizakufa ngenkemba, bonke labo abathi, ‘Umonakalo **8** Ilizwe kalyikuthuthumela ngalokhu yini labo ngizavusa ithente likaDavida elawayo. Ngizavala bonke abahlala kulo kabayikulila na? Ilizwe lonke izikhala zalo, ngivusele okwadilikayo kwalo, ngilakhe phansi njengomfula waseGibhithe. **9** Ngalolosuku,” njengelaliyikho khona, **12** ukuze bathathethe insalela yekutsho uThixo Wobukhos, “ngizakwenza ilanga Edomi kanye lezizwe zonke ezizabizwa ngebizo lami,” litstone emini, ngenze emhlabeni kube mnyama kutsho uThixo, ozazenza lezizinto. **13** UThixo uthi, emini ekhanyayo. **10** Ngizaphendula imikhosi yenu “Zinsuku ziyeza, lapho ovunayo ezaficwa ngolimayo, yokukhonza ibe yikulila lokuhlabela kwenu konke lohlanyelayo aficwe ngokhama amavini. Iwayini elitsha kube yikuhala. Lonke ngizalenza ligqoke amasaka, lizagobhoza ezintabeni, njalo ligeleze emaqaqeni njalo liphue amakhanda enu. Lesosikhathi ngizasenza wonke. **14** Ngizababuyisela abantu bami bakosifane lokulilela indodana eyiyo yodwa lokuphela kwaso Israyeli abathunjwayo. Bazawakha kutsha amadolobho kubekwengcwaba, isandla yokuza amazwi kaThixo. **12** Abantu adilikayo bahlale kuwo. Bazahlyela izivini banathe bazaphamazela besuka elwandle besiya elwandle, iwayini lazo; bazakwenza izivande badle izithelo zazo. **15** Ngizagxumeka u-Israyeli elizweni lakhe angaphindi njalo basuke kusukela enyakatho kusiya empumala, bedinga ilizwi likaThixo, kodwa kabayikulithola. **13** Ngalolosuku izintombi ezinhle lezinsizwa eziqinileyo zizaqaleka ngenxa yokoma. **14** Bona labo abafunga ngesono seSamariya, loba bathi, ‘Ngeqiniso njengoba unkulunkulu wakho ephila, wena Dani,’ loba bathi, ‘Ngeqiniso njengoba unkulunkulu waseBherishebha ephila,’ bazakuwa, bangaphindi bavuke futhi.”

**9** Ngabona uThixo emi phansi kwe-alithari, wasesithi: “Tshaya izihloko zensika ukuze imibundu inyikinyeke. Ziweise phansi phezu kwamakhanda abantu bonke; labo abazasala ngizababulala ngenkemba. Kakho lamunye ozaphunyuka, kakho ozabaleka. **2** Loba besimba baze bafike ekudepheni kwengcwaba, isandla sami sizabathatha khonapho. Loba bekhwela baye phezulu emazulwini, bekhonapho ngizabehlisela phansi. (**Sheol h7585**) **3** Loba becatsha engqongweni yeKhameli, khonapho ngizabadinga ngibabambe. Loba bengicatshela enzikini yowlandle, khonapho ngizalaya inyoka ukuba ibalume. **4** Loba izitha zabo zingabasa ekuthunjweni, khonale ngizalaya inkemba ukuba ibabulale. Ngizaxilisa amehlo ami kubo ngenxa yobubi hatshi ngobuhle.” **5** INkosi, uThixo uSomandla, yena othinta umhlabu uncibilike, kuthi bonke abahlezi kuwo bakhale, ilizwe lonke liyaphakama njengoNayili liphindie litstone phansi njengomfula waseGibhithe, **6** yena owakha indlu yakhe yobukhos ephakemeyo emazulwini njalo ubeka isisekelo sakhe phezu komhlaba, ebiza amanzi olwandle awathele phezu kobuso bomhlaba, uThixo yilo ibizo lakhe. **7** “Lina ma-Israyeli, kimi kalnjengamaKhushi

# U-Obhadiya

**1** Umbono Ka-Obhadaya. Nanku okutshio nguThixo Wobukhosи nge-Edomi: Sesizwe ilizwi elivelа kuThixo: Kuthunywe isithunywa eizizweni ukuba sithi, "Phakamani, asihambeni silwe laye impi". **2** "Khangela, ngizakwenza ube mncinyane phakathi kwezizwe; uzakweyiswa kakhulu. **3** Ukuzigqaja kwenhliziyo yakho sekukukhohlisisile, wena ohlala ezingoxweni zamadwala wakhe umuzi wakho eziqongweni, wena ozitshela uthi, 'Ngubani ongangiwisela phansi enhlabathini na?' **4** Lanxa uqonga njengengqungqulu wakhe isidle sakho phakathi kwezinkanyezi, ngizakwethula khonale," kutsho uThixo. **5** "Nxa amasela efike kuwe, nxa abaphangi ebusuku, Awu, yeka ubukhulu bomonakalo okulindeleyo, kabayikuntshontsha kuphela lokho okwanele abakufunayo na? Nxa abavuni bamavini befike kuwe, kabangeke batshiye amalutshwana na? **6** Kodwa yeka ukuphangwa okuzakwensiwa u-Esawu, inotho yakhe efihliweyo izathunjwa! **7** Bonke abamanyane lawe bazakuxotshela emngceleni; abangane bakho bazakukhohlisa bakunqobe; labo abadla ukudla kwakho bazakuthiya ngomjibila, kodwa wena kawuyikuwubona. **8** Ngalolosuku," kutsho uThixo, "kangiyikuwabhubhisia yini amadoda ahlakaniphileyo ase-Edomi, amadoda aqedisisayo ezintabeni zako-Esawu na? **9** Amabutho akho, wena Themani, azathuthumela, njalo bonke abaseztabeni zako-Esawu bazacakazelwa phansi ekubulaweni kwabanengi. **10** Ngenxa yodlakela kumfowenu ujakhobe, uzakwembeswa lihlazo; uzachithwa nini lanini. **11** Ngosuku owema ngalo khatshana mhla izihambi zithumba inotho yakhe labezizweni bengena emasangweni akhe bephosa inkatho ngeJerusalema, wawunjengomunye wabo. **12** Akumelanga weyise umfowenu ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwakhe, loba uthokoze ngabantu bakoJuda ngosuku lokubhujiswa kwabo, loba uklamase kangaka ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwabo. **13** Akumelanga ungene ngamasango abantu bami ngosuku lomonakalo wabo, loba ubeyise osizini lwabo ngosuku lomonakalo wabo, loba uthumbe inotho yabo ngosuku lomonakalo wabo. **14** Akumelanga ume emahlukanandlela ukuba ubulale ababalekayo babo, loba unikele abaphephileyo babo ngosuku lokuhlupheka kwabo. **15** Usuku lukaThixo selusondele eizizweni zonke. Njengalokho okwenzileyo, yikho okuzakwensiwa kuwe; izenzo zakho zizaphendukela phezu kwekhanda lakho. **16** Njengokunatha elakwenzayo entabenи yami, ngokunjalo izizwe zonke zizanatha njalonjalo; zizanatha, zinathe kuze kube angathi kazizange zivele zibe khona. **17** Kodwa phezu kweNtaba iZiyoni kuzakuba lokusindiswa; kuzakuba ngcwele, lendlu kajakhobe izazuza ilifa layo. **18** Indlu kajakhobe izakuba ngumlilo lendlu kajosefa ibe lilangabi; indlu ka-Esawu izakuba libibi, njalo bazayithungela ngomlilo ozayiqothula. Akuvikuba khona abasilayo endlini ka-Esawu." UThixo usekhulumile. **19** Abantu abavela eNegebi bazathumba izintaba zako-Esawu, labantu

abavela emawatheni ezintaba bazathumba ilizwe lamaFilistiya. Bazathumba amasimu ako-Efrayimi lawaseSamariya, loBhenjamini uzathumba iGiliyadi. **20** Lelibutho labako-Israyeli abathunjwayo abaseKhenani lizalithatha ilizwe kusiyafika eZarefathi; abathunjwa eJerusalema abaseSefaradi bazathatha amadolobho aseNegebi. **21** Abakhululi bazakhwela iNtaba iZiyoni ukuba babuse izintaba zako-Esawu. Njalo umbuso uzakuba ngokaThixo.

# UJona

**1** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kujona indodana ka-Amithayi lathi: **2** “Hamba uye edolobheni elikhulu laseNiniva utshumayele ngokulisola kakhulu, ngoba ububi balo sebufunyelele kimi.” **3** Kodwa uJona wabalekela uThixo waqonda eThashishi. Wehla waya ejopha, lapho afica khona umkhumbi owawusiya kuleyondawo. Eseyikhophile imali yokugada, wangena umkhumbi waqonda eThashishi yena ebalekela uThixo. **4** UThixo wathumela isiphepho elwandlw, kwaphenqua isavunguzane esasingathi sizawubhidliza umkhumbi. **5** Bonke abagwedli bawo besaba, ngulowo lalowo wakhala kunkulunkulu wakhe. Baphosela imithwalo elwandle ukuze baphungule ubunzima bomkhumbi. Kodwa uJona wayehlele endlwaneni engaphansi, emkhunjini, walala khona ubuthongo bukahuka. **6** Induna yomkhumbiaya kuye yathi, “Ungalala njani? Vuka ubize unkulunkulu wakho! Mhlawumbe yena uzasizwa ukuze singabhubhi.” **7** Abagwedli basebecebisana bathi, “Wozani, senze inkatho ukuze sibone ukuthi ngubani osibangele uhlupho lolu.” Bayenza inkatho, yadla uJona. **8** Basebembuza bathi, “Akusitshele, ngubani osibangele lonke lolu uhlupho na? Wenza msebenzi bani na? Uvela ngaphi? Ungowakuliphi ilizwe? Ungowasiphisiizwe na?” **9** Waphendula wathi, “NgingumHebheru, ngikhonza uThixo, uNkulunkulu wasezulwini, owenza ulwandle kanye lomhlabathi.” **10** Lokhu kwabethusa, babuza bathi, “Wenzeni pho?” (Babekwazi ukuthi ubalekela uThixo ngoba wayevele esebatshile.) **11** Ulwandle lwaselulokhu luqubuka lusiya phambili ngamandla. Ngakho basebembuza bathi, “Senzeni kuwe ukuze ulwandle luthule singalimali na?” **12** Waphendula wathi, “Ngiqukulani lingiphosele elwandle, luzathula. Ngiyazi ukuthi kungumlandu wami okwenze isiphepho esikhulu kangaka sehlela phezu kwenu.” **13** Kodwa amadoda azama ngamandla ukugwedlela emuva emhlabathini. Kodwa behluleka ngoba ulwandle lwaselusidla amahabula okudlula kuqala. **14** Khonapho basebekhala kuThixo bathi, “Oh, Thixo, ungasiekeli sife ngoba sibulele indoda le. Ungasibeki umlandu wokubulala umuntu ongelacala, ngoba wena, Oh Thixo, wenzile njengokufisa kwakho.” **15** Basebethatha uJona bamphosela olwandle, ulwandle lwase luthula ukuguhaza. **16** Lokhu kwenza amadoda lawo amesabe kakhulu uThixo, asesenza umhlatselo kuThixo enza izifungo kuye. **17** Kodwa uThixo waletaha inhlanzi enkulukazi yamginya uJona, uJona wahlala phakathi kwenhlanzi insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.

**2** Ephakathi kwenhlanzi uJona wakhuleka kuThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. **2** Wathi: “Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngambiza uThixo, wangiphendula. Ngisekujulenil kwengcwaba ngacela uncedo, wena wakulalela ukukhala kwami. (**Sheol h7585**) **3** Wangiphosela ezinzikini, phakathi emathunjini enlwandle, amagagasi agubhazela emaceleni wonke; wonke amagagasi akho lezimpophoma zawo kwangisibekela. **4** Ngathi, ‘Sengixotshiwe ebusweni bakho; kodwa ngizakhangela

njalo ethempelini lakho elingcwele.’ **5** Indonga zamanzi zaziqonde ukungimbokotha, ngangihanqwae yinziki; inkunkuma yotshani bolwandle yangithandela ekhanda. **6** Ngagalula ngatshona empandenizenzintabha; umhlaba ongaphansi wangivalela okwaphakade. Kodwa wena wayikupha impilo yami egodini, wena Thixo, Nkulunkulu wami. **7** Lapho impilo yami yayisincipha, ngakhumbunga wena, Thixo, umkhuleko wami waphakamela kuwe, ethempelini lakho elingcwele. **8** Labo ababambelela ezithombeni ezingelamsebenzi balahlekvelwa ngumusa ongaba ngowabo. **9** Kodwa mina, ngizakuthi ngihihlabela ingoma yokubonga ngenze umhlatselo kuwe. Engikufungileyo ngizakugcwalisa. Insindiso ivela kuThixo.” **10** UThixo walaya inhlanzi, yona yase imhlanza uJona emhlabathini owomileyo.

**3** Ilizwi likaThixo laselifika kujona ngokwesibili lathi: **2** “Hamba uye edolobheni elikhulu laseNiniva uyotshumayela kulo ilizwi engikunika lona.” **3** UJona yayilidolohu elikhulu kakhulu, ukulethekela lonke kwakuthatha insuku ezintathu. **4** Ngelanga lokuqala, uJona wangena phakathi komuzi. Wamemezela wathi, “Kusele insuku ezingamatshumi amane kuphela ukuba iNiniva ichithwe.” **5** Abantu beNiniva babekholwa kuNkulunkulu. Bamemezela ukuthi kuzilwe ukudla, njalo bonke kusukela komkhulu kusya komcincanye bavunula amasaka. **6** Ilizwi selfikile enkosini yaseNiniva, yasukuma esihlalweni sayo sobukhos, yakhumula izembatho zayo zobukhos, yazembathisa isaka yahlala phansi ebbuqwini. **7** Yase ikhupha isimemezelo eNiniva esithi: “Ngomthetho wenkosi lezikhulu zayo: Akungavunyela mutu kumbe inyamazana, imihlambi yenkomolo bayaeyizimu ukuthi ithinte ulutho oludliwayo; makungavunyelwa kudle kumbe kunathe. **8** Kodwa akuthi umuntu lobayinyamazana kwemba amasaka. Wonke umuntu kamemeze ngokukhawuleza kuNkulunkulu. Kabadele izindlela zabo zobubi lobudlwangudlwango babo. **9** Ngubani okwaziyo na? Mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu angadeda kuthi ngesihawu sakhe aphenduke elakeni lwakhe olwesabekayo ukuze singabhubhi.” **10** Kwathi uNkulunkulu esebonile abakwenzayo ukuthi baguquka ezindleleni zabo zobubi, wabazwela isihawu kazabesabehlisela incithakalo ayesonge ngayo.

**4** Kodwa uJona wacaphuka kakhulu wazonda. **2** Wakhuleka kuThixo wathi, “Awu Thixo, kakusikho lokhu yini engakutshoyo ngisesekhaya? Yikho okwangenza ngaphangisa ukubalekela eThashishi. Ngangikwazi ukuthi unguNkulunkulu olomusa lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela njalo ogcwele uthando, uNkulunkulu odedayo ongasoze ehlise ukuhlupheka. **3** Khathesi-ke Thixo, susa ukuphila kwami, ngoba kungcongo kimi ukufukulokuphila.” **4** Kodwa uThixo waphendula wathi, “Kambe ubona ulelungelo na lokuthi uzonde?” **5** UJona waphuma wayahlala endaweni ethile ngempumalanga kwedolobho. Wazenzela khonapho

idunjana wahlala emthunzini walo walindela ukubona okwakuzakwenzakala edolobheni lelo. **6** Kwasekusithi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakhulisa isihlahla esilamahlamvu kujona samenzela umthunzi ekhanda lakhe ukuze ahlaliseke. UJona wathaba kakhulu ngaleli ivini. **7** Kodwa emathathakusa ngelanga elilandelayo uNkulunkulu wathumela impehlane, eyaphehla isihlahla sacina sibuna. **8** Kwathi ilanga seliphumile uNkulunkulu wathumela umoya wempumalanga ohaqazayo, ilanga lavutha phezu kwekhanda likaJona waze waqaleka. Wafisa ukufa, wathi, “Kungcono kimi ukuthi ngife kulokuthi ngiphile.” **9** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kujona, “Ulelungelo na lokuthi uzonde ngenxa yesihlahla?” UJona wathi, “Yebo. Ngizonde kakhulu, kuthi kangife.” **10** Kodwa uThixo wathi, “Uyazihlupha ngesihlahla lesi loba ungaZange usinakekele loba usikhulise. Lihlume ngobusuku laphinde lafa ngobusuku. **11** Kodwa iNiniva ilabantu abeqa izinkulungwane ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili abangehlukanisiyo isandla sabo sokudla kwesenxele, lenkomo ezinengi njalo. Bekungafanelanga yini na ukuthi ngilinqinekele idolobho elikhulu kangaka?”

# UMikha

**1** Ilizwi likaThixo elafika kuMikha waseMoreshethi ensukwini zemibuso kajothamu, loka-Ahazi loHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda, umbono awubonayo mayelana leSamariya lejerusalema. **2** Zwanini lonke lina bantu, lalelani, awu wena mhlaba labo bonke abakuwo, ukuze uThixo Wobukhosi afakaze ngawe ekulahla, uThixo esethempelini lakhe elingewe. **3** Khangelani! UThixo uyeza evela lapho ahlala khona; wehlela phansi njalo enyathela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba. **4** Izintaba ziyancibilika ngaphansi kwakhe, lezigodi ziyaqhekeze ka phakathi njengengcino phansi komlilo, lanjengamanzi esehla ngamandla emthezukweni. **5** Konke lokhu kungenxa yokona kukajakhobe, ngenxa yezonu zendlu ka-Israyeli. Kuyini ukona kukajakhobe na? AkusiSamariya na? Iyini indawo kajuda ephakemeyo na? Akusijerusalema na? **6** “Ngakho iSamariya ngizayenza ibe yinqumbi yemfucuza, indawo yokuhlyela izivini. Amatshe ayo ngizawathela esigodini ngiphendle lezisekolo zayo. **7** Zonke izithombe zayo zizaphohlozwu; zonke izipho zayo zasethempelini zisatshiswa ngomililo; ngizapahlaza zonke izifanekiso zayo. Njengoba yaqoqa izipho zayo ngeholo lezifebe, zizasetshenziswa njengeholo lezifebe futhi.” **8** Ngenxa yalokhu ngizakhala ngilile; ngizahamba ngezinyawo phansi njalo nginqunu. Ngizahlaba umkhulungwane njengekhanka, ngikhale njengesikhova. **9** Ngoba inxeba layo kalelapheki; selifikile kojuda. Selifike kulo kanye isango labantu bami, kanye lasejerusalema uqobo. **10** Lingakukhulumi eGathi; lingakhali lakancane. Giqikani ethulini eBhethi Ofira. **11** Dlulanli linqunu njalo lilenhloni lina elihlala eShafiri. Labo abahlala eZawanani kabayikuphuma. IBhethi-Ezeli iphakathi kokulila; ukuvikelwa kwayo kususwe kini. **12** Labo abahlala eMarothi bayazijanja ngobuhlungu, belindele usizo ngoba umonakalo uvele kuThixo, wafika lasesangweni lejerusalema. **13** Lina elihlala eLakhishi, bophelani amabhiza agijimayo enqoleni. Yini elaba yisisusa sesono eNdodakazini yeZiyoni, ngoba ukona kuka-Israyeli kwafunyanwa kini. **14** Ngakho-ke lizanika iMoreshethi Gathi izipho zokwehlukana. Idolobho lase-Akhizibhi lizabonakalisa inkohliso emakhosini aco-Israyeli. **15** Ngizalilethela umnqobi lina elihlala eMaresha. Lowo olodumo luka-Israyeli uzakuza e-Adulami. **16** Phucani amakhanda enu likhalela abantwabenu elibathandayo; ziphuceni libe njengelinqe ngoba bazasuka kini baye ekuthunjweni.

**2** Maye kulabo abaceba ububi, kulabo abaceba ukwenza okubi emibhedeni yabo! Ekudabukeni kokusa bayakwenza ngoba kusemandleni abo ukukwenza. **2** Bahawukela amasimu bawathumbe, kanye lezindlu, bazithathe. Badlelezelu umuntu ngomuzi wakhe, lomuntu wakibo ngelifa lakhe. **3** Ngakho uThixo uthi: “Ngiceba ukwenza umonakalo kulababantu, elingeke liziphephise kuwo. Kalisayikuhamba ngokuziqhenya, ngoba kuzakuba yisikhathi sencithakalo. **4** Ngalolosuku

abantu bazalihlekla; bazaliklolodela ngale ingoma yokulila bathi: ‘Thina sichithwe okupheleleyo; ilifa labantu bami labiwe. Uyangithathela! Amasimu ethu uwaniaka abathengisi.’” **5** Ngakho-ke kawuzukuba laye ebandleni likaThixo ozalabela ilizwe ngenkatho. **6** Abaphrofethi babo bathi, “Lingaphrofethi. Lingaphrofethi ngalezizinto; ihlazo kalyikusehlela.” **7** Wena ndlu kajakhobe, kufanele yini ukuba kuthiwe, “UMoya kaThixo uzondole na? Uyazenza izinto ezinje na?” “Amazwi ami kawenzi okulungileyo kuye ozindile zakhe ziqondile na?” **8** Okwamanje abantu bami sebehlamuke njengesitha. Lihlubula ingubo eligugu kulabu abedlulayo linganakile, njengabantu abavela empini. **9** Abesifazane babantu bami liyabaxotsha emizini yabo emihle. Lisusa isibusiso sami kokuphela ebantwaneni babo. **10** Sukani lihambel Ngoba le akusindawo yenu yokuphumula, ngoba ingcolile, ichithekile, okungeke kulungiswe. **11** Nxa umqambi wamanga lomkhohli efika athi, ‘Ngizaliphrofethela iwayini elinengi lotshwala,’ uyabe engumphrofethi walababantu nje kuphela!” **12** “Impela ngizalibutha lonke, wena Jakhobe; impela ngizabaqoqela ndawonye abako-Israyeli abasalayo. Ngizabaqoqela ndawonye njengezimvu esibayeni, njengomhlambi wezimvu emadelwени awo; indawo ibe lokuphithizela kwabantu. **13** Lowo ozavula indlela uzahamba phambi kwabo; bazafohla isango baphume. Inkosi yabo izadlulela phambi kwabo, uThixo abe phambi kwabo.”

**3** Lapho-ke mina ngathi, “Lalelani lina bakhkheli bakoJakhobe, lina babusi bendlu yako-Israyeli. Ukulunga akumelanga likwazi na, **2** lina elizonda okuhle lithande okubi; elixebula isikhumba ebantwini bami lenyama emathanjeni abo; **3** lina elibadla inyama abantu bami, lihlubule isikhumba sabo lichobozze lamathambo abo abe yizicucu; elibaquamaqua njengenyama yepani, lanjengenyama yembiza?” **4** Lapho-ke bazakhala kuThixo, kodwa kayikubaphendula. Ngalesosikhathi uzabafihlela ubuso bakhe ngenxa yobubi ababenziye. **5** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: “Okunjengabaphrofethi, abedukisa abantu bami, umuntu angabapha ukudla, bamemezela ‘ukuthula’ nxa engabaphi balungisela ukumhlaselha ngempi. **6** Ngakho ubusuku buzakwehlela phezu kwenu, kungekho mibono, kanye lomnyama, kungekho kuhlahlulu. Ilanga lizabatshonela abaphrofethi, losuku luzakuba myyama kubo. **7** Ababonisayo bayazayangeka labahlahluli babe lenhloni. Bonke bazamboza ubuso babo ngoba kungelampendulo evela kuNkulunkulu.” **8** Kodwa mina ngiphiwe amandla, loMoya kaThixo, lokulunga kanye lesibindi, ukuba ngitshele ujakhobe ukona kwake lo-Israyeli isono sakhe. **9** Zwanini lokhu lina bakhkheli bendlu kajakhobe, lani babusi bendlu ka-Israyeli, eleyisa ukulunga lihlanekele konke okuqondileyo; **10** elakha iZiyoni ngokuchitha igazi; lejerusalema ngobubi. **11** Abakhkheli bayo bahlulela ngokufunjathiswa, abaphristi bayo bafundisela inhlawulo, labaphrofethi bayo baphrofithela imali; ikanti bathembele kuThixo njalo bathi, “Kanti uThixo kakho phakathi kwethu na? Akulancithakalo engasehlela.” **12** Ngakho-ke ngenxa

yenu, iZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, ijerusalema izakuba yinqwaba yemfucuza, intaba yethempeli ibe yindunduma eyande izixukwana.

**4** Ngezinsuku zokucina intaba yethempeli likaThixo izamiswa njengenholo phakathi kwezintaba; izaphakanyiselwa phezu kwezintaba njalo izizwe zizabekela zisiya kuyo. **2** Izizwe ezinengi zifafika zithi, "Wozani siye phezu kwentaba kaThixo, siye ethempelinika uNkulunkulu kajakhobe. Uzasifundisa izindlela zakhe, ukuze sihambe emikhondweni yakhe." Umthetho uzavela eZiyoni, ilizwi likaThixo livele ejerusalema. **3** Uzakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi alamule lezingxabano zezizwe ezilamandla ezindaweni ezikhathshana. Bazakhanda izinkemba zabo zibe yimihlathi yamakhuba, lemikhonto yabo ibe zingqamu zokuthena izihihlaha. Isizwe asiyikuhlomela isizwe ngenkemba loba sifundele ukulwa impi futhi. **4** Umuntu wonke uzahlala ngaphansi kwesihlhaha sakhe sevini langaphansi kwesihlhaha sakhe somkhiwa, njalo kakho ozabenza besabe, ngoba uThixo uSomandla usekhulume. **5** Zonke izizwe zingahamba ebizweni labonkulunkulu bazo; thina sizahamba ebizweni likaThixo uNkulunkulu wethu kuze cube laphakade. **6** "Ngalolosuku," kutsho uThixo, "ngizabutha abaqhulayo; ngizaqoqa abathunjwayo lalabo engabehlisela usizi. **7** Ngizakwenza abaqhulayo babe yinsalela, abaxotshwayo babe yisizwe esilamandla. UThixo uzababusa eNtabeni iZiyoni, kusukela ngalolosuku kuze cube nininini. **8** Wena nqaba yokulinda yomhlambi, wena nqaba yeNdodakazi yeZiyoni, umbuso wakuqala uzabuyiselwa kuwe; ubukhosu buzakuza eNdodakazini yasejerusalem. **9** Kungani khathesi usukhala kakhulu, kawulankosi na? Umeluleki wakho usebhuhile na, ukuba uphathwe yibuhlungu obunjengowesifazane ohelelwayo? **10** Janqula ngobuhlungu, wera Ndodakazi yeZiyoni, njengowesifazane ohelelwayo, ngoba khathesi sekumele usuke kulelidolohbo ueyhlala egangen. Uzakuya eBhabhiloni; lapho ozahlengwa khona. Khonale uThixo uzakukhulula ezandleni zezitha zakho. **11** Kodwa khathesi izizwe ezinengi zikujamele. Zithi, "Kangcoliswe, lamehlo ethu kawahawukele iZiyoni!" **12** Kodwa kabayazi imicabango kaThixo; kabaliqedisisi icebo lakhe, yena obabutha njengezixha zamabele esizeni. **13** "Sukuma ubhule, wena Ndodakazi yeZiyoni, ngoba ngizakupha impondo zensimbi; ngizakunika amasondo ethusi, njalo uzachoboa izizwe ezinengi." Uzanikela kuThixo inzuko yabo eyatholwa ngobuqili inotho yabo kuThixo womhlaba wonke.

**5** Hlomisa amabutho akho, wena dolobho lamabutho, ngoba sesivirinjezelwe. Bazatshaya umbusi wako-Israyeli esihlathini ngomqwayi. **2** "Kodwa wena Bhethilehemha Efrathi, lanxa umncinyane na? Ngizanikela izibulo lami ngenxa yokona phakathi kwezizwana zakoJuda, kuwe kuzavela kwami, isithelo somzimba wami ngenxa yesono ozakuba ngumbusi wako-Israyeli, omdabuko wakhe sompheyfumulo wami na?" **8** Ukutshengisile wena ngowasekadeni, kusukela ezikhathini zendulo." **3** muntu okuhle. UThixo ufunani kuwe na? Ukwenza Ngakho u-Israyeli uzadelwa kuze cube yisikhathhi okulungileyo lokuthanda umusa kanye lokuhamba sokuthi lowo ohelelwayo abelethe, laba abafowabo ngokuzithoba loNkulunkulu wakho. **9** Lalelani!

bonke baphenduke ukuzahlangana labako-Israyeli. **4** Uzakuma eluse umhlambi wakhe ngamandla kaThixo, ngobukhosu bebizo likaThixo uNkulunkulu wakhe. Bazahlala ngokuvikeleka, ngoba lapho udumo lwakhe luzaifikha emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **5** Uzakuba yikuthula kwabo. Lapho um'Asiriya ehlasela ilizwe lethu edabula phakathi kwezinqaba zethu, sizamvusela abelusi abayisikhombisa, kanye labakhokheli babantu abayisificaminwembili. **6** Bazabusu ilizwe lase-Asiriya ngenkemba, ilizwe likaNmrodi behlome ngenkemba, uzasikhulula kum'Asiriya lapho ehlasela ilizwe lethu engena phakathi kwemingcele yethu. **7** Insalela zabakoJakhobe zizakuba phakathi kwezizwe ezinengamazolo avela kuThixo, lanjengemkhizo phezu kotshani, okungalindeli muntu kumbe kuhlalele abantu. **8** Insalela zabakoJakhobe zizakuba phakathi kwezizwe, phakathi kwabantu abanengi, njengesilwane phakathi kwezinyamazana zegusu, lanjengeguqa lesilwane phakathi komhlambi wezimvu, esidlithizayo sidabule ekuhambeni kwaso, kungekho ongahlenga. **9** Isandla sakho sizaphakanyiselwa phezulu ngokunqoba izitha zakho, njalo zonke izitha zakho zizachithwa. **10** "Ngalolosuku," kutsho uThixo, "ngizabhubhisa amabhiza enu phakathi kwenu ngibhidlize lezinqola zenu zempi. **11** Ngizachitha amadolobho elizwe lenu ngibhidlize lezinqaba zenu zonke. **12** Ngizachitha ubuthakathi benu njalo kalisayikuhnkula futhi. **13** Ngizachitha izithombe zenu ezbazwayo lamatshe enu okukhonza phakathi kwenu; kalisayi kuwukhothamela futhi umsebenzi wezandla zenu. **14** Ngizasiphula phakathi kwenu izinsika zenu zika-Ashera, ngidilize lamadolobho enu. **15** Ngizaphindisela ngentukuthelo langolaka ezizweni ezingangilalelanga."

**6** Lalelani okutshiwo nguThixo ukuthi: "Sukumani lilandise indaba yenu phambi kwezintaba; amaqaza kawezwe lokho elikutshoyo. **2** Zwanini, lina zintaba, icala elethulwa nguThixo; lalelani lina zisekelo zomhlaba ezingulaphakade. Ngoba kulecalu uThixo alibeka ebantwini bakhe, wethesa u-Israyeli icala. **3** Bantu bami, ngenzeni kini na? Ngililhuphe ngani na? Ngiphendulani. **4** Ngalikhupha eGibhithe ngalikhulula elizweni lobugqili. Ngathuma uMosi ukuba alikhokhe kanye lo-Aroni loMiriyemu. **5** Bantu bami, khumbulani izicebiso zikaBhalaki inkosi yaseMowabi lokuthi uBhalamu indodana kaBheyori waphendula wathini. Khumbulani uhumbo lwenu kusukela eshitima kusiya eGiligali, ukuze lazi imisebenzi elungleyleo kaThixo." **6** Kuyini engizakuza lapho phambi kukaThixo ngikhothamhe phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophakemeyo na? Ngizakuza phambi kwakhe ngilomnikelo na?

UThixo umermezela kulo idolobho, lokwesaba ibizo entaben. **13** Umhlabu uzachitheka ngenxa yabahlezi lakho kuyikuhlanipha, "Qaphelani umqwayi laLovo kuwo, ngenxa yezenzo zabo. **14** Beluse abantu owubekileyo. **10** Wena ndlu yobubi, kufanele bakho ngentonga yakho, umhlambi welifa lakho, lakhathesi ngyikhohlwe inotho yakho eyazuzwa ohlala wodwa ehlathini emadelweni avundileyo. ngobubi, lehefa elinganelanga, eliqalekisiwego na? Kawudle eBhashani laseGiliyadi njengasezinsukwini **11** Ngizamkhulula yini ecaleni umuntu olezilinganiso zokuphuma. **15** "Njengasezinsukwini zokuphuma zobuqili, lesaka lezilinganiso zamanga na? **12** kwenu eGibhithe, ngizabatshengisa izimangaliso Abantu bakhona abanothileyo balochuku; abantu zami." **16** Izizwe zizabona ziyangeke, zemukwe wonke bakhona ngabaqambi bamanga, lezilimi zabo zikhuluma amanda azo. Zizabamba imilomo yazo nezandla, inkohlis. **13** Ngakho sengiqalisile ukukuchitha, lezindlebe zazo zingabe zisezwa. **17** Zizakhotta ukukuqothula ngenxa yezono zakho. **14** Uzakudla uthuli njengenyoka, njengezinanakazana ezihuquzelu kodwa ungasuthi; isisu sakho sizakuba silokhu emhlabathini. Zizakuza ziqaqhzazelu ziphuma singelalutho. Uzabuthelela kodwa ungalondolozi lutho, emihommo yazo; zizaphendukela kuThixo uNkulunkulu ngoba lokho okulondolozayo ngizakupha inkemba. **15** wethu ngokwesaba, njalo lawe zizakwesaba. **18** Ngubani Uzalima kodwa ungavuni; uzakhama ama-oliva kodwa amafutha awo ungawagcobi, uzakhama amavini kodwa iwayini lawo ungalinathi. **16** Ugcinile imithetho ka-Omri layo yonke imikhutshana yasendlini ka-Ahab, walandela lamasiko abo. Ngakho-ke ngizakunikela ekubhujisweni, labantu bakho ekubenii yinhlekisa; uzathwala ihlazo lezizwe."

**7** Maye ngosizi lwami! Nginjengomuntu obutha izithelo zehlubo senginjengevini eselivunwe laphela; akuselasixha samavini okudliwa, kayisekho lemikhwiya yakuqala engiyikhanukayo. **2**

Abathembekileyo babhujisiwe elizweni, kakho lamunye umuntu olungileyo oseleyo. Abantu bonke bacathamela ukuchitha igazi; lowo lalowo uzingela umfowabu ngombule. **3** Izandla zombili zizingcitshi ekwenzensi okubi; umbusi ufuna izipho ngamandla, umahluleli wamukela isivalamromo, abalamandla babiza abakufisayo, bonke baceba okubi bendawonye. **4** Ongcono wabo unjengesihlahla sameva, oqotho kakhulu mubi kulothango lwameva. Usuku uNkulunkulu alethekelela ngalo selufikile, usuku lokukhala kophondo lwabalindi. Manje sekuyisikhathi sokuphumputheka kwabo. **5** Ungamethembi umakhelwane; ungagwabi ngomngane wakho. Lalowo olala umgonile, qaphela amazwi akho. **6** Ngoba indodana idumaza uyise, indodakazi ivukela unina, umalukazana avukele uninazala, izitha zomuntu ngamalunga endlu yakhe. **7** Kodwa mina ngilindele uThixo ngethemba, ngilindele uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami; uNkulunkulu wami uzangizwa. **8** Ungaklolodi wena sitha sami! Lanxa ngiwile, ngizavuka. Lanxa nighlezi emnyameni, uThixo uzakuba yikukhanya kwami. **9** Ngenxa yokuba ngonile kuye, ngizalumela ulaka lukaThixo, aze angincengele endabeni yami, aveze ukungabi lacala kwami, Uzangikhuphela phandle ekukhanyeni; ngizabona ukulunga kwakhe. **10** Laphoke isitha sami sizakubona, njalo sibanjwe zinthloni, lowo owathi kimi, "Ungaphi uThixo uNkulunkulu wakho?" Lakhathesi uzagxotshwa ngezinyawo njengodaka emigwaqweni. **11** Usuku lokwakhiwa kwemiduli yakho luzafika, usuku lokuqhelisa imingcele yakho. **12** Ngalolosuku abantu bazakuza kuwe bevela e-Asiriya lasemadolobheni aseGibhithe, njalo kusukela eGibhithe kusiya kuYufrathe, kusukela olwandle kusiya olwandle, lakusukela entaben kusiya

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**1** Isiqalekiso ngeNiniva. Incwadi yombono kaNahume um'Elikoshi. **2** UThixo uNkulunkulu olubokhwe lophindiselayo; uThixo uyaphindisela njalo ulolaka olukhulu. UThixo uyaphindisela ezitheni zakhe lolaka Iwakhe lukhulu ezitheni zakhe. **3** UThixo uyaphuza ukuthukuthela njalo ulamandla amakhulu; uThixo kayikumyekela olecal aengajeziswanga. Indela yakhe iphkathi kwestivunguzane lesiphepho, amayezu aluthuli lwezinyawo zakhe. **4** Ukhaza ulwandle alomise; wenza yonke imifula itshe. IBhashani leKhameli kuyabuna lemiqhakazo yaseLebanoni ibune. **5** Izintaba ziyanyikinyeka phambi kwakhe, lamaqaqa ayancibilika. Umhlaba uyagedezela ngobukhona bakhe, umhlaba labo bonke abahlala kuwo. **6** Ngubani ongamelana lentukuthelo yakhe na? Ngubani ongalumela ulaka Iwakhe oluvuthayo na? Ulaka Iwakhe luthululeka njengomililo; amadwala ayaqhekeze ka phambi kwakhe. **7** UThixo ulungile, uysiphephelo ezikhathini zokuhlupheka. Uyabakhathalela abathembele kuye, **8** kodwa ngesikhukhula esikhulu uzatshabalala iNiniva; uzaxotshela izitha zakhe emnyameni. **9** Loba engamacebo bani abawenza ngoThixo, uzawaqeda; ukuhlupheka aukyikubuya kibili. **10** Bazathandeleka phakathi kwameva, bedakwe liwayini labo; bazaqothulwa njengenhlanga ezomileyo. **11** Wena Nineve, kuwe sekufike lowo oceba okubi ngoThixo, eluleke okubi. **12** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: "Lanxa belababambene labo njalo bebanengi, bazaqothulwa manyamalale. Lanxa ngikuhluphile, wena Juda, kangisayikukuhlupa futhi. **13** Khathesi ngizakwephula ijogwe labo elisentanyeni yakho, ngiqamule lamaketane akho." **14** UThixo usekhuphe ilizwi ngawe Nineve elithi, "Kawuyikuba lezizukulwane ezibizwa ngebizo lakho. Ngizachitha izifanekiso ezibaziwyo lezithombo ezibunjiwyo eziethempelini labonkunkulu bakho. Ngizalungisa ingcwaba lakho, ngoba ungcilile." **15** Khangela ezintaben le, inyawo zalowo oletsha izindaba ezinhle, omemezelu ukuthulal Thakazelela imikhosi yakho we Juda, ugcwalise lezfungo zakho. Ababi kabasayikukuhlasela futhi; bazachithwa ngokupheleleyo.

**2** Umhlaseli uyasondela kuwe, Nineve. Vikela inqaba, linda umgwaqo, zilungiselele, qoqa wonke amandla akho! **2** UThixo uzabuyisela ubuhle bukajakhobe yaya ebugqilini. Izingane zayo zapaklazwa zaba njengobuhle buka-Israyeli, lanxa abachithi bebaqothule yizicucu ekuqaliseni kwemigwaqo yonke. Kwenziwa inkatho ngezikhulu zayo, wonke amadoda aphakemeyo abotshwa ngamaketane. **11** Lawe futhi uzadakwa; uzakuyacatsha udinge ukuphephela esitheni sakho. **12** Zonke izinqola zakho zinjengezihlahla zemikhiwa ezilezithelo zazo zakuqala eziputhiweyo; lapho zisiya emuva laphambili ezicawini. Zinjengezibane zinyikinywa, imikhiwa iwela emlonyenzi womudli. ezikhanyisiwyo; ziyanaphazima njengombane. **5** **13** Khangela amabutho akho wonke, ngawesifazane! Ubiza amabutho akhe akhethiweyo kodwa ayakhubeka Amasango elizwe lakho avulekele izitha zakho aba endleleni yawo. Agijimela emdulini wedolobho; banzi; umlilo uyiqedile imigoqo yawo. **14** Donsa isivikelo silungiswe. **6** Amasango omfula ayavulwa, amanzi ulungele ukuvimbezela, qinisa inqaba zakho. indlu yobukhosu ibhidlike. **7** Kumiswe ukuthi idolobho Voxa udaka, nyathela ibumba, lungisa okwakhiwe

lizathunjwa, abantu balo basiwe ebugqilini. Izintombi zalo eziyizigqili zikhala njengamajuba zizitshaya amabele azo. **8** INiniva injingesiza, njalo amanzi aso ageleza ehamba. Bayaklabalala besithi, "Manal Manal!" Kodwa kakho onyemukulayo. **9** Phangani isilivali! Phangani igolide! Umthapho kawupheli, inotho evela eziphaleni zayo zonke! **10** Ibhuiqiwe, iphangiwe, iphundiwe! Inhlizyo zipheha amandla, amadolo ayaxega, imizimba iyaqhaqhazel, ubuso bonke bunyukubele. **11** Khathesi-ke ungapi umhome wezilwane, lapho ezinikela khona abantwana bazo ukudla, lapho okwaya khona isilwane lesilwanekazi, kanye lemidlwane, kungeko lutho olwesatshwayo na? **12** Isilwane sibulalele imidlwane yaso okwaneleyo sabambela lesilwanekazi saso okwenyama yokudliwa, sagcwalisa isikhundla saso ngesikujimbileyo lomhome waso ngenyama. **13** "Ngimelane lawe," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. "Ngizazitshisa izinqola zakho zempa zibe yintuthu; lenkemba izakudla izilwane zakho ezsakhalayo. Kangiyikukutshiyela ongakubamba ukudle njengenyama emhlabeni. Amazwi ezithunywa zakho kawasayikuzwakala futhi."

**3** Maye kulo idolobho legazi, ligcwele amanga, ligcwele ukuphangi, kasweleki ohlutshwayo lanini! **2** Ukuhkhala kwezaswebhu, ukugodlozela kwamavili, ukumatha kwamabhiza lokugedlezela kwezingola zempa! **3** Ukuhlasela kwabagadi bamabhiza ukuphazima kwezinkemba lokubenyezela kwemikhonto. Zinengi izinkubela, izinqwaba zabafileyo, izidumbu ezingabalwayo, abantu abakhubeka ezidunjini, **4** konke ngenxa yenkanuko embi yesifebe, siyakhanga, siyinkosikazi ephethe ubuthakathi, esifaka izizwe ebugqilini ngobufube baso labantu ngobuthakathi baso. **5** "Ngimelane lawe," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. "Ngizakwembulela izidwaba zakho ebuswani bakho. Ngizatshengisa izizwe ubunqunu bakho, lembuso ihlazo lakho. **6** Ngizakujikijela ngamanyala, ngizakweyisa, njalo ngikwenze ube ngumbukiso. **7** Bonke abakubonayo bazakubalekela bathi, 'iNiniva isichithekile, ngubani oyazililela na?' Ngingamthola ngaphi ongakududuza na?" **8** Wena ungceno na kuleThebesi engaseNayili, ehonqolozelwe ngamanzi? Umfula wawuyisivikelo sayo, amanzi engunduli wayo. **9** IKhushi leGibhithe

ngezitina. **15** Khonapho umlilo uzakuqeda; inkemba izakucakazela phansi, ikudle njengesikhongwane. Zandise njengesikhongwane, uzandise njengentethe. **16** Usulandisile inani labathengisi bakho. Baze bedlula izinkanyezi zasemkhathini, kodwa njengentethe baphundla ilizwe basuke bahambe. **17** Abalindi bakho banjgentethe, izikhulu zakho zinjengemitshtshi yetethe ezihlala emidulini mhla kuqanda kodwa ilanga lingaphuma ziaphapha zihambe, njalo kakho okwaziyo ukuthi ngaphi. **18** Wena nkosi yase-Asiriya, abelusi bakho bayawozela, izikhulu zakho zilala phansi ziphumule. Abantu bakho bahlakazekile ezintabeni kungekho obaqoqayo. **19** Akukho okungapholisa amanxeba akho; ukulimala kwakho ngokokufa. Bonke abezwa izindaba ngawe batshaya izandla ngokuwa kwakho, ngoba ngubani ongafuthelwanga yisihluku sakho esingapheliyo na?

# UHabakhukhi

**1** Isiphrofethi esemukelwa nguHabbakhukhi umphrofethi. **2** Koze kuge nini, awu Thixo, ngicela usizo, kodwa ungalaaleli na? Loba ngimemezela kuwe ngisithi, "Udlakela!" kodwa ungangihlengi na? **3** Kungani ungitshengisa okungasimfanelo na? Kungani ubekezelela okungalunganga na? Ukuchitheka lodlakela kuphambi kwami; kuloskulwa, lengxabano yandile. **4** Ngakho umthethio usuthundubezekile, lokulunga akusabi khona. Ababi baminyezela abalungileyo ukuze ukulunga konakaliswe. **5** "Khangeli eiziweni libone njalo limangale kakhulu. Ngoba ensukwini zenu ngizakwenza into elingasoze liyikholwe, lanxa lingabe litsheliwe. **6** Sengivusa amaKhaladiya, lesiya isizwe esilesihluku lamawala, esitshaya sibhuqe umhlabu wonke, sithumba izindawo zokuhlala ezingasizo zaso. **7** Bayisisizwe esesabekayo lesitshayisa uvalo; bangumthetho bona ngokwabo njalo baziphakamisa udumo lwabo. **8** Amabhiza abo alesiqubu esedlula esamahlosi, ayesabeka kulezimpisi kusihlwa. Amabhiza abo empi amatha euphulundele, abagadi bawo amabhiza bavela khatshana. Bandiza njengamanqe ehwitha ukudla, **9** bonke beza belande udlakela. Amaxuku abo aqhubelela phambili njengomoya wasenkangala abuthe abathunjiweyo njengenhlabathi. **10** Baklolodela amakhosi, bahleke ababusi usulu. Wonke amadolobho avikelwego bayawahleka; bakha amadundulu ngenhlabathi bawathumbe lawo madolobho. **11** Emva kwalokho badlula ngesiqubu njengomoya baqhubeke, abantu abalecalabamandla abo angunkulunkulu wabo." **12** Awu Thixo, kawuveli phakade na? Nkulunkulu wami, Ngewe wami, kasiyikufa. Awu Thixo, ubabekile ukuba bahlulele. Awu Dwala, ubamisile ukuba bajezise. **13** Amehilo akho ahlanzeke kakhulu ukuba akhangele okubi; awungeke ubekezelela okungalunganga. Pho kungani ubekezelela abachithayo na? Uthulelani lapho ababi beqeda labo abalunge kakhulu kulabu na? **14** Wenze abantu bafana lenhlanzi olwandle, njengezidalwa zasowlandle ezingelambusi. **15** Isitha esibi siyazikhupha zonke ngewuka, siyazibamba ngembule laso, sizibuthele embuleni laso elidonswayo; ngalokho siyajabula sithokoze. **16** Ngakho-ke senzela imbule laso umhlatshelo, sitshiisele imbule laso elidonswayo impepha ngoba ngenxa yembule laso sithe pekle phakathi kwenotho, sizitika ngokudla okumnandi. **17** Kuzamele siqhubeke sithulula umambule waso, sitshabalala isizizwe kungekho sihawu na?

**2** Ngizakuma esilindweni sami ngime phezu komthangala; ngizakhangela ukuba ngibone ukuthi uzukuthini kimi, lokuthi yimpendulo bani engizayitsuo ngale insolo. **2** UThixo waphendula wathi: "Loba phansi isibonalaliso usenze sicace ezicecedwini ukuze isithunyuwa sigijime laso. **3** Ngoba isibonalaliso silindela kasiyikuba ngamanga. Lanxa siphuza, silindele; sifazifa impela njalo kasiyikuphuza. **4** Khangela, uyazigqaja;

izifiso zakhe kazilunganga, kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo lwakhe. **5** Impela iwayini liyamkhohlisa; uyazikhukhumeza njalo kalakho ukuphumula. Ngoba uyishwaba njengengcwaba, njalo kasuthi njengokuwa, ubuthelela izizwe zonke kuye athumbe labantu bonke. (**Sheol h7585**) **6** Bonke kabayikumchothoza na bamhleke besithi, 'Maye kulowo obuthelela impahlia zokwebiwa azinotise ngobugebenga! Koze kuge nini lokhu kusenzakala na?' **7** Labo olezikwelede kubo kabayikujuma na? Kabayikuvuka bakuthuthumelise na? Lapho-ke uzakuba yinto yabo yokuhlutshwa. **8** Ngoba sewaphanga izizwe ezinengi, abantu abaseleyo basazukhuphaga ngoba wachitha igazi labantu; watshabalala amazwe lamadolobho labo bonke abakuwo. **9** Maye kulowo obumba umbuso ngenzuko embi ukuba akheli isidleke sakhe phezulu ukuba abalekele ukuwelwa yingozi! **10** Ucebe ukubhujiswa kwabantu abanengi, wayangisa indlu yakho, walahlekelwa yikuphila kwakho. **11** Amatshe omduli azakhala imijabo yampulanka izasabela. **12** Maye kulowo owakha idolobho ngokuchitha igazi akhe umuzi ngobudlwangudlwangu. **13** UThixo uSomandla kakumisanga na ukuthi umsebenzi uzinkuni zomlilo nje kuphela, lokuthi isizizwe ziqedha amandla azo ngeze? **14** Ngoba umhlabu uzagcwala ngolwazi lodumo lukaThixo, njengamanzi egcwaliswa ulwandle. **15** Maye kulowo onika omakhelwane bakhe okunathwayo ekuthulula esigujini sewayini badakwe, ukute akhangele imizimba yabo enqunu. **16** Uzakuba lehlazo elikhulu endaweni yodumo. Khathesi sekulithuba lakho! Natha uchayeyeke. Inkezo yesandla sokinene kaThixo iyeza kuwe, ihlazo lizamboza udumo lwakho. **17** Udlakela olwenze eLebhanoni luzakuqedha amandla, lokubulala kwakho izinyamazana kuzakuthuthumelisa. Ngoba uchithe igazi labantu; uchithe amazwe lamadolobho labo bonke abakuwo. **18** Silosizo bani isithombe njengoba sibazwe ngumuntu? Kumbe isifanekiso esifundisa amanga? Ngoba lowo osenzayo uthemba isidalwa sakhe; wenza izithombe ezingeke zikhulume. **19** Maye kulowo othi esigodweni, 'Vuka uphile!' loba athi elitsheni elingaphiliyo, 'Phaphama!' Linganika iseluleko na? Lembeswe ngegolide langesiliva, akulamphefumulo phakathi kwalo." **20** Kodwa uThixo usethempelini lakhe elingcwele; umhlabu wonke kawuthule phambi kwakhe.

**3** Umkhuleko kaHabbakhukhi umphrofethi. NgeShigiyonothi. **2** Thixo, ngizwile ngodumo lwakho; ngiyazesaba izenzo zakho, awu Thixo. Zivuselele ensukwini zethu, yenza zazakale esikhathini sethu; ekuthukutheleni khumbula isihawu. **3** UNKULUNKULU wavela eThemani, oNgewe wavela eNtabeni iPharani. Inkazimulo yakhe yasibekwa amazulu lokudunyisa kwakhe kwagcwala umhlabu kwelanga; imisebe yaphazima esandleni sakhe lapho amandla akhe ayefihlw khona. **5** Isifo isikhathi esimisiweyo; sikhuluma ngesiphetho njalo sahamba phambi kwakhe, umkhuhlane walanda kasiyikuba ngamanga. Lanxa siphuza, silindele; sifazifa umhlabu; wakhangela, waqhaqazelisa izizwe.

Izintaba zasendulo zabhidlika lamaqaqa akudala adilika. Izindlela zakhe ngezanini lanini. **7** Ngabona amathente aseKhushani ephakathi kosizi, lezindawo zokuhlala zaseMidiyani zisebuhlungwini. **8** Awu Thixo, imifula wawuyithukuthelele na? Ulaka lwakho lwavuthela izifula na? Ulwandle wawuluthukuthelele na lapho ugade amabhiza akho lezinqola zakho zempi ezinqobayo? **9** Iandili lakho ulembule, ufunе imitshoko eminengi. Uqhekeze umhlaba ngemifula; **10** izintaba zakubona zajanqula, izikhukhula zamanzi zedlula, ulwandle lwahlokoma, lwaphakamisela amagagasi alo phezulu. **11** Ilanga lenyanga kwema mpo emazulwini ekubenyezeleni kwemitsoko yakho entwezayo, ekuphazimeni kwemitsoko yakho ecazimulayo. **12** Wanyathela umhlaba ngolaka, wabhuza izizwe ngentukuthelo. **13** Waphuma ukuba ukhulule abantu bakho, ukuba usindise ogcotshiweyo wakho. Umkhokheli welizwe lobubi umchobozile, wamebulu kusukela ekhanda kusiya enyaweni. **14** Umhlabe ikhanda ngomkhonto wakhe lapho amabutho akhe ephume ngesiqubu ukuba asihlakaze, ethokoza kungani asezakudla abahluphekayo abebecatshile. **15** Wanyathela ulwandle ngamabhiza akho, uqubula amanzi amanengi. **16** Ngezwa, inhlizyo yami yatshaya, izindebe zami zabikizelisa ngumsindo; amathambo ami angewa yikubola, imilenze yami yaqhaqhazela. Kodwa ngizalindela ngesineke usuku lomonakalo ukuba lufike esizwene esihlasela esethu. **17** Lanxa isihlahla somkhiwa singanunkuli lamavini engekho emivinini; lanxa ama-oliva engathelanga, lamasimu engabanga lokudla, lanxa kungelazimvu esibayeni lenkomo zingekho ezibayeni, **18** kodwa ngizathokoza kuThixo, ngizajabula kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami. **19** UThixo Wobukhosи ungamandla ami; wenza inyawo zami zibe njengezempala, ungenza ngihambe ezindaweni eziphakemeyo. Ngeyomqondisi womculo. Ezigincini zami.

# UZefaniya

**1** Ilizwi likaThixo elafika kuZefaniya indodana kaKhushi, indodana kaGedaliya, indodana ka-Amariya, indodana kaHezekhiya, ekubuseni kukaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni inkosi yakoJuda; **2** “Ngizakhucula konke ebusweni bomhlaba,” kutsho uThixo. **3** “Ngizakhucula kokubili abantu lezinyamazana; ngizakhucula izinyoni zasemoyeni kanye lenhlanzi zasolwandle, lezithombe ezenza ababi bakhuboke. Lapho ngijeda abantu ebusweni bomhlaba,” kutsho uThixo. **4** “Ngizakwelulela isandla sami koJuda lakubo bonke abahlala ejerusalem. Ngizaqeda konke okukaBhali okuseleyo kule indawo, amabizo abahedeni labaphristi abakhonza izithombe **5** labo abakhothama phezu kwezindlu bakhonze ixuku lezinkanyezi, labo abakhothama bafunge ngoThixo, abafunga langoMoleki futhi, **6** labo ababuyela emuva bedela ukulandela uThixo njalo abangamdinganga uThixo loba babuze ngaye. **7** Thula phambi kukaThixo Wobukhosni, ngoba usuku lukaThixo seluseduze. UThixo uselungise umhlatsheho; usebangcwelisile labo abanxusileyo. **8** Ngosuku lomhlatsheho kaThixo ngizajejiza izikhulu lamadodana amakhosi labo bonke labo abagqoke iziqgoko zezizweni. **9** Ngalolosuku ngizabajezia bonke abaxwaya ukunyathela umbundu womnyango, abagcwalisa ithempeli labonkulunkulu babo ngodlakela langenkohliso.” **10** UThixo, uthi, “Ngalolosuku ilizwi lokukhala lizaqonga ngaseSangweni leNhlanzi, ukulila kuvelela esiGabeni eSitsha lomsindo omkhulu wokufohloza uvela emaqaqeni. **11** Lilani lina elihlala esigodini sokuthengisela saseMakhithashi, bonke abathengisi benu bazaqedwa, bonke abathengisela ngesiliva bazabhujiswa. **12** Ngalesosikhathi ngizaphenya iJerusalem negezibane ngijezise labo abangakhathaliyo, abanjengewayini elitshiywe phakathi kwensipho zalo, abathii, ‘UTHixo kayikwenza lutho, oluhle loba olubi.’ **13** Inotho yabo izaphangwa, izindlu zabo zidilizwe. Bazakwakha izindlu kodwa bangahlali kuzo; bazaahlanya izivini, kodwa iwayini bangalinathi.” **14** Usuku olukhulu lukaThixo seluseduze, njalo luza ngokuphangisa. Lalelani! Ukukhala ngosuku lukaThixo kuzakuba buhlungu, lokuklabalala kwebutho khonapho. **15** Lulosuku luzakuba lusuku lolaka, usuku losizi lokudabuka; usuku lokuhlupheka lokuchitheka, usuku lomnyama lokudana, usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama, **16** usuku lwecilongo lokuhlaba umkhosi wokulwa impi lamadolobho avikelweyo kanye lezinqaba zasemajkweni. **17** “Ngizaletha usizi ebantwini njalo bazahamba njengeziphofu, ngoba bonile kuThixo. Igazi labo lizachithwa njengothuli lezibilini zabo njengamanyala. **18** Isiliva sabo loba igolide labo kakungeke kwenelise ukubasindisa ngosuku lolaka lukaThixo. Umhlaba wonke uzatshiswa emililweni womona wakhe ngoba uzakwenza isiphetho ngokuphangisa kubo bonke abahlala emhlabeni.”

**2** Buthanani ndawonye, buthanani ndawonye, wena sizwe esiyangisayo, **2** isikhathi esimisiweyo singakafiki losuku ludlule njengamakhoba, ukuthukuthela okwesabekayo kukaThixo kungakafiki kuwe, usuku lolaka lukaThixo lungakafiki kuwe. **3** Dingani uThixo, lonke lina abathobekileyo belizwe, lina elenza lokho akulayayo. Dingani ukulunga, dingani ukuthobeka; mhlawumbe lingavikelwa ngosuku lwentukuthelo kaThixo. **4** IGaza izadelwa le-Ashikheloni isale isingamanxiwa. Abantu base-Ashidodi bazaxotshwa emini, le-Ekroni isitshulwe. **5** Maye kini lina elihlala ngasolwandle, lina sizwe samaKherethi; ilizwi likaThixo limelana lani, wena Khenani, lizwe lamaFilistiya. “Ngizakutshabalalisa, njalo kakho ozasala.” **6** Ilizwe elingasolwandle izakuba yindawo yabelusi lezibaya zezimvu. **7** Ilizwe izakuba ngelabaseleyo abendlu kaJuda; bazathola amadlelo khona. Kusihlwa bazalala phansi ezindlini zase-Ashikheloni. UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo uzabalondoloza; uzabenza baphumelele futhi. **8** “Ngizizwile izithuko zeMowabi lokuchothoza kwama-Amoni, abathuka abantu bami besongela lelizwe labo. **9** Ngakho ngeqiriniso elinjengoba ngikhona,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, “impela iMowabi izakuba njengeSodoma, ama-Amoni abe njengeGomora, indawo yokhula lemigodi yetshwayi, ilizwe elichithekileyo nini lanini. Abaseleyo babantu bami bazabaphanga; abaphephileyo babantu bami bazathatha ilizwe labo.” **10** Lokhu yikho abazakuthola kungumvuso wokuziqqa kwabo, ngenxa yokuthuka lokuklolodela abantu bakaThixo uSomandla. **11** UThixo uzakwesabeka kubo lapho esetshabalalisa bonke onkulunkulu belizwe. Izipi ezipi makunjini wonke zizamkhonza, ngulowo elizweni lakhe. **12** “Lani futhi, lina maKhushi lizabulawa ngenkemba yami.” **13** Uzakwelulela isandla sakhe enyakatho achithe i-Asirya, atshiye iNiniva itshabalele ngokupheleleyo njalo yome njengenkangala. **14** Imihlambi yezimvu leyenkomo izalala phansi khonapho, lezidalwa zezinhlolo zonke. Isikhova senkangala lomandukulo kuzahlala ensikeni zakhe. Ukuhala kwazo kuezewakala emawindini, imfucuza izakuba eminyango, imijabo yemisedari ichayene. **15** Leli lidolobho elingakhathaliyo elalizhlalele livikelekile. Lazitsheha lathi: “Ngiyimi, kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami.” Yeka ukuchitheka eseliyikho, isikhundla sezinyamazana zegangal! Bonke abadlula kulo bahleka usulu balikhombe ngezinwe.

**3** Maye kulo idolobho labancindezel, elihlamukayo lelingcolileyo! **2** Kalilaleli mutnu, kalivumi kukhuzwa. Kalithembeli kuThixo, kalisondeli kuNkulunkulu walo. **3** Izikhulu zalo ziyizilwane ezibhongayo, ababusi balo bazimpisi zakusihlwa, ezingatshiyi lutho lwekuseni. **4** Abaphrofethi balo bayazazisa; bangabantu bamacebo amabi. Abaphristi balo bangcolisa indawo engcwele bephule lomthetho. **5** UThixo phakathi kwalo ulungile; kenzi okubi, nsuku zonke ekuseni wenza ukulunga kwakhe njalo kaphambanisi ukusa kwamalanga

wonke, ikanti abangalunganga kabalanhloni. **6**  
“Ngizichithile izizwe; izinqaba zazo zidiliziwe.  
Ngitshiye imigwaqo yazo ideliwe kungekho odlula  
khona. Amadolobho azo adiliziwe; kakho ozasala  
kakho lamunye. **7** Ngathi kulo idolobho, ‘Impela  
uzangesaba uvume ukukhuzwa! Lapho-ke indlu yalo  
yokuhlala yayingayikudilizwa loba isijeziso sami sehlele  
phezu kwalo. Kodwa babelokhu betshisekela izenzo  
zokuxhwa laukho konke abakwenzayo. **8** Ngakho  
ngilindela,” kutsho uThixo, “lolusuku engizasukuma  
ngalo ngifakaze. Sengimise ukubuthanisa izizwe,  
ngiqoqe imibuso, ngehlisele ulaka lwami phezu kwabo  
konke ukuthukuthela kwami okukhulu. Umhlabu  
wonke uzaqothulwa ngomlilo womona wentukuthelo  
yami.” **9** “Lapho-ke ngizahlambulula izindebe  
zezizwe, ukuze zonke zikhuleke ebizweni likaThixo  
zimkhonze zimanyane. **10** Kusukela ngaphetsheya  
kwemifula yaseKhushi abakhonzi bami, abantu  
bami abahlakazekileyo, bazangilethela iminikelo. **11**  
Ngalolosuku kalyikuyangiswa ngobubi bonke elabenza  
kimi, ngoba ngizabusa kulelidolobho abathokoziswa  
yikuzigqaja kwabo. Kalyikuzikhukhumeza futhi  
entabeni yami engcwele. **12** Kodwa ngizatshiya  
phakathi kwenu abathambleyo labathobekileyo,  
abathembele ebizweni likaThixo. **13** Kabayikwenza  
okubi; kabayikuqamba amanga, loba kube lenkohliso  
emilonyeni yabo. Bazakudla balale phansi, kakho  
ozabenza besabe.” **14** Hlabela wena Ndodakazi  
yeZiyoni, klabalala kakhulu, wena Israyeli! Thaba  
uthokoze ngenhlizyo yakho yonke wena ndodakazi  
yasejerusalem! **15** UThixo usesisusile isijeziso  
sakho, usesixotshile isitha sakho. UThixo, iNkosi  
ka-Israyeli, ulawe; akulangozi ozaphinda uyesabe  
futhi. **16** Ngalolosuku bazakuthi kulo ijerusalem,  
“Ungesabi, wena Ziyoni; ungavumeli ukuba izandla  
zakho zibe buthakathaka. **17** UThixo uNkulunkulu  
wakho ulawe, ulamandla okusindisa. Uzathokoza  
kakhulu ngawe, uzakududuza ngothando lwakhe,  
uzakuthokozela ngokuhlabelela.” **18** “Insizi zemikhosi  
emisiweyo ngizazisusa kuwe; zingumthwalo lehlazo  
kuwe. **19** Ngalesosikhathi ngizababona bonke  
abalincedzelayo; ngizahlenga abaqhulayo ngibuthe  
lalabo abahlakazwayo, ngizabapha udumo lenhloniph  
kuwo wonke amazwe lapho abahlaziswa khona.  
**20** Ngalesosikhathi ngizalibutha; ngalesosikhathi  
ngizalisa ekhaya. Ngizalipha inhloniphlo lodumo  
phakathi kwezizwe zonke zasemhlabeni lapho  
sengiliphumelelisa futhi phambi kwamehlo enu  
uqobo,” kutsho uThixo.

# UHagayi

**1** Ngomnyaka wesibili wenkosi uDariyu, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesithupha, ilizwi likaThixo lafika ngomphrefethi uHagayi lisiya kuZerubhabheli, indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lakuJoshua, indodana kajozadaki, umphristi omkhulu: **2** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: “Abantu laba bathi, ‘Isikhathi sokwakha indlu kaThixo kasikafiki.’” **3** Ngakho ilizwi likaThixo lafika ngomphrefethi uHagayi lisithi: **4** “Kuyisikhathi senu lina ngokwenu ukuba lihlale ezindlini zenu ezinhle, kodwa indlu le ilokhu ilunxiwa na?” **5** Khathesi nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: “Cabangani kuhle ngezindlela zenu. **6** Lihlanyele okunengi kodwa livuna okulutshwana. Liyadla, kodwa kalisuthi. Liyanatha, kodwa kalikholwa. Liyaggoka iziqqoko, kodwa kalifudumali. Lihola imiholo liyifake esikhwameni esivuzayo.” **7** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: “Cabangani kuhle ngezindlela zenu. **8** Khwelani ezintabeni lehlise izigodo lakhe indlu ukue ngithokoze ngayo njalo ngiduniyiswe,” kutsho uThixo. **9** “Kade lilindele okunengi, kodwa khangelani, kusuke kwaba yingcosana. Elikulethe ekhaya, mina ngikuphephule khatshana. Kungani na?” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Kungenxa yendlu yami elokhu ilunxiwa, ngesikhathi lina, omunye lomunye wenu, ebambeke ngendlu yakhe. **10** Ngakho-ke, ngenxa yenu amazulu asegodle amazolo lomhlaba amabele. **11** Ngilethe ukoma emasimini lasezintabeni, emabeleni, ewayinini elitsha, emafutheni lakukho konke okuvela emhlabathini, ebantwini lasenkomeni kanye lasemsebenzini wezandla zenu.” **12** Lapho-ke uZerubhabheli, indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, lojoshua, indodana kajozadaki, umphristi omkhulu lensalela yonke yabantu balilalela ilizwi likaThixo uNkulunkulu wabo kanye lombiko kaHagayi umphrefethi ngoba wayethunywe nguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo. Abantu bamesaba uThixo. **13** Emva kwalokho, uHagayi isithunywa sikaThixo, wanika abantu ilizwi likaThixo leli: “Ngilan,” kutsho uThixo. **14** Ngakho uThixo waqubula umoya kaZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lomoya kajoshua indodana kajozadaki, umphristi omkhulu, lomoya wensalela yabantu. Beza baqalisa ukusebenza endlini kaThixo uSomandla uNkulunkulu wabo, **15** ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesithupha ngomnyaka wesibili wenkosi uDariyu.

**2** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lanye lwenyanga yesikhombisa ilizwi likaThixo lafika ngoHagayi umphrefethi lisithi: **2** “Khuluma loZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lojoshua indodana kajozadaki, umphristi omkhulu kanye lensalela yabantu. Babuze uthi, **3** ‘Ngubani kini owasalayo owabona indlu le enkazimulweni yayo yakuqala na? Khathesi ikhangeleka injani kini na? Kayikhangaleki njengeze na?’ **4** Kodwa khathesi qina wena Zerubhabheli,’ kutsho uThixo. ‘Qina wena Joshuwa ndodana kajozadaki, umphristi omkhulu,

Qinani, lonke lina bantu belizwe,’ kutsho uThixo. ‘Lisebenze, ngoba ngilani,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla.

**5** ‘Lokhu yikho engakuvumelana lani ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe. UMoya wami uhlala phakathi kwenu. Lingesabi.’ **6** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla: ‘Ngesikhatshana nje ngizaphinda nginyikinye amazulu lomhlaba, ulwandle lelizwe elomileyo. **7** Ngizanyikinya izizwe zonke, abathandwayo kuzozonke izizwe basakuza, njalo indlu le ngizayigcwala ngenkazimulo,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla, **8** ‘Isiliva ngesami legolami,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **9** ‘Inkazimulo yale indlu yakhathesi izakuba nkulu kuleyendlu yakuqala,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla. ‘Njalo indawo le ngizayiphwa ukuthula,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla.” **10** Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuHagayi umphrefethi lisithi: **11** “Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla uthi: ‘Buza abaphristi ukuthi umthetho uthini: **12** Nxa umuntu ethwele inyama engcwele ngomphetho wesiqqoko sakhe, umphetho lowo uthinte isinkwa loba inyama ephekiweyo, iwayini, amafutha loba okunye ukudla, kuba ngcwele na?’” Abaphristi baphendula bathi, “Hatshi.” **13** UHagayi wasesithi, “Nxa umuntu ongcoliswe yikuthinta isidumbu ethinta okunye kwalezizinto, kuyangcola na?” “Ye,” kwaphendula abaphristi, “kuyangcola.” **14** UHagayi wasesithi, “Kunjalo-ke emehlweni ami ngabantu laba langesizwe lesi,” kutsho uThixo. ‘Lokho abakwenzayo loba abakunikelayo lapho kungcolile. **15** Khathesi cabangani kuhle ngalokhu kusukela ngalolosuku kusiya phambili, khumbulanu ukuthi izinto zazinjani kungakabekwa elinye ilitshe phezu kwelinje ethempelini likaThixo. **16** Kwakusithi lapho umuntu efika enqunjini yezilinganiso ezingamatshumi amabili, kwakulezilitshumi kuphela. Kuthi lapho umuntu eye efatshini lewayini ukuba akhe izilinganiso ezingamatshumi amahlau, kwakulezingamatshumi amabili kuphela. **17** Wonke umsebenzi wezandla zenu ngawutshaya ngomkhuhlane, ngesikhwekhwe langesiqhoto, kodwa kaliphendukelanga kimi,’ kutsho uThixo. **18** ‘Kusukela lamhla kusiya phambili, kusukela ngalolosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, cabangani kuhle ngosuku okwabekwa ngalo isisekelo sethempeli likaThixo. Cabangani kuhle: **19** Kuselenhlanelyo eseleyo esiphaleni na? Kuze kube khathesi, ivini lomkhiwa, iphomelanathi lesihlahla se-Oliva asikatheli izithelo. Kusukela ngalolosuku kusiya phambili ngizalibusisa.” **20** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika ngokwesibili kuHagayi ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga lisithi: **21** “Tshela uZerubhabheli umbusi wakoJuda ukuthi ngizanyikinya amazulu lomhlaba. **22** Ngizagenqula izihlalo zobukhosи ngichithe amandla emibuso yeziwensi. Ngizagenqula izinqola zempi labagadi bazo; amabhiza labagadi bawo bazakwa, ngamunye ngenkemba yomfowabo. **23** ‘Ngalolosuku,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla, ‘ngizakuthatha wena nceku yami Zerubhabheli ndodana kaSheyalithiyeli,’

kutsho uThixo, ‘njalo ngizakwenza ube njengesongo eliluphawu lwami, ngoba sengikukhethile,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla.”

# UZekhariya

**1** Ngenyanya yesicaminwemibili yomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kumphrofethi uZekhariya indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido lisithi: **2** “UThixo wazondiswa kakhulu ngokhokho benu. **3** Ngakho tshela abantu uthi: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: ‘Buyelani kimi,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla, ‘lami ngizabuya kini,’ utsho njalo uThixo uSomandla. **4** Lingabi njengabokhokho benu, okwatsho kubo abaphrofethi bamandulo, bathi: Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: ‘Phendukani ezindleleni zenu zobubi lezenzo zenu ezimbi.’ Kodwa kabafunanga ukulalela loba ukukunanza okwakutshiwo, kutsho uThixo. **5** Bangaphi manje okhokho benu na? Bona abaphrofethi kambe baphila okungapheliyo na? **6** Kodwa amazwi ami lemitetho yami engangilaye ngakho izinceku zami abaphrofethi kakuzange kuze kubafice yini okhokho benu? Kwayikhona bephenduka besithi, ‘UThixo uSomandla wenzile kithi okufanele izindlela zethu lezenzo njengalokho amisa ukukwenza.’ **7** Ngelanga lamatshumi amabilis lane ngenyanya yetshumi lanye, inyanga uShebhathi, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kumphrofethi uZekhariya indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido. **8** Ebusuku ngafikelwa ngumbono, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulendoda egade ibhiza elibomvu! Yayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zomethile edongeni. Ngemva kwayo kwakulamanye amabhiza, elibomvu, eliyinsundu lelimhlophe. **9** Ngayibuza ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami na?” Ingilosy eyayikhuluma lami yaphendula yathi, “Ngizakutshengisa ukuthi kuyini.” **10** Kwasekusithi leyondoda eyayimi ezihlahlensi zomethile yachaza yathi, “Laba yibo uThixo abathumileyo ukuba bahambe emhlabeni wonke.” **11** Baseebika engilosini kaThixo eyayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zomethile bathi, “Sesiwuhambile wonke umhlaba safumana ukuthi ilizwi lihlezi kuhle phakathi kokuthula.” **12** Ingilosy kaThixo yasisithi, “Thixo Somandla, koze kube nini ulokhu ugoda isihawu sakho phezu kwejerusalemamadolobho akoJuda olokhu uwathukuthelele yonke iminyaka le engamatshumi ayisikhombisa?” **13** Ngakho uThixo wasekhuluma amazwi omusa, aduduzayo kuleyongilosy eyayikhuluma lami. **14** Kwasekusithi ingilosy eyayikhuluma lami yathi, “Memezela leli ilizwi: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: ‘Ngilobukhwеле ngejerusalemale leZiyoni, **15** kodwa ngizondile ngalezozizwe ezhilezi zanaba zaziba. Ngangithukuthele kancane kodwa zawengezelela lowo monakalo.’ **16** Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguThixo: ‘Ngizabuya ejerusalemae ngilomusa, khonapho indlu yami izakwakhwa kutsha. Intambo yesilingariso izakwelulwa ejerusalemae,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **17** Memezela njalo uthi: Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: ‘Amadolobho ami azaphinda njalo aphuphume ngenotho, njalo uThixo uzaphinda ayiduduze iZiyoni, ayikhethi ejerusalemae.’” **18** Ngase ngiphakamisa

amehlo ami, phambi kwami kwakulempondo ezine! **19** Ngabuza ingilosy leyo eyayikhuluma lami, ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu?” Yaphendula yathi, “Lezi yizo impondo ezachitha ujuda, lo-Israveli lejerusalemae.” **20** UThixo wasengitshengisa abakhandi abane. **21** Ngabuza ngathi, “Laba bazekwenzani na?” Waphendula wathi, “Lezi yimpondo ezachitha ujuda ukuze angabikhona ovusa ikhanda, kodwa abakhandi balande ukuxegisa amadolo abo, bazilahlele phansi impondo lezi ezezizwe ezaphakamisa impondo zazo phezu kwelizwe lakoJuda ukuchitha abantu balo.”

**2** Ngaphakamisa amehlo, phambi kwami kwakulomuntu ophethe intambo yokulinganisa! **2** Ngabuza ngathi, “Uya ngaphi na?” Wangiphendula wathi, “Ngijalinganisa ijerusalema, ukubona ukuthi ibanzi njalo inde kanganani.” **3** Ingilosy leyo eyayikhuluma lami yasisuka, kweza enye ingilosy iyihlangabeza **4** yathi kuyo: “Gijima utshele ijaha leliyana uthi, ‘Ijerusalemam izakuba lidolobho elingelamiduli ngenxa yobunengi babantu lezifuyo phakathi kwalo.’ **5** Mina ngokwami ngizakuba ngumduli womlilo olizungezileyo,’ kutsho uThixo, ‘njalo ngizakuba yinkazimulo ngaphakathi kwalo.’ **6** Wozani! Wozani! Balekani kulelolizwe lasenyakatho,” kutsho uThixo, “ngoba ngilichithachithile kuyo yonke imimoya yomine yezulu,” kutsho uThixo. **7** “Woza, yeji wena Ziyoni! Balekani lina elihlala eNdodakazini yaseBhabhiloni!” **8** Ngoba lokhu kutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: “Ngemva kokuba Olodumo esengithumile ukumelana lezizwe eziliphangileyo ngoba loba ngubani oke alithinte lina uthinta igugu lakhe **9** ngempela ngizaphakamisela isandla sami kubo ukuze iziqqili zabo zibaphange. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi uThixo uSomandla nguye ongithumileyo. **10** Memeza ujabab, we Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni. Ngoba ngijeza, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwenu,” kutsho uThixo. **11** “Izizwe ezinengi zizahlanganiswa loThixo ngalelolanga njalo zizakuba ngabantu bami. Ngizahlala phakathi kwenu njalo lizakwazi ukuthi uThixo uSomandla unghithumile kini. **12** UThixo uzamthatha ujuda njengelifa abe yisabelo sakhe elizweni elingcwele njalo uzaphinda ayikhethi ejerusalemae. **13** Pholani lithule phambi kukaThixo, bantu lonke, ngoba uphakamile waphuma endaweni yakhe engcwele.”

**3** Yase ingitshengisa uJoshua umphristi omkhulu emi phambi kwengilosy kaThixo, loSathane emi kwesokunene sakhe ephikisana laye. **2** UThixo wathi kuSathane, “UThixo uyakukhuza, Sathane! UThixo oyikhethileyo ijerusalema, uyakukhuza! Umuntu lo kasisikhuni esihwatshwe sibhebha na?” **3** UJoshua wema phambi kwengilosy eggoko ezingcolileyo. **4** Ingilosy yasisithi kulabo ababemi phambi kwayo, “Mkhululeni iziggoko lezi ezingcolileyo.” Yasisithi kuJoshua, “Uyabona, sengisisusile isono sakho, yikho sengizakugqokisa iziggoko ezinhle kakhulu.” **5** Ngasengisithi, “Mthwaliseni iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda lakhe.” Basebemthwalisa iqhiye ehlanzekileyo

ekhanda, bamgqokisa njalo, ingilos i kaThixo ilokhu esizakwehlela lonke ilizwe; ngoba ithi incwadi imi khonapho. **6** Ingilos i kaThixo yasimupha umlayo kwelinje icele layo, amasela wonke azaxotshwa lo ujoshuwa, yathi: **7** “Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla: ‘Nxa uzahamba ngezindlela zami ugcine izimiso zami, lapho-ke uzabusa indlu yami, uwaphathe lamaguma ami, njalo mina ngizakupha indawo phakathi kwalaba abemivo lapha. **8** Lalela, wena mphristi omkhulu Joshuwa, kanye labakhula bakho abahlezi phambi kwakho, abangamadoda ayitsitshengiselo yathni seztio ezizayo: Ngizaletha inceku yami iHlumewa. **9** Uyabona, ilitshe engilimise phambi kukajoshuwa! Kulamehlo ayisikhombisa phezu kwlitshe liliyne, njalo ngizagubha umbhalo kulo,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla, ‘njalo ngizasisusa isono salelilizwe ngelanga eliodwa zwi. **10** Ngalelolanga lowo lalowo wenu uzarmema umakhelwane wakhe ukuthi ahiale ngaphansi kwevini lomkhiwa wakhe,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla.”

**4** Ingilos i eyayikhuluma lami yabuya njalo yazangivusa njengomuntu evuswa ebuthongweni. **2** Yangibusa yathi, “Ubonani na?” Ngaphendula ngathi, “Ngibona uluthi lweisibane olwenziwe ngokugcweleyo ngegolide, lulomganu phezulu lezibane ezyisikhombisa lezimbobo zezibane ezyisikhombisa. **3** Njalo kulezihlahla zama-oliva ezimbili eduze kwalo, esinye ngakwesokunene komganu, esinye kwesokhohlo.” **4** Ngayibusa ingilos i eyayikhuluma lami, ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?” **5** Yaphendula yathi, “Kawukwazi ukuthi yizinto bani lezi?” Ngathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yami.” **6** Yasisithi kimi, “Nanti ilizwi likaThixo kuZerubhabheli, ‘Hatshi ngempi kumbe ngamandla, kodwa ngoMoya wami,’ kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **7** Uvele uyini, wena ntaba enkul? KuZerubhabheli uzakuba ngumhlabathi owendlalekileyo. Khonapho usezaletsha ilitshe lokuphetha abantu bememeza besithi, ‘Nkulunkulu libuse! Nkulunkulu libuse!’” **8** Kwasekufika ilizwi likaThixo kimi lisithi: **9** “Izandla zikaZerubhabheli zisibekile isisekelo saleli ithempeli; izandla zakhe zizaliqedisa ukulakha. Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi uThixo uSomandla ungitumile kini. **10** Ngubani oludelelayo usuku lwezinto ezincane? Amehlo kaThixo ayisikhombisa agcwala umhlabu wonke jikelele azathokozelela ukubona intambo yokuqondisa esandleni sikaZerubhabheli?” **11** Ngasengiyibusa ingilos, ngathi, “Lezi zihlahla ezimbili zama-oliva kwesokunene lakwesokhohlo phezu koluthi lweisibane ngezan?” **12** Ngayibusa futhi ngathi, “Amahlumela la amabili om’oliva eceleni kwezinti ezimbili zegolide okumpompoza kuzo amafutha algolide zona ziyan?” **13** Yaphendula yathi, “Kawuzazi ukuthi ziyan na?” Ngathi, “Hatshi, nkosi yami.” **14** Yasisithi, “Laba yibo ababili abagcotshiweyo ukukhonza iNkosi yomhlabu wonke.”

**5** Ngaphinde ngakhangela, phambi kwami kwakulomqulu wencwadi ondizayo! **2** Yangibusa yathi, “Ubonani na?” Ngaphendula ngathi, “Ngibona umqulu wencwadi ondizayo, omude izingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu lobubanzi obulitshumi lanlanu.” **3** Yasisithi kimi, “Lesi yisithuko

esizakwehlela lonke ilizwe; ngoba ithi incwadi imi khonapho. **6** Ingilos i eyayikhuluma lami yasisondela yathni kimi, “Vusa amehlo ubone ukuthi kuyini lokhuyana okuvelayo.” **6** Ngabuza ngathi, “Kuyini?” Yaphendula yathi, “Yisilulu sokulinganisa.” Yengeza yathni, “Lobu yibubi babantu elizweni lonke leli.” **7** Kwasekusibukulwa isiciko sesilu leso, kwabonakala phakathi kuhlezi owestifazane! **8** Yathi, “Lobu yibubi,” yasimfuqela phakathi esilulwini wawa ngesiciko emlonyeni wesilulu. **9** Ngasengikhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulabesifazane ababili belempliko ezicgcwele umoya! Babelempiko ezifana lezengabuzane, baphakamisa isilulu saba phakathi kwezulu lomhlab. **10** Ngabuza ingilos i eyayikhuluma lami ngathi, “Basisa ngaphi isilulu lesi na?” **11** Yaphendula yathi, “Basisa elizweni laseBhabhiloni ukuyasakhela indlu khonale. Nxa isiphelele isilulu sizahlaliswa kuhle khonale endaweni yaso.”

**6** Ngaphinde ngaphakamisa amehlo njalo phambi kwami kwakulezingola zempi ezine zihamuka okhalweni lwezintaba ezimbili, izintaba zethus! **2** Inqola yakuqala yayilamabhiza abomvu, eyesibili ilamnyama, **3** eyesithathu amhlophe, eyesine alamabala, wonke elamandla. **4** Ngayibusa ingilos i eyayikhuluma lami ngathi, “Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?” **5** Ingilos yangiphendula yathi, “Le yimimoya emine yasezulwini, ephumayo ekumeni phambi kukaThixo womhlabu wonke. **6** Le elamabhiza amnyama iqonda elizweni elisenyakatho, eyawamhlophe iqonda entshonalanga, kuthi eyawamabalab iqonda eningizimu.” **7** Kwathi lawomabhiza alamandla esephuma ayesadalala ezama ukuya kuwo wonke umhlab. Yathi kuwo, “Hambani kuwo wonke umhlab.” Lakany aya kuwo wonke umhlab. **8** Yase ingibiza yathi, “Uyabona, lawana aqonda elizweni elisenyakatho asenike uMoya wami ukuphumula elizweni lasenyakatho.” **9** Ilizwi likaThixo lafika kimi lathi: **10** “Thatha isiliva legolide kwabathunjiweyo uHelidayi loThobhiya lojedaya asebebuyile eBhabhiloni. Hamba ngalelolanga endlini kajosiya indodana kaZefaniya. **11** Thatha isiliva legolide wenze umqhele uwethese umphristi omkhulu ujoshuwa indodana kajozadaki. **12** Umtshele ukuthi nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: ‘Nansi indoda obizo layo liHlumela, njalo uzahluma endaweni yakhe akhe ithempeli likaThixo. **13** Nguye ozakwaka ithempeli likaThixo, njalo uzaggokiswa ubukhos, futhi uzahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos. Njalo uzakuba ngumphristi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos. Lokhu kokubili kuzahambelana kuhle.’ **14** Umqhele uzaphiwa uHelidayi, loThobhiya, lojedaya kanye loHeni indodana kaZefaniya njengesikhumbuzo

ethempelini likaThixo. **15** Labo abasekudenzi bazakuza bazakwelekelela ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo njalo yalabantu ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kambe lizakwazi ukuthi uthixo uSomandla ungithumile kini. Lokhu kuzakwenzeka nxa limlalela ngokukhuthala uThixo uNkulunkulu wenu."

**7** Ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi uDariyu, ilizwi likaThixo lafika kuZakhariya ngelanga lesine lenyanga yesifcamunye, inyanga ethiwa nguKhisilevu. **2** Abantu baseBhetheli babethume uShareza loRegem-Meleki, kanye lamadoda asuka kubo ukuyangenga uThixo uSomandla **3** ngokucela abaphristi bendlu kaThixo uSomandla labaphrofethi ukuthi, "Ngilile yini njalo ngizile ukudla ngenyanga yesihlanu njengalokhu engihlala ngikwenza okweminyaka eminengi na?" **4** Laselifika ilizwi likaThixo uSomandla kimi lisithi: **5** "Buza bonke abantu belizwe kanye labaphristi uthi, 'Lapho lalizila ukudla liliла ngenyanga yesihlanu leyesikhombisa okweminyaka engamatshumi ayiskhombisa esidilue kambe laлизела mina ngeqiniso na?' **6** Njalo nxa lalisidla, linatha, angithi lalizikholisela lina na? **7** Kawasiwo yini la amazwi amenyezelwa nguThixo ngabaphrofethi bamandulo lapho ijerusalem lamadolobho aseduzane ayelokuthula ephumelela, leNegebi kanye lamaqaqa asentshonalanga kwakhiwe kuhle na?" **8** Laphinde lafika njalo ilizwi likaThixo kuZakhariya lathi: **9** "Nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: 'Yahluelani ngobuqotho; litshengise isihawu lozwelo omunye komunye. **10** Lingamcindelzi umfelokazi noma intandane, lowezizweni noma umyanga. Lingakhumbulelani okubi ezinhliyweni zenu.' **11** Kodwa bala ukulalela; baqholoza bafulathela njalo bagcika indlebe zabo. **12** Benza inhliziyo zabo zaba luhkuni njengelitshe kabaze balalela umlayo loba amazwi kaThixo uSomandla ayewathumile ngoMoya ngabaphrofethi bamandulo. Yikho uThixo uSomandla wathukuthela kabuhlungu. **13** 'Ngababiza, kodwa kabalalelanga; yikho labo sebememeza kangibalalelanga,' kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **14** 'Ngabachithachitha ngesivunguzane baye eiziweni zonke lapho ababa yizihambi khona. Ilizwe lasala selilihlane nje kungasahlaleki kulo futhi kungasedluleki khona. Balenza lajujuka kanjalo ilizwe elihle laba yinkangala.'

**8** Lafika njalo kimi ilizwi likaThixo uSomandla. **2** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla: "Ngilobukhwele kabi ngeZiyoni; ngiyatsha kwezakuleliyana zifike zithi, 'Kasihambe khathesi ngobukhwele ngayo.' **3** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo: "Ngizabuyela eZiyoni ngihlale ejerusalem. Laphoke ijerusalem izathiwa nguMuvi weQiniso, lentaba kaThixo uSomandla izabizwa ngokuthi yiNtaba eNgewe." **4** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Kuzakwenzakala njalo ukuthi amaxhegu amadoda alitshumi aphuma kuzozonke izindimi lezalukazi bahlale nje ezitaladini zejerusalem, lezizwe azagagadlela umphetho wengubo yomJuda ngulowo lodondolo lwakhe esandleni ngenxa oyedwa athi, 'Wothi sihambe lawe ngoba sesizwile yokuluphala. **5** Izitalada zedolobho zizaphithizela ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulani.'" **6** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi:

"Kungabonakala njengesimanga kwabayinsalela bazakwelekelela ukwakha ithempeli likaThixo njalo yalabantu ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kambe kungabonakala njengesimanga kimi na?" kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **7** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Ngizabasindisa abantu bami emazweni asempumalanga lasemazweni asentshonalanga. **8**

Ngizabuyisela bayehlala ejerusalem; bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngizathembeka njalo ngibe lokulunga kubo njengoNkulunkulu wabo." **9** Nanku okutshivo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Lina okwamanje eliwezwayo amazwi la akhulunywa ngabaphrofethi ababekhona kubekwa isisekelo sendlu kaThixo uSomandla, qinisani izandla zenu ukuze ithempi lakhwi. **10** Mandulo kjesikhathi lesu kwakungekho imbadalo ngomsebenzi womuntu loba owenyamazana. Umuntu loba engubani wayengazihambeli loba azenzele okwakhe ekhululekile ngenxa yezitha, ngoba abantu ngasengibaxabanise labomakhelwane babo. **11** Kodwa khathesi kangisayikwenza kulaba abayinsalela njengalokho engakwenzayo endulo," kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **12** "Inhlanyelo izakhula kuhle, ivini lizakhupha izithelo zalo, umhlabathi uzakhulisa amabele, lamazulu azakwehlisa amazolo awo. Zonke lezizinto ngizazinika njengelifa kwabayinsalela yalabantu. **13** Njengoba beliyinto eqalekisiweyo phakathi kwezizwe, wena Juda lo-Israyeli, ngakho ngizalisindisa libe yisibuso. Lingesabi, kodwa qinisani izandla zenu." **14** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Kanjengalokhu ngasengimisile ukwehlisela umonakalo phezu kwenu angaze ngatshengisa uwelo lapho okhokho benu bangizondisa," kutsho uThixo uSomandla, **15** "yikho manje sengimisile ukwenza ubuhle njalo ejerusalem lakoJuda. Lingesabi. **16** Nanzi izinto okumele lizenze: Khulumani iqiniso omunye komunye, njalo lehlulelane ngeqiniso langokuqonda emithethwandaba yenu; **17** lingakheli umakhelwane wenu amacebo amabi, njalo lingaze lathanda ukufunga ngokungamanga. Konke lokhu ngiyakuzonda," kutsho uThixo. **18** Ilizwi likaThixo uSomandla laphinda labuya kimi. **19** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi, "Amazilo awenya ngenxa yesine, leyesihlanu, leyesikhombisa kanye leyetshumi azakuba yizikhathi zokuthokoza lokujabula, abe yimkhosi yokuthaba koJuda. Ngakho-ke thandani iqiniso lokuthula." **20** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla:

"Abantu abanengi lezakhamizi zamadolobho amanengi basezakusa, **21** njalo izakhamizi zedolobho leli zizakuya kwezakuleliyana zifike zithi, 'Kasihambe khathesi lokhu siyoncenga uThixo, simfune uThixo uSomandla. Mina sengihamba.' **22** Kuzakuthi abantu abanengi lezizwe ezilamandla zizakuza ejerusalem ukuzafuna uThixo uSomandla bezocela kuye." **23** Nanku akutshoyo uThixo uSomandla, uthi: "Ngalezonku

**9** Isiphrofethi: Ilizwi likaThixo liqophe ilizwe izangoma zibona imibono yamanga; zikhuluma laseHadiraki lize liyokwewayama phezu kweDamaseko amaphupho amanga; ziphe induduzo engesulutho. ngoba amehlo abantu lawewizwana zonke zika-Israyeli akuThixo **2** laphezu kweHamathi layo, bahlupheke ngoba bengelamelusi. **3** “Ulaka Iwami engcelelane layo, laphezu kweThire leSidoni, lokuba nje luyavutha kubelusi, njalo ngizabajejisa abaholi; zilobungcitshi. **3** IThire isizakhele inqaba; isibuthelele ngoba uThixo uSomandla uzawunakekela umhlambi isiliva kwangathi luthuli; legolide njengomhlabathi wezmivu zakhe, indlu kajuda, abenze babe njengebhiza wemigwaqweni. **4** Kodwa uThixo uzayemuka inotho yayo achithe lamandla ayo asolwandle, kuthi yona iqedwe ngumlilo. **5** I-Ashikheloni izakubona lokho yesabe; iGaza izathuthumela izwe ubuhlungu, le-Ekroni layo, ngoba ithembala yalo lisabuna. iGaza izabuhujela yinkosi yayo le-Ashikheloni isale ingaselamuntu. **6** Abezizwe bazayithatha i-Ashidodi bahlale kuyo, kwabo, babanqobe abagadi bamabhiza. **6** Ngizayiqinisa njalo ngizakuqeda ukuziqqa kwamaFilistiya. **7** indlu kajuda, ngsindise indlu kajosefa. Ngizababuyisa Ngizathatha igazi emilonyeni yabo, okuyikudla okungavunyelwayo ngikukhuphe emazinyweni abo. Labo abaseleyo bazakuba ngabakaNkulunkulu wethu njalo babengabakhkheli kojuda, le-Ekroni izakuba njengamaJebusi. **8** Kodwa ngizayivikela indlu banathe iwayini. Abantwabobo bazakubona lokho yami kulabo abangabaphangi. Kakusayikuphinda bathokoze; inhliziyo zabo zizatthokoza kuThixo. kwenzeke ukuthi umncindezeli achithe abantu **8** Ngizabamema ngibabuthe ndawonye. Ngempela bami, ngoba manje sengihlezi ngiqaphele. **9** ngizabahenga; bazakuba banengi njengakuqala. **9** Thokoza kakhu, wena Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni! Lanxa ngibahlakazile phakathi kwezizwe, kodwa Memeza, Ndodakazi yaseJerusalem! Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, iza ilungile ilensindiso, immene, ihamba igade ubabhemi, iphezu kwenkonyane, **10** Ngizazisusa izinqola Asirya. Ngizabaletha eGiliyadi leLebanoni, kuze zempi ko-Efrayimi lamabhiza empi ejerusalem, kungasabi lendawo ebaneleyo. **11** Bazadabula phakathi ledandili lempu lizakwephulwa. Izamemzela ukuthula kolwandle lokuhlupheka; ulwandle olupphumayo phakathi kwezizwe. Umbuso wayo uzasukela elwandle luzadediswa lezinziki zonke zeNayili zizakoma usiya elwandle, njalo kusukela eMfuleni kusiya qha. Ukuzikhukhumeza kwe-Asirya kuzakwehliswa emaphethelweni omhlabo. **11** Wena pho, ngenxa yegazi lesivumelwano lawe, ngizakhulula izibotshwa zakho emgodini ongelamanzi. **12** Buyelani enqabeni yenu, lina zibotshwa ezilethembra; sengihle ngibika ukuthi ngizalibuyiselis izibuso ngokuphindwe kabilo. **13** Ngizamgoba uJuda njengalokhu ngigoba idandili lami besengicgwala ngo-Efrayimi. Ngizawahlokoza amadodana akho, wena Ziyoni, avukele amadodana akho, wena Grisi, ngikwenze ube njengenkemba yebutho. **14** Kulapho-ke uThixo azaqhamuka ngaphezu kwabo; umtshoko wakhe uzabenyezela njengonyezi. UThixo Wobukhosu uzatshaya icilongo; uzahaluelza ngeziphepho zaseningizimu, **15** njalo uThixo uSomandla uzabavikela. Bazabhubhisa njalo banqobe ngamatshe ezavutha. Bazanatha baklabalale njengabadakwe liwayini; bazagcwala lona njengomganu osetshenziswa kuchelwa amagumbi e-alithare. **16** UThixo uNkulunkulu wabo uzabasindisa ngalelolanga njengoba bengumhlambi wezmivu zakhe. Bazakhazimula elizweni lakhe njengamatshe aligugu acecise umqhele. **17** Yeka ukukhangwa kwabo lobuhle abazakuba yibonal! Isivuno esihle sizatshwaphulula izinsizwa, lewayini elitsha lithokozise izintombi.

**10** Celani kuThixo izulu ngesikhathi sentwasahlolo; ngyue uThixo owenza amayezi aleziphepho. Unika imikhizo yezulu ebantwini, lezihlahla zeganga ebantwini bonke. **2** Izithombe zikhuluma inkohliso,

Kungakho abantu bephumputheka njengezimvu wezmivu zakhe, indlu kajuda, abenze babe njengebhiza elilesithunzi empini. **4** Ilitshe lekhoneni lizavela kuJuda, kuye kuzavela isikhonkwane sethente, kuye kuzavela idandili lokulwa impi, kuye kuzavela bonke ababusi. **5** Ndawonye bazakuba njengamaqhawe alamandla empini enyathelela izitha zavo odakeni lwemigwaqo. Bazakulwa ngoba uThixo ephakathi **6** Abezizwe bazayithatha i-Ashidodi bahlale kuyo, kwabo, babanqobe abagadi bamabhiza. **6** Ngizayiqinisa njalo ngizakuqeda ukuziqqa kwamaFilistiya. **7** indlu kajuda, ngsindise indlu kajosefa. Ngizababuyisa ngoba ngilesihawu kubo. Bazakuba sengathi kangizange ngibakhale, ngoba nginguThixo uNkulunkulu wabo njalo ngizabaphendula. **7** Abako-Efrayimi bazakuba njengamaqhawe, lezhlinziyo zabo zizajabula kungathi lanxa ngibahlakazile phakathi kwezizwe, kodwa bazangikhumbula khonale emazweni akude. Bona kanye labantwabobo bazaphila, njalo bazabuya. **10** Ngizabamema basuke eGibhithe ngibagaqoqe e-inkonyane kababhemi. **10** Ngizazisusa izinqola Asirya. Ngizabaletha eGiliyadi leLebanoni, kuze phansi! **3** Lalela ukulila kwabelusi; amadlelo abo amahle asetshabalaliwi! Lalela ukubhonga kwezilwane; ihlathi elihle lejodani liqhunqile! **4** Nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uNkulunkulu wami, uthi: “Sana emadlelweni umhlambi wezmivu zokuhlatshwa. **5** Abathengi bazo bayazihlaba bangajeziswa. Labo abazithengisayo bathi, ‘Makadunyiswe uThixo, senginothile!’ Abelusi bazo ngokwabo labo kabaziyekeli. **6** Ngoba kangsayikuba lozwelo ebantwini belizwe,” kutsho uThixo. “Ngulowo lalowo ngizamnikela kumakkhelwane wakhe lenkosini yakhe. Bazalincindezelu ilizwe, kodwa kangiyikubalamulela ezandleni zabo.” **7** Ngakho ngizafaka emadlelweni izimvu ezasezikhethelewe ukuya esilaheni, ikakhulu lezo ezaziphathwa kabuhlungu. Ngasengithatha ingwegwe ezimbili ngabiza enye ngokuthi nguThandeka kwathi enye ngathi nguNhlanganiso, ngasengizelusa izimvu. **8** Ngenyanga eyodwa ngaxotsha abelusi abathathu.

Izimvu zanengeka ngami, lami zangidina **9** phambi kwabo. **9** Ngalelolanga ngizaphuma ngathi, “Kangisayikuba ngumelusi wenu. Yekela ngyiebhubbisa zonke izizwe ezihasela ijerusalema.” efayo ife, lebhubbayo ibhubhe. Yekela lezo **10** “Ngizathululela phezu kwendlu kaDavida laphezu eziseleyo zidlane inyama yazo.” **10** Ngasengithatha kwabakhileyo ejerusalema umoya womusa lobubele. ingwegwe yami ethiwa nguThandeka ngayephula, Bazakhangela kimi, mina abamgwazayo, bangililele ngidiliza isivumelwano engangisenzile lezizwe zonke. njengomuntu elilela umntanakhe ozelwe yedwa, **11** Sadilizwa ngalelolanga, yikho abadubekayo bamkhale kabuhlungu njengomuntu ekhalela emhlambini ababengikhangele bakwazi ukuthi lokho indodana yakhe elizibulo. **11** Ngalelolanga isililo kwakulilizwi likaThixo. **12** Ngabatshela ngathi, ejerusalema sizakuba sikhulu njengesililo sikaHadadi –“Nxa libona kufanele, ngiphani iholo lami; nxa Rimoni emagcekeni aseMegido. **12** Ilizwe lizalila, njalo kungenjalo, yekelani.” Yikho basebengihola yilesosizwana sisodwa, labafazi babo bebedwa; isizwana inhlamu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu. **13** sendlu kaDavida labafazi babo, isizwana sendlu kaNathani labafazi babo, **13** isizwana sendlu kaLevi labafazi babo, isizwana sikaShimeyi labafazi babo, **14** lazononke izizwana labafazi bazo.”

**14** Ngasengiqamula ingwegwe yami yesibili ethiwa nguNhlanganiso, ngiqamula ubuzalwane phakathi kukaJuda lo-Israyeli. **15** UThixo wasesithi kimi, “Thatha futhi izikhali zomelusi oyisithutha. **16** Ngoba ngizamisa umelusi welizwe leli ongezukunanza ngezilahlekileyo, angawadingi amazinyane, angawelaphi alimeleyo, angawaphi ukudlu aphilayo, kodwa adle inyama yezinonileyo, adlithize lamangqina azo. **17** Maye kumelusi oyisithutha, ohlamukela izifuyo! Sengathi angadliwa yinkemba igalele engalweni lelihlweni lakhe lakwesokunene! Sengathi ingalo yakhe ingahale yome qha, ilihlo lakhe langakwesokunene lihle life kokuphela!”

**12** Isiphrefethi: ilizwi likaThixo mayelana lo-Israyeli. UThixo owachayayo amazulu, obeka isisekelo somhlabo, njalo owenza umphefumulo womuntu phakathi kwakhe, uthi: **2** “Ngizakwenza ijerusalema ibe njengenkezo ezadakisa bonke abantu abakhelene layo. Ujuda uzavinjezelwa laye njengejerusalem. **3** Ngalelolanga, lapho izizwe zonke zomhlabo sezihlangene ukulwa laye, ngizakwenza ijerusalema ibe lidwala elingagudlukiyo elezizwe zonke. Bonke abazama ukulitschedisa bazazilimaza. **4** Ngalelolanga ngizakwenza wonke amabhiza ethuke labagadi bawo bahlanye,” kutsho uThixo. “Indlu kajuda ngizahlala ngiyiqaphele, kodwa ngizaphumputhekisa wonke amabhiza eezizwe. **5** Lapho abakhokheli bakoJuda bazakuthi ezinhliziyweni zabo, ‘Abantu baseJerusalem baqinile, ngoba uThixo uSomandla unguNkulunkulu wabo.’ **6** Ngalelolanga ngizakwenza abakhokheli bakoJuda babe njengebhodo phezu kwezikhuni, njengobhaqa oluvuthayo phakathi kwezhungo. Bazathungela ngapha langapha kutshe bonke abantu abakhelene labo, kodwa ijerusalema izasala imi injalo endaweni yayo. **7** UThixo uzasindisa imizi yakoJuda kuqala ukuze udumo lwendlu kaDavida lolwezakhamizi zasejerusalem lungabi lukhulu kulolukajuda. **8** Ngalelolanga uThixo uzabavikela labo abahlala ejerusalema, kuze kuthi lobuthakathaka kakhulu phakathi kwabo uzakuba njengoDavid, lendlu kaDavida izakuba njengoNkulunkulu, njengeNgilosii kaThixo ihamba

**13** “Ngalelolanga umthombo uzavulewa indlu kaDavida labakhileyo ejerusalema, ukubahlanza izono lokungcola. **2** Ngalelolanga ngizawusa amabizo ezithombe elizweni ukuze zingakhunjulwa njalo,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Ngizabusa abaphrefethi kanye lomoya wokungcola phakathi kwelizwe. **3** Nxa ezabe elokhu khona ophrefethayo, uyise lonina abamzalayo bazakuthi kuye, ‘Kumele ufe ngoba usukhulume amanga ngegama likaThixo.’ Uzakuthi eprofitha abazali bakhe ngokwabo bazamgwaza. **4** Ngalelolanga ngulowo lalowo umphrefethi uzaba lamanhloni ngombono wakhe wokuphrefetha. Akayikwembatha isivunulo somphrefethi esoboya ezama ukukholisa. **5** Uzakuthi, ‘Kangisuye umphrefethi, ngingumlimi; umhlabathi uylapho okulokuphila kwami kusukela ebutsheni bami’ **6** Aluba ebuzu kuthiwe, ‘Ngawani amanxeba la asemzimbeni wakho?’ Uzaphendula athi, ‘Ngamanxeba engawazuza endlini yabangane bami.’ **7** Vuka, wena nkemba, vukela umelusi wami, uvukele umuntu osekhwapheni lami!” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Tshaya umelusi, izimvu zizahlakazeka, njalo ngizaphendula isandla sami ngitshaye ezincinyane. **8** Kulolonke ilizwe,” kutsho uThixo, “ezimbili kwezintathu zizatshwaya zife; kodwa ingxenyen yesithathu izasala kulo. **9** Le ingxenyen yesithathu ngizayifaka emlilweni; ngizabancibilikisa ngibacenge njengesiliva ngibahlolisise njengegolide. Bazalibiza ibizo lami, lami ngizabaphendula; ngizakuthi, ‘Bangabantu bami,’ labo bazakuthi, ‘UThixo unguNkulunkulu wethu.’”

**14** Usuku lukaThixo luyeza mhla impango yenu izakwabiwa phakathi kwenu. **2** Ngizaqoqa zonke izizwe ejerusalema zilwe layo, idolobho lizathunjwa, izindlu ziguduzwe, abesifazane badlwengulwe. Ingxenyen yedolobho izathunjwa isiwe ebugqilini, kodwa abaseleyo edolobheni kabayikubuthwa bathathwe. **3** Kuzakuthi kunjalo uThixo uzaphuma alwe lalezozizwe, njengokulwa kwakhe nxa kulilanga lempi. **4** Ngalelolanga inyawo zakhe zizakuma phezu kwentaba yama-Oliva, empumalanga kwejerusalem njalo intaba yama-Oliva izadabuka phakathi kusuka empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga, kudaleke isigodi esikhulu, ingxenyen yentaba isudukele enyakatho, enye ingxenyen

yentaba iye enyakatho kuthi enye ingxene isondele eningizimu. **5** Lizabaleka ngesigodi sami sentaba ngoba sihamba size siyofika e-Azeli. Lizabaleka njengalokho elakwenza libalekela ukuzamazama komhlaba ngezinsuku zika-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda. Lapho-ke uThixo uNkulunkulu wami uzakuza elabo bonke abangcwele bakhe. **6** Mhlalokho akuyikuba lokukhanya, kumbe ukuqanda loba unggwaqwane. **7** Kuzakuba lusuku olungajayelekanga, olungelamini njalo olungelabusuku, usuku olwaziwa nguThixo. Ukuhluwa kungafika kuzavela ukukhanya. **8** Ngalolosuku amanzi aphilisayo azageleza esuka ejerusalem, ingxene iyethela olwandle lwempumalanga kuthi eyinye ithele entshonala, ehlobo kanye lebusika. **9** UThixo uzakuba yinkosi kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ngalolosuku kuzakuba loThixo oyedwa, lebizo lakhe libe yilo lodwa ibizo. **10** Ilizwe lonke kusukela eGebha kusiya eRimoni eningizimu kweJerusalem leizakuba njenge-Arabha. Kodwa ijerusalem izaphakanyiswa ihlale isendaweni yayo, kusukela eNtubeni kaBhenjamini kusiya eNtubeni Yokuqala, eNtubeni yaseJikweni, njalo kusukela emphotshongweni kaHananeli kusiya esikhamelweni sewayini. **11** Kuzakuba yindawo ehlala abantu, kayisayikuphinde njalo ibhidizwe lanini. Ijerusalem izahlala ivikelekile. **12** Lesi yiso isifo uThixo azatshaya ngaso zonke izizwe ezalwa leJerusalem. Inyama yabo izabola bona belokhu besazihambela ngezinyawo zabo, amehlo abo azabolela ezingoxweni zawo, lezindimi zabo zizabolela emilonyeni yabo. **13** Ngalelolanga abantu bazakwehli selwa nguThixo ukwethuka okwesabekayo. Ngulowo uzaxhakalaza isandla somunye, bahlaselane. **14** UJuda laye uzakulwa eJerusalem. Inotho yazo zonke izizwe eizede duze izabuthwa, inqwaba yegolide lesiliva kanye lezigqoko. **15** Isifo esifana lalesi sizakwehlela amabhiza, imbongolo, amakamela labobabhemti lazozonke izinyamazana ezizabe zikulezozihonqo. **16** Kuzakuthi bonke abayinsalela kulezozizwe ezahlasela ijerusalem, bazakhuphuka ummyaka ngomnyaka ukuyakhonza Inkosi, uThixo uSomandla lokuthakazelela uMkholi weziHonqo. **17** Nxa bezakuba khona abesinye isizwe emhlabeni abangayikuya ejerusalem ukuyakhonza Inkosi, uThixo uSomandla, labo kabayikunelwa lizulu. **18** Aluba abantu baseGibhithe bengayi ukuyakhonza, kabayikuzuza izulu. UThixo uzabehlisela isifo asehliselisela lezozizwe ezingayiyo ukuyathakazelela uMkholi weziHonqo. **19** Lesi sizakuba yisisjeziso seGibhithe lesijeziso sazo zonke izizwe ezingayiyo ukuyathakazelela uMkholi weziHonqo. **20** Ngalolosuku kuzalotshwa ukuthi "Kungcwele kuThixo" ezinsimbini ezikhencezayo zamabhiza, lezimbiza zokupheka endlini kaThixo zizakuba njengemiganu engcwele ephambi kwe-alithari. **21** Yiphi layiphi imbiza ejerusalem lakoJuda izaba ngcwele kuThixo uSomandla, njalo bonke abafikayo ukuba kwenza umhlatshele bazathatha ezinye zezimbiza bapheke ngazo. Njalo ngalolosuku kakusayikuba lomKhenani endlini kaThixo uSomandla.

# UMalaki

**1** Isiphrofethi, ilizwi likaThixo ku-Israyeli ngoMalaki. **2** “Ngilithandile,” kutsho uThixo, “Kodwa liyabuza lithi, ‘Usithande njani?’” UThixo uthi, “U-Esawu wayengasimfowabo kajakhobe na? Yebo ujakhobe ngimthandile, **3** kodwa u-Esawu ngimzondile, futhi genze izintaba zakhe zaba lugwadule lelifa lakhe ladliwa ngamakhanka asenkangala.” **4** U-Edomi angathi, “Kungaze kube sinyatthezelwe phansi kodwa sizawavuselela amanxiwa.” Kodwa nanku okutshiwo nguThixo uSomandla, uthi: “Bangakha, kodwa ngizadiliza. Bazakuthiwa Yilizwa Elibi, abantu abazahlala bethukuthelelwe nguThixo. **5** Lizakubona ngawenu amehlo lithi, ‘Umkhulu uThixo, angale kwemingcele yako-Israyeli!’” **6** “Indodana iyamesaba uyise, lenceku iyayesaba inkosi yayo. Aluba nginguyihlo kungaphi pho ukwesatshwa kwami? Aluba ngiyinkosi kungaphi ukuhlonitswha kwami na?” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Yini, hawu baphristi, eleyisa ibizo lami. Kodwa lingabuza lithi, ‘Sileyise ngani ibizo lakkho?’ **7** Libeka ukudla okungcolileyo e-alithareni lami. Kodwa lingabuza lithi, ‘Sikungcolise karjani wena na?’ Ngokuthi itafula likaThixo liyeyiseka. **8** Nxa liletha izifuyo eziyiziphofu ukuba ngumhlatsheho, kambe kakukubi lokho na? Nxa lisenza umhlatsheho nezifuyo eziyizilima loba ezilezifo, kakukubi lokho na? Ake lizame ukukunika umbusi wenu! Angalithabela lina na? Angalithanda kambe lina yini?” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **9** “Ngakho-ke ncengani uNkulunkulu ukuthi abe lobubele kithi. Ngeminikelo enjalo ephuma ezandleni zenu, kambe angalamukela?” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **10** “Oh, sekuze kungathi omunye wenu angavala iminyango yethempeli ukuze lingabi lilkhu libasa imililo engelamsebenzi e-alithareni lami! Kangithokozi ngani lina,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla, “njalo kangiyikwamukela umnikelo wezandla zenu. **11** Ibizo lami lizaba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe, kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kusiya ekutshoneni kwalo. Ezindaweni zonke impepha leminikelo elhanzekileyo izalethwa ebizweni lami, ngoba ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **12** “Kodwa liyalngolisa ngoba lithi, ‘Itafula kaThixo ingcolisiwe,’ lokudla okukulo, ‘Kuyadeleleka.’ **13** Njalo lichila amakhala ngokweyisa lithi, ‘Kuyasidina thina lokhu?’ Kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Nxa liletha izifuyo ezilimeleyo kumbe ezigulayo lizozinikela zibe yimhlatsheho, lithi ngizemukele yini ezandleni zenu?” uyabuza uThixo. **14** “Uqalekisisiwe umkhohlis olenqama enhle emhlambini wakhe, athembise ukunikela ngayo, kodwa abesenikela ngesifuyo esilesici kuThixo. Ngoba ngiyinkosi enkulu,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla, “njalo ibizo lami kufanele lesatshwe phakathi kwezizwe.”

**2** “Manje-ke nanku owenu umlayo, lina baphristi. **2** Nxa lingalaleli, njalo nxa lingalungisi inhliziyo zenu ukuhlonipha ibizo lami,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla, “ngizaletha isiqalekiso phezu kwenu, njalo ngiziqalekise izibusiso zenu. Yebo, kuvele nje sengiziqalekisile

ngoba kalizimiselanga ezinhliziwayeni zenu ukungesaba. **3** Ngenxa yenu ngizabakhalimela abantwabenu; ngizalihuqa ebusweni ngomswane wemihlatshelo yemikhosi yenu lithathwe linjalo lisya ekuthunjweni. **4** Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi ngilithumele lesi isixwayiso ukuze isivumelwano sami loLevi siqhubeke,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **5** “Isivumelwano sami wayelaso, isivumelwano sokuphila lokuthula, izinto engamupha zona; lokhu kwakuswela inlhoniph, lakanje wangihlonipha walesaba ibizo lami. **6** Imfundiso eqotho yayisemlyoni wakhe njalo kakufunyanwanga lutho oluyinkohliso ezindebeni zakhe. Wahamba lami ngokuthula langobuqotho, waphendula abanengi ababesesonweni. **7** Ngoba izindebe zomphristi kumele zilonde ulwazi, abantu badinge kuye ukufundiswa ngoba uyisithunywa sikaThixo uSomandla. **8** Kodwa seliphambukile endleleni, kwathi njalo ngokufundisa kwenu lenza abanengi bakhubeka; lisephule isivumelwano loLevi,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. **9** “Ngakho sengenze ukuthi leyiswe njalo liyangiswe phambi kwabantu bonke, ngoba kalilandelanga izindlela zami kodwa latshengisa ukubandlulula ekusebenizensi umthetho.” **10** KasilaBaba munye thina sonke na? Kasidalwanga nguNkulunkulu munye na? Pho singcoliselani isivumelwano sabokhokho bethu na ngokungathembani thina ngokwethu? **11** UJuda ukhohlisile. Kwenziwe amanya ko-Israyeli laseJerusalem: uJuda useytshaphazile indlu engcwele uThixo ayithandayo, ngokutshad lendodakazi kankulunkulu wabezizwe. **12** Leyondoda ekwenzayo lokho, lokuba ingubani, sengathi uThixo angayisusa emathenteni kajakhobe lanxa iletha iminikelo kuThixo uSomandla. **13** Enye into eliyenzayo nansi: Ligewalis i-alithari likaThixo ngezinyembezi. Liyakhala libubula ngoba kasayinanzi iminikelo yenu, njalo kasayamukeli ngokuthokoza ezandleni zenu. **14** Liyabuza lithi, “Kungani na?” Kungenxa yokuthi uThixo umi njengomfakazi phakathi kwakho lomfazi wobutsha bakho, ngoba umkhohlisile yena eyingxene yakho, umfazi wesivumelwano sakho somtshado. **15** UThixo kabenzanga baba munye na? Enyameni lempfumulweni bangabake. Kungani bemunye? Ngoba wayedinga inzalo ekholwayo uNkulunkulu. Ngakho ziqaphele empfumulweni wakho, ungaze wamkoholisumfazi wobutsha bakho. **16** “Ngiyakuzonda ukuchitha umtshado,” kutsho uThixo, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uqhubeka esithi, “njalo ngiyayizonda indoda evala ngolaka kumkayo umkayo njengalokhu izivala ngesivunulo,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. Ngakho ziqaphele wena empfumulweni wakho, ungaze wakoholis. **17** Selimdinile uThixo ngamazwi enu. Lingabuza lithi, “Simdinise kanjani?” Ngokuthi, “Bonke abenza ububi balungile emehlwani kaThixo, njalo uyathokoza ngabo,” loba ngokuthi, “Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wokwahlulela kuhle na?”

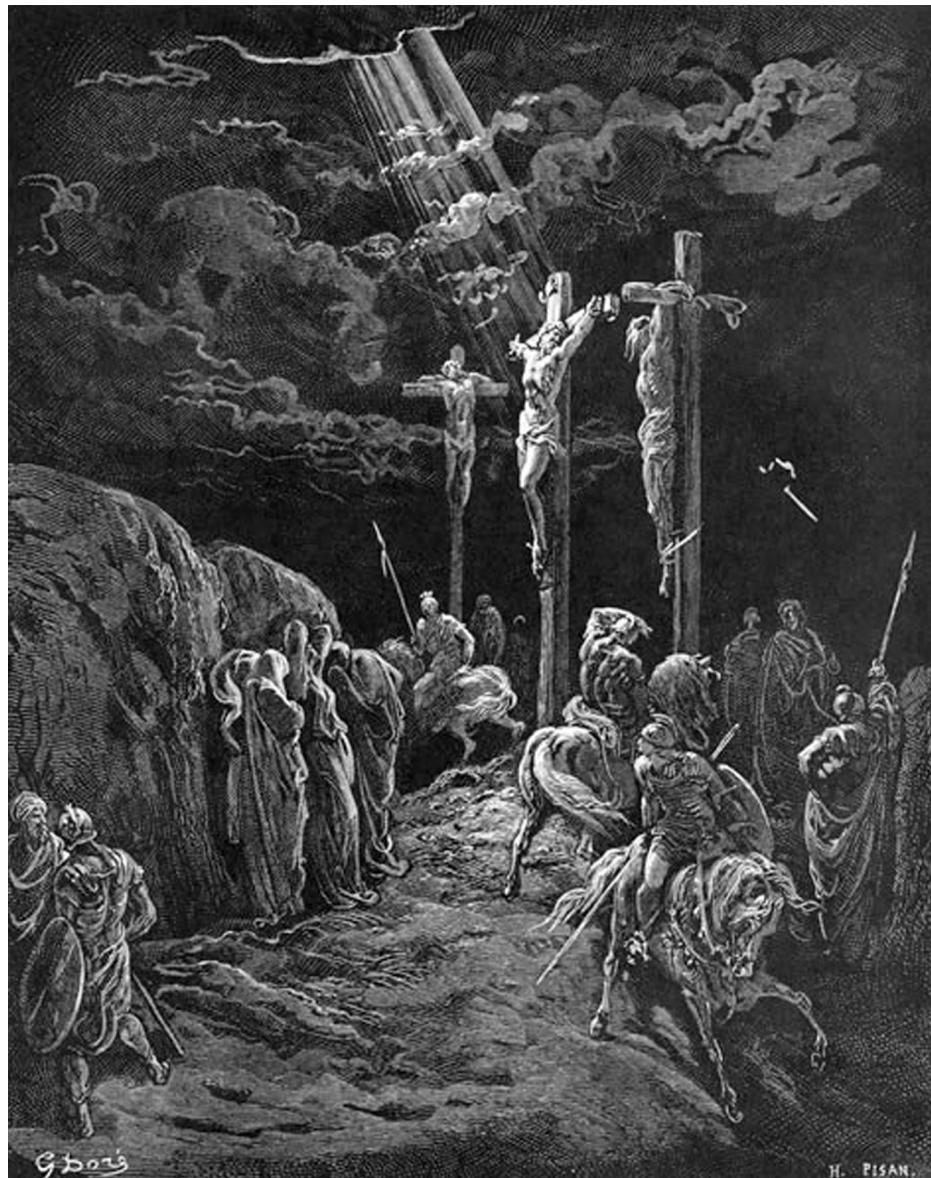
**3** “Ngizathuma isithunywa sami esizangilungisela indlela. Kuzakuthi masinyane uThixo elimdingayo uzakuza ethempelini lakhe; isithunywa sesivumelwano,

elisilangazelelayo sizakuza,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. elilesabayo ibizo lami, ilanga lokulunga lizaphuma 2 Kodwa ngubani na ongalumela usuku lokuza lilokusiliswa emaphikweni alo. Njalo lizaphuma kwaso? Ngubani ongema nxa eqhamuka na? Ngoba liqolotshe njengamatole evulelw esibayeni sawo. 3 sizakuba njengomlilo womcengi wensimbi kumbe Lapho-ke lizabanyathezela phansi ababi; bazakuba njengesepa yomegzisi. 4 Sizahlala njengomcengi ngumlotha ngaphansi kwezinyawo zenu ngosuku lomhlambululi wesivila; sizahlambulula abaLevi lolo engizazenza ngalo lezizinto,” kutsho uThixo sibacenge njengesiliva legolide. Kulapho-ke uThixo uSomandla. 5 “Khumbulani umthetho wenceku azakuba lawo amadoda azaletha iminikelo ngokulunga, yami uMosi, izimiso kanye lemithetho engamupha 6 kuthi-ke iminikelo kajuda leyejerusalem yona eHorebhi ingeyawo wonke ama-Israyeli. 7 yamuukeleku kuThixo, njengezinsukwini ezedulaylo, Khangelani, ngizational humphrofethi u-Elija njengeminyakeni yekadeni. 8 “Ngakho ngizasondela lungakafiki lolosuku olukhulu olwesabekayo lukaThixo, kini ukuzakwahluelo. Ngizaphangisa ukufakaza 9 Uzagquulela inhliziyo zaboyise ebantwaneni okubi ngezangoma, ngeziphingi, labafungela amanga, babo, lezhinhliziyo zabantwana ziguqukele kuboyise; lalabo abadlelezelza izisebenzi ngomholo wazo, labo kungenjalo ngizakuza ngilitshaye ilizwe ngesiqalekiso.” abancindezelza abafelokazi lezintandane, abangahluleli kuhle abezizweni, kodwa abangangesabiy mina,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. 10 “Mina Thixo kangiguuki. Ngalokho lina, bazukulu bakajakhobe, kalibhujiswanga. 11 Kulokhu kwasukela esikhathini sabokhokho benu laphambuka emilayweni yami kalaze layigcina. Buyani kimi, lami ngizabuya kini,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Kodwa liyabuza lithi, ‘Sibuyele kanjani na?’ 12 Umuntu angamphanga uNkulunkulu na? Lina liyangiphanga. Kodwa liyabuza lithi, ‘Sikuphanga kanjani na?’ Ngokwetshumi langeminikelo. 13 Liphwi isiqalekiso, isizwe sakini sonke ngoba liyangiphanga. 14 Lethani konke okwetshumi esiphaleni ukuze kube lokudla endlini yami.” Uthi uThixo uSomandla, “Ngilingani kulokhu libone ingabe kangikuwavula amasango ezulu ngithulule izibusiso elizaze liswele ukuthi lizithele ngaphi. 15 Ngizaxotsha izibungu ukuze zingadli amabele enu, lamavini emasimini enu kawayikukhithiza izithelo zavo,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. 16 “Lapho izizwe zonke zizakuthi libusisiwe, ngoba elenu lizakuba yilizwe elibukekayo,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. 17 Uthi uThixo, “Selikhulumama amazwi abuhlungu ngami. Kodwa liyabuza lithi, ‘Kuyini okubi esikutshiloye ngawe na?’ 18 Lithe lina, ‘Kakusizi ngalutho ukukhonza uNkulunkulu. Sazuzani ngokulandela izimiso zakhe, saziphathe njengabalilayo phambi kukaThixo uSomandla na?’ 19 Kodwa manje isiqholo sithi singobusisiweyo. Ngeqiniso izigangi ziyaphumelela, kanye lalabo abamhwedelayo uNkulunkulu kabenzila lutho.” 20 Kwathi labo ababemesaba uThixo bakhulumisana, uThixo walalela, wezwa. Umqulu wencwadi yesikhumbuzo walotshwa phambi kwakhe mayelana lalabo ababemesaba uThixo ababehlonipha ibizo lakhe. 21 Uthi uThixo uSomandla, “Bazakuba ngabami, ngosuku mhla ngibenza inotho yami eligugu. Ngizabayekela, njengoba indoda yayibe lesihawu ixolele indodana yayo eyincedisayo. 22 Njalo lizawubona umahluko phakathi kwabalungileyo lababi, phakathi kwalabo abamkhonzayo uNkulunkulu lalabo abangmkhonziyo.”

4 “Ngeqiniso luyeza usuku; luzavutha njengesithando somlilo. Zonke iziqholo njalo zonke izixhwali zizakuba ngamabibi, njalo lolosuku oluzayo luzabathungela ngomlilo,” kutsho uThixo uSomandla. “Kakuyikusala mpande loba gatsha kubo. 2 Kodwa lina



Itestamende elitscha



UJesu wathi, "Baba, baxolele, ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo."

Njalo basebesabelana izigqoko zakhe ngokutshaya inkatho.

ULukha 23:34

# UMathewu

**1** Umbhalo wosendo lukajesu Khristu indodana kaDavida, indodana ka-Abrahama: **2** U-Abrahama wayenguyise ka-Isaka, u-Isaka uyise kajakhobe, uJakhobe uyise kajuda labafowabo, **3** ujuda uyise kaPherezi loZera, unina owayenguThamari, uPherezi uyise kaHezironi, uHezironi uyise kaRamu, **4** uRamu uyise ka-Aminadabi, u-Aminadabi uyise kaNashoni, uNahishoni uyise kaSalimoni, **5** uSalimoni uyise kaBhowazi, unina owayenguRahabi, uBhowazi uyise ka-Obhedi, unina owayenguRuthe, u-Obhedi uyise kaje, **6** uJese uyise wenkosi uDavida. UDavida wayenguyise kaSolomoni, unina owayeke waba ngumka-Uriyi, **7** uSolomoni uyise kaRehobhowami, uRehobhowami uyise ka-Abhija, u-Abhija uyise ka-Asa, **8** u-Asa uyise kajehoshafathi, uJehoshafathi uyise kajehoram, ujehoram uyise ka-Uziya, **9** u-Uziya uyise kajotham, ujotham uyise ka-Ahazi, u-Ahazi uyise kaHezekhiya, **10** uHezekhiya uyise kaManase, uManase uyise ka-Amoni, u-Amoni uyise kajosiya, **11** uJosiya owayenguyise kajekhoniya labafowabo ngesikhathi bethurjwe eBhabhiloni, **12** Emva kokuthunja eBhabhiloni: uJekhoniya wayenguyise kaSheyalithiyeli, uSheyalithiyeli uyise kaZerubhabheli, **13** uZerubhabheli uyise ka-Abhiyudi, u-Abhiyudi uyise ka-Eliyakhimu, u-Eliyakhimu uyise ka-Azori, **14** u-Azori uyise kaZadokhi, uZadokhi uyise ka-Akhimu, u-Akhimu uyise ka-Elihudi, **15** u-Elihudi uyise ka-Eliyazar, u-Eliyazar uyise kaMathani, uMathani uyise kajakhobe, **16** uJakhobe uyise kajosefa, umkaMariya, owazala ujesu obizwa ngokuthi ngukhristu. **17** Ngokunjalo-ke, kwakulezizukulwane ezilitshumi lane sezizonke kusukela ku-Abrahama kusiya kuDavida, ezilitshumi lane kusukela kuDavida kusiya ekuthunjweni yiBhabhiloni njalo ezilitshumi lane kusukela ekuthunjweni kusiya kuKhristu. **18** UJesu Khristu wazalwa kanje: Unina uMariya wayethembise ukuthi uzakwendela kujosefa kodwa kwathi bengakahlangani wabonakala esezeitwеле kwensiwe ngoMoya oNgcwele. **19** Ngoba umkakhe uJosefa wayeyindoda elungileyo emthethweni, njalo engafuni ukumyangisa ebantwini, wacabanga ukumala ngasese. **20** Uthe esekucabangile lokhu, kwafika kuye ingilosu yeNkosi ephutsheni yathi, "Josefa ndodana kaDavida, ungesabi ukuthatha uMariya ukuba abe ngumkakho ngoba lokhu akhulelwé ngakho kuvela kuMoya oNgcwele. **21** Uzabeletha indodana ozayetha ibizo uthi ngugesu ngoba uzasindisa abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo." **22** Konke lokhu kwenzakala ukuze kugcwaliseke okwatshiwo yiNkosi ngomphrofethi ukuthi: **23** "Intombi egcweleyo izakhuelwé izale indodana, bayibize ngokuthi ngu-Emanuwei!" (okutsho ukuthi, "uNkulunkulu ulathi"). **24** UJosefa esevukile ebuthongweni wenza lokho ingilosu yeNkosi eyayimlaye khona, wamthatha uMariya waba ngumkakhe. **25** Kodwa kazange embathe laye waze wabeletha indodana. Wayetha ibizo wathi ngugesu.

**2** UJesu esezelwe eBhethilehema laseJudiya ngesikhathi sokubusa kwenkosi uHerodi, kwafika ejerusalema iZazi zivela empumalanga, **2** zabuza zathi, "Ungaphi lowo ozalelwé ukuba yinkosi yamaJuda na? Sibone inkanyezi yakhe empumalanga ngakho size ukuzamkhonza." **3** Kwathi inkosi uHerodi isikuwile lokhu yakhathazeka, kanye lejerusalem lonke. **4** Kwathi esebizele ndawonye abaphristi abakhulu bonke labafundisi bomthetho, wababuza ukuthi uKhristu wayezazalelwé ngaphi. **5** Baphendula bathi, "EBhethilehema laseJudiya, ngoba lokhu yikho okwalotshwa ngumphrofethi ukuthi: **6** 'Kodwa wena Bhethilehema, elizweni lokoJuda, kawumcinyane kulabo bonke ababusi bakoJuda; ngoba kuzavela umbusi kuwe, ozakuba ngumelusi wabantu bami bako-Israyeli.'" **7** UHerodi wasezibiza iZazi ngasese wadingisisa kuzo isikhathi inkanyezi eyaphuma ngaso ngqe. **8** Wabathuma eBhethilehema wathi, "Hambani liyemdinga umntswana. Lingamfumana lingazise masinyane ukuze lami ngihambe ngiyemkhonza." **9** Sezizwile okwatshiwo yinkosi, zasuka zahamba, inkanyezi leyo ezaizyibonile empumalanga yahamba phambi kwazo yaze yayakuma lapho umntswana ayekhona. **10** Zathi ziyibona inkanyezi zagcwala intoko. **11** Zangena endlini zambona umntswana lonina uMariya, zakhothama zamkhonza. Zasezivula impahlia zazo eziligu zamkhunga ngezipho zegolide lemphepa lemure. **12** Kwathi ngoba zixwayiswe ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi, zaqonda elizweni lakibo ngenye indlela. **13** Kwathi sezimbile, ingilosu yeNkosi yabonakala kujosefa ngephupho. Yathi, "Vuka uthathe umntswana lonina libalekele eGibhithe. Lihlale khonale ngize ngilitshele ngoba uHerodi uzamdinga umntswana efuna ukumbulala." **14** Ngakho wavuka wathatha umntswana lonina ebusuku ways eGibhithe **15** lapho abahlala khona uHerodi waze wafa. Ngakho kwagcwaliiseka lokho iNkosi eyayikutshilo ngomphrofethi ukuthi, "Indodana yami ngayikhupha eGibhithe." **16** Kwathi ukuba uHerodi ananzelele ukuthi iZazi zazimpthicile wazonda kakhulu, wasekhupha umlayo wokuthi kubulawe bonke abantwana abangabafana eBhethilehema lasemangweni wonke oseduze, bonke ababelemiyaka emibili kusehla, kuhambelana lesikhathi les ayesitshelwe yiZazi. **17** Ngakho lokho okwatshiwo ngumphrofethi ujeremiya kwagcwaliiseka ukuthi: **18** "Iliwi lizwakala eRama, ukukhala lesililo esikhulu, uRasheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe njalo wala ukududuzwa, ngoba kabasekho." **19** UHerodi esefile, ingilosu yeNkosi yabonakala ngephupho kujosefa eseGibhithe **20** yathi, "Sukuma uthathe umntswana lonina liye elizweni lako-Israyeli ngoba labo ababefuna ukubulala umntswana sebefile." **21** Ngakho wasukuma wathatha umntswana lonina ways elizweni lako-Israyeli. **22** Kodwa wathi ngokuzwa ukuthi uAkhelasi wayebusa ejudiya esikhundleni sikayise uHerodi wesaba ukuya khona. Kwathi esexwayisise ephutsheni wahamba wayahlala eGalile, **23** edolobheni elalithiwa yiNazaretha. Ngalokho kwagcwaliiseka

okwatshiwo ngabaphrofethi ukuthi: Uzabizwa ngokuthi ngoweNazaretha.

**3** Ngalesosikhathi kwafika ujohane uMbhaphathizi etshumayela enkangala yaseJudiya **2** esithi, "Phendukani ngoba umbuso wezulu ususondele." **3**

Nguye lo okwakhulunywa ngaye ngumphrofethi u-Isaya kwathiwa: "Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala lithi, 'Lungiseleni iNkosi indlela, yenzani izindlela zayo ziqonde.'" **4** Iziggoko zikajohane zazeniwe ngoboya bekamela, elebhanti lesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe. Ukuvla kwakhe kwakuzintetho loluju lwenyosi zeganga.

**5** Abantu baphuma baye kuye bevela ejerusalemakulo lonke elaseJudiya lemangweni wonke waseJodani. **6** Bevuma izono zabo, babhaphathizwa nguye emfuleni uJodani. **7** Kodwa wathi ebona abaFarisi labaSadusi abanengi besiza lapho ayebhaphathizela khona wathi kubo, "Lina nzalo yezinyoka! Lilimukiswe ngubani ukuthi libalekele ulaka oluzayo na?" **8** Thelani izithelo ezihambelana lokuphenduka. **9**

Njalo lingacabangi ukuthi lingazitshela ukuthi, 'Silo-Abrahama ongubaba wethu.' Mina ngilitshela ukuthi kuwonala amatshe uNkulunkulu angamenzela u-Abrahamaabantwana. **10** Ihloka selivele selisezimpandeni zezihlaha njalo zonke iziahlaha ezingatheli izithelo ezinhle zizaganyulwa, ziphoselwe emililweni. **11** Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi okutshengisa ukuphenduka. Kodwa ngemva kwami kuza olamandla kulami njalo kakungilingananga ukuthwala amanyathela akhe. Uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo. **12** Isitsa sakhe sokwela sisesandleni sakhe njalo uzathanyela isiza sakhe, abuthele amabele akhe wonke esiphaleni, kuthi amakhoba awatshise ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo." **13**

Ujesu weza ejodani evela eGalile ukuba abhaphathizwe ngujohane. **14** Kodwa ujohane wazama ukwenqaba ngokuthi, "Yimi engidinge ukubaphathizwa nguwe, kanti pho ungeza njani kimi?" **15** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Yekela kube njalo okwakhathesi ngoba kufanele ukuba sikerwenze lokhu ukuze sigwalise konke ukulunga." Ngakho ujohane wasevuma. **16**

Masinyane nje ujesu eqeda kubhaphathizwa waphuma emanzini. Khonokho nje izulu lavuleka, wasebona uMoya kaNkulunkulu usehla njengejuba njalo usehlela phezu kwakhe. **17** Ilizwi elavela ezelwini lathi, "Lo yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo."

**4** Ujesu wasekhokhelwa nguMoya wamusenaenkangala ukuthi ayelingwa nguSathane. **2** Emva kokuzila ukudla okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane wayeselambile. **3** Umlingi weza kuye wathi, "Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu tshela amatshe la aphenduke abe yisinkwa." **4** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa kuphela kodwa ngelizwi lonke eliphuma emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu.'" **5**

USathane wasemthatha wamusenaemzini ongcwele, wamisa engqongweni yethempeli. **6** Wathi kuye, "Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziphosele phansi.

Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Uzalaya izingilosizakhe ngawe, zikuqage ngezandla zazo, ukuze ungtashayeki ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.'" **7** Ujesu wamphendula wathi, "Kulotshiwe ukuthi, 'Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.'" **8** Waphinda njalo uSathane wamusenaentabenephakemeyo kakhulu, wantshengisa yonke imibuso yomhlaba lokucwebezela kwayo. **9** Wathi, "Ngizakunika konke lokhu nxa ungangkothamela, ungikhonze." **10** Ujesu wathi kuye, "Suka kimi Sathane! Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Khonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho njalo usebenzele yena yedwa.'" **11** USathane wasemtshiya, izingilosizabuya zazomkhonza. **12** Ujesu wathi esiwaziukuthi ujohane wayesevalelwento longweni, wabuyela eGalile. **13** Wasuka eNazaretha wayahlala eKaphenawume eyayisokunjini lomfula emangweni wakoZebhuluni lakoNafithali, **14** ukugcwaliselokho okwatshiwo ngomphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi: **15**

"Lizwe likaZebhuluni leliwze likaNafithali, iNdleleya oLwandle, phetsheya kweJodani, iGalile yabeZizweni, **16** abantu ababhelezi emnyameni sebebene ukukhanya okukhulu; kulabo abahlezi elizweni lethunzi lokufa, ukukhanya sekufikile." **17** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi ujesu waqalisa ukutshumayela esithi, "Phendukani ngoba umbuso wezulu ususondele." **18** Kwathi ujesu ehamba okhunjini loLwandle lwaseGalile wabona izelamani ezimbili, uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro lomfowabo u-Andreya. Babephosela umambule olwandle ngoba bengabagoli benhlanzi. **19** Ujesu wathi, "Wozani lingilandele, ngizalenza abagoli babantu." **20** Masinyane nje batshiya omambule babo bamlandela. **21** Esuka lapho wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, ujakhobe indodana kaZebhediya lomfowabo ujohane. Babephakathi kwesikepe loyise uZebhediya, belungisa omambule babo. Ujesu wababiza, **22** baphanga batshiya isikepe kanye loyise bamlandela.

**23** Ujesu wahamba kulolonke iGalile efundisa emasinagogweni abo, etshumayela izindaba ezinhle zombuso, esilisa zonke izifo lemikhuhlane ebantwini. **24** Udumo lwakhe lwagcwala kulolonke elase-Asiriya, abantu baletsha kuye bonke ababegula belezifo ezelhukeneyo, labo ababesebuhlungwini obukhulu, ababephethwe ngamadimon, ababelezithuthwane lababeyizilima, bonke wabasilisa. **25** Amaxuku amakhulu ayewela eGalile, eDekhapholisi, ejerusalem, eJudiya lasemangweni ongaphetsheya kweJodani amlandela.

**5** Kwathi ebona amaxuku wakhwela entabenwahlala phansi. Abafundi bakhe bezakhe. **2** Waseqalisa ukubafundisa esithi: **3** "Babusisiwe abampopo emoyeni ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabo.

**4** Babusisiwe labo abakhalayo ngoba bazakududuzwa. **5** Babusisiwe abathobekileyo ngoba bazakuba zindalifa zomhlaba. **6** Babusisiwe labo abalambela labomela ukulunga ngoba bazakusuthiswa. **7** Babusisiwe abalesihawu ngoba bazakuhawukelwa. **8** Babusisiwe abahlanzekileyo enhliziyweni ngoba bazabona uNkulunkulu. **9** Babusisiwe abagcina ukuthula

ngoba bazathiwa ngamadodana kaNkulunkulu. **10** Babusisiwe abahlukunyezwayo ngenxa yokulunga, ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabo. **11** Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belithuka, belihlukumeza njalo beligcona ngobubi bonke ngenxa yami. **12** Thokozani lijabule ngoba mkhulu umvuzo wenu ezulwini, njengoba bahlukunyezwa ngaleyondlela abaphrofethi ababephambi kwenu.” **13** “Lina lilitswaiy lomhlaba. Kodwa nxa itswayi lingalahlekewa yibumunyu balo, lingavuselewa njani na? Kaliselmansebenzi ngaphandle kokuthi lichithelwe phandle linyathelwe ngabantu. **14** Lina liyikuhanya kwezwe. Idolobho elakhelwe entabenji kalisitheki. **15** Njalo abantu kabalamathisi isibane basibeke ngaphansi kwesitscha. Kodwa basibeka phezu koluthi Iwaso ukuze sikhanyisele bonke abasendlini. **16** Ngokunjalo, yenzani ukukhanya kwenu kukhanye phambi kwabantu ukuze babone izenzo zenu ezinhle baze badumise uYihlo osezulwini.” **17** “Lingacabangi ukuthi ngilande ukuzadiliza uMthetho kumbe abaPhrofethi. Kangilandanga ukuzediliza kodwa ukuzogcwalisisa. **18** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kuze kunyamalale izulu lomhlaba kakuyikususwa lutho eMthethweni, loba libadlana kumbe lichatshana elilotshiweyo, kuze kupheleliswe konke. **19** Loba ngubani owephula owodwa nje wale imilayo emincinyane, afundise abanye ukwenzanjalo uzathiwa mncinyane embusulusi wezulu kodwa loba ngubani olandala njalo afundise imilayo le njengokuba, uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni wezulu. **20** Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi ngaphandle kokuthi ukulunga kwenu kwedlule okwabafarisi labafundisi bomthetho, ngempela kalizukuwungena umbusulo wezulu.” **21** “Lezwa ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo, ‘Ungabulali; lowo obulalayo uzakwahlulelw.’ **22** Kodwa ngilitshela ngithi loba ngubani ozondela umfowabo loba udadewabo uzakwahlulelw emthethwandaba. Njalo lowo othi kumfowabo loba kudadewabo, ‘Raca,’ okutsho ukuthi ‘Silimandini,’ uzathonisiswa emphakathini. Njalo lowo othi, ‘Wena siwula!’ uzakuba sengozini yomlilo wesihogo. (**Geenna g1067**) **23** Ngakho-ke, nxa uletha isipho sakho e-alithareni ubusukhumbula ukuthi umfowenu kumbe udadewenu ulesikhwili lawe, **24** tshiya khonapho isipho sakho phambi kwe-alithari. Qala ueyebuyisana laye umfowenu kumbe udadewenu andubana ubuye uzonikela umnikelo wakho. **25** Phangisa uqedelane lalowo okumangaleloya lisahamba lisiya emthethwandaba funa akunikele kumahluleli ozakunikela kumlindijele ukuthi akuphosele entolongweni. **26** Ngilitshela iqiniso, kawusoze uphume uze uhlawule kanye lohlamvana lokucina lwemali.” **27** “Lezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, ‘Ungaphingi.’ **28** Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi lowo okhangela owesifazane amfise usephinge laye enhliziyeni yakhe. **29** Nxa ilihlo lakho lokunene likwenzisa isono, likopole, ulikhuphe ulilahlele khatshana. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ulahlekewel negesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho kulokuthi umzimba wakho worke uphoselw esihogweni somlilo. (**Geenna g1067**) **30** Njalo nxa isandla sakho sokunene sikwenzisa isono, siqume usiphosele khatshana. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ulahlekewel negesisodwa isitho somzimba wakho kulokuthi umzimba wakho wonke uye esihogweni somlilo.” (**Geenna g1067**) **31** “Kwathiwa, ‘Lowo owhelukana lomkakhe kamuphe incwadi yokuquma umtshado.’ **32** Kodwa mina ngilitshela ngithi lowo ohlukana lomkakhe, ngaphandle kokuba ehilobongile, umenza afebe, njalo lowo othatha umfazi ohlukene lomkakhe uyaphinga.” **33** “Njalo selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa kwabendulo, ‘Ungephuli isifungo sakho kodwa gcwalisiza izifungo zakho ozenzileyo eNkosini.’ **34** Kodwa mina ngithi, lingafungi loba sokutheni, kumbe ngezulu ngoba liyisihlalo sobukhosikaNkulunkulu; **35** loba ngomghlaba ngoba uysinskyathelo sakhe loba ngejerusalemena ngoba lidolobho leNkosini enku. **36** Njalo ungafungi ngekhanda lakho ngoba ungeke wenze lalunye unwele lube mhlophe kumbe lube mnyama. **37** Okumele likutsho yikuthi ‘Yebo’ kumbe ‘Hatshi’; okunye okungasilokhu kuvela komubi.” **38** “Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, ‘Ilihlo ngelihlo njalo izinyo ngezinyo.’ **39** Kodwa mina ngiyalitshela ngithi, lingamelani lomuntu omubi. Nxa omunye angakutshaya esihlathini sokunene, muphe njalo esinye isihlathi. **40** Njalo nxa omunye efuna ukukumangalela ukuze akuthathethele isiggoko sakho, myekele athathe lejazi lakho njalo. **41** Nxa omunye ekubamba ngamandla ukuthi uhambe ikihilomitha elilodwa, hamba laye abe mabili. **42** Muphe lowo ocela kuwe njalo ungamfulatheli lowo ofuna ukwboleka kuwe.” **43** “Selezwa ukuthi kwathiwa, ‘Thanda umakhelwane wakho, uzonde isitha sakho.’ **44** Kodwa mina ngilitshela ukuthi, thandani izitha zenu, libakhulekele labo abalihlukuluzayo, **45** ukuze libe ngamadodana kaYihlo osezulwini. Wenza ilanga lakhe liphume kwababi labalungileyo njalo anise izulu kwabalungileyo lakwabangalunganga. **46** Nxa lithanda labo abalithandayo kuphela, lizazuza mvuzo bani na? Kabenzi njalo na labatheli? **47** Nxa libingeleta abafowenu bodwa, kuyini elikwenzayo okwedlula abanye na? Kabenzi lokho labahedeni na? **48** Ngakho wobani ngabapheleleyo njengalokhu uYihlo osezulwini ephellele.”

**6** “Qaphelani ukuthi lingensi izenzo zokulunga phambi kwabantu ukuze balibone. Nxa lisensa njalo kalyikuba lomvuzo ovela kuYihlo ezulwini. **2** Ngakho nxa lisipha abaswelayo, lingamemelizi indawo yonke njengokwenzisa ngabazenzisi emasinagogweni lasezitaladini ukuze badunyiswe ngabantu. Ngilitshela iqiniso, sebewemukele owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. **3** Kodwa nxa lina lisipha abaswelayo isandla senu sokoholo kasingakwazi lokho esikwenzayo esokunene, **4** ukuze ukupha kwenu kubo sensitha. Ngakho uYihlo obona okwenzisa ensitha uzaliphia umvuzo wenu.” **5** “Nxa likhuleka lingabi njengabazenzisi ngoba bona bathanda ukukhuleka bemi emasinagogweni lasemakhoneni eztalada ukuze babonwe ngabantu. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcweleyo. **6** Nxa likhuleka, ngenani ezindlini zenu, livale iminyango beselikhuleka kuYihlo

ongabonakaliyo. Ngakho uYihlo obona okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu. 7 Njalo nxa likhuleka ‘Sizakudlani?’ kumbe ‘Sizanathan?’ loba ‘Sizavunulani lingensi ubugabazi, linqongoloza njengabahedeni ngoba bacabanga ukuthi bazezwakala ngenxa yamazwi abo amanengi. 8 Lingabi njengabo ngoba uYihlo uyakwazi elikuswelayo loba lingakakuceli kuye.’ 9 “Kumele likhuleke kanje: ‘Baba wethu osezulwini, kalidunyiswe ibizo lakho, 10 umbuso wakho kawuze, intando yakho kayenziye emhlabeni njengalokhu isenziwa ezelwini. 11 Siphe lamuhla isinkwa sethu sansukuzone. 12 Njalo usithethelele izono zethu, njengoba lathi sibathethelela abasonelayo. 13 Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usisindise komubi.’ 14 Ngoba nxa libathethelela abayabe belonile, uYihlo osezulwini laye uzalithethelela. 15 Kodwa nxa lingabattheleli abantu izono zabo, uYihlo kayikulithethelela lani izono zenu.” 16 “Lapho lizila ukudla, lingabonakali linyukubele njengalokhu okwenziwa ngabazenzisi ngoba bakhangeleka bedanile ebusweni babo ukuze abantu babone ukuthi bazilile. Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi sebewutholile owabo umvuzo ngokugcwelyo. 17 Kodwa lina nxa lizila, gcobani amafutha emakhanda enu, ligeze ubuso benu, 18 ukuze kungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi lizilile, kodwa kuYihlo kuphela ongabonakaliyo njalo yena obona okwenziwa ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu.” 19 “Lingazibutheleli inotho emhlabeni lapho okubhubhisa khona inondo lokuthomba njalo lapho okugqeqeza khona amasela. 20 Kodwa zibutheleleni inotho ezelwini lapho kungabhujiwa khona linondo lokuthomba njalo lapho okungagqeqezi khona amasela. 21 Ngoba lapho okulenotho yakho khona kulapho inhliziyo yakho ezakuba khona. 22 Ilihlo liyisibane somzimba. Nxa amehlo akho elungile umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya. 23 Kodwa nxa amehlo akho engahlambulukanga umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ubumnyama. Nxa ukukhanya okungaphakathi kwakho kungumnyama, pho mkhulu kanganani lowomnyama! 24 Kakulanceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili. Funa izonde enye kodwa ithande enye, kumbe izinikele kwenye yeiyise enye. Lingezake likhonz uNkulunkulu lemal.” 25 “Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani loba lizanathan; kumbe ngemizimba yenu, ukuthi lizagqokani. Impilo kayiqakathekanga ukwedlula ukudla na, lomzimba ukwedlula iziqqoko na? 26 Khangelani izinyoni zasemoyeni; kazihlanyeli, kazivuni kumbe ukubuthela eziphaleni kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyaziphya ukudla. Lina kaliqakathekanga ukwedlula zona na? 27 Ngubani kini othi ngokukhathazeka angezelele ihola elilodwa empilweni yakhe na? 28 Kanti lizihluphelani ngezigqoko na? Ake libone ukuthi amaluba eganga akhula njani. Kawasebenzi njalo aweluki. 29 Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi laye uSolomoni ekucwebezeleni kwakhe kazange acece njengawo. 30 Nxa kuyiyo indlela uNkulunkulu ahlobisa kusasa sebphoselwa emilweni, pho lina kazukuligqokisa ngcono yini, lina bokukholwa

okuncinyane? 31 Ngakho lingazihluphi lisithi, ensitha uzalipha umvuzo wenu. 32 Ngoba abezizweni bagijimela zonke lezizinto kodwa uYihlo osezulwini uyakwazi ukuthi liyazidinga. 33 Kodwa funani kuqala umbuso wakhe lokulunga lazo. 34 Ngakho lingazihluphi ngelakusasa ngoba ikusasa lizazinginekela lona. Usuku lunye ngalunye lulenhluhlo zalo oluzaneleyo.”

7 “Lingahluleli funa lani lahlulelw. 2 Ngoba ngaleyondlela elahlulela ngayo abanye lani lizakwahluwelwa ngayo, langalesosilinganiso elisisebenzisayo lani lizalinganiselwa ngaso. 3 Kungani ukhangela uvava lokhuni oluselihlwani lomfowenu unganqinekeli ukhuni olukwelakho iliho na? 4 Ungatsho kanjani kumfowenu ukuthi, ‘Wothi ngikukhuphe uvava oluselihlwani lakho,’ wena ulokhu ulokhuni kwelakho iliho? 5 Wena mzenzisi, qala ukhuphe ukhuni oluselihlwani lakho ukuze ubone kuhle nxa usukhupha uvava oluselihlwani lomfowenu. 6 Linganiki izinja okungcwele, lingaphoseli imiceciso ezinguluben, ngoba lingakwenza lokhu zizayinyathela ngezinyawo ziphinde ziphenduke ziyidababule.” 7 “Celani lizaphiwa; dingani lizafumana; qoqodani lizavulelw. 8 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa; odingayo uyafumana; lalowo oqoqodayo uzavulelw umnyango. 9 Ngubani kini bobaba okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela isinkwa ayiphe ilitshe na? 10 Loba ithi icela inhlanzi yena ayiphe inyoka? 11 Nxa lina elibabi likwazi ukupha abantwabenu izipho ezilungileyo, pho uYihlo osezulwini uzabapha kangakanani izipho ezhinle labo abacela kuye! 12 Kuzozonke izinto, yenzani kwabanye lokho elifuna bakwenze kini, ngoba lokho yikho okugqela uMthetho labaPhrofethi.” 13 “Ngenani ngesango elincinyane ngoba isango elikhulu lendlela ebanzi iholela ekubhujiswemi njalo abanengi bangena ngalo. 14 Kodwa isango elincinyane lendlela yalo encinyane iholela ekuphileni, njalo balutshwana abayfumanayo.” 15 “Qaphelani abaphrofethi bamanga abeza kini bezigqokise isikhumba semvu kodwa ngaphakathi bezimpisi ezifohlozayo. 16 Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo. Abantu bayawakha na amavini esihlahleni sameva kumbe amakhiwane edolofiyeni na? 17 Kanjalo-ke, sonke isihlahla esihle sithela izithelo ezhinle kodwa isihlahla esibi sithela ezhimbi. 18 Isihlahla esihle ngeke sithele izithelo ezhimbi njalo lesihlahla esibi kasingethele izithelo ezhinle. 19 Zonke izihlahla ezingatheli izithelo ezhinle ziyanqayulwa ziphoselwe emilweni. 20 Ngakho-ke, lizabazi ngezithelo zabo.” 21 “Kakusibo bonke abathi kimi, ‘Nkosi, Nkosi’ abazangena embusweni wezulu, kodwa ngulowo kuphela owenza intando kaBaba osezulwini. 22 Abanengi bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku, ‘Nkosi, Nkosi, kasiphrofithanga ngebizo lakho, njalo ngebizo lakho sakupha amadimon, senza lezimangaliso na?’ 23 Lapho-ke, ngizabatshela kakuhle ngithi, ‘Ngivele kangilazi. Sudulukani kimi, lina benzi bobubil!’” 24 “Ngakho lowo owezwayo amazwi ami la awenzeunjengendoda ehlakaniphileyo eyakhela indlu

yayo edwaleni. **25** Latheleka izulu, izifula zacgwala, wavunguza umoya watshaya phezu kwaleyondlu; ngihambe ngiyengcwaba ubaba.” **22** Kodwa ujesu kodwa kayiwanga ngoba yayigxiliswe isisekelo sayo edwaleni. **26** Kodwa lowo ovezwayo amazwi ami la angawenzi unjengendoda eyisiwula eyakhela indlu yayo etshebetshbeni. **27** Latheleka izulu, izifula zacgwala, umoya wavunguza watshaya phezu kwendlu leyo yawa yahbidlika.” **28** Ujesu eseqedile ukukhuluma lezizinto, amaxuku abantu amangalisa yikufundisa kwakhe, **29** ngoba wafundisa njengomuntu olamandla, hatshi njengabafundisi babo bomthetho.

**8** Kwathi esehlile entabeni amaxuku abantu amlandela. **2** Indoda eyayilobulephero yeza yaguqa phambi kwakhe yathi, “Nkosi nxa uthanda ungangenza ngihlambuluke.” **3** Ujesu welula isandla sakhe wayithinta wathi, “Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka!” Masinyane nje yasila ebulepherweni bayo. **4** Ujesu wasesithi kuyo, “Zwana, ungatsheli muntu ngalokhu. Kodwa hamba uyezeveza kumphristi, unikele ngesipho esamiswa nguMosi njengobufakazi ebantwini.” **5** Ujesu esengenile eKhaphenawume, kwafika kuye induna yekhulu izocela uncedo. **6** Yathi, “Nkosi, inceku yami ilele phansi endlini, yome umhlubulo, isebuhlungwini obukhulu.” **7** Ujesu wathi kuyo, “Ngizakuza ngizeyisilisa.” **8** Induna yekhulu yaphendula yathi, “Kakungilingananga ukuthi ungeza ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami. Kodwa tshono ilizwi nje kuphela, inceku yami izasila. **9** Ngoba mina ngokwami ningumuntu ongaphansi komthetho, ngilamabutho angaphansi kwami. Lo ngimtshela ngithi, ‘Hamba, ahambé; ngithi kuloyana, ‘Buya,’ lakanye abuye. Ngithi enekwini yami, ‘Yenza lokhu,’ ikwenze.” **10** Ujesu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wamangala wathi kulabo ababemlandela, “Ngilitshela iqiniso, kangikamboni loyedwa ko-Israyeli ololukholwa okukhulu kangaka. **11** Ngithi kini abanengi bazavela empumalanga lentshonalanga, bahlale edilini lo-Abrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe embusweni wezulu. **12** Kodwa abanini bombuso bazaxotshelwa phandle emnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugeda kwamazinyo.” **13** Ujesu wasesithi enduneni yekhulu, “Hamba! Kuzakwenziwa njengalokhu ukholwa ukuthi kuzakwenziwa.” Inceku yayo yahle yasila ngalesosikhathi. **14** Kwathi lapho ujesu esengenile endlini kaPhethro, wabona uninazala kaPhethro elele embhedeni ephethwe ngumkhulane woqhuqho. **15** Wamthinta esandleni umkhulane wahle waphuma kuye, wavuka waqala ukumphakela. **16** Sekuntambama abanengi ababelamadimonii baletsha kuye wayikhupha imimoya ngelizwi njalo wasilisa bonke abagulayo. **17** Lokhu kwakugcwala okwakhulunya ngomphrefothi u-Isaya ukuthi: “Wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu wathwala izifo zethu.” **18** Wathi ujesu ebona amaxuku abantu abanengi bembuthanele, wathi akuchaphewi ngaphetsheya ngakuleliyana icele lechibi. **19** Kwasekusiza kuye umfundisi womthetho wathi, “Mfundisi, ngizakulandela ungaze uye ngaphi.” **20** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Amakhanka alemilindi lezinyoni zemoyeni zilezidleke, kodwa iNdodana yoMuntu kayilandawo yokufihla ikhanda layo.” **21** Omunye umfundi wathi kuye, “Nkosi, akuthi ngiqale wamtshela wathi, “Ngilandela, uyekele abafileyo bangcwabe abafileyo babo.” **23** Ujesu wasengena esikepeni abafundi bakhe bamlandela. **24** Masinyane nje kwaphakama isiphepho esesabekayo echibini, amagagasi atshaya phezu kwesikepe. Kodwa ujesu wayelele. **25** Abafundi bahamba bayamvusa besithi, “Nkosi, sihlenge, Sesigalula!” **26** Waphendula wathi, “Lina bukokholwa okuncinyane, kungani lisesaba kangaka?” Wasephakama wawukhuza umoya kanye lamagagasi, kwasekuthula cwaka. **27** Amadoda amangala abuza athi, “Ngumuntu bani lo? Oze alalelwé ngumoya kanye lamagagasi!” **28** Wathi ekufikeni kwakhe ngakwelinye icele emangweni warnaGadarini wahlangabeza ngamaddoda amabili ayelamadimonii eqhamuka emathuneni. Ayelodlakela, kungasadluli muntu ngaleyondlela. **29** Amemeza athi, “Ufunani kithi, Nododana kaNkulunkulu? Uze lapha ukuzasilhupha singakafiki isikhathi esimisiwego na?” **30** Bucwala kwawo umhlambi omkhulu wengulube wawusidla. **31** Amadimonii amncenga ujesu athi, “Nxa usikhupha, sithumele emhlambini wengulube.” **32** Wathi kuwo, “Hambari!” Aphuma ayangena engulubeni, umhlambi wonke waphaphathea waqonda eliweni wangena echibini, wafela emanzini. **33** Labo ababzelusile baphaphathea baqonda edolobheni bayabika konke lokhu, besitsho lalokho okwenzakala kulawomadoda ayelamadimonii. **34** Khonapho idolobho lonke laphuma ukuyahlangana lojesu. Bathi sebembonile bamncenga ukuba asuke emangweni wakibo.

ukuthi kutshoni lokhu ukuthi, ‘Ngoba ngifuna isihawu hatshi umhlatsheho.’ Ngoba kangilandanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa izoni.” **14** Kwasekufika abafundi bakahohane bambuza bathi, “Kungani thina labaFarisi sizila kodwa abafundi bakho kabazili?” **15** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Izethekeli zomyeni zingalila kanjani esesekhona phakathi kwazo na? Sizafika isikhathi lapho umyeni ezasuswa kuzo; kulapho-ke ezizashila kohna.” **16** Kakho umtum othungela isichibi selembu elitsha elingakafinyeli esigqokweni esidal, ngoba isichibi sizadonsa esigqokweni ukudabuka kuhele ngamandla. **17** Futhi abantu kabatheli iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala. Bangenzenjalo imigodla izadabuka, iwayini lichitheke lemigodla ihle iguge iphele. Kodwa, bathela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emitsha besekulondolozeka kuhle kokubili.” **18** Wathi esakhulumu lokhu kwafika umbusi waguqq phambi kwakhe wathi, “Indodakazi yami isanda kufa. Kodwa ngicela uzebeka isandla sakho phezu kwayo, izaphila.” **19** Ujesu wasuka wahamba laye kanye labafundi bakhe. **20** Khonokho owesifazane owayehlutshwa ngumopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili weza ngemva kwakhe wabamba umphetho wesembatho sakhe. **21** Wazitshela wathi, “Nxa ngingathinta nje isembatho sakhe kodwa lokhu, ngizisala.” **22** Ujesu wanyemukula wambona. Wathi kuye, “Mana isibindi ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusilisile.” Lakanye owesifazane lowo wasila ngalesosikhathi. **23** Ujesu wathi esengenile endlini yombusi wesinagogu wabona ababetshaya imihubhe kanye lexuku elalixokozela, **24** wathi kubo, “Phumanzi. Intombazana kayifanga kodwa ilele.” Kodwa bamhleka usulu. **25** Ixuku labantu selikhutshelwe phandle, wangena wayibamba ngesandla intombazana yaphakama. **26** Indaba yesehlakalo lesi yamemetheka kuwo wonke umango wakuleyondawo. **27** Kwathi ujesu esuka lapho amadoda ayiziphofu amabili amlandela ememeza esithi, “Sihawukele, Ndodana kaDavidal!” **28** Esengenile endlini iziphofu lezo zeza kuye wazibuza wathi, “Liayakhola na ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu?” Zamphendula zathi, “Yebo Nkosi.” **29** Wasezhintsha amehlo wathi kuzo, “Kuzakwenziva kini njengokukholwa kwenu”; **30** zasiliswa zabona. Ujesu waziqonqosela wathi, “Akungabi lomuntu ozakwazi ngalokhu.” **31** Kodwa zasuka lapho zafakaza ngaye indawo yonke yelizwe lelo. **32** Ekuphumeni kwalezoziphofu, kwalethwa kujesu indoda eyayiledimoni iyisimungulu. **33** Kwathi idimoni selikhutshiwe indoda leyo eyayiyisimungulu yakhuluma. Ixuku labantu lamangala, abantu bathi, “Akukaze kubonakale okunje ko-Israyeli.” **34** Kodwa abaFarisi bathi, “Amadimonzi uwakhupha ngenkosi yamadimonzi.” **35** Ujesu wangena kuwo wonke amadolobho lemizi efundisa emasinagogweni abo, etshumayela izindaba ezhinle ezombuso njalo eselapha zonke izifo lemikhuhlane. **36** Wathi ebona amaxuku abantu wawazwela usizi ngoba ayejhukuluzekile njalo ephelwe, enjengezimvu ezingelamelusi. **37** Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Isivuno sinengi kodwa izisebenzi zimbalwa. **38** Ngakho celani iNkosi yokuvuna ukuba ithumele izisebenzi ensimini yokuvuna.”

**10** Ujesu wabizela ndawonye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili wabapha amandla okukhupa imimoya emibi lokusilisa zonke izifo lemikhuhlane. **2** Amabizo abafundi abalitshumi lambili ayeyle: Owokuqala wayenguSimoni, othiwa nguPhethro lomfowabo u-Andreyea; uJakhobe indodana kaZebhedya lojohane umfowabo; **3** uFilipu, uBhatholomewu; uThomasi, uMatewu umthelisi; uJakhobe indodana kaAlifewu, uLabhewu osibongo sakhe sasinguThe diyasi; **4** uSimoni umZilothi lojudas Iskariyothi ongyue owamnikelayo. **5** Laba abalitshumi lambili ujesu wabathuma, wabalaya wathi, “Lingayi phakathi kwabeZizwe futhi lingangeni lakuliphi idolobho lamaSamariya. **6** Kodwa hambani liyebutha izimvu ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli. **7** Ekuhambeni kwenu, litshumayele lelilizwi: ‘Umbuso wezulu ususondele.’ **8** Silisani abagulayo, livuse abafileyo, lihlambulule abalobulephero, likhuphe amadimonzi. Lamukelisiwe kungelambadaloo ngakho lani phanini kungelambadaloo. **9** Lingaphathi igolide loba isiliva loba ithusu emixhakeni yamabanti enu; **10** lingathwali izikhwama ekuhambeni kwenu loba isigqoko sunkuntshintsha, loba amanye amanyathela kumbe olunye udondolo ngoba osebenzayo kufanele aphiwe okokuziphilisa. **11** Loba yiliphi idolobho kumbe umuzi elingena kuwo, dingani umuntu ofaneleyo ukuba lihlale endlini yakhe kokuphela lize lisuke khona. **12** Akuthi nxa lingena kulowomuzi, liwunxusele ukuthula. **13** Nxa lowomuzi ufanele, ukuthula kwenu akube kuwo, kodwa nxa lingemukelwa aginyeni amazwi enu okuthula. **14** Nxa engekho olamukelayo kumbe olalela amazwi enu, sukan kulowomuzi kumbe idolobho lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu. **15** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, kuzakuba ngcono elizweni leSodoma leGomora ngelangala lokwahluelwa kulokuzakwehlela lelodolobho. **16** Ngilitshuma linjengezimvu phakathi kwempisi. Ngakho qaphani njengezinyoka kodwa libemsulwa njengamajuba. **17** Libalimuke abantu; bazalimangaleza ezinkundleni zamacala, balibhaxabule emasinagogweni abo. **18** Ngenxa yami lizamisawa phambi kwababusi lamakhosi ukuze libe ngofakazi kubo lakwabeZizwe. **19** Kodwa nxa belibopha lingazihluphi ngokuthi lizakuthini lokuthi likutsho kanjani. Ngalesosikhathi lizakwambulewa okumele likutsho, **20** ngoba akuzakuba yini elikhulumayo kodwa kuzakuba nguMoya kaYihlo ozabe ukhuluma ngani. **21** Umuntu uzanikela umfowabo ukuthi abulawe, loyise anikele umntanakhe; abantwana bazahlamukela abazali babo bababulale. **22** Bonke abantu bazalizonda ngenxa yebizo lami kodwa lowo oma aqine kuze kubo sekupheleli uzasiridiswa. **23** Nxa lihlukuluzwa endaweni ethile, balekelani kwenye. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kalyikuqedu ukuwahambela wonke amadolobho ako-Israyeli iNdodana yoMuntu ingakafiki. **24** Umfundsi ungapahansi kombalisi wakhe, lenceku ingaphansi kwenkosi yayo. **25** Kwenele kumfundsi ukuba

njengombalisi wakhe, lenceku ukuba njengenkos 9 Pho laphuma lisiyabonani na? Umphrofethi? Yebo, yayo. Nxa umninimuzi kungathiwa nguBhelizebhubbhi pho kuzathiwi ngabendlu yakhe na? 26 Ngakho lingabesabi. Ngoba kakukho okuthukuziweyo okungayi kubekwa obala, lokufihliweyo okungayikwaziwa. 27 Lokhu engilitshela khona emnyameni kuhkulumeni ekukhanyeni kwemini, okunyenyewza ezindlebeni zenu kumemezeleni lisophahleni lwezindlu. 28 Lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba kodwa bengeke babulale umphefumulo. Kodwa yesabani lowo ongabhuhisika kokubili, umphefumulo lomzimba esihogweni. (**Geenna g1067**) 29 Intaka ezimbili kazithengswa ngendibilitsi na? Kodwa kayikho leyodwa yazo ewela phansi ingavunyelwanga nguYihlo. 30 Kwala zona inwele zamakhanda enu zibaliwe. 31 Ngakho lingesabi; liligugu elidlula intaka ezinengi. 32 Loba ngubani ongivuma phambi kwabantu lami ngizamvuma phambi kukaBaba ezulwini. 33 Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo phambi kwabantu lami ngizamphika phambi kukaBaba ezulwini. 34 Lingakhumbuli ukuthi ngilethe ukuthula emhlaben. Kangilandanga ukuzeletha ukuthula kodwa inkemba. 35 Ngoba ngize ukuxabanisa ‘indoda loyise, indodakazi lonina umalukazana loninazala, 36 izitha zomuntu zizakuba ngabendlu yakhe.’ 37 Lowo othanda uyise loba unina kulami kangifanelanga; lowo othanda indodana yakhe loba indodakazi yakhe kulami kangifanelanga; 38 njalo lowo ongathathi isiphambano sakhe angilandale kangifanelanga. 39 Loba ngubani ozu impilo yakhe izamlahlekela njalo lalowo olahlekela yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayizusa. 40 Lowo olamukelayo wamukela mina, lalowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo ongithumileyo. 41 Loba ngubani owamukele umphrofethi ngoba engumphrofethi uzazuza umvuzo womphrofethi njalo lalowo owamukela umuntu olungleyleo ngoba engumuntu olungleyleo uzakwamukela umvuzo womuntu olungleyleo. 42 Njalo nxa ekhona onika iloba yinkezo yamanzi aqandayo komunye walaba abancinyane ongumfundu wami, ngilitshela iqiniso, lowomuntu akayikulahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.”

**11** Ujesu wathi eseqedile ukulaya abafundi bakhe abalitshumi lambili wasuka kuleyondawo ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela emadolobheni aseGalile. 2 UJohane esentolongweni wathi esizwa ukuthi uKhristu wayesenizani, wathuma abafundi bakhe 3 ukuba bayembuza bathi, “Unguye yini ozayo kumbe silindele omunye na?” 4 Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Buyelani liyebikela uJohane lokhu elikuzwayo lelikubonyo ukuthi 5 Iziphofu zensiwa zibone, abaqhugzelayo bayahamba, abalobulehero bayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo bayavuswa, levangeli liyatshunyelwa kubayanga. 6 Ubusingiwe umuntu ongakhubekiye ngenxa yami.” 7 Kwathi abafundi bakajohane sebesuka, uJesu waqala ukukhuluma labantu ngoJohane esithi: “Laphuma lisiyabonani enkangala na? Umhlanga owazunguzwa ngumoya na? 8 Nxa kungayisikho, pho lalisiyabonani? Indoda eyayicecile na? Hatshi, labo abagqoka iziqqoko ezinhle basezigodlwani zamakhosi.

9 Pho laphuma lisiyabonani na? Umphrofethi? Yebo, ngiyalitshela, odlula umphrofethi. 10 Lo nguye okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: ‘Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi kwakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho.’ 11 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, phakathi kwabo bonke abazelwe ngabesifazane akukaveli loyedwa omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhaphathizi ikanti lowo ongomcinyane kakhulu embusweni wezulu mkhulu kulaye. 12 Kusukela ensukwini zikajohane uMbhaphathizi kuze kube khathesi, umbuso wezulu wala uqhubeka ngamandla ngoba abantu abalamandla bwabumbile. 13 Ngoba bonke abaPhrofethi kanye loMthetho baphrofitha kwaze kwafika uJohane. 14 Ngakho nxa likwamukela lokhu, ungu-Elja okwathiwa uyeza. 15 Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe. 16 Kambe ngingasifanisa lani isizukulwane lesi na? Banjengabantwana abahlezi emikambo bememeza abanye besithi: 17 ‘Salitshayela umhubhe, kodwa kaligidanga; salihlabelela ingoma yesililo kodwa kalililanga.’ 18 Ngoba uJohane wafika engadli njalo enganathi basebesithi, ‘Uledimoni,’ 19 INdodana yoMuntu yafika yadla, yanatha, bathi, Kodwa, ukuhlakanipha kuziveza ukuthi kuqondile ngemisebenzi yakho.” 20 UJesu waseqalisa ukuwolaso amadolobho lawo lapho izimangaliso zakhe ezinengi ezazenziwe khona ngoba kabazange baphenduke: 21 ‘Maye kuwe Khorazinil! Maye kuwe Bhethisayidal Aluba izimangaliso lezo ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eThire leSidoni, ngabe kudala baphenduka begqoke iziggoko zamasaka, bazibhuqa lemlotheni. 22 Kodwa ngiyalitshela, kuzakuba ngcono eThire leSidoni ngosuku lokwahlulelwu kulalokho okuzalehlela lina. 23 Lawe Khaphenawume, kambe uzaphakanyiselwa emazulwini na? Hatshi, uzatshona phansi uye eHadesi. Ngoba aluba izimangaliso ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eSodoma ngabe ikhona lanamuhla. (**Hadés g86**) 24 Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi kuzakuba ngcono elizwени leSodoma ngelanga lokwahlulelwu kulakuwe.” 25 Ngalesosikhathi ujesu wathi, “Ngiyakubonga Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba ngoba uzifihile leizintzo kwabahlakaniphileyo labafundileyo, wazambulela abantwana abancinyane. 26 Yebo Baba, lokhu kwaba yikuthanda kwakho. 27 Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho oyaziyo iNdodana ngaphandle kukaBaba, njalo kakho omaziyo uBaba ngaphandle kweNdodana lalab0 iNdodana ekhethe ukuba imveze kubo. 28 Wozani kimi lina lonke elikhatheleyo lelisindwayo, ngizaliphumuza. 29 Zithwaliseni ijogwe lami, lifunde kimi, ngoba ngimmene futhi ngithobekile enhliziyweni njalo lizazuza ukuphumpula kwemiphefumulo yenu. 30 Ngoba ijogwe lami lilula, lomthwalo wami kawusindi.”

**12** Ngalesosikhathi ujesu wadabula phakathi kwamasimu amabele kulilanga leSabatha. Abafundi bakhe basebelambile, basebekhwebula izikhwebu zamabele badla. 2 Abafarisi bakubona lokhu, bathi kuye, “Khangela! Abafundi bakho benza

okuphambene lomthetho ngeSabatha.” 3 Waphendula 31 Ngakho ngiyalitshela ngithi imihlobo yonke wathi, “Kalisfundanga yini okwenziwa nguDavidia lapho yezono lezithuko izathethelelwa, kodwa ukuthuka yena labakhula bakhe sebelambile? 4 Wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu, yena labakhula bakhe, badla isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo, into eyayingavunyelwa ngomthetho ukuba bayenze, kodwa ivunyelwe abaphristi kuphela.

5 Kumbe kalifundanga yini emthethweni ukuthi ngeSabatha abaphristi ethempelini bayalungcolisa ungenza isihlahla sibe sibi lezithelo zaso zizakuba zimbi lolusuku kodwa kabalacala. 6 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi lowo ngoba isihlahla saziwa ngezithelo zaso. 34 Lina nzalo omkhulu kulethempeli ukhonala lapha. 7 Kube lalikwazile yezinyoka, lingakukhuluma kanjani okuhle lina libabi ukuthi amazwi la atshoni, ‘Ngifuna isihawu hatshi na? Ngoba lokho okusenhliziyeweni yikho umlomo umhlatshelo’belingasoze libalahab angelacala. 8 Phela okukhulumayo. 35 Umuntu olungleyo uveza izinto iNdodana yoMuntu iyinKosi yeSabatha.” 9 Esuka lapho ezhinile azigcine ngaphakathi kwakhe njalo lomuntu wayangena esinagogwensi labo, 10 khonapho kulendoda omubi ukhihliiza izinto ezimbi azigcine ngaphakathi eyayitslwabheni isandla. Kwathi ngoba bedinga indlela kwakhe. 36 Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi umuntu munye yokubeka uJesu icala bambuza bathi, “Kuyavunyelwa ngamunye uzaziphendulela ngosuku lokwahlulewa emthethweni ukusilisa ngeSabatha na?” 11 Wathi ngawo wonke amazwi ayize awakhulumayo. 37 kubo, “Nxa omunye wenu engaba lemvu esuka iwele egodini ngeSabatha, kazukuyibamba ayikhuphe na? Ngoba lizakhululwa ngamazwi enu njalo lizalahlwa

12 Pho umuntu uligugu elinganani kulemvu! Yikho bomthetho basebesithi kuye, “Mfundisi, sifuna ke, kusemthethweni ukwenza okuhle ngeSabatha.” 13 Waphendula ukubona isibonakaliso esivela kuwe.” 39 Waphendula 13 Wasesithi kuleyondoda, “Yelula isandla sakho.” wathi, “Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesiphingayo sicela Ngakho yaselula sahle sabuyela ngokupheleleyo, isibonakaliso! Kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle sesiqinile njengesinye. 14 Kodwa abaFarisi basuka kwsesibonakaliso somphrofethi uJona. 40 NjengoJona lapho bayakwaka icebo lokuthi bangambulala njani owahlala insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu uJesu. 15 UJesu esekunanzelele lokho wasuka esiswini senhlanzi enku, kanjalo iNdodana yoMuntu kuleyondawo. Abanengi bamlandela, wasilisa bonke izahlala insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu phansi abagulayo babo, 16 ebalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi komhlabathi. 41 Abantu baseNiniva bazasukuma ukuthi ungbubani. 17 Lokhu kwakuyikugewalisa kanye lalesi sizukulwane ngosuku lokwahlulewa lokho okwakukhulunywe ngumphrofethi u-Isaya basilahle ngoba bona baphenduka ekutshumayeleni ukuthi: 18 “Nansi inceku yami engiyikhethileyo, yona kujakona, kodwa khathesi lowo omkhulu kuloJona engiyithandayo, engithokoza ngayo; ngizabeka uMoya uselapha. 42 INDlovukazi yaseNingizimu izavuka wami phezu kwayo, izamemezela ukulunga phakathi mhla wokwahlulewa kanye lalesi isizukulwane kwezizwe. 19 Kayiyikuphika inkani loba imemeze; isilahle; ngoba yeza ivela emaphetheleni omhlaba kakho ozalizwa ilizwi layo emigwaqweni. 20 Umhlanga izolalela uSolomoni; pho manje omkhulu kuloSolomoni ofecekileyo kayiyikuwephula lentambo yesibane usekhona. 43 Nxa umoya omubi uphuma emuntwini, ethunqayo kayiyikuyicima, ize ilethe ukunqoba uyazula enkangala udinga ukuphumula kodwa kokulunga. 21 Izizwe zizabeka ithembu lazo ebizweni uyakuswela. 44 Ubususithi, ‘Ngizabuyela endlini layo.’ 22 Basebeletha kuye indoda eyayiledimoni, engaphuma kuyo.’ Uthi ufika uthole leyondlu iyisiphofu njalo iyismungulu. UJesu wayisilisa yakwazi ingelamuntu, ithanyelwe yahlanzeka, konke kumi ukukhuluma lokubona. 23 Bonke abantu barnangala kuhle. 45 Ubusuhamba uyethatha eminye imimoya bathi, “Kambe lo angabe eyiNdodana kaDavidna na?” eyisikhombisa exhwale okudlula wona, ingene 24 Kodwa kwathi abaFarisi bekuzwa lokhu bathi, ihlale khona. Isiphetho salowomuntu sizakuba sibi “Ngamandla kaBhelizebhuphi inkosi yamadimoni kulasakuqaleni. Kuzakuba njalo kulesisizukulwane amenza enelise ukuxotsha amadimoni.” 25 UJesu esixhwalileyo.” 46 UJesu elokhu esakhuluma wayeyazi imicabango yabo wasesithi kubo, “Loba lamaxuku abantu, unina labafowabo babemi phandle yiuphifi umbuso odabuke phakathi kwawumi njalo befuna ukukhuluma laye. 47 Omunye wamtshela idolobho kumbe indlu edabuke phakathi kayimi. 26 Nxa wathi, “Unyoko labafowenu bemi phandle, bafuna uSathane exotsha uSathane, wehlukene phakathi. Pho ukukhuluma lawe.” 48 Waphendula wathi, umbuso wakhe ungerma kanjani? 27 Nxa ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhuphi, pho abalandeli benu bawakhupha ngobani? Ngakho bazakuba ngabahluleti benu. 28 Kodwa nxa ngixotsha amadimoni ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, kutsho ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. 29 Umuntu angangena kanjani endlini yesiqhwaga aphange impahla zaso ngaphandle kokuba aqale asibophe isiqhwaga leso? Lapho-ke usengayiphanga indlu yaso. 30 Lowo ongemanga lami uphikisana lami, lalowo ongabuthi lami uyachithiza.

31 Ngakho ngiyalitshela ngithi imihlobo yonke uMoya akuyi kuthethelelwa. 32 Lowo okhuluma okubi ngeNdodana yoMuntu uzathethelelwa kodwa lowo othuka uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwa kulesisikhathi kumbe esizayo. (aiōn g165) 33 Ungenza isihlahla sibe sihle lezithelo zaso zizakuba zinhle loba ungenza isihlahla sibe sibi lezithelo zaso zizakuba zimbi ngoba isihlahla saziwa ngezithelo zaso. 34 Lina nzalo yezinyoka, lingakukhuluma kanjani okuhle lina libabi na? Ngoba lokho okusenhliziyeweni yikho umlomo umhlatshelo’belingasoze libalahab angelacala. 35 Umuntu olungleyo uveza izinto iNdodana yoMuntu iyinKosi yeSabatha.” 36 Kodwa ngiyalitshela ukuthi umuntu munye yokubeka uJesu icala bambuza bathi, “Kuyavunyelwa ngamunye uzaziphendulela ngosuku lokwahlulewa emthethweni ukusilisa ngeSabatha na?” 11 Wathi ngawo wonke amazwi ayize awakhulumayo. 37 kubo, “Nxa omunye wenu engaba lemvu esuka iwele egodini ngeSabatha, kazukuyibamba ayikhuphe na? Ngoba lizakhululwa ngamazwi enu njalo lizalahlwa

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13 Ngalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini wayahlala eceleni kwechibi. 2 Amaxuku abantu aminyezelana kuye waze wangena esikepeni wahlala kuso, abantu bonke bona babemi okunjini. 3 Wasebatshela izinto ezinengi esebenzisa imizekeliso,

wathi, "Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe. **4** Kwathi eyihaza inhlanyelo, eyinne yawela endleleni, izinyoni zafika zayidobha yonke. **5** Eyinne yawela okhetheni lapho okwakungela mhlabathi owaneleyo. Yaphanga yamila ngoba umhlabathi wawungatshoni. **6** Kodwa kwathi ilanga seliphumile yahanguleka yabuna ngoba yayingelampande. **7** Eyinne yawela phakathi kwameva, asuka akhula ayiminya inhlanyelo. **8** Eyinne inhlanyelo yawela emhlabathini omuhle lapho eyathela khona izithelo eziphindwe okungabalukhu, kumbe okungamatshumi ayisithupha loba okungamatshumi amathathu ukudlula leyo eyayihlanyelwe. **9** Lowo olendlebe kezwe." **10** Abafundi bezza kuye bambuza bathi, "Kungani ukhulumu ebantwini ngemizekeliso na?" **11** Waphendula wathi, "Ulwazi lwemfihlakalo yombuso wezulu luphiwe lina hatshi bona. **12** Lowo olakho, uzaphiwa kwengezelelw abesesiba lokunengi kakhulu. Lowo ongelakho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. **13** Lokhu yikho okungenza ngikhulume kubo ngemizekeliso: Ngoba loba bekhangale kababoni; loba befaalele kabezwa njalo kabaqedisisi. **14** Kubo isipprofethi sika-Isaya siyagcwalisea, esokuthi: "Lizahlala lisizwa kodwa lingaqedisisi; lizahlala libona kodwa lingabonisisi. **15** Ngoba inhliziyala zababantu sezaba lukhuni; kabasezwa ngezindlebe zabo njalo sebawala amehlo abo. Funa babone ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngezindlebe zabo, baqedisise ngezinhlizijo zabo, baphenduke bese ngibasilisa." **16** Kodwa abusisiwe amehlo enu ngoba ayabona lezindlebe zenu ziyezwa. **17** Ngoba ngilitshele iqiniso ukuthi abaphrofethi abanengi lamadoda alungileyo balangazela ukukubona lokhu elikubonayo kodwa kabakubonanga, lokuzwa lokhu elikuzwayo kodwa kabakuzwanga. **18** Lalelani-ke lizwe ukuthi utshoni umzekeliso womhlanyeli: **19** Nxa umuntu esizwa ilizwi ngombuso kodwa engabambisisi, omubi uyeza ahwithe lokho obekuhlanyelwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Yiyo le inhlanyelo eyahlanyelwa endleleni. **20** Inhlanyelo eyawela okhetheni ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi aphange alamukele ngentokozo. **21** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi kalampande, nxa okwesikhatshana kuphela. Nxa kufika uhlupho lokuhlukunyezwa ngenxa yelizwi uphangya akhubeka. **22** Inhlanyelo eyawela phakathi kwameva ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi kodwa lisuke landelwe yizinhlupheko zale impilo lenkohliso yenotho, lingabe lisaba lezithelo. (**aiōn g165**) **23** Kodwa leyohlanyelo eyawela emhlabathini ovundileyo ngumuntu olizwayo ilizwi alizwisise. Lo nguye othela izithelo ezinengi ngekhulu, ngamatshumi ayisithupha loba ngamatshumi amathathu okudlula lokho okwahlanyelwayo." **24** Ujesu wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, "Umbuso wezulu unjengomuntu owhalanyela inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakhe. **25** Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi wonke umuntu elele, isitha sakhe sezza sahlanyela ukhula phakathi kwengqoloyi, sahamba. **26** Kwathi ingqoloyi isikhahle yabumba izikhwebu, ukhula lalo lwavela. **27** Izinceku zomminisivini zeza kuye zathi, 'Nkosi, kanti kauwlhanyelanga yini inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakho na? Pho ukhula luvele ngaphi?' **28** Waphendula wathi, 'Kwenziwe yisitha lokhu.' Zambuza izinceku zathi, 'Uyafuna yini ukuthi siyelusiphuna na?' **29** Waphendula wathi, 'Hatshi, ngoba lizakuthi lisiphuna ukhula liqabuke selisiphuna amabele kanye lalo. **30** Kuyekeleni kukhule ndawonye kuze kube yisikhathi sokuvuna. Lapho-ke, ngizakuthi kubavuni, Qalani ngokoqoqa ukhula lilubophe izinyanda ukuba lutshiswe, beseliqoqa amabele liwalethe esiphaleni sami." **31** Wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, "Umbuso wezulu ufana lenga yemastadi eyathathwa ngene indoda yayihlanyela ensimini yayo. **32** Lanxa incinyane kulentanga yenhlanyelo zonke, kodwa ithi ingakhula ibe yisihlahla esikhulu kulazo zonke, izinyoni zezulu zibuye, zithole ukuphumula ezingatsheni zaso." **33** Waphinda wabatshela omunye umzekeliso wathi, "Umbuso wezulu ufana lemvubelo eyathathwa ngowesifazane wayixubanisa lempuphu enengi, yabilia yagcwala inhlama yonke." **34** Ujesu wakhulumu zonke lezizinto exukwini labantu ngemizekeliso; kazange akhulume lutho kubo engasebenzisanga umzekeliso. **35** Ngakho kwagcwalisea okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi: "Ngizavala umlomo wami ngemizekeliso, ngizakutsho izinto ezifihliweyo selokhu kwadatskulwa umhlaba." **36** Wasesuka exukwini waya endlini. Abafundi bakhe kuye bathi, "Sichazele umzekeliso wokhula ensimini." **37** Waphendula wathi, "Lowo owhalanyela inhlanyelo enhle yiNdodana yoMuntu. **38** Insimu ngumhlabo njalo inhlanyelo enhle imele abantu bombuso. Ukhula lungabantu bomubi **39** njalo isitha esiluhlanyelayo nguSathane. Isivuno siyikuphela kwasikhathi njalo abavuni yizingilos. (**aiōn g165**) **40** Njengaloku ukhula lusitshunwa lutshiswe emililweni, kuzukuba njalo ekupheleni kwasikhathi. (**aiōn g165**) **41** Indodana yoMuntu izathuma izingilos zayo, zikhuphe konke okuyizikhubelekiso embusweni wayo, labo bonke abenza ububi. **42** Zizabaphosela esihogweni somlilo ovuthayo okuzakuba khona ukuhala lokugedla kwamazinyo. (**questioned**) **43** Lapho-ke, abalungileyo basakahzimula njengelanga embusweni kaYise wabo. Lowo olendlebe, kezwe." **44** "Umbuso wezulu unjengenotho efihiwey esivandeni. Kwathi indoda isiyitholile yayifihla njalo, kwathi ngoba iphakathi kokuthokzo, yahamba yayathengisa konke eyayilako yayathenga lesosivande. **45** Njalo umbuso wezulu ufana lomthengi edinga amaphareli amahle. **46** Kwathi esefumene elinye elalilentengo ephezelu wahamba wayathengisa konke ayelakho walithenga." **47** "Futhi umbuso wezulu ufana lomambule owehliiselwa phansi echibini wagola zonke inhlubo zezinhlanzi. **48** Wathi usugcwele, abagoli bezinhlanzi bwudsonela okhunjini. Basebehla phansi, baqoqela ezitsheni zonke inhlanzi ezinhle kodwa ezmibi bazilahla. **49** Lokhu yikho okuzakwenzakala ekupheleni kwasikhathi. Izingilosizizakuza zehlukanise ababi kwabalungileyo, (**aiōn g165**) **50** zibaphosele esihogweni somlilo ovuthayo, lapho okuzakuba khona lokuhala kanye lokugedla kwamazinyo." (**questioned**) **51** Ujesu wababuza wathi, "Seliziwisisile zonke lezizinto na?" Bathi, "Yebo." **52**

Wathi kubo, "Ngakho wonke umfundisi womthetho abadlayo lalingaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane osephenduke waba ngumfundu wombuso wezulu ezinhlanu kungabalwa abesifazane labantwana. **22** unjengommini wendlu okhupha esiphalen sakhe Masinyane nje ujesu wathi abafundi bakhe bangene amagugu amatsha lamadala." **53** Ujesu eseqedile esikepeni bamandulele ngakwelinye iphetshey, imizekeliso le wasuka lapho wahamba. **54** Wafika yena esavalelisana labantu. **23** Esebakbulule, waya edolobheni lakibo waqalisa ukufundisa abantu ewatheni lwentaba ukuyakhuleka eyedwa. Sekuhlwile esinagogweni labo, bamangala. Babuza bathi, "Indoda ngalobobusuku wayekhonale eyedwa, **24** kodwa le yayithatha ngaphi inhlakaniph le lamandla la isikepe sasesihambe umango ukusuka okhunjini, ayisimangaliso kangaka?" **55** Kanti lo kayisiyo indodana siyaluziswa ngamagagasi ngoba sasiphikisana lomoya. yombazi na? Ibizo likanina kasuMariya na, labafowabo **25** Kwathi ngomlindo wesine ebusuku ujesu waya kakusijakhobe, uJofesa, uSimoni lojudasi na?" **56** kubo ehamba phezu kwechibi. **26** Kwathi abafundi Odadewabo kabakho lapha kanye lathi na? Pho indoda le yazizuba ngaphi izinto zonke lezi?" **57** Bakhubeka ngaye. Kodwa ujesu wathi kubo, "Umpfrofethi kaladumo edolobheni lakibo lasendlini yakwabo." **58** Kasenzanga izimangaliso ezinengi khona ngenxa yokusilela kwabo ekukholweni.

**14** Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umbusi wezwa imibiko ngoJesu, **2** wasesithi ezincekwini zakh, "Lo ngujohane uMbhaphathizi; usevukile kwabafileyo! Yikho izimangaliso zisenziwa nguye." **3** UHerodi wayembophile ujohane, wamfaka insimbi, wamphosela entolongweni ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umkamfowabo uFiliphi, **4** ngoba uJohane wayelokhu esithi kuye, "Kungaphandle komthetho ukuthi umthathe." **5** UHerodi wayefuna ukumbulala uJohane kodwa wayesesaba abantu ngoba babesithi ungumphrofethi. **6** Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo sokuzalwa kukaHerodi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi yasinela izethekeli, yamjabulisa kakhulu uHerodi **7** waze wathembisa ngesifungo ukuyipha loba yini eyayingaicela. **8** Isicetshiswe ngunina yathi, "Ngipha ikhanda likajohane uMbhaphathizi lisemganwini." **9** Inkosi yadana kakhulu kodwa kwathi ngenxa yezfungo zayo langenxa yezethekeli zayo layala ukuba isicelo lesi senziwe, **10** uJohane wahle waqunuya ikhanda entolongweni. **11** Ikhanda lakhe lalethwa lisemganwini laphiwa intombazana eyalithwalela kuniina. **12** Abafundi bakaJohane beza bathatha isidumbu sakhe bayasingcwaba. Basebehamba bayatshela ujesu. **13** Ujesu wathi ekuzwa lokho okwenzakalayo wathi nyele ngesikepe waya endaweni engelabantu. Amaxku athi ekuzwa lokhu asuka emadolobheni amlandela ngenyawo. **14** Ujesu uthe esebla esikepeni wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu walizwela usizi ngakho wasesilisa abagulayo babo. **15** Kwathi selithambeme abafundi beza kuye bathi, "Le yindawo ekhatshana kakhulu njalo sekuntambama. Wothi lababantu bahambe ukuze bayozithengela ukudla erimizini." **16** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Kakudingeki ukuthi bahambe. Bapheni lina ukudla." **17** Baphendula bathi, "Thina esilakho lapha yizinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili." **18** Wathi, "Kuletheni lapha." **19** Waselaya abantu ukuthi bahlale phansi phezu kotshani. Wathatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangelu ezelwini wabonga, wasehlephuna izinkwa. Waseziqhubela abafundi, bazinika abantu. **20** Bonke badla basutha, abafundi bakhe babutha okuseleyo bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. **21** Inani lalabo

nxu kunguwe, tshono ukuba ngize kuwe phezu kwamanzi." **29** Wathi, "Woza." Khonapho uPhethro wasephuma esikepeni, wahamba phezu kwamanzi weza kuJesu. **30** Kodwa wathi ebona umoya wesaba, kwathi eseqla ukutshona wakhala wathi, "Nkosi, akungisile!" **31** Khonokho ujesu welula isandla sakhe wambamba. Wathi kuye, "Wena olokholo oluncinyane, kungani uthandabuzile?" **32** Bonela ukungena esikepeni umoya wathula. **33** Kwathi labo ababesisekepeni bamkhonza bathi, "Ngempela uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu." **34** Bathi sebechaphile, bafikela eGenesaretha. **35** Kwathi amadoda akuleyondawo semnanzelele ujesu athumela ilizwi kuwo wonke umango wakulelo dolobho. Abantu balettha bonke abagulayo babo kuye **36** bamncenga ukuthi avumele labo abagulayo ukuthi bathinte rje umphetho wesigqoko sakhe, kwathi bonke labo abamthintayo basiliswa.

**15** Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho beza kuJesu bevela ejerusalem bamba bathi, **2** "Kungani abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala na? Kabagezi izandla zabo bengakadli!" **3** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Kungani lina lisephula umlayo kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yamasiko enu na? **4** Phela uNkulunkulu wathi, 'Hlonipha uyhlo lonyoko'njalo 'Lowe othuka uyise loba unina ufanele ukubulawa.' **5** Kodwa lina lithi nxu umuntu esithi lokho obekungaba lusizo kuyise kumbe unina kuphawulelw uNkulunkulu, **6** akasamelanga ahloniphe uyise lonina ngakho. Ngaleyondlela lichitha ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngenxa yesiko lenu. **7** Lina bazenzis! U-Isaya wayeqinisile aze aphrofithe ngani esithi: **8** 'Lababantu bangidumisa ngezindebe zabo, kodwa inhliziyo zabo zikhatshana lami. **9** Bangikhonza ngeze; imfundiso yabo yimithetho yabantu.'" **10** Ujesu wabizela ixuku labantu kuye wathi, "Lalelani lizwisis. **11** Lokho okungena emlonyeni womuntu 'kakumngcolisi' kodwa lokho okuphuma emlonyeni wakhe yikho 'okumngcolisayo.'" **12** Abafundi basebesiza kuye bambuza bathi, "Uyakwazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi kubakhibile ukuzwa lokhu?" **13** Waphendula wathi, "Zonke izihlahla ezingahlanyelwanga nguBaba osezulwini zizasitshunwa lezimpande zazo. **14** Bayekeleni; ngabakhkheli abazimpumputhe. Nxa impumputhe ihola impumputhe zombili zizawela egodini." **15** UPhethro wathi, "Sichasisele umzekeliso

lowo.” **16** Ujesu wababuza wathi, “Lilokhu lingelakuqedisisa na? **17** Kaliboni yini ukuthi nomayini engena emlonyeni iya esiswini besekuphuma emzimbeni? **18** Kodwa lezozinto eziphuma emlonyeni womuntu zivela enhliziyweni yizo ezenza umuntu angcole. **19** Ngoba enhliziyweni kuphuma imicabango emibi, ukubulala, ukufeba, ukuhlobonga, ubusela, ukufakaza amanga, ukunyeya lokuhlambaza. **20** Lokhu yikho okwenza umuntu angcole, kodwa ukudla ngezandla ezingagezwanga kakumenzi angcole.” **21** Esuka kuleyondawo ujesu waya emangweni waseThire leSidoni. **22** Umfazi ongumKhenani wakuleyondawo weza kuye ezokhala esithi, “Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, ake ungihawukele! Indodakazi yami ithwele nzima, ihlutshwa ngamadimon.” **23** Ujesu kazange amphendule. Ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye bamkhuthaza bathi, “Mxotshe, nangu uselokhu ememeza esilandela.” **24** Waphendula wathi, “Ngathunywa kuphela ezimvini ezilahlekileyo zako-Israyeli.” **25** Owesifazane lowo weza waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi, “Nkosi, ake ungisize.” **26** Waphendula ujesu wathi, “Kakulunganga ukuthathisa isinkwa sabantwana usiphosele izinja.” **27** Owesifazane wathi, “Yebo Nkosi, angithi izinja ziyyayidla imvuthu eziwa etafuleni yabaninizo.” **28** Ujesu wasephendula wathi, “Nkosazana, ulokukholwa okukhulu! Isicelo sakho sesamukelwe.” Indodakazi yakhe yahle yasila ngalesosikhathi. **29** Ujesu wasuka lapho wehla egudlana loLwandle lwaseGalile. Wasekhwela entaben iwahlala phansi. **30** Kweza kuye amaxuku amakhulu abantu eletha abaqhulayo, iziphofu, izigoga, izimungulu labanye abanengi, bababeka phambi kwakhe; wabasilisa. **31** Abantu bamangala ukubona izimungulu sezikhuluma, izigoga sezishwaphulukile, abaqhugzelayo sebezihambele leziphofu seziboma. Bamdumisa uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli. **32** Ujesu wabiza abafundi bakhe wathi, “Ngibazwela usizi lababantu; sebehiale lami insuku ezintathu bengadlanga lutho. Angifuni kubakhulu belambale funa bayathe endleleni.” **33** Abafundi bakhe bamphendula bathi, “Singakuthatha ngaphi ukudla okwaneleyo endaweni ekhatshana kanje ukuba sisuthise ixuku elingaka na?” **34** Ujesu wabuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa ezingaki?” Bathi, “Eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi ezincane ezimbalwa.” **35** Wasetshela ixuku labantu ukuba lihlale phansi. **36** Wasethatha lezozinkwa eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi, kwathi esepongile, wazihlephula waziqhubela abafundi, labo bazinika abantu. **37** Bonke badla basutha. Ngemva kwalokho abafundi babutha imvuthu kwagcwala izitsha eziyisikhombisa. **38** Inani lababo abadlayo lalizinkulungwane ezine kungabalwa abafazi labantwana. **39** Ujesu eselikhulule ixuku labantu, wangena esikeneni waya emangweni waseMaadani. ‘Lamuuhla kuzaqubuka isiphepho ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu njalo kugubuzele.’ Liyawazi ukuchaza umumo womkhathi kodwa kalenelisi ukuchaza izibonakaliso zesikhathi. **4** Isizukulwane esixhwalileyo lesiphingayo sifuna isibonakaliso kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwsibonakaliso sikajona.” Ujesu wasebatshiya wahamba. **5** Bathi sebekhuphukele ngaphetsheya kwechibi, abafundi babekhohliwe ukuba lesinkwa. **6** Ujesu wathi kubo, “Limukani. Liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi.” **7** Bakhulumisana ngalokhu bathi, “Kungenxa yokuba kasizanga lesinkwa.” **8** Ujesu wakwazi abakukhulumayo wasebuza wathi, “Lina eliokholo oluncinyane, kungani likhulumisana ngokungabi lasinkwa na? **9** Lilokhu lingaqedisisi yini? Kalikhumbuli na izinkwa ezinhlanu ezasuthisa abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu, lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezingaki? **10** Kumbe izinkwa eziyisikhombisa ezasuthisa abantu abazinkulungwane ezine lokuthi laqoqa izitsha ezigcweleyo ezingaki? **11** Kungani lingewisisi ukuthi bengingakhulumani ngesirkwa? Kodwa qaphelani imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi.” **12** Basebezwisa ukuthi wayengabatsheli ukupaphela imvubelo esetshenzwa esinkweni kodwa ukunanzelela imfundiso yabaFarisi labaSadusi. **13** Kwathi ujesu esefike emangweni waseKhesariya Filiphawabuza abafundi bakhe wathi, “Abantu bathi iNdodana yoMuntu ingubani na?” **14** Baphendula bathi, “Abanye bathi nguJohane uMbaphathizi; abanye bathi nguElija; abanye njalo bathi nguJeremiya loba omunye nje wabaphrofethi.” **15** Wabuza wathi, “Lina-ke, lithi ngingubani?” **16** USimoni Phethro waphendula wathi, “UnguKhristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.” **17** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Ubusisiwe wena Simoni, ndodana kajona ngoba lokhu kawukwambulelwanga ngumuntu wegazi lenyama kodwa ngubiBaba osezulwini. **18** Ngakho ngiyakutshela ukuthi unguPhethronjalo phezu kwaletlidwala ngizakwakha ibandla lami, futhi amasango eHadesi akayikulehlula. (**Hades g86**) **19** Ngizakupha iziqlihluthelo zombuso wezulu; loba yini oyibophayo emhlabeni izabotshwa lasezulwini njalo loba yini oyithukululayo emhlabeni izathukululawa lasezulwini.” **20** Waseqonqosela abafundi bakhe ukuba bangatsheli muntu ukuthi wayenguKhristu. **21** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi ujesu waqalisa ukuchazelabafundi bakhe ukuthi kumele aye ejerusalem ayehlupheka ngezinto ezinengi ezandleni zabadala bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho njalo lokuthi kumele abulawe, kuthi ngelangala lesithathu avuswe kwabafleyo. **22** UPhetethro warndonsela eceleni waqalisa ukumkuza wathi, “Ngeke kwenzeke Nkosi! Lokhu kakusoze kwafa kwenzeka kuwe!” **23** Ujesu waphendula wathi kuPhethro, “Suka emva kwami Sathanel UvisikhubeKiso kimi: enqoondweni vakhoh”

**16** AbaFarisi labaSadusi beza kujesu bamlinga ngokumcela ukuthi abatshengise isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. **2** Waphendula wathi, “Nxa kufika ukuhlwa lithi, ‘Umkhathi uzakuba muhle ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu,’ **3** ekuseni lithi,

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**26** Kuzamsiza ngani umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba kodwa alahlekewo ngumphefumulo wakhe na? Kambe umuntu angaphani esikhundleni sempilo yakhe na? **27** Phela iNdodana yoMuntu izakuza ngobukhosu bukaYise kanye lezingilosu zakhe, ibisisipha umvuza emuntwini munye ngamunye ngalokho akwenzileyo. **28** Ngilitshela iqiniso, abanye abemiyu khonapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa bengakayiboni iNdodana yoMuntu isiza embuswenu wayo.”

**17** Ngemva kwensuku eziyisithupha, ujesu wathatha uPhethro, loJakhobe loJohane umfowabko kajakhobe wakhwela labo entabeni ephakemeyo lapho ababa bodwa khona. **2** Bekhona lapho waguquka isimo emehlweni abo. Ubuso bakhe bakhazimula njengelanga lezinqoko zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya. **3** Khonokho kwasekubonakala uMosi lo-Elija bekhuluma lojesu. **4** UPethro wathi kujesu, “Nkosi, kuhle kithi ukuba lapha. Nxa uthanda ngizakwakha izihonqo ezintathu, esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esikaElija.” **5** Wathi elokhe esakhulumu, iyezi elikhazimulayo labagubuzela, ilizwi elavela eyezini lathi, “Le yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo. Ilaleleni!” **6** Abafundi bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathi mbo phansi ngobuso, besaba. **7** Kodwa ujesu weza wabathinta. Wathi, “Sukumani. Lingesabi.” **8** Bathi bevusa amehlo kabasabonanga mutnu ngaphandle kukaJesu. **9** Bathi sebesehla entabeni, uJesu wabalaya wathi, “Lingatsheli mutnu ngalokhu elikubonileyo iNdodana yoMuntu ize ivuswe kwabafileyo.” **10** Abafundi bambuza bathi, “Kungani pho abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elija kumele aqale afike?” **11** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso, u-Elija uyeza azolungisa kutsha izinto zonke. **12** Kodwa ngiyalitshela ngithi u-Elija uvele sewfaka njalo kabamazanga kodwa bazenzela kuye konke ababekufuna. INdodana yoMuntu bazayihlukuluza ngaleyondlela.” **13** Laphoke abafundi basebezwisa ukuthi wayekhulumu labo ngoJohane uMbaphathizi. **14** Bathi sebefike exukwini labantu, indoda ethile yamqonda uJesu yaguqa phambi kwakhe. **15** Yathi, “Nkosi, ake uhawukele indodana yami. Ilezithuthwane njalo iyahlupheka kakhulu. Kanengi iwela emlilweni kumbe emanzini. **16** Ngiyilethile kubafundi bakho kodwa behlulekile ukuyisilisa.” **17** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Oh, lina sizukulwane esingakholwayo lesionakeleyo. Ngizahlala lani kuze kube nini na? Ngizalibekezelela kuze kube nini na? Mletheni lapha kimi umfana lowo.” **18** UJesu walikhaza idimonu laphuma emfaneni wahle wasila ngalesosikhathi. **19** Abafundi basebesiza kujesu ngasese bambuza bathi, “Kungani sehlulekile ukulikupha idimonu na?” **20** Waphendula wathi, “Ngoba ukholo lwenu luncinyane. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi nxa lingaba lokukholwa loba kukuncinanye njengentanga yemastadi, lingathi entabeni le, ‘Suduluka lapha uye laphayana’ izasuduluka. Kakukho kini okungasoze kwenzeke. [ **21** Kodwa uhlubo olunje aluphumi ngaphandle kwangomkhuleko lokuzila ukudla.]” **22** Bathi sebebuthene eGalile wathi kubo, “INdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu.

**23** Bazayibulala, kuthi ngosuku lwesthathu izavuswa labafundi bakhe sebefikile eKhaphenawume, abaqoqi bomthelo wamadrakhima amabili bezu kuPhethro babuza bathi, “Umfundisi wenu kawuhlawuli yini umthelo wethempeli?” **25** Wathi, “Yebo, uyawuthela.” Kwathi uPhethro engena endlini, ujesu nguye owakhulumu kuqala, wabuza wathi, “Ucabangani kambe Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba ayithatha kubani inkongozelo lemithelo, emadodaneni abo na loba kwabanye abantu?” **26** UPethro waphendula wathi, “Kwabanye abantu.” Ujesu wasesithi kuye, “Ngakho ke amadodana akhululekile. **27** Kodwa ukule singabakhubi, yana echibini uphosele iwuka yakho khona. Ubothatha inhlanzi yokuqala ozayibamba, uvule umlomo wayo uzafurmana khona uhlamu lwemali engamadrakhima amane. Uyithathe ubaphe ibe ngumthelo wami lowenu.”

**18** Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bezu kujesu babuza bathi, “Ngubani omkhulu kulabo bonke embuswenu wezulu na?” **2** Wabiza umntwana omcincanye wamisa phakathi kwabo. **3** Wasesithi, “Ngijinisile ngithi kini, ngaphandle kokuba liguquke libe njengabantwana abancinyane, kalisoze lafa langena embuswenu wezulu. **4** Ngakho lowo ozithobayo njengomntwana lo nguye omkhulu kulabo bonke embuswenu wezulu. **5** Njalo lowo owamukela umntwana omncane njengalo ebizweni lami wamukela mina.” **6** “Nxa umuntu ekhubekisa oyedwa walaba abancinyane abakholwa kimi ukuthi enze isono, kungabangcono kuye ukuthi kulengiswe entanyeni yakhe inkalakatha yembokodo yokuchola agalusise enzikini yowlandle. **7** Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa yezinto ezenza abantu benze isono! Izinto ezinjalo zivele ziyafika kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezifika ngaye! **8** Nxa isandla sakho loba unyawo lwakho kukwenzisa isono, kuqume ukulahle. Kungcono kuwe ukuba ungene ekuphileni uyingini kumbe ugogekile kulokuba lezandla zombili kumbe inyawo zombili uphoselwe emlilweni ongapheliyo. (**añios g106**) **9** Nxa ilihlo lakho likwenzisa isono, likpole ulilahle. Kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni ulelihlo elilodwa kulokuba lamehlo amabili kodwa uphoselwe esihogweni somlilo.” (**Geenna g1067**) **10** “Nanzelelani ukuthi lingeyisi lamunye walaba abancinyane. Ngoba ngilitshela ukuthi izingilosu zabo zezulu zihlezi zibona ubuso bukaBaba ezulwini. [ **11** INdodana yoMuntu yalandu ukusindisa okwakulahlekile.] **12** Kambe likhumbulanu? Nxa indoda ilezimvu ezilikhulu, enye iqambuke kwezinye, kayiyikuzitshiya yini lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye ezintabeni iyedinga leyo eqambukileyo? **13** Ithi ingayithola, ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, iyathokoza ngaleyko ukwedlu lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye ezingazange zilahleke. **14** Ngokufanayo, uYihlo osezulwini kafisi ukuthi lamunye walaba abancinyane abhubhe.” **15** “Nxa umfowenu ekona, yana kuye umtshengise isiphambeko sakhe

lilodwa lobabili. Nxa ekulalela usumzuzile umfowenu. **16** Kodwa nxa engakulaleli, biza omunye loba ababili ukuze ‘indaba yonke ivele obala ilabofakazi ababili loba abathathu.’ **17** Nxa esala ukubalalela, tshela ibandla, nxa esala ukulilalela lalo ibandla mthatheni njengomhedeni kumbe njengomthelisi. **18** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, loba yini eliyibophayo emhlabeni izabotshwa lasezelwini njalo lokho elikuthukululayemhlabeni kuzathukululwa lasezelwini. **19** Njalo ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi nxa ababili kini emhlabeni bevumelana loba ngalutho bani abalucelayo bazalwenzelwa ngubaba osezulwini. **20** Ngoba lapho okuhlangana khona ababili loba abathathu ngebizo lami, ngizabe ngikhona lami.” **21** UPethero weza kujesu wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, umfowethu loba udadewethu ngizamthethelela kangaki nxa elokhu engona na? Kuze kube kasikhombisa na?” **22** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Ngithi hatshi kasikhombisa kodwa okwezikaththi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa. **23** Ngakho umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyayifuna ukqededa izikwelede zayo lezinceku zayo. **24** Yathi isiqalisa ukuthonisa kwalettha kuyo indoda eyayilesikwelede samathalenta azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **25** Kwathi ngoba ingelamandla okuhlawula inkosi yalaya ukuthi yona, umkayo, abantwana lakho konke eyayilakho kuthengiswe ukuze kuqedwe umlandu. **26** Inceku yaguqa phambi kwenkosi yayincenga yathi, ‘Ake ungibekazelele, ngizahlawula konke.’ **27** Inkosi yencetu leyo yayizwela usizi, yayithethelala, yawesula umlandu yayiekela yahamba. **28** Kodwa leyo yonela ukuphuma, yafumana eyinye inceku eyayilesikwelede sayo samadenari alikhulu. Yayibamba ngomphimbo, yayiklinya, yathi ngolaka, ‘Hlawula isikwelede samil’ **29** Leyonceku layo yawa ngamadoloyayincenga yathi, ‘Ake ungibekazelele, ngizakuahlawula.’ **30** Kodwa yona yala. Endaweni yalokho, yahamba yenza ukuba leyondoda iphoselwe entolongweni ize iqale ihlawule isikwelede. **31** Kwathi ezinye izinceku sezibonile okwakwenzakele, zathukuthela kakhlulu zayaceba enkosini ngalokho okwenzakeleyo. **32** Inkosi yayibiza leyonceku, yathi, ‘Wena nceku embi. Ngikuthethelala, ngasesula sonke isikwelede sakho ngoba ungingcengile. **33** Kungani pho ungazwelanga omunye wakho isihawu njengalokhu ngenzile kuwe?’ **34** Inkosi yayo yathukuthela kakhlulu, yainikela kubaphathi bejele ukuthi bayihlkululue ize isihlawule sonke isikwelede. **35** Yijo le indlela uBaba osezulwini azaphatha ngayo lowo larollo wenu nxa lingathethelala abazalwane kuphuma enhliziyeni.”

**19** Ujesu eseqedile ukutsho lezizinto, wasuka eGalile waya emangweni wasejudiya ngaphetsheya kweJodani. **2** Walandelwa ngamaxuku amakhulu abantu, wabasilisa khona lapho. **3** Abanye abaFarisi beza kuye ukuzamlinga. Bambusa bathi, ‘Kusemthethweni yini ukuthi indoda ilahle umkayo loba kungasiphi isizatho?’ **4** Waphendula wathi, ‘Kalikubalanga yini ukuthi ekuqaleni uMdali ‘wabenza baba ngowesilisa lowesifazane,’ **5** wathi, ‘Ngalesi isizatho indoda izatshiya uyise lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo, kuthi laba ababili bazakuba nyamanyi?’ **6** Ngakho kabasebibili,

kodwa sebenyamanyi. Ngakho, lokho uNkulunkulu asekuhlanganisile akungehlukaniswa muntu.’ **7** Babuza bathi, ‘Kungani pho uMosi walaya ukuthi indoda imuphe umkayo incwadi yokuquma umtshado ibisimxotsha?’ **8** Ujesu waphendula wathi, ‘uMosi walivumela ukuthi lilahle omkenu ngobulukhuni bezinhliziyo zenu. Kodwa kwakungenjalo ekuqaleni. **9** Ngilitshela ukuthi lowo ohlukana lomkakhe, ngaphandle kokuba ehlobongile, athathe omunye umfazi, uyaphinga.’ **10** Abafundi bathi kuye, ‘Nxa kumi kanjalo phakathi kwendoda lomkayo kungono ukungathathi.’ **11** Ujesu waphendula wathi, ‘Akusibo bonke abangalemukela lelilizwi, kodwa labo kuphela abaliphewo. **12** Ngoba abanye bangabathenwa ngenxa yokuthi bazalwa benjalo, abanye benziwa ngabantu njalo abanye bakudela ukutshada ngenxa yombuso wezulu. Lowo ongakwamukela lokho kakwemukele.’ **13** Kwasekulethwa abantwana abancinyane kujesu ukuba ababeke izandla lokubakhulekela. Kodwa abafundi babakuza labo ababalethayo. **14** Ujesu wathi, ‘Yekelani abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli ngoba umbuso wezulu ungowabanjengalaba.’ **15** Esebabekile izandla wasuka lapho wahamba. **16** Kweza enye insizwa kujesu yabuza yathi, ‘Mfundisi, ngingenzani okulungileyo ukuze ngizuze ukuphila okungapheliyo na?’ (*aiōnios g166*) **17** Ujesu waphendula wathi, ‘Ungibuzelani ngokulungileyo na? Munye kuphela olungileyo. Nxa ufuna ukungena ekuphileni, landela imilayo.’ **18** Insizwa yabuza yathi, ‘Yiphi na?’ Ujesu waphendula wathi, ‘Ungabulali, ungaphingi, ungatshontshi, ungfakazelamanga, **19** hloniphaya uhlo lonyoko,’ njalo ‘thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena.’ **20** Insizwa yathi, ‘Yonke le ngiyigcinile. Pho ngisaswelani na?’ **21** Ujesu waphendula wathi, ‘Nxa ufuna ukuthi uphelele, thengisa yonke inotho yakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya ungilande.’ **22** Kwathi insizwa ikuzwa lokho, yasuka idanile ngoba yayilenotho energi kakhlulu. **23** Ujesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi kunzima emuntwini onothileyo ukuthi angene embusweni wezulu. **24** Njalo ngiyalitshela ukuthi kungaba lula ukuthi ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.’ **25** Kwathi abafundi sebekuzwile lokhu bamangala kakhlulu babuza bathi, ‘Pho ngubani ongasindiswa na?’ **26** Ujesu wabakhangela wathi, ‘Ngokwabantu, lokhu kakwenzeki kodwa ngoNkulunkulu zonke izinto ziyanzeke.’ **27** UPethero waphendula wathi, ‘Sesitshiye konke ukuze sikulandele! Pho sizazuzani na?’ **28** Ujesu wathi kubo, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, emhlabeni omutscha, lapho inDodana yoMuntu isihlezi esihlalweni sobukhos, lina elingilandelayo lani lizahlala ezihlalweni zobukhos ezihtshumi lambili, lahlulele izizwana ezihtshumi lambili zako-Israyeli. **29** Njalo bonke labo abatshiye izindlu zabo, loba abafowabo, loba odadewabo kumbe uyise loba unina kumbe abantwana loba amasimu ngenxa yami bazakwamukeliswa okwandswe ngelkhulu njalo bazakudla ilifa lokuphila okungapheliyo. (*aiōnios*

**g166** 30 Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina njalo abanengi abangabokucina bazakuba ngabokuqala.”

**20** “Ngoba umbuso wezuluunjengomlimiowaphuma ekuseni kakhulu wayaqhatsha amadoda okusebenza esivinini sakhe. 2 Wathembisa ukubaholisa idenari okwalolosuku wasebathomela esivinini sakhe. 3 Waphuma njalo ngehola lesificanunwemunye ekuseni wabona abanye bezimele nje emsikenibengenzi lutho. 4 Wabatshela wathi, ‘Lani hambani liyesebenza esivinini sami, ngizaliholisa okufaneleyo.’ 5 Ngakho bahamba. Wabuye waphuma emini sekubanga ihola leisithathu emini wenza okufanayo. 6 Sekusondele ihola leishlanu waphuma wafumana abanye bezimele nje khonapho. Wababuza wathi, ‘Kungani belilokhu limi lapha ilanga lonke lingensi lutho na?’ 7 Bamphendula bathi, ‘Ngoba kakho osiqhatshileyo.’ Wathi kubo, ‘Lani hambani liyesebenza esivinini sami.’

8 Kwathi sekuntambama, umminisivini wathi endunene yezinceku, ‘Biza izinckeuziphe iholo lazo, uqalise ngabokucina usehla usiya kwabokuqala.’ 9 IZinckeuzaqhatshwa sekubanga ihola leishlanu ntambama zeza ngamunye zaphiwa idenari. 10 Kwathi sekufike labo abaqhatshwa kuqala balindela ukuphiwa okwedulay. Kodwa ngamunye wabo waphiwa idenari. 11 Bonela ukuyamukela baqalisaukumsola ummninsimu besithi,

12 ‘Lababantuabaqhatshwe ekucineni basebenze ihola elilodwa kuphela kodwa usubalinganise lathi thina esithwale kanzima ngomsebenzi sitshiswa lilanga usuku lonke.’ 13 Kodwa waphendula omunye wabo wathi, ‘Mnakwethu, angikudlelezelengalutho. Kawuvumanga yini ukusebenza idenari? 14 Thatha umholo wakho uhambe. Mina ngithanda ukupha indoda leyo eqhatshwe muva okulingana lalokho engikunike khona. 15 Kangilalungelo na lokwenza loba yini engiyithandayo ngemali yami? Kumbe phezu kwano? 16 Ngakho endeleni, ukantibanyebephula ingatsha ezhilahleni owokucina uzakuba ngowokuqala, lowokuqala abe bazendlala endeleni. 17 Kwathi ujesu esesiya ejerusalemakwakhe lalawoyelandela amemeza athi, ‘Hosana wathatha abafundi abalitshumi lambili wema labo kuyo iNdodana kaDavida!’

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lezozelamani. 25 Ujesu wasebabizela ndawonyewathi, ‘Liyakwazi ukuthi ababusibeZizwe bazibusakalukhuni, kuthilezikhulu zazo zikhonyephezu kwazo. 26 Kakunjalo kini. Kodwa loba ngubani ofuna ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu kabe yinceku yenu, 27 alawofuna ukuba ngowokuqala kabe yincekyenu, 28 njengalokhu iNdodana yoMuntu ingezanga ukuzokhonzwa kodwa ukuzokhonzalokunikela impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi.’ 29 Kwathi ujesu labafundi bakhe sebesuka ejerikho ixuku elikhulalabantu lamlandela. 30 Amadoda amabili ayiziphofu ayehlezi eceleni komgwaqo athi esizwa ukuthi ujesu wayesedula khonapho amemeza athi, ‘Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!’ 31 Ixuku labantu lawakhuza lathi kawathule kodwa amemeza ngamandla athi, ‘Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, sihawukele!’ 32 Ujesu wema wawabiza, wawabuza wathi, ‘Lifuna ukuba ngilenzeleni?’ 33 Aphendula athi, ‘Nkosi, sifuna ukuthi sibone.’ 34 Ujesu wawazwela isihawu wawathinta emehlweni. Masinyane nje ahle abona asemelandela.

**21** Bathi sebesondela ejerusalem, bafika ebhethifage eNtabeni yama-Oliva, ujesu wathuma abafundi ababili, 2 wathi kubo, ‘Yanini emzinophamibiafweni, khonapholizabona inkonyane kababhemilobabhemiebotshelwe khonapho. Libakhulule libuye labokimi. 3 Nxa kungaba lozalibua, limtshela ukuthi iNkosi yiyo ebafunayo, uzahle abayekele bahambe masinyane.’ 4 Lokhu kwenzeka ukuze kugcwalseke okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi ukuthi: 5 ‘Tshela iNdodakazi yaseZiyoni ukuthi, ‘Khangelainkosi wakho iyeza kuwe, immene igade ubabhemiphezu kwenkonyane, inkonyane kababhemii.’ 6 Abafundi umholo wakho uhambe. Mina ngithanda ukupha indoda leyo eqhatshwe muva okulingana lalokho Baletha inkonyane kababhemilobabhemibendlala amajazi abphezu kwabababhemikuze ujesu ahlae amajazi alo phezu kwano. 8 Ixuku elikhulalendlalamajazi ulomhawu ngokuphana kwami na?’ 16 Ngakho endeleni, ukantibanyebephula ingatsha ezhilahleni amajazi abphezu kwabababhemikuze ujesu ahlae amajazi alo phezu kwano. 9 Amaxuku aphendula athi, ‘Hosana wathatha abafundi abalitshumi lambili wema labo kuyo iNdodana kaDavida!’

“Ubusisiwe lowo obuya eceleni wathi kubo, 18 ‘Sesisiya ejerusalemalaphonegebizo likaThixol!’ ‘Hosana ezulwini eliphezul!’ iNdodana yoMuntu ezanikelwa khonakubaphristi 10 Kwathi ujesu esegenile ejerusalem, umuzi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela wonke wanyakazela, abantu babuzanabathi, ‘Kanti ukufa, 19 bayinikele kwabeZizwe ukuba iyangiswe, ngubani lo?’ 11 Amaxuku aphendula athi, ‘Lo itshaywe njalo ibethelwe. Ngosuku lwesthathu ngujesu, umphrofethi waseNazaretha eGalile.’ 12 izavuswa kwabafileyo!” 20 Kwasekufika unina Ujesu wangena egumeni lethempeli wabaxotsha wamadodana kaZebhediakujesuelamadodana akhe bonke ababethenga lababethengisa khona. Wagenqula waguqa phansi wacela ukuthi enzelwe umusa. 21 amatafulalabooababentshintshela abanye izimali Ujesuwabuza wathi, ‘Kuyini okufunayo?’ Yena wathi, ‘Tshono ukuthi omunye wala amadodana ami amabili uzhahlakwesokunene sakho kuthi omunye laye ahlale kwasokhohlo sakho embuswenu wakho.’ 22 Ujesu wathi kubo, ‘Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Lingayinatha na inkezo engizayinatha?’ Bathi, ‘Yebo singayinatha.’ 23 Ujesu wathi kubo, ‘Yebo lizanatha kuyo inkezo yami kodwa ukuhlala kwasokunene kumbekwesokhohlo kwami kakuksikho kwami ukukuvumela. 24 abantwana laba ukuthi bathini?’ Waphendula ujesu Kwathi abalitshumi bekuzwa lokhu bazithukuthelela wathi, ‘Yebo, kalikaze lifunde ukuthi, ‘Ezindebeni

abantwana lensane wena Nkosi uyimisile indumiso?" 17 Wasebatshiya waphuma edolobheni waya eBhethani lapho alala khona. 18 Ekuseni kakhulu esebuyela edolobheni wezwa eselambile. 19 Wabona isihlahla somkhiwa eceleni kwendlela, waqambukela kuso kodwa wathola kungelalutho kuso ngaphandle kwamahlamvu rije. Wasesithi kuso, "Ungaphindi uthele izithelo lanini!" Khonapho nje isihlahla sahle sabuna. (aiōn g165) 20 Abafundi bathi bekubona lokhu bamangala kakhulu. Babuza bathi, "Kwenzeke kanjani ukuthi isihlahla somkhiwa sibune masinyane kangaka?" 21 Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi nxa lilokukholwa njalo lingathandabuzi, kaloze lenze okwenzive kulesi isihlahla somkhiwa kuphela kodwa njalo lingathi kule intaba, 'Suka, uziphosele olwandle,' lakanye kuzenza. 22 Nxa likholwa, lizaphiwa loba yini eliyicelayo ngomkhuleko." 23 Ujesu wangena ethempelini, kwathi elokhu efundisa abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu beza kuye. Bambuza bathi, "Izinto lezi uzenza ngawaphi amandla na? Ngubani okunike amandla la?" 24 Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Lami ngizalibiza umbuzo owodwa. Lingangiphendula, ngizalitshela ukuthi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla lezizinto. 25 Ubhaphathizo lukajohane lwavela ngaphi na? Lwavela ezulwini loba ebantwini na?" Bangunguna bodwa ngalokho bathi, "Nxa singathi, 'Lwavela ezulwini,' uzakuthi, 'Pho kungani lingazange limkholwe na?' 26 Kodwa singathi, 'Lwavela ebantwini,' sesaba abantu ngoba bonke uJohane bamthatha njengomphrofethi." 27 Ngakho bamphendula ujesu bathi, "Kasikwazi." Ngakho wasesithi, "Lami kangiyikulitshela ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza ngamandla bani." 28 "Likhumbulani kambe? Kwakulendoda eyayilamadodana amabili. Yaya kweyokuqala yathi, 'Ndodana, lamuhla hamba uyesebenza esivinini.' 29 Yaphendula yathi, 'Kangisoze ngiye mina,' kodwa yaphinde yatzisola yahamba. 30 Uyise wasesiya kwenye indodana watsho okufanayo. Yaphendula yathi, 'Ngizahamba, baba,' kodwa kayihambahga. 31 Yiphi phakathi kwano womabili eyenza lokho okwakufunwa nguyisa na?" Baphendula bathi, "Ngeyakuqala." Ujesu wathi kubo, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi abathelisi lezifebe bazangena embusweni kaNkulunkulu kuqala kulani. 32 Ngoba uJohane weza kini ukuzalitshengisa indlela yokulunga kodwa kalmkholwanga ikanti abathelisi lezifebe bamkholwa. Kwathi lokuba selikubonile konke lokhu kalmkholwanga." 33 "Zwanini omunye umzekeliso: Kwakukhona umnini wesiqinti owahlanyela isivini. Wasihonqolozela ngomduli, wagebha isikhamele sewayini phakathi, wasesakha isilindo. Waseqhatshisa isivini leso kubalimi wasuka wathatha uhumbo. 34 Kuthe sekufika isikhathi sokuvuna wathuma izinceku zakhe kulabobalimi ukuyathatha izithelo. 35 Abalimi bazibamba izinceku zakhe; eyinte bayitshaya, eyinte bayibulala kwathi eyesithathu bayikhanda ngamatshe. 36 Wasethuma ezinte izinceku kubo, ezinungi kulezakuqala, njalo abalimi baziphatha ngendlela efanayo. 37 Eucinceni wasethumela indodana yakhe kubo. Wathi, 'Bazayihlonipha indodana yami.' 38 Kodwa kwathi abalimi beyibona indodana batshelana bathi, 'Lo yindlalifa. Wozani simbulale sithathe ilifa lakhe.' 39 Ngakho bamdumela bamphosela ngaphandle kwasivini bambulala. 40 Ngakho-ke nxa umminisivini esesiza uzabathini abalimi labo na?" 41 Baphendula bathi, "Uzababorisa into yamehlo, abeseqhatshisa isivini sakhe kwabanye abalimi abazamnika ingxene yezithelo ngesikhathi sokuvuna." 42 Ujesu wathi kubo, "Kalibalanga yini emibhalweni ukuthi: 'Ilitshe elalahluwa ngabakhi seliyiloni ilitshe lensika; iNkosi ikwenzile lokhu, njalo kuyamangalisa emehlwani ethu?' 43 Ngakho ngijalitshela ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu lizawuthathelwa uphiwe abantu abazathela izithelo zavo. 44 Lowo ozawela phezu kwalelilitshe uzavatlaka kodwa lowo elizawela phezu kwakhe uzafighlizwa." 45 Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi besizwa imizekeliso kajesu, bakwazi ukuthi wayekhulumga ngabo. 46 Badinga indlela yokumbophia kodwa besaba ixuku labantu ngoba abantu bambona njengomphrofethi.

**22** Ujesu wakhulumga kubo njalo ngemizekeliso wathi: 2 "Umbuso wezulu unjengenkosi eyalungisela indodana yayo idili lomthimba. 3 Yathuma izinceku zayo kulabo ababenxusiwe edilini ukuba beze kodwa bala ukuza. 4 Yaphinda yathuma ezinte izinceku yathi, 'Batsheleli labo abanxusiweyo ukuthi sengilungisile idili. Ngihlabe inkabi lenkomo ezinonisiweyo, konke sekulungile. Wozani edilini lomthimba.' 5 Kodwa kabakunanzanga lokho, bazihambela, omunye waya ensimini yakhe, omunye emsebenzini wakhe. 6 Abanye bazibamba izinceku zayo, bazihlukuluza bazibulala. 7 Inkosi yathukuthela. Yathumela impi yayo yababhuqa labobabulali yatshisa idolobho labo. 8 Yasisithi ezinckwini zayo, 'Idili lomthimba selilungile kodwa labo engibanxusileyo bebengasafanele ukuza. 9 Hambari liye emahlanganweni ezindlela linuxe loba ngubani elimbonayo.' 10 Ngakho izinceku zangena ezitaladini zabutha bonke abantu ezzababonyo, abalungileyo lababi, indlu yomthimba yagcwala izethekeli. 11 Kodwa kwathi inkosi ingena ukuzabona izethekeli, yananelela khonapho indoda eyeyingavunulanga iziggoko zomthimba. 12 Yabuza yathi, 'Mngane, ungene njani lapha ungelazigqoko zomthimba?' Indoda yatsha amathe. 13 Inkosi yatishtela izinceku zayo yathi, 'Mbopheni izandla lezinyawo limphosele ngaphandle ebunmyameni, lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugeda kwamazinyo.' 14 Ngoba banengi ababiziweyo kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo." 15 Lapho-ke abaFarisi basuka baphuma bayaceba ukuthi bambambe ngamazwi akhe. 16 Bathuma abafundi babo kuye behamba lamaHerodiya. Bathi, "Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi uyindoda eqotho lokuthi ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngokweqiniso. Kawusuye uthathekile ngoba kawulani lokuthi bangobani. 17 Sitshele-ke, uthini ngalokhu? Kusemtethweni na ukuthela kuKhesari kumbe hatshi?" 18 Ujesu ngokwazi inhlosa yabo embi wathi, "Lina bazenzis,

lenzani lizama ukungithiya na? **19** Ake lingitshengise lokho abakutshumayelayo. **4** Baqoqa imithwalo uhlamu lwemali okuthelwa ngayo.” Bamlethela enzima bayetshate emahlombe abantu kodwa idenari, **20** wasebabuza wathi, “Ngumfanekiso bona bengafuni lokulokotha bayithwale. **5** Konke kabani lo? Njalo luphawu lukabani lolu?” **21** abakwenzayo bakwenzela ukuba babonwe ngabantu, Baphendula bathi, “Ngokukahesari.” Wasesithi kubo, benza imicwatsho yabo yemibhalo ibe banzi lezintshaka “Phanini uKhesari okungokukaKhesari lonkulunkulu zezigqoko zabo zibe zinde; **6** bathanda izindawo okungokukaNkulunkulu.” **22** Bathi besizwa lokhu eziphezu emadilini lezhilalo eziqakathetkileyo bamangala. Ngakho basuka kuye bahamba. **23** emasinagogweni, **7** bathanda ukubingelelwemisikeni Ngalelolanga abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka lokuthi abantu bababize ngokuthi ‘Rabi.’ **8** Kodwa lina kwabafileyo, beza kuye belombuzo. **24** Bathi, “Mfundisi, nxa lingabizwa kuthiwe ‘Rabi,’ ngoba munye kuhela uMosi wasitshela wathi, nxa indoda ingafa ingazanga oyinKosy i nju nyalu lona lonke liyizinini. **9** Futhi mntwana, umfowabwo kamthathe umfelokazi amzalele lingabizwa muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi ‘babu,’ ngoba abantwana. **25** Kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa liloYihlo oyedwa, yena osezulwini. **10** Njalo lingabizwa phakathi kwethu. Wathatha owakuqala wasesifa, ngokuthi bafundisi, ngoba liloMfundisi oyedwa, kwathi ngoba engazuzanga mntwana watshiyela ukhristu. **11** Omkhulu kulani lonke phakathi kwenu umkakhe umfowabwo. **26** Kwaphinda lokho kowesibili uzakuba yinceku yenu. **12** Ngoba lowo oziphakamisayo lowesithathu njalo kwaze kwaba ngowesikhombisa. uzathotshisa, lalowo ozithobayo uzaphakanyiswa.” **27** Ekucineni wafa lowomfazi. **28** Pho-ke, ekuvukeni **13** “Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakubaFarisi, kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani phakathi lina bazenzisi! Livalela abantu umbuso wezulu. Lina kwabayisikhombisa njengoba bonke babemthethet?” **14** Maye kini bafundisi bomthetho lakini **29** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Liyalahlekha ngoba kalyazi imibhalo lamandla kaNkulunkulu. **30** baFarisi, lina bazenzisi! Liphanga izindlu zabafelokazi, Ekuvukeni kwabafileyo abantu kabayikuthatha loba beselizenzisa lisenza imikhuleko emide, ngalokho bendiswe; bazakuba rjengezingilosy ezelwini. **31** Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo, kalibalanga yini lokho uNkulunkulu akutsho kini ukuthi, **32** ngunguNkulunkulu ka-Abrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kaJakhobe? KasuNkulunkulu Lidabula ilizwe lihambe laphezu kolwandle lidinga wabafileyo kodwa owabaphilayo.” **33** Kwathi amaxuku abantu esizwa lokhu amangalisa yikufundisa kwakhe. **34** AbaFarisi sebezwiile ukuthi ujesu wayesebathulisile **15** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini **35** Omunye wabo **36** Yikuphi okukhulu kulokunye: igolide kumbe ithempeli “Mfundisi, yiuphumi umlayo omkhulu kulayo yonke eMthethweni?” **37** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Thanda efunga nge-alithare, akusilutho; kodwa nxa umuntu iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke **16** Maye kini, baholi abayiziphofu! Lithi, ‘Nxa umuntu efunga ngesipho esikulo usezibophile ngesifungo langomphefumulo wakho wonke langengqondo sakhe.’ **17** Lina ziphofundini! **38** Yiwo owokuqala njalo odlula **18** Maye kini, baholi abayiziphofu! Yikuphi okudlula imilayo emibili.” **39** Owersibili unjengawo: “Thanda ngcwle? **20** Ngakho lowo ofunga nge-alithare ufunga umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena.” **40** ngalo langakho konke okukulo. **21** Njalo lowo ofunga Wonke uMthetho labaPhrefethi kweyeme kuyonale **41** Kwathi abafarisi behlangene ndawonye uJesu wababuza wathi, **42** “Licabangani **22** Njalo lalowo ofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo ngoKhristu? Uyindodana kabani?” Baphendula bathi, **43** “Yindodana kaDavidia.” **44** Bathi kubo, “Kungani pho kwaso. **23** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho **45** Pho, nxa uDavidia uDavidia wathi ekhuluma ngoMoya umbiza athi ‘Nkosi?’ **46** Kakho loyedwa owaba lelizwi lokumphendula. **24** Lina baholi esithi kuye, ‘Nkosi,’ angaba yindodana yakhe njani?” **47** Kwathi-ke kusukela ngalolosuku kakho owaqunga **25** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho **48** Kumele libalalele lenze konke abalitshela khona. Kodwa lingakwenzi abakwenzayo, ngoba kabakulandeli **26** MFarisi oyisiphofu! Linjengamatnuna isibindi sokumbuza eminye imibuzo.

**23** Ujesu wasesithi emaxukwini abantu lakubafundi bakhe: **2** “Abafundisi bomthetho labaFarisi bahlezis esihlalweni sikaMosi. **3** Ngakho kumele libalalele lenze konke abalitshela khona. Kodwa lingakwenzi abakwenzayo, ngoba kabakulandeli

ingaphakathi yenkezo lomganu, ukuze ingaphandle layo ihlambuluke. **27** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakinibafarisi, lina bazenzisi! Linjengamatnuna acorjiweyo, akhanya ebukeka ngaphandle, kodwa ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo abantu abafileyo

lakho konke okungcolileyo. **28** Kanjalo, ngaphandle libonakala ebantwini linjengabalungileyo, kodwa ngaphakathi ligcwele ukuzenzisa lobubi. **29** Maye kini, bafundisi bomthetho lakini baFarisi, lina bazenzi! Lakhela abaphrofethi amathuna njalo licecise amathuna abalungileyo. **30** Beselisithi, ‘Ngabe saphila ngezinusu zabokhoko bethu sasingeyikuhlanganyela labo ekuchitheni igazi labaphrofethi.’ **31** Ngalokho yini elipha ubufakazi bokuthi liyisizukulwane salabo ababulala abaphrofethi. **32** Nanko-ke, wohlani liqedise lesosono sabokhoko benu! **33** Lina zinyokal Lina nzalo yezinhangwana! Lizaphepha kanjani ukuba lilahlelwes esihogweni na? (**Geenna g1067**) **34** Ngakho ngilithumela abaphrofethi lamadoda ahlakaniphileyo labafundisi. Abarye babo lizababulala libabethele; abanye lizababhaxabula emasinagogweni enu, lilandelelane labo kuleli laleliyana idolobho. **35** Ngakho-ke, lonke igazi elilungileyo elachithwayo emhlabeni kusukela egazini lika-Abheli owayelungile kusiya egazini likaZakhariya indodana kaBherekhiya elambulala phakathi laphakathi kwethempeli le-alithari lizakwehliselwa phezu kwenu. **36** Ngilitshela iqiniso, konke lokhu kuzakuba phezu kwalesi isizukulwane. **37** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaphrofethi, ubakhande ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe, sekuanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa ndawonye abantwabakho, njengeskikhukhakazi siqoqa amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso, kodwa wena wawungathandi. **38** Khangela, indlu yakho isitshiywe ilunxiwa. **39** Ngoba ngiyalitshela, kalisayikungibona futhi lize lithi, ‘Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo.’

**24** Ujesu wathi esuka ethempelini esehamba abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi kake ananzelele izakhiwo zalo. **2** Wathi, ‘Liyazibona na zonke lezizinto? Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi akulalitshe lapha elizasala liphezu kwelinye; wonke azabhidlizwa.’ **3** Kwathi ujesu ehelezi eNtabeni yama-Oliva abafundi bakhe beza kuye ngasese bathi, ‘Sitshele, kuzakwenzakala nini lokhu na, njalo kuzakuba lesibonakaliso bani sokuza kwakho lokuphela kwsikhathi na?’ (**aión g165**) **4** Ujesu waphendula wathi, ‘Qaphelani ukuze lingakohliswa muntu. **5** Ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami besithi, ‘NginguKhristu,’ bakhohlise abanengi. **6** Lizakuzwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga azo, kodwa lingaze lethuka. Izinto ezinjalo zizakwenzeka, kodwa ukucina kulokhu kuseza. **7** Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso. Kuzakuba lendlala lokuzamazama komhlaba ezindaweni ezitshiyenyo. **8** Konke lokhu kuyikuqlisa kobuhlungu bukuhelelwa. **9** Lapho lizanikelwa ukuba lihlutshwe njalo libulawe, futhi lizazondwa yizizwe zonke ngenxa yami. **10** Ngalesosikhathi abanengi bazadela ukukholwa banikelane njalo bazondane, **11** kuvele abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi abazakohlisa abantu abanengi. **12** Ngenxa yokwanda kobubi, uthando Iwabanengi luzaphola, **13** kodwa lowo oma aqine kuze kuge sekupheleni uzasindiswa. **14** Njalo lelivangeli lombuso lizatshunyayelwa kuwo wonke umhlaba

njengobufakazi kuzozonke izizwe, besekufika ukuphela. **15** Nxa libona kumi endaweni engcwele ‘amanya aletha incithakalo,’ okwakhulunywa ngomphrofethi uDanyeli, ofundayo kezwisise. **16** Lapho-ke akuthi labo abasejudyi babalekele ezintabeni. **17** Akungabikhona osofahleni lwendlu ozakwehla phansi ukuyathatha ulutho endlini. **18** Lowo osemasimini kangabuyeli ngekhaya ukuyathatha ijazi lakhe. **19** Yeka ubulukhuni obuzakuba khona ngalezonksu kwabesifazane abakhulelweyo labangabadlezane! **20** Khulekelani ukuba ukuphaphethaka kwenu kungabi sebusika loba ngeSabatha. **21** Ngoba ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba lokuhlupheka okukhulu, okungazange kube khona kulokhu kwadabuka umhlaba kuze kuge manje, njalo kakusoze kube khona futhi. **22** Aluba lezinsuku bezingaphungulwanga, kakho obezaphepha, kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiyeo lezinsuku zizaphungulwa. **23** Nxa ngalesosikhathi omunye esithi kini, ‘Khangela, nangu uKhristu!’ loba ‘Ulaphaya’ lingakukholwa lokho. **24** Ngoba oKhristu bamanga labaphrofethi bamanga bazavela benze izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinkulu ukukhohlisu kanye labakhethiyeo, nxa lokho kungenzeka. **25** Zwanini, sengihle ngalitshela mandulo kwsikhathi. **26** Ngakho-ke, nxa umuntu elitshela esithi, ‘Nanguyana, laphayana egangeni,’ lingayi khona loba athi, ‘Nangu lapha ezindlini ezingaphakathi,’ lingaze lakukholwa lokho. **27** Ngoba njengombane osuka empumalanga uhe ubonakale lasentshonalanga, kuzakuba njalo ukufika kweNdodana yoMuntu. **28** Lapho okulesidumbu khona kulapho amanje abuthana khona. **29** Masinyane ngemva kokuhlupheka kwalezonksu, ‘ilanga lizafiphala lenyanga kayiyikuhxanya; izinkanyezi zizakuba esibhakabhakeni, izisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa.’ **30** Kulesosikhathi isibonakaliso seNdodana yoMuntu sizavela emkhathini, kuthi zonke izizwe zomhlaba zilile. Zizabona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza ngamayezi esibhakabhakeni, ilamandla lobukhosu obukhulu. **31** Njalo izathumela izingilosayo zitshaya icilongo ngomsindo omkhulu, beseziqqqa abakhethiyeo bayo emagumbini womane omhlaba, kusukela ngapha kwamazulu kusiya ngale kwawo. **32** Manje-ke, fundani lesisifundo esihlahleni somkhiwa: Amahlumela aso angaqalisa ukuba buthakathaka lamahlamvu aso ahlume, lihle lazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. **33** Kanjalo-ke, nxa lingabona zonke lezizinto, lazi ukuthi sekusondele, khonapho emnyango. **34** Ngilitshela iqiniso, lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale zonke lezizinto. **35** Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa amazwi ami kawayikwedlula lanini.” **36** “Kodwa kakho olwaziyo lolosuku lehola, loba izingilosyo zasezulwini, kumbe iNdodana, kodwa uBaba kuphela. **37** Njengoba kwakunjalo ensukwini zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ekufikeni kweNdodana yoMuntu. **38** Ngoba ensukwini ezandulela uzamcolo, abantu babesidla, benatha, bethatha njalo besenda, kwaze kfawika usuko uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini; **39** futhi babengazi lutho ngalokho okwakuzakwenzeka uzamcolo waze wafika wabatshabalisa. Kuzakuba

njalo ekufikeni kweNdodana yoMuntu. **40** Kuzakuthi indoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa yasuka yemba amadoda emabili esensimini, eyodwa izathathwa, igodi emhlabathini yayifihla imali yenkosy yayo. **19** eyinye isale. **41** Kuzakuthi abesifazane bebabili bechola ngembokodo, oyedwa uzathathwa omunye asale. **42** Ngakho, lindani ngoba kalikwazi ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika ngaluphi usuku. **43** Kodwa zwisisani lokhu: Kube umminindlu wayekwazile ukuthi isela lizafika ngasiphi isikhathi sobusuku ngabe walinda kaze avumela ukuthi indlu yakhe igqekezwe. **44** Ngakho lani hlanlani lilindle, ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu izafika ngesikhathi leso elizabe lingayikhumbuleli sona. **45** Ngubani kambe oyinceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniphileyo umnimimuzi ayibeki esikhundleni sokukhangela izisebenzi zalapha ekhaya ukuthi azinike ukudla kwazo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? **46** Kuzakuba kuhle kuleyo ngesikhathi isenzo njalo ekuphendukeni kwayo. **47** Ngilitshela iqiniso, izakumbeka ukuthi aphathe yonke impahla yayo. **48** Kodwa cabanga mhlawumbe inceku leyo ikhohlakele njalo ingazitshela ithi, ‘Inkosi yami isesekhatshana ukubuya,’ **49** ibisiqalisa ukutshaya ezinye izinceptu njalo lokudla inatha lezidakwa. **50** Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya ngosuku engacatshangela khona langesikhathi inceku engasaziyo. **51** Izayiqumaquma, iyiphe indawo kanye labazenzisi, lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugeda kwamazinyo.”

**25** “Kulesikhathi umbuso wezulu uzakuba njengezintombi ezcigweleyo ezilithumi ezathatha izibane zazo zaphuma ukuyahlangabeza umyen. **2** Ezinhlanu zazo zaziyiziwula, ezinhlanu zihlakaniphile. **3** Eziyiziwula zathatha izibane zazo, kodwa kazithathanga amafutha. **4** Kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zathwala imboldlela zamafutha kanye lezibane zazo. **5** Umyeni waphuza ukufika zonke zaze zawozela zajunywa yibuthongo. **6** Phakathi kobusuku kwamenyezelwa kwathiya, ‘Nangu umyen! Phuman limhlangabeze!’ **7** Zasezivuka zonke izintombi zalamathisa izibane zazo. **8** Lezo ezaziyiziwula zathi kwezihlaniphileyo, ‘Ake lisiphe lathi amanye amafutha enu; izibane zethu sezicitzha.’ **9** Zaphendula ezihlakaniphileyo zathi, ‘Hatshi, kakulamafutha angasanelia thina lani. Hambani liye kulabo abathengisa amafutha liyezithengela awenu.’ **10** Kodwa kwathi besayathenga amafutha umyen wafika. Izintombi ezazizlungiselele zangena laye edilini lomthimba. Umnyango wasuvalwa. **11** Ngemva kwsikhathi ezinye lazo zatsho sezifikile. Zathi, ‘Nkosi! Nkosi! Ake usivulele umnyango!’ **12** Kodwa waphendula wathi, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, kangilazi.’ **13** Ngakho lindani ngoba kalilwazi usuku loba ihola.” **14** “Njalo unjengendoda eyathatha uhumbo, yabiza izinceptu zayo yajigcina impahla yayo. **15** Oyedwa yamupha amathalenta amahlanu emali, omunye amabili omunye njalo ithalenta elilodwa, ngulowo kusiya ngamandla akhe. Yasisuka ingena uhumbo lwayo. **16** Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu yahle yasuka yayayisebenzisa leyomali yazuza amanye amahlanu. **17** Yenza njalo laleyo eyayiphiwe amabili, yazuza amanye amabili. **18** Kodwa

indoda eyayiphiwe ithalenta elilodwa yasuka yemba Ngemva kwsikhathi eside ummini walezozinceku wabuya wafisa ukwazi ukuthi babehambise njani ngaleyomali. **20** Leyondoda eyayiphiwe amathalenta amahlanu yaletsha amanye amahlanu. Yathi, ‘Nkosi, umminindlu wayekwazile ukuthi isela lizafika ngasiphi sengizube amanye amahlanu.’ **21** Umnini wayo ukuthi indlu yakhe igqekezwe. **22** Waphendula wathi, ‘Wenze kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo! Uthembekile ezintweni ezilutshwane; lenkosi yakhol’ **23** Indoda eyayilamathalenta amabili ngizakugcinisa izinto ezinengi. Woza uzojabula kanye lenkosi yakhol’ **24** Kwasekusiza ngayafihla ithalenta lakho emhlabathini. Khangela, nanku okungokwaho.’ **25** Inkosi yaphendula yathi, ‘Wena nceku embi lelivila! Utsho ukuthi wazile ukuhle ngivuna lapho engingahlanyelanga khona njalo ngibuthe lapho engingahazanga khona inhlanyelo?’ **26** Kube imali yami uyifake ebhang, ukuze kuthi ekubuyeni kwami ngiyizube isizele. **28** Mthatheleni ithalenta lelo liliphe lowo olamathalenta alitshumi. **29** Ngoba lowo olakho uzaphiwa okunye njalo abesesiba lokunengi. Lowo ongelakho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. **30** Marje-ke, iphoseni ngaphandle inceku engelamsebenzi, ebumnyameni lapho okuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugeda kwamazinyo.” **31** “Nxa iNdodana yoMuntu isisiza ngenkazimulo yayo, ikanye lezingilos zonke, izahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosy ilenkazimulo yasezulwini. **32** Zonke izizwe zizabuthaniswa phambi kwayo, ibe isisahlukanisa abantu omunye komunye njengomelusi esehlukanisa izimvu embuzini. **33** Izabeka izimvu ngasekwesokunene kwayo lembuza ngakwesokhoho. **34** Lapho-ke iNkosi izakuthi kulabo abangakwesokunene sayo, ‘Wozani, lina elibuswes ynguBaba; thathani ilifa lenu, umbuso ovalungiselwa lina kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. **35** Ngoba ngangilambile, langinika ulutho oludliwayo, ngangomile langipha okunathwayo, ngangiyishambi langinxusela endlini, **36** ngangiswele izembatho langigqokisa, ngangigula langonga, ngangisentolongweni lazongibona.” **37** Abalungileyo bazamphendula bathi, ‘Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile sakupha ukudla na, kumbe womile sakunathisa?’ **38** Sakubona nini uyishambi sakunxusela endlini na, kumbe usweli izembatho sakugqokisa? **39** Sakubona nini ugula kumbe usentolongweni sezsa sazakubona na?” **40** INkosi izaphendula ithi, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba yini elayenzela loba ngomncinyane kanganani walaba abazalwane bami, lakwenzela mina.’ **41** Inkosi izakuthi kulabo abakwesokhoho sayo, ‘Xekani

kimi lina eliqalekisiwego liye emlilweni ongapheliyo ovalungiselwa uSathane lezingilosii zakhe. (aiōnios g166) 42 Ngoba ngangilambile, kalingiphanga lutho lokudla, ngangomile kalingiphanga lutho lokunatha, 43 ngangiyisihambi kalinginxuselanga endlini, ngangiswele izembatho kalingigqokisanga, ngangigula njalo ngisentolongweni kalizange lingethikelekele.’ 44 Labo bazaphendula bathi, ‘Nkosi, sakubona nini ulamble kumbe womile kumbe uysisihambi kumbe ungelazigqoko kumbe ugula nomu usentolongweni asaze sakunedaa na?’ 45 Izaphendula ithi, ‘Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi, loba kuyini elingakwenzelanga oyedwa nje omcincinyane kulabu bonke walaba, kalikwenzelanga mina.’ 46 Bazasuka baye ekujezisweni kwaphakade, kodwa abalungileyo baye ekuphileni okungapheliyo.” (aiōnios g166)

**26** Ujesu eseqedile ukukhuluma zonke lezi izinto, wathi kubafundi bakhe, 2 “Njengoba lisazi, sekusele insuku ezimbili ukuba iPhasika lifike, njalo iNdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ukuba ibethelwe.” 3 Abaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu basebeqoqana egumeni lomphristi omkhulu owayethiwa nguKhayifasi, 4 baceba ukubopha uJesu ngasese bambulale. 5 Bathi, “Kakungabi ngesikhathi somkhosi funa cube lesiphithiphithi ebantwini.” 6 Kwathi uJesu eseBhethani endlini yendoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni owayelobulephero, 7 kweza kuye owesifazane ephethe imbodyela yamakha adula kakhulu wawathela ekhanda likajesu owayeyeme etafuleni. 8 Abafundi bathi bekubona lokho bacusaka. Basebebuza bathi, “Adlaliselwani kanje na? 9 Amakha la abergathengiswa ngemali ephezulu leyomali iphiwe abampofu.” 10 UJesu esekunanzelelo lokhu wathi kubo, “Limkhatazelani owestifazane lo na? Wenze into enhle kimi. 11 Abampofu lizahlala lilabo kokuphela, kodwa kalisoze libe lami kokuphela. 12 Utthe ethululela amakha la emzimbeni wami ubesenzela ukungilungiselela ukungcwatshwa. 13 Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi langaphi lapho okuzatshunayelwa ivangeli leli emhlabeni wonke, lokhu akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.” 14 Kwathi omunye wabalitshumi lambili, lowo owayethiwa nguJudasi Iskariyothi, waya kubaphristi abakhulu 15 wabuza wathi, “Lizangiphani nxa ngimnikela kini?” Base bembalela inhlamu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu. 16 Kusukela khonapho uJudas wadinga ithuba lokuba amnikele. 17 Ngosoku lokuqala loMkholi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo abafundi bezza kujesu bambuza bathi, “Ufuna senzelle ngaphi amalungiselelo okuthi udle iPhasika na?” 18 Waphendula wathi, “Ngenani edolobheni komunye umuntu limtshile lithi, ‘UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi sami esimisiwego sesiseduze. Ngizakudla iPhasika labafundi bami endlini yakho.’” 19 Ngakho abafundi benza njengokulayelwa kwabo ngujesu balungisa iPhasika. 20 Kwathi kusihlwa, ujesu wayehlezeyeme etafuleni elabalitshumi lambili. 21 Kwathi besidla wathi, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela.” 22 Badana kakhulu basebesithi kuye ngamunye, “Pho kawutsho mina Nkosi?” 23 UJesu

waphendula wathi, “Lowo odle kanye lami emganwini uzanginikela. 24 INdodana yoMuntu kwenzakala kuyo njengoba kuletshiwe ngayo. Kodwa maye kuluwomuntu ozanikela iNdodana yoMuntu! Bekungaba ngcono kuye ngabe wayengazalwanga.” 25 Wasesithi uJudas, lowo owavezamnikela, “Pho kawutsho mina, Rabī?” Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Yebo, nguwe okutshoy.” 26 Bathi besadla uJesu wathatha isinkwa wabonga, wasihlephula wasipha abafundi bakhe esithi, “Thathani lidle; lokhu kungumzimba wami.” 27 Wasethatha inkezo, esepongile, wabanika esithi, “Nathanji kuyo, lonke. 28 Leli ligazi lami lesivumelwano, elichithelwe abanangi ekuthethelweni kwezonzo. 29 Ngitalishela, angisayikuphinda nginathokwesithelo sevini, kusukela manje kuze kuge yilosoku lapho engizakunatha khona kabutsha lani embusweni kaBaba.” 30 Bathi sebehlabelle ihubo baphuma baya eTabeni yama-Oliva. 31 UJesu wasebatshela wathi, “Ngabona lobibusuku lizakwenyela ngami, ngoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: ‘Ngizatshaya umelusi izimvu zomhlambi zizahlakazeka.’” 32 Kodwa ngemva kokuba sengivukile kwabafileyo, ngizalandulela ukuya eGalile.” 33 UPhetrho waphendula wathi, “Loba bonke bangaze benyele ngenxa yakho, mina kimi ngezake kwenzekze.” 34 UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso ukuthi ngabona lobibusuku, iqhude lingakakhali uzangiphika kathathu.” 35 Kodwa uPhetrho wala wagomela wathi, “Loba kungenzeka ukuba ngife lawe, ngeke lanini ngikuphike.” Abanye abafundi labo batso njalo. 36 UJesu wasehamba labafundi bakhe endaweni eyayithiwa yiGetsemane, wasesithi kubo, “Hlalani lapha, mina ngisaya laphayana ukuyakhuleka.” 37 Wathatha uPhetrho lamadodana kaZebhediya womabili wahamba labo, waseqala ukuhlulukelwa lokukhathazeka. 38 Wasesithi kubo, “Umphefumulo wami ugajelwa lusizi kuze kuthi ngife. Hlalani lapha llinde lami.” 39 Wahamba ibanganyana, wazilahla phansi wathi mbo ngobuso wakhuleka wathi, “Baba, nxa kungenzeka, sengathi inkezo le ingasuswa kimi. Kodwa akungabi yintando yami, kodwa kuge yintando yakho.” 40 Wasephenduka kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele. Wabuza uPhetrho wathi, “Lina madoda kambe kulehlule ukulinda kanye lami okwehola elilodwa nje? 41 Lindani likhuleke ukuze lingaweli ekulungweni. Umoya uyathanda kodwa umzimba ubuthakathaka.” 42 Wahamba njalo okwesibili wakhuleka wathi, “Baba wami, nxa kungenzeki ukuthi linkezo isuswe ngaphandle kokuthi ngiyinathe, intando yakho mayenziwe.” 43 Wathi esebyua wabafica njalo sebelele, ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima. 44 Ngakho wasebatshiya waphinda wahamba njalo wayakhuleka okwesithathu ephinda into yinye. 45 Wasebuyela kubafundi wathi kubo, “Lilele, liyaphumula na? Khangelani, isikhathi sesisondele, iNdodana yoMuntu isizanikelwa ezandleni zezoni. 46 Phakaman! Kasihambeni! Nangu usesiza onginikelayo.” 47 Wathi esakhuluma, uJudas, omunye wabalitshumi lambili wafika. Wayehamba lexuku elikhulu lihlomile ngezinikemba lezinduku lithunywe ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala babantu. 48

Omnikelayo wayelungisile labo isiboniso wathi: "Lowo Ngemva kwesikhathshana labo ababemi khonapho engizamanga nguye; mbopheni." **49** Ujudasi wahle baya kuPhethro bathi, "Ngempela ungomunye wabo waqonda kujesu wathi, "Sabona, Rabil!" wamanga. **50** ngoba indlela okhuluma ngayo iyakuceba." **74** Wasekhihliza iziqalekiso phezu kwakhe wafunga kubo wathi, "Angimazi mina lowomuntul" Masinyane iqhude lakhala. **75** UPethro waselikhumbula ilizwi elakhulunywa ngugesu esithi: "Iqhude lingakakkhalii uzangilandula kathathu." Waphumela ngaphandle wakhala kabuhlungu.

**51** Khonapho omunye wabaphelekezelii bakajesu wakhokha inkemba yakhe wagadla encekwini yomphristi omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe. **52** Ujesu wathi kuye, "Buyisela inkemba yakho endaweni yayo, ngoba bonke abakhokha inkemba bazakufa ngenkemba. **53** Ucabanga ukuthi ngingaze ngacela kuBaba, masinyane nje angiphe amavio alitshumi lambili ezingilos? **54** Kodwa phela ibingagcwaleseka kanjani imibhalo ethi kumele kwenzeke ngale indlela na?" **55** Khonapho ujesu wathi exukwini labantu, "Kanti ngikhokhela umvukela yini lize lihlome ngezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba na? Insuku zonke ngangihlal emagumeni ethempeli ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibophanga. **56** Kodwa lokhu kwenzeke ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo yabaphrefethi." Khonapho abafundi bonke bamtshiya babaleka. **57** Labo abambophayo ujesu bamusa kuKhayifasi, umphristi omkhulu, lapho okwasekubuthene khona abafundisi bomthetho labadala. **58** Kodwa uPethro wayelandela ehambela khatshana waze wayangena egumeni lomphristi omkhulu. Wangena wahlala phansi lamanxusa efuna ukubona okwakuzakwenzakala. **59** Abaphristi abakhulu leSanihedrini yonke babedinga ubufakazi bamanga ngojesu ukuze bambulale. **60** Kodwa babuswela, lanxa abanengi ofakazi bamanga bavela. Ekucineni ababili beza phambili **61** bathi, "Umfokazi lo wathi, 'Ngilamandla okulidiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu ngiphinde ngilakhe kutsha ngezinsuku ezintathu.'" **62** Umphristi omkhulu wasesukuma wathi kujesu, "Kawuyikuphendula na? Kuyini kanti lokhu okufakazwa ngamadoda la ngawe na?" **63** Kodwa ujesu wala elokhu ethule. Umphristi omkhulu wathi kuye, "Ngiyakulaya, ngifunga ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo ngithi: Sitshele ingabe unguKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu." **64** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Yebo, kunjengoba usitsho. Kodwa ngithi kini lonke: Ngesikhathi esizayo lizayibona iNdodana yoMuntu ihlezi kwesokunene sikaMnininambla isebla ngamayezi ezulwini." **65** Khonapho umphristi omkhulu wadabula izigqoko zakhe wathi, "Uyahlambara!" Sisafunelani abanye ofakazi na? Khangelani, manje selikuzwile ukuhlambaza. **66** Lithini ngakho?" Baphendula bathi, "Ufanele ukufa." **67** Basebemkhaulela emehlwani njalo bamdutshuza ngenqindi. Abanye bamakala **68** bathi, "Phrofitha kithi, wena Khristu. Ngubani okutshayileyo?" **69** UPethro wayehlezi phandle egumeni, kwasekusiza kuye intombazana eyinceukazi yathi kuye, "Lawe njalo wawulojesu waseGalile." **70** Kodwa walandula phambi kwabo bonke. Wathi, "Angikwazi lokho okhuluma ngakho." **71** Wasesuka ephuma entubeni lapho abonwa khona ngenye intombazana eyathi ebantwini khonapho, "Umfokazi lo wayeloJesu waseNazaretha." **72** Walandula njalo efunga esithi, "Kangiyazi indoda leyo!" **73**

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**28** Ngemva kweSabatha, ekuseni ngovivi losuku lokujala lweviki, uMariya Magadalini lomunye uMariya baya ethuneni besiyakhangel. **2** Kwaba lokuzamazama komhlabu okukhulu ngoba ingilosu yeNkosi yehla ivela ezelwini, yaya ethuneni yaliqigela ilitshe eceleni yahlala phezu kwalo. **3** Ukubonakala kwayo kwakunjengombane, leziggoko zayo zimhlophe nje njengongqwaqwane. **4** Abalindi besaba baze bathuthumela baba njengabafileyo. **5** Ingilosu yathi kwabesifazane, "Lingesabi, ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lidinga ujesu obethelwe. **6** Kakhlo lapha; usevukile kwabafileyo njengoba watsho. Wozani libone indawo abelete kuyo. **7** Hambani masinyane liyetshela abafundi bakhe lithi: "Usevukile kwabafileyo, uselandulele ukuya eGalile. Kulapho elizambona khona." Mina sengilitshelile manje." **8** Ngakho abesifazane basuka ngokuphangisa ethuneni, besesaba kodwa begcwele intokozo, bagijima ukuyatshela abafundi bakhe. **9** Khonokho ujesu wahlangana labo. Wathi, "Salibonani." Beza kuye, bannamathele ngezazala ezinyaweni tekha, bampkhanza. **10** Ujesu waccashit, kuye

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“Lingesabi. Hambani liyetshela abafowethu ukuthi baye eGalile; kulapho abazangibona khona.” **11** Kwathi abesifazane sebehambile besendleleni, abanye babalindi bangena edolobheni bayabika kubaphristi abakhulu ngakho konke okwakwenzakele. **12** Kwathi abaphristi abakhulu sebehangene labadala babopha icebo, bafumbathisa abalindi imali ezwayo, **13** babatshela bathi, “Libokuthi, ‘Abafundi bakhe beze ebusuku bamntshontsha thina silele.’ **14** Nxa lelilizwi lifika kumbusi, sizamsuthisa ukuze lani lingangeni enkathazweni.” **15** Ngakho amabutho ayithatha imali enza njengokulaywa kwawo. Yikho indaba le seyandiswa yakhula phakathi kwamajuda kuze kube lamuhla. **16** Abafundi abalitshumi lanye basuka baye eGalile, baqonda entaben ijesu ayethe baye kuyo. **17** Bathi ukumbona bamkhonza; kodwa abanye bathandabuza. **18** Ujesu weza kubo wathi, “Wonke amandla ezulwini lasemhlabeni aphiwe mina. **19** Ngakho hambani lenze abafundi ezizweni zonke, libabhaphathize ebizweni likaBaba, leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele, **20** njalo libafundise ukulalela konke engililaye ngakho. Ngempela ngilani kokuphela, kuze kube sekupheleni kwesikhathi.” (*aiōn g165*)

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**1** Ukuqala kwevangelii ngoJesus Christu, indodana kaNkulunkulu. **2** Kulotshiwe kumphrofethi u-Isaya ukuthi: "Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi kwakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho"; **3** "Iлизwi lalowo omemezayo enkangala, 'Lungiselani iNkosi indlela, yenzeleni izindledlana eziqondileyo.'" **4** Kwasekufika uJohane Umbhaphathizi, etshumayela emangweni wasenkangala ubhaphathizo lokuphenduka ukuze kuthethelelwelwe izono. **5** Umango worke waseJudiya kanye labantu bonke baseJerusalema baphuma baye kuye. Bevuma izono zabo, babhaphathizwa nguye eMfuleni uJodani. **6** UJohane wayevunula iziqgoko ezazensiwe ngoboya bekamela, elebhanti lesikhumba okhalweni lwakhe, esidla intetho loluju lwezinyosi zeganga. **7** Intshumayelo yakhe yayisithi: "Ngemva kwami kuzaFika omunye ozaba lamandla kulami, imichilo yamanyathela akhe akungilingananga ukuthi ngikhothame ngiyithukulule. **8** Mina ngilibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa yena uzalibhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele." **9** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu weza evela eNazaretha eseGalile wabhaphathizwa nguJohane kujodani. **10** UJesu ephuma emanzini wabona izulu livuleka uMoya usehlela phezu kwakhe unjengejuba. **11** Kwafika ilizwi livela euzulwini lathi: "Wena uyiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngawee." **12** Masinyane uMoya wamthumela enkangala, **13** wahlala khona enkangala insuku ezingamatshumi amane elingwa nguSathane. Wayehlala lezinyamazana zeganga, izingilosilozazomnakekela. **14** UJohane esevallele entolongweni, uJesu waya eGalile ememezela izindaba ezinhle zikaNkulunkulu. **15** Wathi, "Isikhathi sesifikile. Umbuso kankulunkulu ususeduze. Phendukani likholwe izindaba ezinhle!" **16** Kwathi uJesu ehambahamba okhunjini loLwandle lwaseGalile wabona uSimoni lomfowabo u-Andreya bephosa umambule olwandle ngoba babengabagoli behlanzi. **17** Wathi kubo, "Wozani lingilande, ngizalenza abagoli babantu." **18** Bahle batshiya omambule babo bamlandela. **19** Wathi esehambile elinye ibanga wabona qjakhobe indodana kaZebhediya elomfowabo uJohane besesikepeni, belungisa omambule babo. **20** Wahle wababiza, batshiya uyise uZebhediya esikepeni kanye lezisebenzi bamlandela. **21** Baya eKhaphenawume, kwathi iSabatha selifikile, uJesu waya esinagogeni waqalisa ukufundisa. **22** Abantu bamangalisa yikufundisa kwakhe ngoba wayefundisa njengomuntu olamandla, hatshi njengabafundisi bomthetho. **23** Khonokho nje indoda eyayisesinagogeni labo eyayiphethwe ngumoya omubi yamemeza yathi, **24** "Ufunani kithi, Jesu waseNazaretha? Ulande ukuza siblhubbisa na? Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ungubani, ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu!" **25** UJesu wakhwaza wathi kuye "Thula! Phuma kuyel!" **26** Umoya omubi wayidlukuza ngamandla indoda waphuma kuyo uklabalala. **27** Abantu bamangala baze babuzana bathi, "Kuyini lokhu? Yikufundisa okutsha njalo

okulamandla! Ngoba ulaya imimoya emibi imlalele." **28** Izindaba ngaye zamemetheka ngokuphangisa kuwo wonke umango waseGalile. **29** Bonela ukusuka esinagogeni bahamba lojakhobe loJohane baye emzini kaSimoni lo-Andreya. **30** Uninazala kaSimoni wayelele phansi ephethwe ngumkuhhlane, basebetshela uJesu ngaye. **31** Ngakho wasesiya kuye, wambahama isandla wasemvusa. Umkuhhlane waphuma kuye, wahle waqalisa ukubaphakela. **32** Ngaleyontambama ilanga selitshonile abantu balettha kuJesu bonke abagulayo labaphethwe ngamadimonni. **33** Idolobho lonke lagcwala emnyango, **34** uJesu wasilisa abanengi ababelezipho ezechukleneyo. Njalo wakhupha amadimonni amanengi, kodwa kaze awavumela amadimonni ukuthi akhulume ngoba ayemazi ukuthi ungubani. **35** Ekuseni kakhulu, kusesempandozankomo, uJesu wavuka, waphuma endlini waya endaweni esekusithekeni, lapho akhuleka khona. **36** USimoni labakhula bakhe bahamba ukuyamdinga, **37** sebembonile, bathi, "Abantu bonke bayakudinga!" **38** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kasiyeni kwenye indawo, emizini eseduze ukuze ngiyetshumayela lakhona. Yikho engakulandayo." **39** Kanjalo walibhoda lonke elaseGalile etshumayela emasiningogogeni abo njalo ekhupha amadimonni. **40** Kweza kuye indoda eyayilobulephero yamncenga iguqe phansi ngamadoloyathi, "Nxa uthanda ungangihlambulula." **41** UJesu eyizwela isihwali welula isandla sakhe wayibamba indoda. Wathi, "Ngiyathanda. Hlanzekal!" **42** Masinyane ubelephero baphela, wahlambuluka. **43** UJesu wahle wathi kahambe, wamqonqosela wathi, **44** "Zwana, ungatsheli muntu ngalokhu. Kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi ubusunikelu umhlatsihelo wokuhlanjululwa kwakho owamiswa nguMosi ukuze kube yibufakazi kubo." **45** Kodwa wasuka wahle wavula isifuba sakhe wayisakaza indaba. Ngenxa yalokho uJesu wayengabe esangena obala edolobheni, kodwa wasehlala ngaphandle endaweni eziyinkangala. Loba kunjalo abantu babelokhu bethululeka besiza kuye beqhamuka inxa zonke.

**2** Ngemva kwezinsukwana, uJesu esengenile njalo eKhaphenawume, abantu bezwa ukuthi wayesebuyile ekhaya. **2** Bathi cwi ndawonye kwaze kwasweleka indawo langasemnyango, watshumayela ilizwi kubo. **3** Kwafika amadoda amane ethwele eyayome umhlubulo. **4** Kwathi ngoba bengafinyeleli kuJesu ngenxa yexuku, bavula isikhala ephahleni malungana loJesu, emva kokuphendla ngaso, behlisela umendlalo owawulele indoda eyome umhlubulo. **5** Kwathi uJesu ebona ukholo lwawo wathi endodeni eyome umhlubulo, "Ndodana, izono zakho sezithethelelwelwe." **6** Khonapho kwakuhlezi abanye abafundisi bomthetho, benakana besithi, **7** "Umuntu lo ukhulumeleni kanjalo? Uyahlbaza! Ngubani ongathethela izono ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu yedwa?" **8** Masinyane uJesu wakwazi emoyeni wakhe ukuthi yilokho ababekucabanga ezinhliziyweni zabo, wasesithi kubo, "Kungani linakana izinto ezinje ezinhliziyweni zenu? **9** Yikuphi okulula: ukuthi

kowome umhlubulo: 'Izono zakho sezithethelwe,' **4** Ujesu wasebabuza wathi, "Kuyini okusemthethweni loba ukuthi, 'Phakama, thatha icansi lakho uhambe?' **10** ngeSabatha; ukwenza okuhle loba ukwenza okubi, Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla ukusindisa impilo kumbe ukubulala?" Kodwa bathula emhlabeni ukuthethelela izono." Wathi kowome zwi. **5** Wabakhanga ngolaka, ehlutshwa yibuqholo umhlubulo, **11** "Ngiyakutshela, phakama, thatha bezinhlizyo zabo, wasesithi kuleyondoda, "Yelula icansi lakho uye ekhaya." **12** Waphakama wathatha isandla sakho." Yaselula, isandla sesilunge saphelela. **6** icansi lakhe waphuma wahamba bonke bemkhangele. AbaFarisi basebephuma bayacebisana lamaHerodiya Lokho kwamangalisa umuntu wonke, bamdumisa ukuthi bangambulala njani ujesu. **7** Ujesu wasuka uNkulunkulu besithi, "Kasikaze sikubone okunje!" **13** labafundi bakhe baya ngasechibini, ixuku elikhulu UJesu waphinde wayahambahamba eduzane lechibi. labalandela lisuka eGalile. **8** Bathi ngokuzwa konke Ixuku elikhulu labantu leza kuye, wasebfundisa. **14** ayekwenza abantu abanengi bezza kuye besuka ejudiya, Wathi elokhu ehambahamba wabona uLevi indodana ejerusalema, e-Idumiya lemimangweni engaphetsheya ka-Alifewu ihlezi endaweni yokuthelisa. Ujesu wathi kweJodani lezindaweni zeThire leSidoni. **9** Ngenxa kuye, "Ngilandela," ULevi wasukuma wamlandela. yobunengi babantu watshela abafundi bakhe ukuba **15** Kwathi ujesu esidla okwakuishlw endlini kaLevi bamlungisele isikepe esincane ukuze angaminyezelwa kwakulabatheli abanengi "lezoni" zisidla laye kanye ngabantu. **10** Phela wayesesilise abanengi, yikho labo labafundi bakhe, ngoba babebanengi ababemlandela. ababelezipo babeminyezela befuna ukumthintsa. **11** **16** Kuthe abafundisi bomthetho ababe ngabaFarisi Kwakusithi imimoya emibi ingambona iguqe phambi bembona esidla "lezoni" labatheli babuza abafundi kwakhe imemeze ithi, "UyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu." bakhe bathi, "Wenzelani ukudla labatheli kanye **12** Kodwa wayiqonqosela ukuthi ingaze yakhulumu 'lezoni'?" **17** Wathi ekuzwa lokho ujesu wathi kubo, ukuthi ungubani. **13** Ujesu wakhwela waya ewatheni "Abaphilayo kabamdingi umelaphi, kodwa abagulayo lwentaba wabiza labo ayebafuna, bezza kuye. **14** bayamdinga. Kangilandanga ukuzobiza abalungileyo, Wakhetha abalitshumi lambili ukuthi babelaye kodwa izoni." **18** Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bajahane ukuze abathume ukuyatshumayela **15** lokuthi labaFarisi babezila. Abanye abantu beza babuza babelamandla okuxotsha amadimon. **16** Yilaba uJesu bathi, "Kungani abafundi bajahane labafundi abalitshumi lambili abakhethayo: uSimoni (ametha babaFarisi bezila, kodwa abakho kabazili?" **19** Ujesu ibizo wathi nguPhethro), **17** uJakhobe indodana waphendula wathi, "Izethekeli zomyeni zingazila kazebhediya lomfowabu ujohane (laba wabeta ibizo kanjani eseselazo na? Zingeke, nxa elokhu eseselazo. **20** wathi bango Bhowanegesi, okutsho ukuthi Amadodana Kodwa sizafika isikhathi lapho umyenii ezasusu kuzo, Omdumo), **18** u-Andreyea, uFilipu, uBhatholomewu, zizazila mhlalokho-ke. **21** Kakhlo othungela isichiba uMatewu, uThomasi, ujakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, selembu elitsha esigqokweni esidal. Nxa ekwenza uThediyasi, uSimoni umZilothi **19** lojudas Iskariyothi lokho, isichiba esitsha sizadonsa esidala, ukudabuka ongyue owamnikelayo. **20** Ujesu wangena kwenye kuqhele ngamandla. **22** Njalo kakho othela iwayini indlu kwaphinda njalo kwabuthana kuye ixuku, elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba emidala. Angakwenza yena labafundi bakhe baze behluleka ukudla. **21** lokho iwayini lizaziqhekeza izikhumba kuthi iwayini Kwathi abendlu yangakwabo bekuzwa lokho bamlanda kanye lemigodla leyo yezikhumba kuhle konakale. ukuyambuya ngoba bathi, "usephambene." **22** Kwathi Hatshi, uthela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikhumba abafundi bomthetho abehla bevela ejerusalema bathi, emitsha." **23** Ngelinye iSabatha ujesu wayedabula "Ungenwe nguBhelizebhubbhi! Ukhupha amadimon emasimini amabele, kwathi abafundi bakhe belokhu ngenkosi yamadimon." **23** Ngakho ujesu wasebabiza behamba bakha izikhwebu zamabele. **24** AbaFarisi wakhulumu labo ngemizekeliso wathi, "Kambe bathi kuye, "Khanga, bakwenzelani ukwephula uSathane angamkhupha kanjani uSathane? **24** Nxa umthetho ngokwenza lokhu ngeSabatha na?" **25** umbuso udabuke phakathi, uvukelana, lowombuso Waphendula wathi, "Kalifundaga yini okwenziwa nge ume. **25** Nxa indlu ingabambananga, ivukelana, ngeSabatha. **26** Njalo nxa uSathane eziphikisa, ngeSabatha. **27** Wasesithi kubo, "Isabatha lenzelwa abantu, hatshi sebesweli? **26** Ngezinsuku zika-Abhiyatha umphristi edabuke phakathi, ngeke ame; useyatshabalala. **27** omkhulu wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu wadla Ngempela, akakho ongangena endlini yesiqhwaga, isinkwa esingcwelisiweyo, esivunyelwe ukudliwa abuthe impahla zaso ngaphandle kokuthi aqale ngabaphristi kuphela. Futhi wasabela abakhula bakhe." **28** Ngeqiniso ngithi kini, abantu bazakuthethelela waphendula wathi, "Ungyoko labafowenku baphandle bayakudinga." **33** Wabuza wathi, "Ngorbani abangumama labafowethu

- 3** Ngesinye isikhathi ujesu wangena esinagogweni, kukhona lapho indoda elesandla esitshwabeneyo. **2** Abanye babo babeddinga izaba lokubeka uJesu icala, yikho bamlinda ukubona ingabe wayezasilisa ngeSabatha. **3** Ujesu wathi endodenii yesandla esitshwabeneyo, "Sukuma ume phambi kwabo bonke."
- Kwasekufika unima kajesu labafowabu. Bema phandle bathuma omunye umuntu ukuyambiza. **32** Abantu abanengi babehlezi bemhanqile, basebemtsheba bathi, "Ungyoko labafowenku baphandle bayakudinga." **33** Wabuza wathi, "Ngorbani abangumama labafowethu

na?" 34 Wasekhangelab ababehlezi laye bemhanqile wathi, "Nampa abangumama labangabafowethu! 35 Loba ngubani owenza intando kaNkulunkulu ungumfowethu, unggudawethu njalo ngumama."

**4** Ujesu waphinda njalo wafundisa okhunjini lwezisiba. Ixuku labantu elaqoqana labuthana kuye laba likhulu kakhulu waze wangena esikepeni wahlala kuso siphakathi kwamanzi, kodwa abantu bonke bona bethe gwaqa okhunjini ekucineni kwamanzi. **2** Wabafundisa izinto ezinengi ngemizekeliso, ekufundiseni kwakhe wathi: **3** "Lalelani! Umlimi waphuma wayahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe. **4** Kwathi eyihaza inhlanyelo, enye yawela endleleni, kwafika izinyoni zayidobha. **5** Eyine yawela okhetheni lapho okwakungela mhlabathi owaneleyo. Yamilia masinyane ngoba umhlabathi wawungatshoni. **6** Kodwa kwathi ilanga seliphumile, yahanguka yabuna ngoba yayingelampande. **7** Enye inhlanyelo yawela emeveni asuka akhula aminya leyonthlanyelo yaze yehluleka ukuthela izikhwebu. **8** Eyine inhlanyelo yawela emhlabathini omuhle. Yamilia, yakhula, yathela amabele yanda ngamatshumi amathathu, ayisithupha ngitscho langekhulu." **9** Ujesu wasesithi, "Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe." **10** Kwathi eseyedwa, abalitshumi lambili labanye ababeseduze laye bambuza mayelana lemizekeliso leyo. **11** Wabatshela wathi, "Imfihlakalo yombuso kaNkulunkulu seliyambulelw. Kodwa kulabo abangaphandle konke kukhulunywa ngemizekeliso **12** ukuze, 'bazahlala bebona kokuphela kodwa bengabonisisi, njalo bahlale besizwa kodwa bengaqedisisi funa baphenduke bathethelelwe!" **13** Ujesu wasesithi kubo, "Kaliwuzwisisi na umzekeliso lo? Pho lizawuza karjani loba yiuphi umzekeliso?" **14** Umlimi uhlanyela ilizwi. **15** Abanye abantu bafana lenhlanyelo esendleleni okuhlanyelwe khona ilizwi. Bonela ukuthi balizwe usathane uyafika alithathe ilizwi elihlanyelwe kubo. **16** Abanye, njengenhlanyelo eyahlanyelwa okhetheni bayalizwa ilizwi bahle balamukele ngentokozo. **17** Kodwa ngenxa yokuthi kabalampane bema okwesikhatshana kuphela. Kungafika uhlupho loba ukuhlukuluzwa komhlaba baphanga bawe. **18** Kunjalo abanye, njengenhlanyelo ehlanyelwe emeveni, bayalizwa ilizwi; **19** kodwa ukuphisekela izinto zalumhlaba, inkohliso yenotho kanye lezinkanuko zezinye izinto konke kuyeza kuliminyanise ilizwi, kulenze lingatheli. (aiōn q165) **20** Abanye, njengenhlanyelo ehlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, bayalizwa ilizwi, balamukele, bathele izithelo, bedlule okwakuhlanyelwe ngamatshumi amathathu, ayisithupha loba ngekhulu." **21** Wathi kubo, "Uyalumathisa isibane usifake ngaphansi kwestisha kumbe ngaphansi kombheda na? Kawusibeki oluthini lwaso yini? **22** Ngoba loba yini efihiweyo kumele yambulwe, lalokho okuthukuziweyo kumele kuvezwe obala. **23** Nxa ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa kezwe." **24** Waqhubeka wathi, "Kuqapheliseni lokho elikuwayo. Ngaleso isilinganiso elisisebenzisayo lizalinganiselwa ngaso kumbe kuze kwedlulise. **25** Lowo olakho uzakwengezelelwa; lowo ongelakho lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa." **26** Waphinda wathi, "Umbuso wezulu ufana lalokhu. Indoda ihaza inhlanyelo emhlabathini. **27** Ebusuku lemimi ingabe ilele loba ikhangele inhlanyelo iyamila ikhule loba yona ingakwazi ukuthi kwenzenka njani. **28** Umhlabathini uyiwo wodwa uthela amabele, kuqala ikhaba kuze isikhwebu besekusiza inhlamu ezikhwetshini. **29** Kuthi amabele angavuthwa iwavune ngesikela ngoba ukuvuna sekufikile." **30** Waphinde wathi, "Sizakuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu unjengani, kumbe sizasebenzisa umzekeliso bani ukuwuchaza? **31** Unjengentanga yemastadi encinyane kulazo zonke intanga ezihlanyelwa emhlabathini. **32** Kodwa nxa ihlanyeliwe iyakhula ibe yisihlahla esikhulu kulazo zonke esivandeni, sibe lengatsha ezinkulu ezihlalwa emthunzini waso yizinyoni zezulu." **33** Ujesu walikhulum ilizwi kubo ngemizekeliso emineni enjalo ukuze bawisise. **34** Kazange atsho ulutho kubo engasebenzisanga umzekeliso. Kodwa nxa wayewedwa labafundi bakhe wachaza konke. **35** Ngalelolanga sekuntambama wathi kubafundi bakhe, "Kasihambeni sichaphele ngaphetsheya." **36** Batshiya ixuku, bahamba laye esikepeni enjalo. Zazikhona njalo ezinye izikepe zihamba laye. **37** Kwaqubuka isiphepho esesabekayo, amagagasi atshaya esikepeni kwaze kwangathi sesitshona. **38** Ujesu wayengemuva ezilalele emenddalweni obuthakathaka. Abafundi bamvusa bathi, "Awu, mfundisi kawananzi yini nxa sigaluda?" **39** Waphakama wawukhuza umoya wathi emagagasin, "Thulani lithi cwaka!" Ngakho umoya wadeda, kwasekuthula cwaka. **40** Wathi kubafundi bakhe, "Kungani liesaba kangaka? Lilokhu lingakholwa na?" **41** Babethuthumela babuzana bathi, "Ungubani lo na? Kambe aze alalelwne ngumoya lamagagasi!"

**5** Bawela ichibi bafika emangweni wamaGerazini. **2** Kwathi ujesu ephuma esikepeni, kwaqhamuka indoda elomoya omubi ivela emathuneni yamhlangabeza. **3** Indoda le yayihlala emathuneni, kungaselamuntu ongayibopha loba langeketane. **4** Ngoba yayihlezi ibotshiwe izandla lenyawo, kodwa iqamule amaketane lezinsimbi ezinyaweni zayo. Kwakungekho muntu owayelamandla okuyinqoba. **5** Ubusuku lemimi yayihlaba umkhosi isemathuneni lasezintabeni, izisike ngamatshe. **6** Yathi ibona ujesu esesebucwala, yagijima yafika yazilahla phansi ngamadolo phambi kwakhe. **7** Yaklabalala ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, "Ufunani ngami, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngegama likaNkulunkulu ungangihlukuluzi!" **8** Ngoba ujesu wayesethe kuyo, "Phuma kuyo indoda le, wena moyo omubi!" **9** Ujesu waseyibuza wathi, "Ungubani ibizo lakho?" Yaphendula yathi, "Ibizo lami nguLigiyoni, ngoba sibanengi." **10** Yamncenga ujesu futhifuthi ukuthi angabaxotshi kulowomango. **11** Umhlabambi omkhulu wengulube wawusidla ewatheni Iwentaba eduzane. **12** Amadimonni amncenga ujesu athi, "Sithumele ezinguluben; sivumele singene kuzo." **13** Wawavumela, omoya ababi baphuma bayangena ezinguluben. Umhlabambi wazo, owawungaba zinkulungwane ezimbili, wagijima usehlela eliweni lodonga wangena echibini

wagalula. **14** Labo ababezelsile babaleka bayabika wenduna yesinagogu ujesu wabona isiphithiphithi lokho edolobheni kanye lasemaphandleni, yikho abantu bekhala benqongoloza. **39** Wangena wathi abantu baqubuka bayabona lokho okwakwenzakele. kubo, “Ngesani isiphithiphithi sonke lesi lomkhosi **15** Bathi befika kujesu bayibona indoda eyayikade wonke lo? Umntwana kafanga, kodwa ulele.” **40** ilamadimoni ngobunengi bawo, ihlezi khonapho, Kodwa bamhleka usulu. Esebakuphele phandle bonke igqokile njalo ingqondo isibuyile, besaba kakhulu. wathatha uyise womntwana lonina kanye labafundi **16** Labo ababekubonile kusenzakala batshela abantu ayelabo wangena lapho umntwana ayekhona. **41** okwenzakalayo endodenai eyayilamadimoni, balandisa Wambamba ngesandla wathi kuye, “Thalitha khumi!” njalo langezingulube. **17** Abantu basebemncenga (okutsho ukuthi, “Ntombazana, ngithi kuwe, sukuma!”) ujesu ukuthi asuke emangweni wakibo. **18** Kwathi **42** Masinyane intombazana yasukuma yahambahamba ujesu esengena esikepeni indoda leyo eyayikade (wayemdale okweminyaka elitsumi lambili). Lokhu ilamadimoni yamncenga ukuthi ahambe layo. **19** kwabamangalisa baphela amandla. **43** Wabaqonqosela Ujesu kayivumelanga, kodwa wathi kuyo, “Hamba wathi bangazisi muntu ngalokho, wasesithi kabamuphe ekhaya kwabakini ubatshela ukuba iNkosi ikwenzele ukudlu untombazana.

**6** Ujesu wasuka lapho waya edolobheni lakibo, ehamba labafundi bakhe. **2** Kwathi ngeSabatha wafundisa esinagogweni, abanengi abamuzyayo bamangala. Babuzana bathi, “Indoda le yazithatha ngaphi izinto zonke lezi? Yinhlakanipho enganani le ayiphiwayo aze akwazi lokwenza imimangaliso! **3** Kanti angithi nguye yini umbazi lo? Kayisindodana kaMariya yini le, umnewabo kajakhobe, lojosefa, loJuda loSimoni? Odadewabo angithi bakhona khonapha?” Lokho kwenza bamsola. **4** Ujesu wathi kubo, “Umphrofethi kalalo udumo kuphela edolobheni lakibo, phakathi kwezihlobo zakhe lendlini yakwabo.” **5** Wayengeke enze izimangaliso khona, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla ebantwini abalutshwana abagulayo ukuba abasilise. **6** Njalo wamangalisa yikusilela kwabo ekukholweni. Ujesu wasenquma efundisa imizi ngemizi. **7** Wabiza abalitshumi lambili bezza kuye, wabathumela ngababili wabapha amandla phezu kwemimoya emibi. **8** Imilayo yakhe yayiyile: “Lingathwali lutho kuloluhambo ngaphandle kwentonga, lingathwali isinkwa, isikhwama loba yimali emabrantini enu. **9** Ligqoke amanyathela kodwa lingathwali esinye isigqoko. **10** Lapho lingena endlini ethile, hlalani khona lize lisuke kulelodolobho. **11** Nxa indawo ethile ingalamukeli loba ingalilale, dlulan ikeyondowa lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu kuge yibufakazi bokubalahla.” **12** Basuka bahamba betshumayela ukuthi abantu kabaphenduke. **13** Bakupha amadimoni amanengi njalo bagcoba abantu abanengi abagulayo ngamafutha babasilisa. **14** Inkosi uHerodi yeza ngalokho, ngoba ibizo likaJesu laselisaziwa kakhulu. Abanye babesithi, “UJohane uMbhaphathizi uvukile kwabafleyo, yikho amandla amangalisayo esezenza kuye.” **15** Abanye bathi, “Ungu-Elija.” Kwabuye njalo abanye bathi, “Ungumphrofethi, njengomunye wabaphrofethi basendulo.” **16** Kodwa kwathi uHerodi ekuzwa lokhu wathi, “UJohane, indoda engayiquma ikhanda usevukile kwabafleyo!” **17** Ngoba uHerodi yena ngokwakhe wayekhuphe ilizwi lokuthi uJohane abanjwe, wathi kabotshwe aphoselwe entolongweni. Wakwenza lokho ngenxa kaHerodiyasi, umfazi womfowabobo uFiliphu ayesemthethe. **18** Ngoba uJohane wayelokhu esithi kuHerodi, “Kawuvunyelwa ukuthi uthathlele umfowenu umfazi.” **19** Ngakho uHerodiyasi wahlala elesikhwili loJohane efuna

ukumbulala. Kodwa waswela indlela yokumbulala, bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili. **44** Abadlayo **20** ngoba uHerodi wayemesaba uJohane envikela, babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu. **45** ngokumazi ukuthi wayeyindoda elungileyo njalo engcwele. Nxa wayemuzwa uJohane, wayedideka kakhulu, kodwa ethanda ukumlalela. **21** Ekucineni esikepeni bahambe bamandulele eBhethisayida, yena lafika elingaliyo. Ngelanga lesikhumbuzo sokuzalwa ewatheni lwentaba ukuyakhuleka. **47** Kwathi sekuhlwile kwakhe uHerodi wenza idili lezikulu zakhe labalawuli isikepe sasiphakathi laphakathi kwechibi, yena bempa kanye labakhokheli abaziwayo eGalile. **22** eyedwa emhlabathini. **48** Wabona abafundi begwedla Kuthe indodakazi kaHerodiyi isifile yafiga ngamandla emagagasini ngoba umoya wawuphambana kammandi yathokozisa uHerodi lezethekeli zakhe labo. Kwathi ngomlindo wesine ebusuku waya kubo edilini. Inkosi yasisithi entombazaneni, "Ngicela ehamba phezu kwechibi. Wayengathi useseduledu kubo loba yini, ngizakupha." **23** Wamthembisa wafunga **49** kodwa bathi bembona ehamba phezu kwesiziba wathi, "Loba yini oyicelayo ngizakupha kungaze kube bacabanga ukuthi lithonga. Bahlabu umkhosi **50** ngoba yingxene yombuso wami." **24** Yaphuma intombazana bonke bambona besaba. Masinyane wabakhulumisa yayakuthi kunina, "Kambe ngiceleni?" Waphendula wathi, "Manini isibindi! Yimi, Lingesabi." **51** Wasengena wathi, "Ikhanda likajohane uMbhaphathizi." **25** Kubo esikepeni umoya wahle wathula. Bamangala Masinyane intombazana yatheleka enkosini isilesicelo kakhulu, **52** ngoba babengazwisisanga ngezinkwa; leso, yathi: "Ngifuna ukuthi ungiphe khathesi nje inhliziyo zabo zazilkhuni. **53** Bathi sebechaphile, ikhanda likajohane uMbhaphathizi lisemganwini." **26** Inkosi yakhathazeka kakhulu, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo zayo langenxa yezethekeli zayo kayithandanga ukusala isicelo. **27** Ngakho yahle yathomela umbulali ukuba alethe ikhanda likajohane. Yahamba indoda yamquma ikhanda ujohane entolongweni, **28** yaliletha ikhanda lisemganwini. Yalethula entombazaneni, yona yalipha unina. **29** Bathi bekuzwa lokho abafundi bakajohane beza bathatha isidumbu bayasingcwaba ethuneni. **30** Abapostoli babuthana kujesu bambikela konke ababekwenzile labakufundisayo. **31** Kwathi ngoba kwakufika abantu abanengi kakhulu abanye besuka baze baswele ithuba lokudla, wathi kubo, "Ngilandeli lodwa siye endaweni ethuleyo ukuze siphumule." **32** Yikho bahamba bebobwa ngesikepe baya endaweni esithekileyo. **33** Kodwa abanengi abababonayo besuka babanenzelela babaxhuma begijima ngezinyawo bevela kuwo wonke amadolobho babaqalela ukuyafika. **34** Ujesu uthe esehla esikepeni wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu wabazwela usizi ngoba babenjengezimvu ezingelamelusi. Ngakho wasebfundisa izinto ezinengi. **35** Ngalesi isikhathi kwasekusemini kakhulu, ngakho abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi, "Le yindawo esesikhaleni, njalo sekusemini kakhulu. **36** Tshela abantu bahambe ukuze baziyele emadolobheni lasemizini bayezithengela abangakudla." **37** Kodwa waphendula wathi, "Bapheni lina ukudla." Bathi kuye, "Lokho kungathatha umholo wendoda owenyanga eziyisificaminwembili! Uthi sihambe siyochitha imali engako sithenge isinkwa sibaphe badle?" **38** Wabuza wathi, "Lilezinkwa ezingaki na? Ake liyokhangela." Sebezibonile bathi, "Zinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili." **39** Ujesu wasebalaya ukuthi bahlalise bonke abantu phansi etshanini ngamaxuku. **40** Yikho bahlala phansi ngamaxuku alikhulu. Abanye ngamatshumi amahlantu. **41** Ethatha izinkwa ezhinhanlu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhangela ezelwini, wabonga, waselephuna izinkwa. Waseziqhabela abafundi bakhe ukuba bazabele abantu. Waphinda wabehlukanisela iinhlanzi zombili. **42** Bonke badla basutha, **43** abafundi basebebutha imvuthu zezinkwa lenhlanzi Masinyane ujesu wenza ukuthi abafundi bakhe bangene esikepeni bahambe bamandulele eBhethisayida, yena esavalelisana labantu. **46** Esehlukene labo, waya kuzukulwile Kwathi sekuhlwile esabewle uNkulunkulu), **12** beselisithi angamenzeli lutho uyise loba unina. **13** Ngaleyondlela lichitha ilizwi likhobhani (okutsho ukuthi yisipho esabelwe uNkulunkulu), **14** Ujesu waphinda wabiza ixuku labantu wathi, "Lalelani kimi lonke, lizwisise lokhu. **15**

Kakulalutho olungaphandle komuntu olungamenza belambile bazayatha endleleni ngoba abanye babo ‘angahlanzeki’ ngokungena kuye. Kodwa yilokho bavela khatshana.” **4** Abafundi bakhe baphendula okuphuma phakathi komuntu okuyikho okumenza bathi, “Kodwa kungaphi endaweni emi yodwa ‘angahlanzeki.’” **[ 16** Nxa ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa kanje umuntu angathola khona izinkwa ezanele kezwe.]” **17** Esesukile exukwini labantu wangena ukubapha?” **5** Ujesu wababuza wathi, “Lilezinkwa endlini abafundi bakhe bambuza ngomzekeliso lo. **18** ezingaki na?” Bathi, “Eziyisikhombisa.” **6** Wasetshela Wabuza wathi, “Kaliquidisi ngani na? Kalikuboni ixuku labantu ukuthi lihlale phansi. Wathi esezithethe yini ukuthi kakulalutho olungena emuntwini izinkwa eziyisikhombisa njalo esepongile, wazihlephula lusuka ngaphandle olungamenza ‘angahlanzeki?’ waziqhubela abafundi bakhe ukuba baqhubele abantu. **19** Ngoba kalungeni enhliziyweni yakhe kodwa Lakanye benza khonokho. **7** Njalo babelenlanzi luya esiswini sakhe luhphinde luhpume emzimbeni ezincane ezimbwalu, wazikhulekela lazo wathi abafundi wakhe.” (Ngokutsho lokhu ujesu waphawula ukuthi bazabole abantu. **8** Abantu badla basutha. Ngemva konke ukudla kuhlanzekile.) **20** Waqhubeka wathi: kwalokho abafundi badobha imvuthu kwagcwala izitsha “Okuphuma phakathi komuntu yikho okumngolisayo. eziyisikhombisa. **9** Ababekhona kwakungamadoda **21** Ngoba okusuka ngaphakathi, okusuka enhliziyweni, azinkulungwane ezine. Esebabuyisele emakhaya, **10** kuphuma imicabango emibi, ukuhlobonga, ubusela, wangena esikepeni labafundi bakhe baya emangweni ukubulala, ukufeba, **22** ubuhwaba, umona, ubuqili, waseDalimanutha. **11** AbaFarisi beza baqalisu ukuxhwala, umhawu, ukugcuna, ubuqholo lobuthutha. ukumbuza ujesu. Bamlinga ngokuthi kabatshengise **23** Zonke lezi izono ziphuma ngaphakathi zenze isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. **12** Wakhokha umuntu angcole.” **24** Ujesu wasuka kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseThire. Wangena endlini kodwa kafunanga ukuthi kwaziwe; kodwa wayengeke azifile ukuthi ukhona. **25** Owesifazane owayelendodakazi **13** Wasesuka kubo wabuyela esikepeni wachaphela yakhe encinyane eyayilomoya omubi wonela ukuzwa ngayewenza weza wayazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe. **26** Umfazi lo wayengumGrikhi, owazalelw aFenikye yaseSiriya. **15** Ujesu wabaxwayisa wathi, “Limukani, liqaphele Wancenga ujesu ukuthi akhuphe idimoni endodakazini imvubelo yabaFarisi lekaHerodi.” **16** Bakhulumisana yakhe. **27** Wamtshela wathi kuye, “Qala wekele ngalokhu bathi, “Utsho ngoba singelasinkwa.” **17** abantwana badle basuthe, ngoba kakuIunganga ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana usiphosele izinja.” wathi, “Kungani likhuluma ngokungabi lasinkwa na? **28** Wathi owesifazane, “Yebo, Nkosi, kodwa izinja Lilokhu lingaboni njalo lingazwisisi na? Inhlizyo zenu lazo ezingaphansi kwetafula ziudadla imvuthuluka.” **18** Kungani lithi lilamehlo lehluleke **29** Ujesu wamtshela wathi, “Ngenxa yempendulo ukubona, lilezindlebe lehluleke ukuzwa? Kalikhumbuli enhle kangaka usungahamba; idimoni seliphumile yini? **19** Ngize nighlephunel abazinkulungwane endodakazini yakho.” **30** Owesifazane wabuyela ezinhlanu izinkwa ezinhlanu labutha izitsha ezingaki ekhaya wafumana umtanakhe elele embhedeni, zemvuthu?” Bathi, “Ezilitshumi lambili.” **20** “Ngize idimoni selihambile. **31** Ujesu wasesuka endaweni nighlephunel abazinkulungwane ezine izinkwa yeThire wadabula eSidoni waze wayafika oLwandle indoda eyayiyisacuthe isehluleka lokukhuluma, bamcela ukuthi abeke isandla **21** Wasesithi kubo, “Lilokhu lingazwisisi yini?” kwexuku labantu wasefaka iminwe yakhe ezindlebeni. **22** Bafika eBhethisayida, abanye abantu balettha sakhe phezu kwayo. **32** Ujesu wayisusela eceleni indoda eyayiyisiphofu bancenga ujesu ukuba ayibeke kwexuku labantu wasefaka iminwe yakhe ezindlebeni izandla. **23** Wasithatha isiphofu leso wasibamba zaleyondoda. Wasekhafula wathinta ulimi Iwayo ngesandla wasiholela ngaphandle komuzi. Esekaulele indoda. **34** Wakhangela ezulwini wakhokha umoya emehlweni aso wasibeka izandla ujesu wabuza wathi kuyo, “Efifatha!” (okutsho ukuthi, “Vuleka!”). wathi, “Kukhona okubonayo na?” **24** Sathalaza **35** Ngalokhu indlebe zendoda zavuleka, ulimi Iwayo sathi, “Ngibona abantu; bakhangeleka njengezihlahla Iwatshwaphuluka yahle yaqalisa ukukhuluma kuhle. ezihambahambayo.” **25** Ujesu waphinde wabeka **36** Ujesu wabaqonqosela ukuthi bangatsheli muntu. izandla zakhe emehlweni ayo indoda leyo. Amehlo ayo Kodwa wathi ngokwenza njalo baqhubele ngamandla befakaza ngakho. **37** Abantu bamangala baphela amandla. Bathi, “Konke asekwenzile kuhle. Uyenzo futhi lezacuthe zizwe, lezimungulu zikhulume.”

**8** Ngalezonsuku kwaphinde kwabuthana elinye ixuku labantu. Kwathi ngoba bengelalutho lokudla ujesu wabiza abafundi bakhe wathi kubo, **2** “Ngilosizi ngalaba abantu; sebebe lami okwensuku ezintathu, kodwa bengadli lutho. **3** Ngingababuyisela emakhaya

wabaqonqosela ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye. **31** indoda ethile exukwini yathi, “Mfundisi, ngikulethele Waqalisa ukubafundisa ngokuthi iNdodana yoMuntu indodana yami ilomoya oyenza ibe yisimungulu. **18** imele ihlupheke kakhulu, yaliwe ngabadala bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho, njalo lokuthi kumele ibulawe kuthi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu ivuke njalo. **32** Wakukhuluma kamhllophe lokho, uPhethro wamdonela eceleni waqalisa ukumkhuza. **33** Kodwa waphenduka wakhangela abafundi bakhe, wasemkhuza uPhethro wathi, “Suka emuva kwami, Sathane! Kawunakani ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngezinto zabantu.” **34** Wasebiza ixuku labantu kanye labafundi bakhe wathi, “Nxa umuntu efuna ukungilandela, kumele azidele athathe isiphambano sakhe angilandele. **35** Ngoba yilovo ofuna ukulondoloza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, kodwa olahlekewla yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami levangeli uzayilondoloza. **36** Kumsizani umuntu ukuzuza wonke umhlaba, kodwa alahlekewla ngumpfemfumulo wakhe? **37** Loba, kuyini umuntu angakunika kube yinhlawulo yompfemfumulo wakhe na? **38** Nxa umuntu eyangeka ngami kanye lamazwi ami kulesi isizukulwane esifebayo lesionayo, iNdodana yoMuntu izakuyangeka ngaye nxa isifika enkazimulweni kaYise lezingilosii ezingcwele.”

**9** Wasesithi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi abanye abemiyo lapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa bengakawuboni umbuso kankulunkulu ufika ngamandla.” **2** Ngemva kwensuku eziyisithupha ujesu wathatha uPhethro, loJakhobe loJohane wakhwela labo entabeni ephakemeyo lapho ababa bodwa khona. Bekhona lapho wagquuka isimo emehlwani abo. **3** Iziggoko zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya, zaba mhlophe okungazake kwenziwe muntu emhlabeni. **4** Khonapho kwabonakala u-Elijah loMosi bekhuluma lojesu. **5** UPhethro wathi kuJesu, “Rabi, kumnandi kithi ukuba lapha. Kasakhe izihonqo ezintathu esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elijah.” **6** (Wayengazi ukuthi athini, babesesaba kakhulu.) **7** Kwabuya iyezi labagubuzela, ilizwi labuya livela eyezini lisithi, “Lo yiNdodana yami, engiyithandayo. Ilaleleni!” **8** Khonokho nje bathi bayakhangela kababe besabona muntu eduze kwabo ngaphandle kukaJesu. **9** Bathi sebesehla entabeni ujesu wabanika imilayo yokuthi bangatsheli muntu ngabakubonileyo iNdodana yoMuntu ize iqale ivuke kwabafileyo. **10** Indaba le bayigcina ezifubeni zabo, bebuZana ukuthi, “ukuvuka kwabafileyo” kwakusitshoni. **11** Bambusa bathi, “Kungani abafundisi bomthetho besithi u-Elijah kumele afike kuqala?” **12** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngeqiniso u-Elijah uza kuqala abuyisele izinto zonke esimeni sazo. Kungani pho kulkotshiwe ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu imele ihlupheke kakhulu yaliwe? **13** Kodwa ngyialitshela, u-Elijah usefikile, sebemenze konke ababekufisa kuye njengoba kulkotshiwe ngaye.” **14** Bathi befika kwabanye abafundi babona bebuthanelwe ngabantu abanengi kulabafundisi bomthetho bephikisana labo. **15** Abantu bonka bonela ukubona uJesu bamangala kakhulu bamgijimela besiyambingeleta. **16** Wabuza wathi, “Kuyini eliphikisana labo ngakho na?” **17** Kwaphendula indoda ethile exukwini yathi, “Mfundisi, ngikulethele Uthi ungayibamba uylahlele phansi. Isuka ibhubhudle amagwebu, igedle amazinyo, yome qha umzimba. Ngibacelile abafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe umoya, kodwa behluleka.” **19** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Oh, lina sizukulwane esingakhholwayo, ngizahlala lani kuze kube nini na? Ngilibekezelele kuze kube nini? Mletheni kimi umfana.” **20** Basebemletha kuye. Umoya wonela ukumboma uJesu wamlahla phansi umfana wazigiqagiqa ekhilihla amagwebu ngomlomo. **21** UJesu wabuza uyise womfana wathi, “Sekulesikhathi esingakanani enje umfana?” Wathi, “Kusukela ebuntwaneni. **22** Kuhlezi kumphosela emlilweni loba emanzini kufuna ukumbulala. Kodwa nxa kukhona ongakwenza ake usihawukele usisize.” **23** UJesu wathi, “Uthi ‘engingakwenza?’ Yonke into iyeneliseka kulowo okholwayo.” **24** Masinyane uyise womfana wamemeza wathi, “Ngiyakhola; ake ungisize ngehlule ukungakholwa kwamil!” **25** UJesu esebona ukuthi ixuku laligijimela kuye wawukhuza umoya omubi wathi, “Wena moya oyisacuthe lesimungulu, ngiyakulaya mina, ngithi phuma kuye ungaphindi ungene kuye futhi.” **26** Umoya waklabalala, wamgqa phansi umfana, waphuma emva kokumhlukuluza okukhulu. Umfana wathi daca, waba njengesidumbu, abanengi bathi, “Usefile.” **27** Kodwa uJesu wambamba ngesandla wamdonsa wamisa ngezinyawo wema. **28** UJesu eseskile wayangena endlini abafundi bakhe bambuza ngasese bathi, “Kungani sehlulekile ukuwuxotsha na?” **29** Waphendula wathi, “Lolu uhlobo lumphuma ngomkhuleko kuphela.” **30** Basuka kuleyondawo badabula eGalile. UJesu kazange afune ukuthi kube khona owaziyo ukuthi babengaphi, **31** ngoba wayefundisa abafundi bakhe. Wathi kubo, “iNdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu. Bazayibulala, kuthi ngemva kwensuku ezintathu izavuka.” **32** Kodwa kabezwisisanga ukuthi wayesitshoni njalo besaba ukumbuza ngakho. **33** Bafika eKaphenawume. Wathi esendlini wababuza wathi, “Beliphikisana ngani endeleni?” **34** Kodwa bathula zwi ngoba endleleni babephikisana ngokuthi ngubani omkhulu kulaBanye bonke. **35** Wahlala phansi ujesu wabiza abalitshumi lambili wathi kubo, “Nxa ekhona ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala, kabe ngosekucineni, abe yisisebenzi sabo bonke.” **36** Wathatha umntswana omcinyane wamisa phakathi kwabo. Wamthatha wamanga wathi kubo, **37** “Yilovo owamukela oyedwa walababantwana abancinyane ebizweni lami wamukela mina; njalo lowo ongamukelayo kemukeli mina, kodwa wamukela lowo owangithumayo.” **38** UJohane wathi, “Mfundisi, sibone indoda ikhupha amadimonni ngebizo lakho, sayenqabela ngoba ingayisuye omunye wethu.” **39** UJesu wathi, “Lingamaleli. Kakhon ongenza umangaliso ngebizo lami aphinde masinyane ajike akhulume okubi ngami, **40** ngoba lowo ongamelani lathi ukanye lathi. **41** Ngilitshela iqiniso, lowo olipa inkezo yamanzi ngebizo lami ngoba lingabakaKhristu ngempela akayikulahlekewla ngumvuzo wakhe.” **42**

"Nxa umuntu ekhubekisa oyedwa walaba abancinyane abakhholwa kimi ukuba enze isono, bekungaba ngcono kuye ukuthi aphoselwe olwandle ebotshelwe ilitshe elikhulu entanyeni yakhe. **43** Nxa isandla sakho sikwenza wone, siqume. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ungene ekuphileni ungungini kulokuya esihogweni ulezandla ezimbili, lapho umlilo wakhona ongacitshiyo, [ (**Geenna g1067**) **44** lapho 'impethu yakhona engafyo lomlilo wakhona ongacitshiyo.] **45** Njalo nxa unyawo lwakho lukwenzisa isono, luqume. Kungcono kuwe ukuthi ungene ekuphileni uyisilima kulokuthi ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni, [ (**Geenna g1067**) **46** lapho 'impethu zakhona ezidlayo zingafi lomlilo ongacitshiyo.] **47** Njalo nxa ilihlo lakho likwenza wone, likopole liphume. Kungcono kuwe ukungena embuswени kaNkulunkulu ulelihlo elilodwa kulokuba lamehlo amabili kodwa uphoselwe esihogweni, (**Geenna g1067**) **48** lapho 'impethu zakhona ezidlayo zingafi, lomlilo ongacitshiyo.' **49** Umuntu wonke uzakuvuvuzelwa itswayi ngomlilo. **50** Itswayi lilungile, kodwa nxa lingalahlekela yibumunyu balo, ungalivuselela njani na? Wobani letswayi ngaphakathi kwenu, lihlalisanе ngokuthula."

**10** Ujesu wasesuka kuleyondawo waya emangweni waseJudiya langaphetsheya kweJodani. Njalo kweza kuye amaxuku abantu, kwathi njengerjayelo yakhe wabafundisa. **2** Abanye abaFarisi beza bamlinga ngokumbuza bathi, "Kusemthethweni yini ukuthi indoda imale umfazi wayo na?" **3** Waphendula wathi, "UMosi walilaya wathini?" **4** Bathi, "UMosi wayivumela indoda ukuthi ibhale incwadi yokuquma umthiado ibisimxitsha." **5** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Kwakungenxa yokuthi zazilukhuni inhliziyo zenu okwenza uMosi walibhalela umthetho lo. **6** Kodwa ekuqaleni kwendalo uNkulunkulu 'wabenza baba ngowesilisa lowesifazane.' **7** 'Ngalesizatho indoda izatshiya uyise lonina imanyane lomfazi wayo, **8** kuthi labo bobabili babe nyamanye.' Yikho kabasebabi, sebenunye. **9** Ngakho, lokho uNkulunkulu asekuhlanganisile akungehlukaniswa muntu." **10** Bathi sebengenile endlini njalo, abafundi bambuza ujesu ngalokhu. **11** Waphendula wathi, "Loba ngubani olahla umfazi wakhe athathe omunye umfazi uyafeba kuye. **12** Laye nxa elahla indoda yakhe endele kwenye, uyafeba." **13** Abantu babeletha abantwana abancinyane kujesu ukuze ababeke izandla, kodwa abafundi babakhuza. **14** Ujesu wathi ekubona lokho wacaphuka. Bathi kubo, "Yekelani abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabavaleli, ngoba umbuso kankulunkulu ungowabanjengalaba. **15** Ngiqinisisile ngithi kini, lowo ongayikwemukela umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omnicanе kayikungena kuwo." **16** Wasebathatha abantwana ebaphatha, wababeka izandla wababusisa. **17** Ujesu wathi esesuka ehamba, indoda yagijimela kuye yafika yasilahlha ngamadolо phambi kwakhe. Yabuza yathi, "Mfundisi olungileyo, ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze ilifa lokuphila kwaphakade na?" (**aiōnios g166**) **18** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Ungibizelani ngokuthi ngilungile na? Kakho olungileyo ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela.

**19** Uyayazi imilayo: 'Ungabulali, ungafebi, ungebi, ungaphi ubufakazi bamanga, ungadlelezel, hlonipha uyihi lonyoko.' **20** Wachaza wathi, "Mfundisi zonke lezi izinto ngiyazigcina kusukela ngisesengumfana." **21** Ujesu wamkhangela wamthanda. Wathi, "Usilela ngento eyodwa. Hamba uyethengisa konke olakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba sezulwini. Ubusubuya ungilandele." **22** Isizwa lokhu indoda yathelwa ngamanzi. Yasukuma yahamba isidanile ngora yayinothile kakhulu. **23** Ujesu wathala wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Koba nzima kakhulu ukuthi isinothi singene embusweni kaNkulunkulu!" **24** Abafundi bamangalisa ngamazwi akhe lawo. Kodwa ujesu waphinda wathi, "Bantwana, kunzima kanganani ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu! **25** Kulula ukuba ikamela lingene embotsheni yenalithi kulokuba umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu." **26** Abafundi bamangala okwedulayo, bathi omunye komunye, "Pho ngubani ongasindiswa na?" **27** Ujesu wabakhangela wathi, "Ngokabantu kakwenzeki, kodwa hatshi ngoNkulunkulu; zonke izinto ziyyenzakala ngoNkulunkulu." **28** UPhetthro wathi kuye, "Sesitshiye konke ukuba sikulande!" **29** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi kakho osetshiye ikhaya kumbe abafowabo, loba odadewabo, kumbe unina loba uyise, loba umintwana kumbe amasimu ngenxa yami levangeli **30** ozakwehluleka ukwamukeliswa okuphindwe ngekhulu kuso lesi isikathhi samanje: amakhaya, abafowabo, odadewabo, onina, abantwana lamasimu, kwengewe ukuhlukunyezw, lasesikhathini esizayo, ukuphila kwaphakade. (**aiōnios g165, aiōnios g166**) **31** Kodwa abanengi abangabokuqala bazakuba ngabokucina, abokucina babe ngabokuqala." **32** Babesendleleni besiya ejerusalema, ujesu ekhokhele, abafundi bedidekile, kwathi labo ababelandela babesesasa. Waphinda njalo wathatha abalitshumi lambili wabadonsela eceleni wabatshela lokho okwakuzakwenzakala kuye. **33** Wathi, "Sesiya ejerusalema, iNdodana yoMuntu izanikelwa kubaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho. Bazayigwebela ukufa bayinikele kwabeZizwe, **34** abazayiyangisa, bayikhaulele, bayitshaye njalo bayibulale. Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu izavuka." **35** Kwathi uJakhobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebhediya, beza kuye. Bathi, "Mfundisi, sifuna ukuthi usenzele loba yini esiyicelayo." **36** Wababuza wathi, "Lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni?" **37** Baphendula bathi, "Wothi omunye wethu ahlale ngakwesokunene kwakho, kuthi omunye kwesokhoho ebukhosini bakho." **38** Ujesu wathi, "Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Lingayinatha na inkezo engiyinathayo kumbe libhaphathizwe ngobhaphathizo engibhaphathizwa ngalo, na?" **39** Baphendula bathi, "Singakwenza." Ujesu wathi kubo, "Lizayinatha inkezo engiyinathayo njalo libhaphathizwe ngobhaphathizo engibhaphathizwa ngalo, **40** kodwa ukuhlala kwesokunene kumbe kwasokhoho kwami kakuksiko kwami ukukuvumela. Izindawo lezi negezalabo abazilungiselweyo." **41** Kwathi abalitshumi bekuzwa lokhu bazondela uJakhobe loJohane. **42** Ujesu

wababizela ndawonye wathi, "Liyakwazi ukuthi labo abangababusi kwabeZizwe bababusa kalukhuni, lezinduna zabo ezinkulu zitshengisa amandla phezu kwabo. **43** Akunjalo kini. Kodwa lowo othanda ukuba mkhulu phakathi kwenu kumele abe yinceku yenu, **44** lalowo ofuna ukuba ngowokuqala kabe yisigqili senu lonke. **45** Ngoba leNdodana yoMuntu yini ukuthi: 'Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu kayibuyelanga ukuzokhonza, kodwa ukuzokhonza yokukhuleka ezizweni zonke?' Kodwa lina seliyenze lokunkelila impilo yayo njengenhlawulo yabanengi." 'ubhalu lwabaphangi.' **18** Abaphristi abakhulu **46** Basebefika ejerikho. Kwathi uJesu labafundi bakhe kanye lexuku elikhulu sebesuka edolobheni, ukudinga idlela yokumbulala, ngoba babemesaba indoda eyisiphofu, uBathimewu (kutsho indodana kaThinemwu) yayihlezi eceleni kwendela icela. **47** Yathi isizwa ukuthi kwakunguJesu waseNazaretha yamemeza yathi, "Jesu, Ndodana kaDavid, ake ungiyawukele!" **48** Anbengi bayikuza bathi kayithule, kodwa yaqhubeqa yamemeza ngamandla isithi, "Ndodana kaDavid, ake ungiyawukele!" **49** Ujesu wema wathi, "Mbizeni." Basebeyibiza indoda eyisiphofu bathi, "Thokoza ndoda! Phakama! Uyakubiza." **50** Walahla ijazi lakhe phansi wasukuma weza kujesu. **51** Ujesu wambuza wathi, "Ufuna ngikwenzeleni na?" Indoda eyisiphofu yathi, "Rabi, ngifuna ukuthi ngibone." **52** Ujesu wathi, "Hamba-ke, ukukholwa kwakho sekukusilisile." Masinyane yahle yabona yasilandela uJesu endleleni.

**11** Bathi sebesondele ejerusalem bafika eBhethifage leBhethani eNtabeni yama-Oliva. Ujesu wathuma abafundi bakhe ababili **2** wathi kubo, "Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, okuzakuthi nxa lingena kuwo lizabona inkonyane kababhemi engakaze igadwe mutnu ibotshelwe khonapho. Ikhululeneli liyilethe lapha. **3** Nxa kungaba lozalibuza ukuthi, 'Likwenzeleni lokho na?' limtshele ukuthi, 'Inkosi iyalfuna, izalibuya masinyane.' **4** Bahamba bathola inkonyane kababhemi phandle maqondana lomnyango ibotshelwe. Bayikhulula, **5** abantu ababemi khonapho babuza bathi, "Lenzani, liyikhululelani inkonyane leyo na?" **6** Baphendula njengoba uJesu wayebatshelile, abantu basebebayekela bahamba. **7** Sebelilethile ithole kujesu bendlala amajazi abo phezu kwalo uJesu waseligada. **8** Abantu abanengi bendlala amajazi abo endleleni, kukanti abanye bendlala ingatsha abaziqamula emasimini. **9** Labo ababehamba phambili lalabo ababelandela bamemeza besithi, "Hosana!" "Ubisisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo lenKosi!" **10** "Ubisisiwe umbuso ozayo okababa wethu uDavid!" "Hosana ezulwini eliphezulu!" **11** Ujesu wangena ejerusalem waya ethempelini. Wathalaza wakhangela konke, kodwa kwathi ngoba kwasekuwlwile wehlela eBhethani labalitshumi lambili. **12** Ngelanga elilandelayo bathi besuka eBhethani uJesu wayeselambile. **13** Wabona bucwaldlana isihlahla somkhiwa silhumi amahlamu, wasondela ukuyabona ingabe sasilezithelo yini. Wafika wabona kungamahlamu kuphela ngoba kwakungasiso isikhathi sezithelo zomkhiwa. **14** Wasesithi esihlahleni, "Akungabi lamuntu lanini ozaphinda adle izithelo zakho." Abafundi bakhe bamuzwa esitsho lokho. (aiōn g165) **15** Bathi befika

ejerusalem ujesu wangena egumeni lethempeli wafika labo ababeshenga lababethenga lababethengisa khona. Wagenqula amatafula abantshintshi bezimali lezhilalo zababethengisa amajuba, **16** kaze avumela mutnu ukungenisa okuthengiswayo ezindlini zethempeli. **17** Wathi esabafundisa wathi, "Kakulotshwanga labafundisi bomthetho bakuzwa lokhu basebeqalisa ngoba ixuku lonke lalimangaliswa yikufundisa kwakhe. **19** Kusihlwa baphuma edolobheni. **20** Ekuseni babehambahamba basebebona isihlahla somkhiwa esasibunile kusukela empandeni. **21** UPHethro wakhumbula wasesithi kuJesu, "Rabi, khangela! Isihlahla somkhiwa owasiqalekisayo sibunile!" **22** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Woba lokholo kuNkulunkulu. **23** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi nxa omunye esithi entabenile, 'Suka, ziphosele olwandle,' engelakuthandabuza enhliziwayeni yakhe, kodwa ekholwa ukuthi lokho akutshoyo kuzakwenzakala, kuzakwenzwi kuye. **24** Ngakho ngijalitshela ukuthi loba kuyini elikucelayo ngomkhuleko, kholwani ukuthi selikwamukele, sekuzakuba ngokwenu. **25** Njalo nxa lisima likhuleka, nxa lilesikhwili komunye, mthethelelenu, ukuze uYihlo ezulwini alithethelele izono zenu. [ **26** Kodwa nxa lingathetheleli, loYihlo osezulwini kazukulithethelela izono zenu.] **27** Bafika njalo ejerusalem, kwathi uJesu ezihamela emagumeni ethempeli kweza kuye abaphristi abakhulu, labafundisi bomthetho kanye labadala. **28** Bambuza bathi, "Konke lokhu ukwenza ngawaphi amandla na? Ngubani owakupha amandla okwenza lokhu?" **29** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Ngizalibuza umbuzo owodwa. Lingangiphendula ngizalitshela ukuthi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla lezinto. **30** Ukubaphathiza kukaJohane, kwakuvela ezulwini loba ebantwini? Ngitshelani" **31** Bahlanganisa amakhanda bathi, Singathi, "Kwakuvela ezulwini," uzabuza athi, 'Kungani lingazange limkholve?' **32** Kodwa singathi, "Kwakuvela ebantwini" ... (Besaba abantu ngoba bonke babesithi ngeqiniso uJohane wayengumphrofethi.) **33** Ngakho bamphendula uJesu bathi, "Kasikwazi." Ujesu wathi, "Lami kangalisitsheli ukuthi izinto lezi ngizenza ngawaphi amandla."

**12** Wasekhuluma kubo ngemizekeliso wathi, "Indoda yahlanyela isivini. Yakha umduli yasihonqolozela, yemba igodi lesihluzo yasisakha umphotshongo wesilindo. Yasiqhatshisa isivini kubalimi abathile yona yasuka yathatha uhumbo. **2** Ngesikhathi sokuvuna yathuma isisebenzi kubaqhatshii besivini ukuthi siyothatha ingxene yezithelo zesivuno. **3** Kodwa basidumela basitshaya basixotsha singaphathanga lutho. **4** Yathuma esinye isisebenzi kubo; leyondoda bayitshaya ekhanda bayiphatha kubi. **5** Yaphinde yathuma esinye njalo isisebenzi, leso bahle basigongoda basibulala. Yathuma ezinye ezinengi; ezinye zazo bayitshaya, ezinye bazibulala. **6** Kwasekusele oyedwa wokuthuma, indodana, ayeyithanda. Wayithuma

ekucineni kwabo bonke esithi, ‘Bazayihloniphia wonke langengqondo yakho yonke langamandla akho indodana yami.’ **7** Kodwa abaqhatsi besivini wonke.’ **31** Owesibili yilo: ‘Thanda umakhelwane batshelana bathi, ‘Lo yindlalifa. Wozani, simbulale, wakho njengoba uzithanda.’ Kawukho umlayo omkhulu ilifa libe ngelethu.’ **8** Ngakho bamthatha bambulala kulale.” **32** Indoda yaphendula yathi, “Utsho bamphosela ngaphandle kwasivini. **9** Kambe kuyini kuhle, mfundisi. Uqondile nxa usithi uNkulunkulu azakwenza ummini wesivini na? Uzakuza afike ababulale munye, kakho omunye ngaphandle kwakhe. **33** labo baqhatsi besivini, isivini lesi asinike abanye abalimi. **10** Kalibalanga yini umbhalo lo othi: ‘Ilitshe konke kwakho langamandla akho wonke, lokuthanda elalahlwia ngabakhi seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni; **11** umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena iNkosi ikwenzile lokhu, kuyamangalisa emehlwani kuqakathikile kulayo yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa ethu?’ **12** Basebedinga iqinga lokumbophya ngoba babesazi ukuthi wayekhulume umzekeliso lowo eqonde bona. Kodwa besaba ixuku labantu; basebemtshiya bahamba. **13** Muva basebethumela abanye babaFarisi lamaHerodiya kujesu ukuthi bambambe ngamazwi akhe. **14** Beza kuye bathi, “Mfundisi, siyakwazi ukuthi uyindoda eqotho. Kawuguqulwanga ngabantu ngoba kawulandeli ukuthi bangobani; kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu mayelana leqiniso. Kulungile iNkosi yathi eNkosini yami: “Hlala ngakwesokunene yini ukuthela kuKhesari, kumbe hatshi? **15** Sithele yini sami ngize ngibeke izitha zakho ngaphansi kumbe hatshi?” Kodwa ujesu wayekubona ukuzenzisa kwenyawo zakho.” **37** UDavida yena ngokwakhe kwabo, wathi, “Lizamelani ukungithiya na? Ake umbiza athi ‘Nkosi.’ Pho-ke angaba yindodana lingiphe idenari ngibone.” **16** Baluletha uhlamu lolo, yakhe kanjani?” Ixuku labantu elikhulu lamlalela wasebabuza wathi, “Ngumfanekiso kabani lo? Lombhalo ngokuthokoza. **38** Wathi elokhu efundisa, ujesu ngokabani?” Baphendula bathi, “NgokaKhesari.” wathi, “Libananzelele abafundisi bomthetho. Bathanda **17** Ujesu wasesithi kubo, “Phanini uKhesari ukuhambahamba becece ngezembatho ezinde okukaKhesari loNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu.” eziphepezelayo lokube bebingelelwa emisikeni, **39** Bamangala kakhulu ngaye. **18** Kwasekusithi futhi bathatha izihlalo eziphakemeyo emasimagogweni abaSadusi abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, bezza kuye belombuzo. **19** Bathi, “Mfundisi, uMosi wasibhalela ukuthi nxa umfowabo wendoda angafa atshiye umfazi, kodwa bengelabantwana, leyondoda kahulu ngaye. **20** Manje-ke, kwakulabafwabo abayisikhombisa. **21** Owokuqala wathatha wasesifa engazalanga. **22** Owesibili wamthatha umfelokazi waphinda laye wafa engelamtwana. Kwabanjalo lakowesithathu. **23** Ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani njengoba bonke boyisikhombisa babemthetha?” **24** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Kalilahleki yini ngoba lingayazi imibhalo loba amandal kaNkulunkulu? **25** Nxa abafileyo sebevuka kabayikuthatha loba bende; bazakuba njengezingilosil ezelwini. **26** Mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo, kalibalanga yini encwadini kaMosi, emlandweni wesixuku esasibhebba umlilo ukuthi uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, ‘NginguNkulunkulu ka-Abrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka loNkulunkulu kajakhobe?’ **27** KasuNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo. Lilahlekile kakhulu!” **28** Omunye wabafundisi bomthetho wafika wabezwu bephicana ngamazwi. Ngokubona ukuthi ujesu wayebaphe impendulo enhle, wabuza wathi, “Phakathi kwayo yonke imilayo yiuphi oqakatkeko okudlula yonke?” **29** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Oqakatkeko kakhulu yilo: ‘Zwana, wena Israyeli, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, iNkosi yinye. **30** Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho enghliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho

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lendawo yokunikela wakhangela inengi lifaka imali yalo esitsheni somnikelo ethempelini: Izikhulu ezinengi zazifaka imali ezwayo. **42** Kodwa kweza umfelokazi ongumyanga wafaka okuzinhlmvana kwethusi okubili engelamtwana. Kwabanjalo lakowesithathu. **22** okulingana lengxenyana yendibilitshi. **43** Esebizele kuye Iqiniso yikuthi kakho kubo bonke beyisikhombisa abafundi bakhe ujesu wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi umfelokazi lo ongumyanga ufake okunengi esitsheni somnikelo kulabo bonke. **44** Bona bonke baphe ngokwenotho yabo, kodwa yena, ebayangeni bakhe ufake konke abelakho ukuthi kumphilise.”

**13** Wathi esuka ethempelini omunye wabafundi wathi kuye, “Khangela, Mfundisi! Amatshe anganani! Bona ubuhle bezindlu!” **2** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Liyazibona yini zonke lezi izindlu ezinkulu kangaka? Kakuyikusala litshe phezu kwelinje; wonke azaphoselwa phansi.” **3** Kwathi ujesu ehlezi eNtabeni yama-Oliva malungana lethempeli uPhethro, lojakhobe, lojohane lo-Andreya bambuza ngasese bathi, **4** “Sitshele, zizakwenzakala nini izinto lezi? Njalo kuzakuba lesibonelo bani ukuthi sezigcwaliaseka?” **5** Ujesu wathi kubo: “Qaphelani ukuze lingakhohliswa mutu. **6** Banengi abazakuba ngebizo lami, besithi, ‘Nginguye,’ bakhohlise abanengi. **7** Nxa lisizwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ngezimpi, lingaze lethuka. Lezozintu kumele zenzakale, kodwa ukucina kulokhu kuseza. **8**

Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso. yakhe ayinikele izisebenzi zakhe ukuba ziyilinde, Kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba ezindaweni yileso sabelwe owaso umsebenzi, atshele lowo olinda ezinengi, lezindlala. Lezi ziyikuqala kokuhelwelwa. **9** emnyango ukuthi aqaphale. **35** Ngakho lindani ngoba kalikwazi ukuthi umninindlu uzabuya nini, mhlawumbe kusihlwa, kumbe phakathi kwamabili, loba inkukhu sezikhala kumbe emathathakusa. **36** Nxa efika masinyane, akangalifici lilele. **37** Engikutshoy kini ngikutsho emuntwini wonke: ‘Lindani!’”

**14** Kwasekusele insuku ezimbili kuphela ukuba ufile weMkhsosi wePhasika loMkhsosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. Abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho babeddinga indlela ecatshileyo yokubophya uJesu ukuze bumbulale. **2** Kodwa bathi, “Kakungabi ngesikhathi somkhosi, funa abantu benze isiphithiphithi.” **3** Kwathi eseBhethani eyeme etafuleni emzini wendoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni owayelobulephero, owesifazane weza ephethe imboldlela yamakha adulayo kakhulu, enziwe ngenadi elipheleleyo. Wayivula imboldlela wathela amakha ekhanda likajesu. **4** Abanye balabo ababekhona bacaphuka babuzana bathi, “Udlaliselani amakha la?” **5** Abengathengisa ngokudlula umhlo womnyaya wonke imali leyo iphiye abampofu.” Bankuza ngokumkhahlameza kakhulu. **6** UJesu wathi, “Myekeleni. Limkhathazelani kanti? Wenze into enhle kimi. **7** Abampofu lizahlala lilabo, yikho lingabasiza noma yisiphi isikhathi elisifunayo. Kodwa kalisoze libe lami kokuphela. **8** Wenze lokho abe lamandla okukwenza. Uthele amakha emzimbeni wami mandulo ukulungisela ukungcwatshwa kwami. **9** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi loba kungaphi okuzatshunayelwa ivangeli emhlabeni wonke, lokho akwenzileyo kuzakhulunya, kube yisikhumbuzo ngaye.” **10** Yikho ujudasi iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili waya kubaphristi abakhulu ukuyanikela uJesu kubo. **11** Bathokoza kakhulu bekuzwa lokhu, bathembisa ukumupha imali. Yikho walindela ithuba lokumnikela. **12** Ngelanga lokuqala loMkhsosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, lapho kwakungumkhuba ukwenza umhlatshelo wezinyane lePhasika, abafundi bakajesu bambuza bathi, “Ufunya ukuthi seyekwenza ngaphi amalungiselelo okuthi udle iPhasika na?” **13** Ngakho wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe wabatshela wathi, “Yanini edolobheni, kuzakuthi indoda ezabe ithwele isigubhu samanzi izalihlangabeza. Ilandeleni. **14** Libokuthi kumninindlu ezangena kuyo, ‘UMfundisi uyabuza uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezethekeli lapho engingadlela khona iPhasika labafundi bami?’ **15** Izalitshengisa ikamelo laphezulu elikhulu, elilungisiweyo. Senzeleni amalungiselelo khonapho.” **16** Abafundi basuka baya edolobheni bafica izinto zimi njengoba uJesu wayetshilo. Yikho basebelungisela iPhasika. **17** Kwathi kusihlwa uJesu wafika labalitshumi lambili. **18** Bathi beyeme etafuleni besidla wathi kubo, “Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi omunye wenu uzanginikela, odla lami khonapha.” **19** Badana, bathi kuye ngamunye, “Pho kawutsho mina?” **20** Waphendula wathi, “Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili,

omunye otsheba lami isinkwa emganwini. **21** Indodana omkhulu wayiquma indlebe yayo. **48** Ujesu wathi, yoMuntu izahamba njengokulotshiweyo ngayo. Kodwa “Ngingumkhokheli womvukela yini, selingaze lize maye kuleyondoda enikela iNdodana yoMuntu! lihlomile negezinkemba lezinduku ukuzangibamba? Kwakungaba ngcono kuyo aluba yayingazalwanga.” **49** Bengalani insuku zonke ngifundisa emagumeni **22** Bathi belokhu besidla ujesu wathatha isinkwa, ethempeli, kodwa kalingibophanga. Kodwa iMbhalo wabonga, wasihlephula, wasipha abafundi bakhe esithi, kufanele igcwaliiske.” **50** Khonokho bonke bamtshiya “Sithatheni; lo ngumzimba wami.” **23** Wasethatha babaleka. **51** Ijaha elalingaggokanga lutho ngaphandle inkezo, esepongile, wabanika, bonke banatha kuyo. kwelembu lelineni lalimlandela ujesu. Balibamba, **24** Wathi kubo, “Leli ligazi lami lesivumelwano, **52** kodwa labaleka laze latshiya isembatho salo. **53** elichithelwa abanengi. **25** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi Ujesu bamthatha bamusa kumphristi omkhulu, kwathi angisayikuphinda ngingathe okwesithelo sevinie bonke abaphristi abakhulu, labadala labafundisi njalo, kuze kube yilolosuko lapho engizakunatha bomthetho babuthana ndawonye. **54** UPethero khona kabutsha embusweni kaNkulunkulu.” **26** wamlandela ehambela khatshana, waze wayangena Bathi sebehlabele ihubo, baphuma bayu eNtabeni egumeni lomphristi omkhulu. Wahlala khonapho yama-Oliva. **27** Ujesu wabatshela wathi, “Lonke labalindi esotha umlilo. **55** Abaphristi abakhulu lizachitheka, ngoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: ‘Ngizatshaya leSanihedrini yonke babedinga ubufakazi obumlahlayo umelusi, izimvu zihlakazeke.’ **28** Kodwa ngemva ujesu ukuze bumbule, kodwa babuswela. **56** kokuba sengivukile kwabafileyo, ngizalandulela ukuya Abanengi bafakaza amanga ngaye, kodwa amazwi eGalile.” **29** UPethero walandula wathi, “Loba bonke abo kawavumelananga. **57** Kwasekusukuma abanye bengahlakazeka, mina kangisoze ngikwenze.” **30** bethula lobu ubufakazi bamanga ngaye, bathi, **58** Ujesu wamphendula wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso “Samuzwa esithi, “Ngizalibhidiza ithempeli leli, ukuthi lamuhla lokhu, ngobusuku balamuhla, iqhude elakhiwe ngabantu ngakhe elinye negezinsuku lingakakhali kabilo, wena ngokwakho uzangiphika ezintathu, elizabe lingasakhiwanga ngumuntu.” **59** kathathu.” **31** Kodwa uPhethero waphika wagomela Lakulokhu kabuvumelananga ubufakazi babo. **60** wathi, “Loba kungabe ngifanele ngife lawe, kangisoze Umphristi omkhulu wasesukuma phambi kwabo ngikuphike.” Bonke abanye labo batsho khona lokho. wabuza ujesu wathi, “Kawuyikuphendula na? Kuyini **32** Baya endaweni eyayithwa yiGetsemene, ujesu wathi kanti lokhu okufakazwa ngamadoda la ngawe na?” kubafundi bakhe, “Hlalani lapha mina ngisayakhuleka.” **61** Kodwa ujesu wala elokhu ethule njalo kazange **33** Wathatha uPhethero, ujakhobe lojhane wasuduluka aphendule. Umphristi omkhulu waphinde wambuza labo, waseqala ukuhululukewla kakhulu lokukhathazeka. wathi, “Unguye uKhristu, iNdodana yoBusisiweyo **34** Wathi kubo, “Umphefumulo wami udabukile na?” **62** Ujesu wathi, “Nginguye. Njalo lizayibona kakhulu kuze kuthi ngife. Hlalani lapha lilinde.” **35** iNdodana yoMuntu ihezi kwasokunene salowo Wahamba ibanganyana, wazilahla phansi wakhuleka Olamandla isehla ngamayezi ezulu.” **63** Umphristi ukuthi aluba kungenzeka leloholo lingedlula kuye. **36** omkhulu wadabula izigqoko zakhe wabuza wathi, Wathi, “Abha, Baba, konke kuyeneliseka kuwe. Ake “Sisabadingani abanye ofakazi? **64** Selikuzwile ususe inkezo le kimi. Kodwa kakungabi yintando yami, ukuhlambaza. Lithini manje?” Bonke bamlahla bathi kodwa kubo yintando yakho.” **37** Wasephenduka ufanele ukufa. **65** Abanye basebeqalisa ukumkhaulela; kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele, Wathi kuPhethero, bamvala amehilo ngokumbopha, bamdutshuza “Simoni, ulele? Wehlulekile ukulinda ihola elilodwa ngenqindi bathi, “Phrofitha!” Abalindi basebemthatha kuphela? **38** Lindani likhuleke ukuze lingaweli bayamtshaya. **66** UPethero wayengaphansi egumeni, ekulungweni. Umoya uyathanda, kodwa umzimba enye yamatombazana ayevizincekukazi zomphristi ubuthakathaka.” **39** Waphinda wahamba wayakhuleka omkhulu yeza khonapho. **67** Yathi ibona uPhethero umkhuleko munye. **40** Wathi ekubuyeni wabafica njalo esotha umlilo yamkhangelisa. Yathi, “Lawe sebelele, ngoba ubuthongo babuphethe. Baswela wawulomNazarini lowaya, ujesu.” **68** Walandula. Wathi, ukuthi bathini kuye. **41** Esebuya okwesithathu wathi “Angikwazi njalo kangikuzwisi lokho okhuluma kubo, “Lilokhu lilele liphumula? Sekwanele! Isikhathi ngakho.” Wahle waphuma waya esangweni. **69** sesifikile. Khangelani, iNdodana yoMuntu isinikelwe Kuthe intombazana leyo isimboma khona lapho ezandleni zeconi. **42** Phakamani! Kasihambeni! yathi kwababemi lapho, “Indoda le ingomunye Nangu usesiza onginikelayo.” **43** Esakhuluma, wabo.” **70** Walandula njalo. Ngemva kwasikhatshana uJudas, omunye wabalishumi lambili, wafika. ababemi lapho eduze kukaPhethero bathi, “Ngeqiniso Wayehamba lexuku behlomile negezinkemba lezinduku, ungumunye wabo, ngoba ungumGalile.” **71** Watshinga bethunyiwe ngabaphristi abakhulu labafundisi uPhethero, waziqalekisa wabuye wafunga kubo wathi, bomthetho kanye labadala. **44** Umthengisi wayelungise “Kangiyazi indoda le elikhuluma ngayo.” **72** Masinyane isiboniso sokubatshengisa wathi: “Lowo engizamanga lakkala iqhude ngokwesibili. Khonapho uPhethero nguye; limbophe lilele lihambe laye elindwe.” waselikhumbula ilizwi ujesu aylelitshilo kuye, ukuthi: **45** Ujudasi wahle waqonda kujesu wathi, “Rabi!” “Iqhude lingakakhali kabilo uzangiphika kathathu.” wamanga. **46** Amadoda ahle amdumela ujesu Ngakho waphihlikha wakhala. ambopha. **47** Kwasekusithi omunye owayemi khonapho wakhokha inkemba yakhe wagalela inceku yomphristi

**15** Ekuseni kakhulu abaphristi abakhulu, labadala, labafundisi bomthetho bamkololodela behlekisana ngaye labafundisi bomthetho kanye leSanihedrini phakathi kwabo. Bathi, "Wasindisa abanye, kodwa yonke bavumelana ngesinqumo sabo. Bambopha uJesu bamqhuba bayamethula kuPhilathu. **2** UPhilathu wambuza wathi, "Uyinkosi yamajuda na?" Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Usukutshilo lokho." **3** Abaphristi abakhulu bamethesa amacala amanengi. **4** Ngakho ubumnyama bembesa ilizwe lonke kwaze kwaba uPhilathu wambuza njalo wathi, "Kanti kungani lihola lesificamunwemunye. **5** Kodwa uJesu wala elokhu ethule, wathi, "Eloyi, Eloyi, lamasabakithani?" (okutsho ukuthi, uPhilathu wamangala. **6** Kwakungumkhuba ukuthi "Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyelani ngomkhosi kukhululwe isibotshwa esasizabe sicelwe na?"). **7** Indoda eyayithiwa nguBharabhasi ngayisentolongweni kanye labahlamuki ababebulele abantu kulowomvukela. **8** Ixuku labantu leza bekuwza lokho bathi, "Zwanini, ubiza u-Elija." **9** anathe. Yasisithi, "Ake simyekele manje, kesibone "Lifuna ukuthi ngilikhulule inkosi yamajuda na?" ingabe u-Elija uzakuza azomehlisa." **10** Ngomkhosi UPhilathu wabuza, **11** esazi ukuthi kwakungenxa omkhulu, uJesu waphefumula okokucina. **12** Ukhetheni yomhawu okwenza abaphristi abakhulu banikela uJesu lethempeli ladabuka kabi lisuka phezulu kusiya kuye. **13** Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu badunga abantu phansi. **14** Kwathi induna yekhulu eyayimi khonapho babakhuthaza ukuthi bacele uPhilathu abakhululele phambi kukajesu isizwa ukukhala kwakhe njalo uBharabhasi. **15** UPhilathu wasebabuza wathi, ikubonile ukuthi ufe kanjani yathi, "Ngeqiniso "Pho ngithini ngalo elimbiza ngokuthi uyinkosi indoda le ibe iyindodana kaNkulunkulu!" **16** Abanye yamajuda na?" **17** Bamemeza bathi, "Mbethele!" abesifazane babebukele bebuwcwala. Phakathi kwabo **18** UPhilathu wabuza wathi, "Yindawa? Woneni?" kwakuloMariya Magadalini loMariya unina kajakhobe Kodwa bamemeza ngamandla bathi, "Mbethele!" omncinyane lokajosefa loSalome. **19** Laba abesifazane **20** UPhilathu wasebakhlulela uBharabhasi ngoba babemlandele bemsebenzela eseGalile. Labanye wayefuna ukusuthisa ixuku labantu. Wathi uJesu abesifazane abanengi ababeze laye ejerusalem labo katshaywe, ngemva kwalokho wasebapha ukuba babekhona. **21** Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela (kutsho bambethele. **22** Amabutho amqhuba uJesu amusa usuku olwandulela iSabatha). Kwathi sekuntambama esigodlweni (kutshio iPhrethoriyamu) basebebiza **23** ujosefa wase-Arimathiya indoda elesithunzi iviyo lonke lamabutho laqoqana ndawonye. **24** eNkundleni, yona ngokwayo eyayilindele umbuso Bamqqokisa ijazi eliyibubende, basebeseluka umqhele kaNkulunkulu, yaqunga isibindi yaya kuPhilathu yacela wameva bamethesa wona. **25** Basebememeza besithi kuye, "Bayethe, nkosi yamajuda!" **26** wayesefile. Wabiza induna yekhulu wayibuza ukuthi Bamtshaya ekhanda ngomqwayi baphindaphinda, uJesu wayesefile yini. **27** Wathi esezwile ngenduna bamkhafulela. Baguqa phansi ngamadololo bamkhonza. **28** Sebemhozile, bamhlubula ijazi eliyibubende bamgokisa ezakhe iziggoko. Basebephuma laye lemure, kodwa wala ukulinatha. **29** Basebembethela. Bahlukanisa iziggoko zakhe basebesenza inkatho ukuze babone ukuthi ngulowo athathe kuphi. **30** Kwakulihola lesithathu isikhathi abambethela ngaso. **31** Umbhalo wecala lakhe wawusithi: INkosiyamajuda. **32** Babethela kanye laye abaphangi ababili, omunye kwesokunene sakhe, omunye kwesokhohlo. [ **33** Kwagcwalseka umbhalo othi, "Wabalwa ndawonye lezephulamthetho."] **34** Labo ababedlula lapho babemthuka benikina amakhanda abo besithi, "Ehe! Wena ozadiliza ithempeli ulakhe ngezinisuku ezintathu, **35** yehla esiphambanweri uzisindise!" **36** Ngaleyondlela labaphristi abakhulu uyeuhleka ukuzisindisa yena! **37** Ake kuthi uKhristulo, inkosi le yako-Israyeli, yehle esiphambanweni ukuze sibone, sikholwe." Labalo ayebethelwe kanye labo, labo babemhlambaza. **38** Ngehola lesithupha Enye indoda yagcwala uzipho ngewayini elimunyu, yaluxhumela oluthini, yasiluqhubela uJesu ukuthi **39** Kwathi abanye balabo ababemi eduzane ngabantu. **40** Abanye yamajuda na?" **41** Kwathi induna yekhulu eyayimi khonapho babakhuthaza ukuthi bacele uPhilathu abakhululele phambi kukajesu isizwa ukukhala kwakhe njalo uBharabhasi. **42** Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela (kutsho bambethele. **43** ujosefa wase-Arimathiya indoda elelithiwayefuna ukusuthisa ixuku labantu. 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Baguqa phansi ngamadololo bamkhonza. **50** Kwathi iSabatha seledlule, uMariya Magadalini, loMariya unina kajakhobe loSalome bathenga amakha ukuze bayeqhola ngawo isidumbu sikajesu. **51** Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweeviki, ilanga liphuma basebesendleleni besiya ethuneni, **52** babuzana bathi, "Ngubani ozasigqela ilitshe lisuke emlonyen'i wethuna na?" **53** Kodwa bathi bayakhangela babona ilitshe, elalilikulu kakhulu, seligiqelwe eceleni. **54** Bathi bengena ethuneni babona ijaha ligqoko isembatho esimhlophe lihlezi ngakwesokunene, bethuka kakhulu. **55** Lathi, "Lingaze lethuka. Lidinga uJesu umNazarini obebethelwe. Usevukile! Kakho lapha. Bonani, nansi indawo lapho bebembeke khona. **56** Kodwa hambani liyotsheba abafundi bakhe loPhethro lithi, "Usehamba phambi kwenu ukuya eGalile. Lizambona khonale, njengoba walitshela."

**8** Ngokuthuthumela langokudideka, abesifazane baphuma bebaleka ethuneni. Kabakhulumanga lutho lakubani ngoba babesesaba. [ **9** (note: The most reliable and earliest manuscripts do not include Mark 16:9-20.) Ujesu esevukile ekuseni ngelanga lokuqala evikini waqala wabonakala kuMariya Magadalini yena lowo ayekhuphe kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa.

**10** Yena wahamba wayabikela labo uJesu ayephile labo ababesililweni sakhe. **11** Bathi besizwa ukuthi uJesu uyaphila lokuthi uMariya wayembonile, kabazange bakukholwe. **12** Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo abafica behamba kulelolizwe emaphandleni. **13** Labo babuyela bayabikela abanye, kodwa labo kabazange babakholwe. **14** Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wabonakala kwabalitshumi lanye besidla; wabakuza ngokungakholwa kwabo langobulukhuni benhliziyo zabo bengabakholwa labo ababembonile ngemva kokuvuka kwakhe. **15** Wathi kubo, “Hambani emhlabeni wonke litshumayele ivangeli kukho konke okwadalwayo. **16** Loba ngubani okholwayo abhaphathizwe uzasindiswa, kodwa lowo ongakholwayo uzalahlwa. **17** Lezizibonakaliso zizabalandela labo abakholwayo: Ngebizo lami bazakhupha amadimoni; bazakhuluma ngendimi ezintsha; **18** bazadobha izinyoka ngezandla zabo; bazakuthi banganatha okubulalayo kungaze kwabalinaza lakancinyane; bazabeka izandla zabo phezu kwabantu abagulayo, basile.” **19** Ngemva kokuba iNkosi uJesu esekhulume labo, wenyukiselwa ezelwini, wahlala ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **20** Abafundi bahamba bayatshumayela ezindaweni zonke iNkosi yasebenza labo yaqinisa ilizwi layo ngezibonakaliso ezasilisekela.]

# ULukha

**1** Banengi asebazimisela ukuqoqa umlando wezinto esezigcwaliisekile phakathi kwethu, **2** njengokwedluliselwa kwazo kithi yilabo ababekhona ekuqaleleni bengabafakazi lezinceklu zelizwi. **3** Ngakhoke, njengoba mina ngokwami sengichwayisisile konke kusukela ekuqaleni, lami ngikubone kufanele ukuthi ngikulobele umlando oqondileyo, komkhulu ohloniphekayo uTheyofelasi **4** ukuze wazi iqiniso lezinto lezo ozifundisiweyo. **5** Ngesikhathi sikaferodi inkosi yaseJudiya kwakulomphristi okwakuthiwa nguZakhariya, owaye ngowesigaba sika-Abhija, umkakhe u-Elizabethi laye wayengowosendo luka-Aroni. **6** Bobabili babelungile emehlwani kaNkulunkulu beyilandela yonke imilayo leziqondiso zeNkosi bengasoleki. **7** Kodwa babengelabantwana ngoba u-Elizabethi wayeyinyumba njalo bobabili basebeluphele. **8** Kwenzakala ukuthi isigaba sikaZakhariya siyiso esasimiswelwe umsebenzi wethempeli ngalesosikhathi, **9** wadliwa yinkatho ngokomkhuba wobuphristi, ukuthi angene ethempelini leNkosi ayetshisa impepha. **10** Kwathi isikhathi sokutshisa impepha sesifile, wonke amakholwa ayebuthene lapho ayekhuleka ephandle. **11** Kwasekubonakala kuye ingilosu yeNkosi imi ngakwesokunene kwe-alithari lempepha. **12** UZakhariya wathi eyibona wethuka wesaba kakhulu. **13** Kodwa ingilosu yathi kuye, "Ungesabi, Zakhariya; umkhuleko wakho usuzwakele. Umkakho u-Elizabethi uzakuzalela indodana kufanele uyinike ibizo elithiwa nguJohane. **14** Uzakuba yintokoza lenjabulo kuwe njalo abanengi bazathokoza ngenxa yokuzalwa kwakhe, **15** ngoba uzakuba mkhulu emehlwani eNkosi. Kakumelanga anathe iwayini lanini loba yini ebilisiweyo enathwayo, njalo uzagcwaliwa ngoMoya oNgcwele kusukela ekuzalweni kwakhe. **16** Uzaleta abantu bako-Israyeli abanengi enkosini uNkulunkulu wabo. **17** Uzahamba phambili kweNkosi ngomoya langamandla ka-Elija, ukuguqulela inhliziyo zaboyise ebantwaneni babo labayiziqhoho elwazini lwabalungileyo, ukuqondisa abantu abalungiselele iNkosi." **18** UZakhariya wabuza ingilosu wathi, "Ngingaba leqiniso lakho njani lokho? Sengilixhegu njalo lomkami useluphele." **19** Ingilosu yaphendula yathi, "NginguGabhuriyeli mina. Ngima phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ngithunywe ukuzokhulumu lawe ngikutshela ngalezi izindaba ezinhle. **20** Okwamanje uzakuba yisimungulu wehluleke ukukhulumu kuze kufike lolosuku okuzakwenzakala ngalo lokhu, ngoba kawuzange uwakholwe amazwi ami, wona azagcwaliiseka ngesikhathi sawo esifaneleyo." **21** Sonke lesikhathi abantu babelokhu bemlindele uZakhariya sebemangele ukuthi kungani wayethethet isikhathi eside kangako ethempelini. **22** Waphuma esehlhuleka ukukhulumu labo. Babona ukuthi wayebone umbono ethempelini ngoba wayelokhu eqhweba ngezandla, kodwa esehlhuleka ukukhulumu. **23** Izophha lakhe seliphelile wabuyela ekhaya. **24**

Ngemva kwalokhu umkakhe u-Elizabethi wazithwala wasezifhla okwezinyanga ezinhlanu, **25** esithi, "INKosi ingenzele lokhu. Kulezi insuku ilutshengisile uthando Lwayo yasusa ihlazo lami ebantwini." **26** Ngenyanya yesithupha yokuzithwala kuka-Elizabethi, uNkulunkulu wathuma ingilosu uGabhuriyeli eNazaretha, idolobho elaliseGalile, **27** ukuya entombini egcweleyo eyayithembise ukutshada lendoda eyayithiwa ngujosefa, owesizukulwane sikaDavid. Ibizo lentombi egcweleyo le kwakunguMariya. **28** Ingilosu yaya kuye yathi, "Sabona wena othole umusa kakhulukazi INKosi ilawe." **29** Amazwi ayo amhlupha kakhulu uMariya wamangala ukuthi kanti kwakuyikubingelela bani lokhu. **30** Kodwa ingilosu yathi kuye, "Ungesabi Mariya, uthole umusa kuNkulunkulu. **31** Uzakhulelwu ubethele indodana, uyethe ibizo uthi ngujesu. **32** Uzaba ngumuntu omkhulu abizwe ngokuthi yiNdodana yoPhezukonke. INKosi uNkulunkulu izamupha isihlalo sikayise uDavid, **33** njalo uzabusa phezu kwendlu kajakhobe laphakade; umbuso wakhe kawuyikuphela." (aiōn g165) **34** UMariya wayibuza ingilosu wathi, "Lokho kuzakwenzakala njani njengoba mina ngimsulwa ngingayazi indoda?" **35** Ingilosu yaphendula yathi, "UMoya oNgcwele uzakwellela phezu kwakho, lamandla akhe oPhezukonke azakusibekela. Ngakho ongcwele ozazalwa uzathiwa yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **36** Lo-Elizabethi isihlolo sakho uzakuba lomntwana ekuluphaleni kwakhe, yena okwakuthiwa yinyumba usesenyangeni yakhe yesithupha. **37** Ngoba kakukho okwehlulayo kuNkulunkulu." **38** UMariya waphendula wathi, "Ngiyincekukazi yeNkosi. Kakwenzekze kimi njengoba utshilo." Ingilosu yasisuka kuye. **39** Ngalesosikhathi uMariya waphanga wenza amalungiselelo waya edolobheni elizweni lamaqaqa ejJudiya, **40** lapho angena khona emzini kaZakhariya wabingelela u-Elizabethi. **41** Kwathi u-Elizabethi esizwa ukubingelela kukaMariya, umntwana weqa esiswini sakhe, u-Elizabethi wagcwala ngoMoya oNgcwele. **42** Wakhulumu ngelizwi elipehzulu wathi, "Ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazane, njalo ubusisiwe umntwana ozamzala!" **43** Kodwa kungani ngithole umusa ongaka mina, ukuba ngethekelelele ngunina weNkosi yami? **44** Ngonele ukuzwa ukubingelela kwakho, umntwana osesiswini sami weqa ngentokozo. **45** Ubusisiwe lowo osekholiwe ukuthi lokho iNkosi ethe kuzakwenzeka kuye kuzagcwaliiseka!" **46** UMariya wathi: "Umphefumulo wami uyayidumisa iNkosi **47** lomoya wami uyathokoza kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami, **48** ngoba ukunanzile ukuehliisa kwencekukazi yakhe. Kusukela manje zonke izizukulwane zizakuthi ngibusisiwe, **49** ngoba uSomanbla ungenzele izinto ezinkulu, lingcwele ibizo lakhe. **50** Isihawu sakhe sifinylela kulabu abamesabayo, kulandela isizukulwane ngesizukulwane. **51** Uyenzile imisebenzi emikhulu ngengalo yakhe: ubachithizile labo abaziqakisa ngemicabango yezinhliziyo zabo. **52** Uwethule amakhosi eizhlalweni zavo, kodwa wabaphakamisa abantukazana. **53** Ubasuthisile abalambileyo ngezinto ezinhle, kodwa

abanothileyo ubaxotshe bengaphathanga lutho. **54** komntwana, **7** wazibula ngendodana. Wayigoqela Uyisizile inceku yakhe u-Israyeli, wakhumbula ukuba ngamalembu, wayilalisa emkolweni wokudlela izifuyo lesihawu **55** ku-Abhrahamu lezizukulwane zakhe ngoba babengelandawo endlini yezihambi. **8** laphakade, njengoba wakutsho kubokhokho bethu.” Kwakulabelusi ababeblala emlageni eduze kwalapho, (**aiōn g165**) **56** UMariya wahlala lo-Elizabethi izinyanga belinda imihlambi yabo yezimvu ebusuku. **9** Ingilos ezazingaba ntathu wasebuyela ekhaya. **57** Kwathi yeNkosi yabonakala kubo, inkazimulo yeNkosi yakhanya isikhathi sika-Elizabethi sesiphelele esokubeletha ibazingelezile, ngakho besaba kakulu. **10** Kodwa wazala indodana. **58** Omakhelwane bakhe lezhilobo ingilos yathi kubo, “Lingesabi, Ngizolitshela izindaba bezwa ukuthi iNkosi yayimzwele isihawu esikhulu ezinhle ezizaletha intokoza enkulu ebantwini bonke, bathokoza kanye laye. **59** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili **11** Lamuhila lizalelwie uMsindisi emzini kaDavidi; beza ukuzasoka umntwana, baftuna ukuthi bamethe unguKhristu iNkosi. **12** Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso ibizo likayise uZakhariya, **60** kodwa unina wala kini: Lizathola umntwana egoqelwe ngamalembu wathi, “Hatshi! Kathiye nguJohane.” **61** Bathi kuye, elele emkolweni.” **13** Masinyane kwaqhamuka ixuku “Kakho ebantwini bakini olebizo lelo.” **62** Bakhuluma lebandla lasezulwini lengilosu lidumisa uNkulunkulu ngezandla kuyise bedinga ukuthi yena uthanda lisithi, **14** “Udumo kuNkulunkulu emazulwini aphezulu, ukuthi umntwana aphiwe liphi ibizo. **63** Wacela lokuthula emhlabeni kulabo abathole umusa kuye.” isibhebhedu sokulobelwa, wamangalisa wonke umuntu **15** Kwathi izingilosu sezibatshiyle zabuyela ezelwini, ngoba waloba ukuthi, “Ibizo lakhe nguJohane.” **64** abelusi bakhulumisana bathi, “Kasihambeni siye Masinyane umlomo wakhe wavuleka lolimi lwakhe eBhethilehema siyobona into le esiyenzakele, iNkosi lwatshwaphuluka, waqalisa ukukhuluma edumisa esitishele ngayo.” **16** Bahle basuka ngokuphangisa, uNkulunkulu. **65** Omakhelwane bonke bamangala bafica uMariya loJosefa losane olwalulele emkolweni kakhulu, kwathi elizweni lonke lamaqaqa ejudiya wokudlela izifuyo. **17** Bathi sebembonile umntwana, abantu babekhuluma ngalezizinto. **66** Wonke ovezwayo batshela abanengi ngalokho ababekutshelwe mayelana ngalokho wamangala ebuzu esithi, “Kambe uzakuba lomintwana lo, **18** kwathi bonke abalizwayo yini umntwana lo?” Ngoba isandla seNkosi sasilaye. **19** **67** Uyise uZakhariya wagcwala ngoMoya oNgcwele waphrofitha wathi: **68** “Udumo kalube seNkosisi, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngoba ubuyile ukuzahenga bedumisa njalo bebabaza uNkulunkulu ngezinto abantu bakhe. **69** Iluphakamisile uphondo lwensindiso yethu endlini yenceku yayo uDavidi **70** (njengoba ababekutsheliwe. **21** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, yatsho ngabaphrofethi bayo abangcwale ekadeni), (**aiōn g165**) **71** ukusindiswa ezitheni zethu lesandleni **22** Kwathi lapho sesiphelile isikhathi sabo bonke abasizontdayo, **72** ukuze atshengise isihawu **23** (njengokulotshiweyo eMthethweni weNkosi ukuthi, kubokhokho bethu lokukhumbula isivumelwano sakhe **24** njalo kwensiwe umhlatshele kulandelwa lokho zethu. **76** Wena mntanami, uzathiwa ungumphrofethi **25** Kwakukhona ejerusalema indoda eyayithiya woPhezekonke; ngoba uzahamba phambili kweNkosi **26** Kwakwambuliwe kuye nguMoya uylungisele indlela, **77** ukunika abantu bayo ukwazi **27** Waholwa nguMoya wangena emagumeni insindiso ngokuthethelwa kwezono zabo, **78** ngenxa **28** uSimiyoni wamgona ngezingalo yomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu, ilanga liphuma lize **29** “Thixo, ukududuzwa kuka-Israyeli, njalo uMoya oNgcwele kithi livela ezelwini, **79** likhanyise kulabu abahlezi amabili loba inkwilimba ezisesezincane ezimbili.” **80** Umntwana **30** Ngoba amehlo ethemperi. Kwathi abazali sebemlethile umntwana wakhula waqina emoyeni; waphila enkangala waze **31** oyilungisileyo wavela obala ku-Israyeli. **32** ukukhanya kokwambulela **33** Oyise lonina womntwana bamangala **34** USimiyoni wasebabusisa, wathi kuMariya uniina: **35** “Umntwana lo umiselwe ukuwa lokuvuka kwabanengi

**2** Ngalezonuku uKhesari Agastasi wakhupha isimemezelo sokuthi abantu babalwe kulolonke ilizwe lombuso wamaRoma. **2** (Lokhu kwakuyikubalwa kwabantu kokuqala okwenzakala uKhwirinu engumbusi wase-Asirya.) **3** Wonke umuntu waya edolobheni lakibo wayabhalisa. **4** UJosefa laye wahamba esuka edolobheni leNazaretha eseGalile waya ejudiya, eBhethilehema idolobho likaDavidi, ngoba wayengowendlu losendo lukaDavidi. **5** Waya khona ukuyabhalisa eloMariya, owayesethembise ukwendela kuye, esekhulelw. **6** Bathi bekhonale safika isikhathi sokubelethwa

ko-Israyeli, lokuba yisibonakaliso esizagconwa, **35** zizaqonda, izindlela ezimakhilikithi zizakuba ukwenzela ukuthi imicabango yabanengi ivele obala. butshelezi. **6** Abantu bonke bazayibona insindiso Njalo inkemba izawugwaza umphefumulo wakho kaNkulunkulu.” **7** UJohane wathi emaxukwini abantu lawe.” **36** Kwakukhona njalo umphrofethikazi, ababuya ukuzobaphathizwa nguye, “Lina nzalo u-Ana, indodakazi kaFanuweli, owesiwana sika- yezinyoka! Lilumikiswe ngubani ukuthi libalekele Asheri. Wayesemdalaka kakhulu: wayephile lomkakhe ulaka oluzayo na? **8** Thelani izithelo ezihambelana okweminyaka eyisikhombisa ngemva kokwenda lokuphenduka. Njalo lingaqli ukuzitshela ukuthi, kwakhe, **37** wasesiba ngumfelokazi waze waba ‘Silo-Abrahama ongubaba wethu.’ Ngoba nglitshela leminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane. ukuthi kuwonala amatshe uNkulunkulu angamenzela Kazange lanini asuke ethempelini kodwa wayekhonza u-Abrahama abantwana. **9** Ihloka selivele ubusuku leminzi, eziila njalo ekhuleka. **38** Wabuya selisezipandeni zezihlahla, njalo zonke izihihlaha kubo ngalesosikhathi wabonga kuNkulunkulu, ezingatheli izithelo ezelungileyo zizaganyulwa, wakhulumga ngomntwana kubo bonke ababelindele ziphoswelw emililweni.” **10** Abantu bambuza bathi, ukuhlengwa kwejerusalem. **39** Kwathi lapho “Pho kumele senzeni?” **11** UJohane waphendula ujosefa loMariya sebekwenzile konke okwakufuneka wathi, “Leyondoda elamajazi amabili kayimuphe ngoMthetho weNkosi babuyela eGalile, edolobheni lakibo elaseNazaretha. **40** Umntwana wakhula, waqina; wagcwala inhlakanipho, njalo umusa kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwakhe. **41** Iminyaka yonke abazali ujesu wasala ejerusalem, kodwa bona belibile. **44** belindele njalo bonke babezibuba ezinhliziyweni Bazihambela ilanga lonke bona becabanga ukuthi zabo ingabe uJohane wayenguye yini uKhristu. ukhona edwendweni lwabo. Basebeqalisa ukumdinga **16** UJohane wabaphendula bonke wathi, “Mina phakathi kwezihlubo zabo labangane. **45** Bathi ngiliphaphathiza ngamanzi. Kodwa yena olamandla sebemswele babuyela ejerusalem bayamdinga. **46** kulami uyeza, akungilingananga ukuthukulula imichilo Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu bamfumana emagumeni ethempeli ehelezi phakathi kwabafundisi aleale njalo ebabuza imibuzo. **47** Wonke umuntu owanuzwayo wamangala ngokuzwisa kwakhe kanye lempendulo zakhe. **48** Abazali bakhe bathi bembona bamangala kakhulu. Unina wathi kuye, “Ndodana, kungani usinqinekisa kangaka? Uyihlo lami beseskathazekile sikudinga.” **49** Yena wabuza wathi, “Belivele lingdingelani kanti? Belingazi yini ukuthi bekumele ngibe sendlini kaBaba?” **50** Kodwa kabazwisisanga lokho ayekutsho kubo. **51** Wasehamba labo eNazaretha wahlala ebalaleta. Kodwa unina wazenza igugu zonke lezi izinto enhliziyweni yakhe. **52** Ujesu wakhula ngenhlakanipho, langomzimba langokuthandwa nguNkulunkulu labantu.

**3** Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kukaThibheriyasi Khesari ngesikhathi uPhontiyasi Philathu engumbusi ejudiya, uHerodi engumbusi eGalile, umfowabo uFiliphi engumbusi wase-Ithuriya leThrakhonithi, njalo loLisaniya engumbusi wase-Abhilene **2** ngesikhathi leso u-Anasi loKhayifasi bengabaphristi abakhulu, kwafika ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kujohane indodana kaZakhariya esenkangala. **3** Wawuhamba wonke umango waseJodani, etshumayela ubhaphathizo lokuphenduka ukuze izono zithethelwel. **4** Njengoba kulotshiwe encwadini yamazwi ka-Isaya umphrofethi: “Ilizwi lalovo omemezayo enkangala, ‘Lungisani indlela kaThixo, yenzani indlela zakhe ziqonde. **5** Zonke izigodi zizagcwaliswa, izintaba zonke lamaqaqa kuzakwehliselwa phansi. Izindlela zonke ezimazombe

indodana kaLevi, **30** indodana kaSimiyoni, indodana zibone, ukukhululwa kwabancindezelweyo, **19**  
kajuda, indodana kajJosefa, indodana kajJonami, lokumemezele umnyaka womusa kaThixo.” **20**  
indodana ka-Eliyakhimu, **31** indodana kaMeleya, Wasewugoqa, wawubuyisela esikhonzini sebandla,  
indodana kaMena, indodana kaMathatha, indodana wahlala phansi. Amehlo abo bonke esinagogweni  
kaNathani, indodana kaDavida, **32** indodana athi nhlo kuye, **21** waseqalisa ngokuthi kubo,  
kajese, indodana ka-Obhedi, indodana kaBhowazi, “Lamhlha umbhalo usugcwalisekile liziwela.” **22**  
indodana kaSalimonii, indodana kaNashoni, **33** Bonke bakhuluma kuhle ngaye bemangaliswa  
indodana ka-Aminadabi, indodana kaRamu, indodana ngamazwi amnandi ayephuma emlonyeni wakhe,  
kaHezironi, indodana kaPherezzi, indodana kajuda, **34** Babuzana besithi, “Kanti lo kasindodana kajJosefa  
indodana kajakhobe, indodana ka-Isaka, indodana ka-Abrahama, indodana kaThera, indodana kaNahori,  
kimi lesi isaga esithi: ‘Nyanga, zelaphé! Yenza **35** indodana kaSerugi, indodana kaRewu, indodana lapha edolobheni lakini lokho esizwa kuthiwa  
kaPhelegi, indodana ka-Ebha, indodana kaShela, wakwenza eKhaphenawume.” **24** Waqhubeka wathi,  
**36** indodana kaKhayinani, indodana ka-Ariphazadi, “Ngiqinisisile ngithi kakulamphrofethi oyamukelekayo  
indodana kaShemu, indodana kaNowa, indodana edolobheni lakibo. **25** Ngiyaqinisa kini ukuthi  
kaLameki, **37** indodana kaMethusela, indodana ka-Enoki, indodana kaJaredi, indodana kaMahalaleli,  
indodana kaKhenani, **38** indodana ka-Enoshi, indodana kaSethi, indodana ka-Adamu, indodana kaNkulunkulu.

**4** Ujesu egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wasuka evela  
ejodani wasekhokhelwa nguMoya wamus  
enkanga, **2** lapho alingwa khona nguSathane  
okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane. Kadlanga lutho  
ngalezonksu, ekupheleni kwazo, wayeselambile. **3**  
USathane wathi kuye, “Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu,  
tshela ilitshe leli ukuthi liphenduke libe yisinkwa.” **4**  
Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Kulotshiwe ukuthi: ‘Umuntu  
kaphili ngesinkwa kuphela.’” **5** USathane wamholela  
endaweni ephakemeyo wamtshengisa ngesikhathi  
esifitshane yonke imibuso yomhlaba. **6** Wasesithi  
kuye, “Ngizakunika amandla lenkazimulo yayo yonke  
ngoba kuphiwe mina njalo ngingapha loba ngubani  
engifuna ukumupha. **7** Ungangikhonza konke kuzakuba  
ngokwakho.” **8** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Kulotshiwe  
ukuthi: ‘Khonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho njalo  
usebenzele yena yedwa.’” **9** USathane wamholela  
ejerusalema wayamisa engqongeni yethempeli. Wathi  
kuye “Nxa uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziphosele  
phansi usuka lapha. **10** Kalokho kulotshiwe ukuthi:  
‘Uzayala izingilosizakhe ngawe ukuthi kuzindolozole  
ngokunanzeleta; **11** zizakuphakamisa ezandleni zazo,  
ukuze ungtashayeki ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.’” **12**  
Ujesu waphendula wathi “Kuthiwa khona, ‘Ungayilingi  
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.’” **13** Kwathi uSathane  
eseqedile ukumlinga konke wamtshiya walindela  
ukuzamlinga njalo ngesinye isikhathi. **14** Ujesu  
wabuyela eGalile elamandla kaMoya, izindaba  
ngaye zanda kuwo wonke umango. **15** Wafundisa  
emasinagogweni abo, abantu bonke bamdumisa.  
**16** Waya eNazaretha lapho akhulela khona kwathi  
ngeSabatha waya esinagogweni njengenjayelo yakhe.  
Wasukuma wabala. **17** Umqulu womphrofethi u-Isaya  
wedluliselwa kuye. Wawutshombulula wafumaria  
indawo okulotshwe khona kwathiwa: **18** “Umoya  
kaThixo uphezu kwami, ngoba uThixo ungicobile  
ukuba ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabampofu.  
Ungithumile ukuba ngimemezele ukukhululwa  
kwabathunjiewo lokusiliswa kweziphofu ukuthi

babebanengi abafelokazi ko-Israyeli ngesikhathi  
sika-Elija, lapho umkhathi wavaleka okweminyaka  
emithathu elengxenye kwaba lendlala enzima elizweni  
lonke. **26** Kodwa u-Elija kazange athunywe lakoyedwa  
wabo, ngaphandle komfelokazi waseZarefathi  
emangweni waseSidoni. **27** Babebanengi ko-  
Israyeli ababelobulephero ngesikhathi sika-Elisha  
umphrofethi, kodwa muniye kuphela phakathi  
kwabo owahlanjululwayo, uNamani waseSirya.” **28**  
Bonke abantu ababesinenagogweni bathi bekuzwa  
lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu. **29** Basukuma,  
bamthovela phandle kwedolobho bamusa eliweni  
loqqa okwakwakhelwe kulo idolobho begonde  
ukumsunduzela phansi edongeni. **30** Kodwa wasuka  
wahamba wadabula phakathi kwexuku labantu. **31**  
Wasesiya eKhaphenawume, idolobho elaliseGalile,  
kwathi ngeSabatha wafundisa abantu. **32** Bamangaliswa  
yikufundisa kwakhe ngoba intshumayelo yakhe  
yayilesisindo. **33** Esinagogweni lapho kwakulendoda  
eyayiphethwe lidimoni, umoya ongcolileyo. Yaklabalala  
ngelizwi layo lonke yathi, **34** “Hamba khatshana!  
Ufunani kithi, Jesu waseNazaretha? Ulande ukuba  
sibhubhisa na? Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ungubani,  
ungoNgcwele kaNkulunkulu!” **35** Ujesu wamkuza  
wathi, “Thula! Phuma kuyel!” Idimoni layalahla phansi  
indoda phambi kwabo bonke laphuma lingayilimazanga  
indoda. **36** Bonke abantu bamangala kakhulu  
bakhulumisana besithi, “Yikufundisa bani lokhu? Ulaya  
imimoja emibi negegunya langamandla layo iphume!”  
**37** Zamemetheka izindaba ngaye kuwo wonke umango  
walapho. **38** Ujesu wasuka esinagogweni waya emzini  
kaSimoni. Uninazala kaSimoni wayegula ebanjwe  
ngumkhuhlane woqhuqho onzima basebecela ujesu  
ukuthi amsize. **39** Wasekhothamela kuye wakuza  
umkhuhlane lowo wahle waphuma kuye. Yena  
wathi lothu, waqalisa ukubaphakela. **40** Kwathi  
ilanga selitshona abantu baletsha kujesu bonke ababe  
lemikhuhlane eyhlukeneyo, wabasilisa ngokubeka  
izandla phezu kwalowo lalowo ngamunye. **41** Phezu  
kwalokho amadimoni aphuma kwabanengi ememeza  
esithi, “Wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu!” Kodwa  
wawakhuza kazawavumela ukuthi akhulume ngoba  
ayemazi ukuthi unguKhristu. **42** Emadabukakusa  
uJesu wasuka waya endaweni ethuleyo. Abantu

babemdinga bathi sebefike lapho ayekhona, bazama labafundisi bomthetho bakhonona bathi, "Ungubani ukumvimba ukuthi angabatshiyi. **43** Kodwa wathi, yena lo umuntu okhuluma ehlambaza na? Ngubani "Kumele ngitshumayele izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu kwamanye amadolobho, ngoba yikho engakulandayo." **44** Waqhubeka etshumayela emasinagogweni aseJudiya.

**5** Ngelinye ilanga ujesu emi eduze kweChibi laseGenezaretha abantu beminyezelana kuye belalela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, **2** wabona ekhunjini lechibi izikepe ezimbili zitshiywe khonapho ngagaboli benhlanzi ababegezisa omambule babo. **3** Wangena kwsinye isikepe esasingesikaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi akathi gudlu asuke kancane okhunjini. Wasehlala phansi wafundisa abantu ehelezi esikepeni. **4** Eseqedile ukukhuluma wathi kuSimoni, "Gweda ungene enzikini uphosele omambule bakho ukuze ubambe inhlanzi." **5** USimoni waphendula wathi, "Nkosi, sisebenze gadalala ubusuku bonke, kodwa kasibambanga lutho. Kodwa njengoba usitsho njalo ngizabelhisa omambule." **6** Kwathi sebenze njalo babamba inhlanzi ezaba zinengi kwaze kwaqlisa ukudabuka omambule. **7** Basebebiza abakhula babo kwsinye isikepe ukuthi bazobekelela. Beza abakhula babo kwsinye isikepe ukuthi bazobekelela. Beza bazigcwalisa zombili izikepe zathi phamu zaze zaqalisu ukutshona. **8** Kwathi uSimoni Phethro ekubona lokhu wazilahla phansi phambi kukajesu wathi, "Suka kimi, Nkosi; ngingumuntu oyisoni!" **9** Ngoba yena labakhula bakhe babemangele ngenhlanzi ababezibamble, **10** kwamangalisa njalo ujakhobe lojohane amadodana kaZebhediya, ababe phathisana loSimoni. Ujesu wasesithi kuSimoni, "Ungesabi; kusukela manje usuzagola abantu." **11** Basebedonsela izikepe zabo okhunjini batshiya konke bamlandela. **12** Kwathi ujesu ekwelinye lamadolobho kweza indoda eyayigcwele ubulephero. Yathi ibona ujesu yathi mbo phansi ngobuso yamincenga yathi, "Nkosi, nxo uthanda ungangihlambulula." **13** Ujesu welula isandla sakhe wayithinta indoda leyo. Wathi, "Ngiyathanda. Hlambuluka!" Masinyane nje ubulephero bahle baphela. **14** Ujesu waseyilaya wathi, "Ungatsheli mutu kodwa hamba uyeziveza kumphristi ubusunikela umhlatshele wokuhlanjululwa kwakho owamiswa nguMosi ukuze kube yibufakazi kubo." **15** Kodwa udumo lwakhe lwanda ngamandla, yikho amaxuku abantu eza ukuzamuzwa lokusiliswa emikhuhlaneni yabo. **16** Kodwa kanengi ujesu wayesithi nyelele ayesithela ezindaweni ezhithuleyo ayekhuleka. **17** Ngelinye ilanga elokhu efundisa, kwakuhezi khonapho abafarisi labafundisi bomthetho ababephuma emizini yonke yaseGalile abanye bevela ejudiya laseJerusalem. Amandla eNkosi ayekhona kuye ukuze asilise abagulayo. **18** Kwafika amanye amadoda ethwele indoda eyayome umhlubulo ngesanci efuna ukungena laye endlini ambeke phambi kukajesu. **19** Athi esehlulekile ngenxa yokuminyana kwabantu, akhwela ephahleni, amehlisela phansi ngesikhala amuthi qithi phakathi laphakathi kwabantu phambi kukajesu. **20** Kwathi ujesu ebona ukholo lwavo wathi, "Mngane, izono zakho sezithethelelw." **21** Abafarisi ongathethelela izono ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela?" **22** Ujesu wayekwazi abakucabangayo wasebuza wathi, "Kungani linakana izinto ezinje ezinhliziyeni zenu? **23** Yikuphi okulula: ukuthi, 'Izono zakho sezithethelelw,' lobu ukuthi, 'Sukuma uhambé?' **24** Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana yoMuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni." Wasesithi kuyo indoda eyome umhlubulo, "Sukuma, thatha icansi lakho uhambé uye ekhaya." **25** Masinyane wathi lothu phambi kwabo, wabutha ayekade elele phezu kwakho waya ekhaya edumisa uNkulunkulu. **26** Wonke umuntu wamangala, badumisa uNkulunkulu. Bamangala kakhulu bathi, "Lamuhla sibone izimanga." **27** Ngemva kwalokhu ujesu waphuma wasebona umthelisi owayethiya nguLevi ehelezi endaweni yakhe yokuthelisa. Ujesu wathi kuye, "Ngilandela," **28** uLevi wasukuma watshiya konke wamlandela. **29** ULevi wasesenzela ujesu idili elikhulu endlini yakhe kukhona ixuku labathelisi labanye besidla labo. **30** Kodwa abafarisi labafundisi bomthetho abeqembu labo basola kubafundi bakhe bathi, "Lenzelani ukudla linathe labathelisi kanye lezonni na?" **31** Ujesu wabaphendula wathi, "Kakusibo abaphilayo abaswela umelaphi, kodwa ngabagulayo. **32** Kangilandanga ukubiza abulungileyo, kodwa ukubiza izoni ukuba ziphenduke." **33** Bathi kuye, "Abafundi bakaJohane bazila kanengi behkuleka njalo labafundi babaFarisi labo benza njalo, kodwa abakho bahlala besidla, benatha." **34** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Kungenzeka yini ukuzilisa izethekeli zomyeni emthimbeni umyeni eseselazo na? **35** Kodwa sizafika isikhathu lapho umyeni ezzuswa kuzo; zizazila ngalezonzu." **36** Wabatshela umzekeliso lo: "Kakho odabula isichibi esigqokweni esitsha asithungele esigqokweni esidal. Angenzenjalo, uzakuba esesidabule isigqoko esitsha, ikanti isichibi esitsha kasiyikufanela esidal. **37** Njalo kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni yezikumba emidala. Angenza njalo iwayini elitsha lizaziqhekeza izikhumba iwayini livuze kuthi lemigoda yezikumba leyo ihle yonakale. **38** Hatshi, iwayini elitsha lithelwa emigodleni yezikumba emitsha. **39** Njalo kakho othi esequele wanatha iwayini elidala afune elitsha, ngoba uthi, 'Elidala lingono.'"

**6** Ngelinye iSabatha ujesu wayedabula emasimini alamabele, abafundi bakhe basebekhwebula izikhwebu zamabele, bakha baziqlikhlela ezandeni, badla inhlamu zakhona. **2** Abanye abafarisi babuza bathi, "Kungani lisensa okungaphandle komthetho ngeSabatha na?" **3** Ujesu wabaphendula wathi, "Kalifundanga yini okwensiwa nguDavidia lapho yena labakhula bakhe sebelambile?" **4** Wangena endlini kaNkulunkulu wathatha isinkwa esingcweliwoye wadla lokho umthetho owawusithi kudiwe ngabaphristi kuphela. Futhi okunye wakupha abakhula bakhe." **5** Ujesu wasesithi kubo, "iNdodana yoMuntu iyiNkosi yeSabatha." **6** Ngelinye iSabatha waya esinagogweni wafundisa, khonapho kulendoda

elesandla sokudla esitshwabheneyo. **7** AbaFarisi lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni ziyakwenza lokho. **34** Njalo labafundisi bomthetho babedinga izaba lokubeka uJesu nxa liseboleka labo elizazuza imbadalo kubo, lizazuzani icala, yikho bamlinda ukubona ingabe wayezasila kulokho? Lezoni ziboleka izoni zilindele ukubhadalwa ngeSabatha. **8** Kodwa ujesu wakwazi ababekucabanga, ngokugcweleyo. **35** Kodwa thandani izitha zenu, wasesithi endoden'i yesandla esitshwabheneyo, lizenze okuhle, njalo lizeboleke lingalindeli lutho "Sukuma ume phambi kwabantu bonke." Lakanye kuzo. Lapho-ke umvuzo wenu uzakuba mkhulu, njalo yasukuma yema khonapho. **9** Ujesu wasesithi kubo, lizakuba ngamadodana akhe ophezukonke, ngoba "Ngiyalibuza, kuyini okusemthethweni ngeSabatha: ulomusa kwabangabongyo labayizigangi. **36** Wobani ukwenza okuhle loba ukwenza okubi, ukusindisa impilo lesihawu njengoYihlo olesihawu." **37** "Lingahluleli kumbe ukuyibhubhis?" **10** Wabahangela wababhoda ukuze lani lingahlulelwu. Lingamlahli omunye ukuze bonke, wasesithi endoden'i leyo, "Yelula isandla sakho." lani lingahlilwa. Thethelelani ukuze lani lithethelwelwe. Yenza njalo, isandla sayo sasiliswa ngokupheleleyo. **38** Phanini, lani lizaphiwa. Kuzathiwa qithi kini **11** Kodwa bazonda babheda basebecebisana ukuthi kugcwaliswe phamu, kwagqitshwa, kwakhuhluzwa benzeni ngojesu. **12** Ngelinje ilanga ujesu waphuma kwaze kwaphuphuma. Ngoba ngesilinganiso waya ewatheni lwentaba esiya khuleka, waba elisisebenzisayo, lani lizalinganiselwa ngaso." **39** khonale ubusuku bonke ekhuleka kuNkulunkulu. **13** Waphinde wabatshela umzekeliso lo, "Isiphofu kambe Kwathi sokusile wasebiza abafundi bakhe wakhetha singakhokhela isiphofu na? Kazizukuwela emgodini kubo abalitshumi lambili, wasebaphawula ngokuthi zombili na? **40** Umfundu ungaphansi kombalisi ngabapostoli: **14** uSimoni (owambiza ngokuthi wakhe, kodwa wonke osefundiswe ngokupheleleyo Phethro), lomfowabo u-Andreya, ujakhobe, ujhane, usenjengombalisi wakhe. **41** Kungani ukhangela uvava uFiliphu, uBhatholomewu, **15** uMatewu, uThomasi, lokhuni oluselihlwani lomfowenu, unganqinekeli ujakhobe umfoka-Alifewu, uSimoni owayethiwa ukhuni olukwelakho ilihlo na? **42** Ungatsho kanjani ngumZilothi, **16** ujudasi umfokajakhobe lojudasi kumfowenu ukuthi, 'Mfowethu, wothi ngikukhuphe Iskariyothi, owaba ngumthengisi. **17** Wehla labo uvava oluselihlwani lakho,' kodwa wena usehluleka bema esigcawini. Kwakubuthene ixuku elikhulu ukubona ukhuni oluselihlwani lakho na? Wena elabafundi bakhe njalo kulabantu abanengi bevela menzensi, qala ukhuphe ukhuni oluselihlwani lakho kulolonke elaseJudiya, lejerusalem lesemakhunjini ukuze ubone kuhle nxa usukhupha uvava oluselihlwani olwandle eThire leSidya, **18** ababeze ukuzamwala lomfowenu." **43** "Kakulasihlahla esihle esithela lokuzakwelatshwa izifo zabo. Labo ababehlutshwa izithelo ezimbi njalo lesihlahla esibi kasitheli izithelo yimimoya emibi basiliswa, **19** bonke abantu bazama ezinhle. **44** Isihlahla sinye ngasinye saziwa ngezithelo ukumthinta ngoba amandla ayephuma kuye ayebasilisa zaso. Abantu kabakhi umkwhia ezhiahleni zameva bonke. **20** Wakhangela abafundi bakhe wathi: loba amagrebisi esingeni. **45** Umuntu olungleleyo "Libusisiwe lina elimpofu, ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu uveza izinto ezinhle eziphuma kokuhle okugcinwe ngowenu. **21** Libusisiwe lina elilambileyo manje, ngoba enhliziyweni yakhe, njalo lomuntu omubi uphihliza lizasuthiswa. Libusisiwe lina elililayo manje, ngoba ububi obugcinwe enhliziyweni yakhe. Ngoba umlomo lizahleka. **22** Libusisiwe lina nxa abantu belizonda, ukhulumu lokho okuphuphuma enhliziyweni." **46** nxa belibandllula njalo belichoza, bephika ibizo "Kungani lingibiza lisithi, 'Nkosi, Nkosi,' kodwa lenu besithi lingcolile, ngenxa yeNdodana yoMuntu. lingakwenzi engikutshoyo? **47** Lowo oza kimi ezwe **23** Thokozani ngalolosuku liqolotshe ngokuthokoza amazwi ami akwenze akutshoyo, ngizalitshela ukuthi ngoba mkhulu umvuzo wenu ezulwini. Ngoba yiyo unjengani. **48** Unjengendoda eyakha indlu, yagebha indlela okhokho babo abaphatha ngayo abaphrofethi. yatshona phansi, yasibeka isisekelo sayo phezu **24** Kodwa maye kini lina elinotihileyo, ngoba livele kwedwala. Kwathi kufika isikhukhula, isiphepho selikwamukele ukuhlala kuhle kwenu. **25** Maye sayitshaya indlu, kodwa asaze sayizamazamisa, ngoba kini lina elidla kamnandi manje, ngoba lizalamba. yayakhwi kuhle. **49** Kodwa lowo ovezwayo amazwi Maye kini lina elihlekayo manje, ngoba lizakhala ami, kodwa angakwenzi akutshoyo, unjengomuntu lile. **26** Maye kini nxa bonke abantu belincoma, ngoba yiyo indlela okhokho benu abaphatha ngayo abaphrofethi bamanga." **27** "Kodwa ngiyalitshela lina elingizwayo, ngithi: Thandani izitha zenu, lenze okuhle kwabalizondayo, **28** libusise labo abaliqalekisayo, libakhulekele labo abalihlkuluzayo. **29** Umuntu angakutshaya esihlathini, muphe esinye. Umuntu angakwemuka ijazi lakho ungamateeli ukuthathathaya leyembe. **30** Phanini loba ngubani ocela kini, njalo nxa umuntu ethatha ulutho lwakho ungaluthonisi. **31** Yenza kwabanye lokho ofuna ukuthi bakwense kuwe. **32** Nxa lithanda labo abalithandayo kuphela, lizazuzani kulokho? Lezoni lazo ziyabathanda abazithandayo. **33** Njalo nxa lisenza okuhle kulabo abalungileyo kini, **7** Kwathi ujesu eseqedile ukukhuluma konke lokhu abantu labo besizwa wayangena eKhaphenawume. **2** Khonapho inceku yenduna yekhulu eyayilugu kakhulu enkosini yayo, yayigula isibangwa lezibi. **3** Induna yekhulu yezwa ngojesu yathuma kuye abanye abadala bamaJuda icela ukuba eze azosilisa inceku yayo. **4** Bafika kujesu bamncenga kakhlubathi, "Indoda le ifanele ukuthi uyenzele lokhu, **5** ngoba iyasithanda isizwe sakithi njalo yiyo eyakha isinagogu yethu." **6** Ngakho ujesu wahamba labo. Wayengasekhatshana lendlu lapho induna yekhulu

yathuma abangane bayo ukuyakuthi kuye, "Nkosi, (Bonke abantu, kanye labathelisi, bathi sebewazwile ungazihluphi, akungifanelanga mina ukuthi ungene amazwi kajesu bavuma ukuthi indlela kaNkulunkulu ngaphansi kophahla lwami. **7** Yikho okwenze ngazibona yayingule, ngoba babebhaphathizwe ngujohane. **30** ngingafanele ukuthi ngize kuwe. Kodwa tshono ilizwi Kodwa abaFarisi lezazi zomthetho bayala injongo nje inceku yami izasila. **8** Ngoba mina ngokwami kaNkulunkulu ngabo, ngoba babengabhaphathizwanga ngingumuntu ongaphansi komthetho, ngilamabutho ngujohane.) **31** Ujesu waqhubeka wathi, "Pho angaphansi kwami. Lo ngimtshela ngithi, 'Hamba,' ngingabafanisa lanu abantu besizukulwane lesi? ahambé; ngithi kuloyana, 'Buya,' lakanye abuye. Ngithi Bafanana lanu? **32** Banjengabantwana behlezi emkambo encekwini yami, 'Yenza lokhu,' ikwenze." **9** Ujesu wathi bememeza abanye besithi: 'Salitshayela umhubhe, ekuzwa lokhu wamangala ngaye, wasephendukela kodwa kaligidanga, salihabelela ingoma yesiloi, kodwa exukwini labantu ababemlandela wathi, 'Ngiyalitshela, kaililanga.' **33** Ngoba ujohane uMbhaphathizi weza kangikaluboni ukholo olukhulu kangaka kanye lako engadli isinkwa njalo enganathi iwayini, lina lithi, Israyeli." **10** Abantu ababethunyiwe babuyela endlini 'Uledimoni.' **34** INdodana yoMuntu yafika yadla, bafica inceku isiziphilela. **11** Kungakabi yisikhathi eside yanatha, laselisithi, 'Nansi isidili lesidakwa, umngane ngemva kwalokhu, ujesu waya edolobheni okwakuthiwa wabathelisi lezon.' **35** Kodwa ukuhlakanipha kuziveza yiNayini, abafundi bakhe kanye lexuku labantu ukuthi kuqondile ebantwaneni bakho bonke." **36** elikhulu babehamba laye. **12** Wathi esebanga entubeni Omunye wabaFarisi wanxusa ujesu ukuzakudla laye yedolobho, khonapho umuntu ofileyo wayethwelwe isidlo sakusihlwa, ngakho waya endlini yalowo mFarisi ekhutshelwa ngaphandle. Indodana eyiyo yodwa wahlala etafuleni. **37** Kwathi owesifazane othile kunina njalo unina engumfelokazi. Ixuku elikhulu owayephila impilo yesono kulelodolobho eseziwele labantu bedolobheni lalilaye. **13** Kwathi ujesu embona ukuthi ujesu wayesidla endlini yomFarisi weza umfelokazi, wamhawukela wathi kuye, "Ungakhali." **14** Wasesondela wathinta ithala elalilesidumbu, kwathi kukaJesu ngasezinyaweni ekhala, wamanzia inyawo labo ababelithwele bema mpo. Wathi, "Jaha, ngithi zakhe ngezinyembezi. Wasesesula inyawo zikajesu kuwe, vuka!" **15** Indoda efileyo yavuka yahlala, ngenwele zakhe, wazanga wasethela amakha kuzo. **39** yasikhuluma, ujesu wayinika unina. **16** Bonke Kwathi lowomFarisi owayermxusile ekubona lokho bamangala kakhulu badumisa uNkulunkulu. Bathi, wazitshela wathi, "Aluba indoda le ibingumphrofethi, "Umphrofethi omkhulu usevelile phakathi kwethu. ibizwazi ukuthi ngubani oyibambabambayo lokuthi UNkulunkulu usefikile ukuzasiza abantu bakhe." **17** umfazi lo uyisoni." **40** Ujesu wampħendula Uduomo lukajesu lwamemethka kulolonke elasejudiya wathi, "Simoni, kukhona engifuna ukukutshela lemangweni wakhona. **18** Abafundi bakajohane khona." Wathi, "Ngitshela, mfundisi." **41** Amadoda batmshela ngazozonke lezizinto. Wabiza ababilo amabili ayelesikwelede semali kumeboleki wemali. **19** wabathuma eNkosini ukuyabuza ukuthi, "Unguye Oyedwa wayelesikwelede samadenari angamakhulu yini ozayo, kumbe silinde omunye?" **20** Amadoda amahlanu, omunye esamatshumi amahlanu. **42** lawo athi efika kujesu athi, "Ujohane uMbhaphathizi Bobabili babengelayo imali yokumbhadala, ngakho usithumile kuwe ukuthi sizobuza sithi, 'Unguye yini wasewesula umlandu wabo bobabili. Manje nguphi ozayo kumbe silinde omunye?" **21** Ngalesosikhathi wabo ozamthanda okudlula omunye na?" **43** ujesu wasilisa abanengi ababeziffo, lemikhuhlane USimoni waphendula wathi, "Ngibona kungathi leminmoya emibi, wazivula amehlo iziphofu ezinengi. ngulowo owestulewa isikwelede esikhulu." Ujesu wathi, **22** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Buyelani liyebikela "Wahlulele kuhle." **44** Wasephendukela kowesifazane ujohane lokhu elikubonayo lelikuzwayo ukuthi wathi kuSimoni, "Uyambona na owestifazane lo? iziphofu zenziwa zibone, abaqhugzelayo bayahamba, Ngifikile endlini yakho, kawungiphanga amanzi ababoluphero bayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwu, okugeza inyawo zami, kodwa yena uthambise inyawo abafileyo bayavuswa, levangeli liyatshunyayelwa zami ngezinyembezi zakhe, wzesula ngenwele zakhe. kubayanga. **23** Ubusisiwe lowomuntu ongakhubekiyo 45 Kawunganganga, kodwa owestifazane lo selokhu ngenxa yami." **24** Sezihambile izithunywazikajohane ngingenileyo lapha akemanga ukwanga inyawo ujesu waqala ukukhuluma labantu ngojohane esithi: zami. **46** Kawuthelanga amafutha ekhanda lami, "Laphuma lisiyabonani enkangala na? Umhlanga kodwa yena uthelie amakha ezinyaweni zami. **47** owazunguzwa ngumoya na? **25** Nxa kwakungenjalo, Yikho-ke ngiyakutshela ukuthi izono zakhe ezinengi pho lisiyabonani? Indoda eyayicecile na? Hatshi, labo sezithethelwel, ngoba utshengise uthando olukhulu. abagqoka iziqqoko ezdulayo bazitike ngezinto ezinhle Kodwa lowo othethelwel okuncinyane uthanda basezigidlweni. **26** Kodwa kanti kuyini elaphuma kancinyane." **48** Ujesu wasesithi kowesifazane, lisiyakubona? Umphrofethi yini? Yebo, ngiyalitshela, "Izono zakho sezithethelwel." **49** Ezinye izethekeli omkhulu kulumphrofethi. **27** Lo nguye okulotshwe zasezibuzana zisithi, "Ungubani kanti yena lo ngaye ukuthi: 'Ngizathuma isithunywa sami phambi oze athethelole izono na?'" **50** Ujesu wasesithi kwakho, esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho." kowesifazane, "Ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile; **28** Ngiyalitshela ukuthi kubo abazalwa ngabesifazane hamba ngokuthula." **29** kakho omkhulu kulojohane; ikanti lowo omncinyane kakhulu embusweni kaNkulunkulu mkhulu kulaye."

**8** Ngemva kwalokho uJesu wahambahamba engena embi. **24** Abafundi bahamba bayamvusa besithi, "Nkosi, kuleli laleli idolobho lemizi, emememeza izindaba Nkosi, sesigalula bo!" Wavuka wawukhuza umoya ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu. Abalitshumi lambili kanye lamagagasi; isiphepho sameda, kwasekuthula babelaye, **2** kanye labesifazane ababesiliswe emimoyeni cwaka. **25** Wababuza abafundi bakhe, wathi, "Kungaphi emibi lemikhuhlaneni: uMariya (owayethiwa ukukholwa kwenu?" Babuzana ngokumangala nguMagadalini) okwakuphume kuye amadimon iokwesaba bathi, "Kanti ungubani lo? Ukhaza kanye ayisikhombisa; **3** ujowanu umkaTshuza, umlawuli lomoya lamanzi kumlalele." **26** Bagwedila isikepe wendul kaHerodi; uSusana labanye abanengi. baya emangweni wamaGerazini, okungaphetsheya Abesifazane laba babebasiza ngabakuswelayo. **4** kwechibi kusuka eGalile. **27** Kwathi uJesu esehla Kwathi sekubuthana ixuku labantu elikhulu labantu okhunjini wahlangabezwa yindoda eyayiledimon besiza kuJesu beqhamuka emadolobheni atshiyenyo iqhamuka ngasedolobheni. Indoda le yayisileikhathi wabatshela lo umzekeliso: **5** "Umlimi waphuma eside ingavunuli zigqoko, ingahlali endlini, kodwa wayahlanyela. Wathi elokhu eyihaza inhlanyelo, ihlala emathuneni. **28** Yathi ibona uJesu yahlaba eyinye yawela endleleni; yanyathelwa, izinyoni umkhosi yazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe iklabalala ngelizwi zemoyeni zayidobha. **6** Eyinye yawela edwaleni, yathi elikhulu isithi, "Ufuna ukungenzani, Jesu, Ndodana isathi iyakhula yabuna ngoba yayingelabumanzi. kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngiyakuncenga, ungaze **7** Eyinye inhlanyelo yawela phakathi kwameva, wangihlukuluza!" **29** Ngoba uJesu wayeseyale umoya akhula kanye layo ayiminyezela. **8** Eyinye inhlanyelo omubi ukuthi uphume kuleyondoda. Izikhathi ezinengi yawela emhlabathini ovundileyo. Yakhula yathela wawumbamba, kuthi loba ebotshwe ngamaketane amabele, yanda ngekhulu." Wathi esetsho lokhu ezandleni lezinyaweni njalo elindiwe, wayewaqamula wamemeza wathi, "Lowo olendlebe zokuzwa, kezwe." amaketane idimon limuse enkangala. **30** UJesu **9** Abafundi bakhe bambuza ukuthi umzekeliso lowo wambuza wathi, "Ungubani ibizo lakho?" Waphendula wawusitshoni. **10** Wathi, "Ulwazi lwemfiho yombuso wathi, "Nginguligiyoni," ngoba amadimon amanengi kaNkulunkulu seluphiwe lina, kodwa kwabanye ayengene kuye. **31** Amncenga ukuthi angawalayi ngikhuluma kubo ngemizekeliso, ukuze kuthi, 'loba bekhangale, bangaboni; loba besizwa, bengaqedisisi.' (**Abyssos g12**) **32** Umhlabambi omkhulu wengulube ukuthi ayewolokohela emgodini ongelamkhawulo. **11** Nansi ingcazelo yomzekeliso: Inhlanyelo iyilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **12** Labo abasendleleni ngabalizwayo, amncenga uJesu ukuthi awavumele ukuyangena kodwa uSathane eze alihluthune ilizwi ezinhliziyweni enguluben, laye wawavumela. **33** Amadimon aphuma zabo, ukuze bangakholwa basindiswe. **13** Labo endodeniyangena ezinguluben, umhlabambi wathi abasokhetheni ngabemukela ilizwi ngentokozo zimu usehlela eliweni lodonga wangena echibini nxax belizwa, kodwa kabalampande. Bayakholwa wagalula. **34** Labo ababzelusile bonela ukubona okwesikhathshana, kodwa kuthi ngesikhathi sobunzima okwasekenzakele babaleka bayabika edolobheni bawe. **14** Inhlanyelo eyawela emeveni imele labo lemangweni wakhona, **35** abantu basebeqonda abezwayo, kodwa baqhubeke ngeyabo indlela khonale ukuyabona okwasekenzakele. Bathi befika bakhanywe yizinhlupheko zempilo, inotho kanye kuJesu bayifumana indoda okwakukhutshwe kuyo lezhkholisay, bangabe besakhula baphele. **15** amadimon ihlezi ezinyaweni zikajesu, igqokile Kodwa inhlanyelo esemhlabathini ovundileyo imele njalo ingqondo isibuyile; besaba kakhulu. **36** Labo labo abalenhliziyo enhle, elungileyo, abalizwayo ilizwi, ababebonile kusenzakala batshela abantu ukuthi indoda baligcine bathi ngokubambelela bathele izithelo." eyayiphethwe lidimon yasilisa njani. **37** Kwasekusithi **16** "Kakho olumathisa isibane asifihle ngaphansi bonke abantu bomango wamaGerazini bamcela uJesu kwesitsha kumbe asibeke ngaphansi kombheda. ukuthi kasuke kubo ngoba babekhulela yikwesaba. Kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni ukuze labo abangenayo Ngakho wangena esikepeni wahamba. **38** Indoda babone ukukhanya. **17** Ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo leyo eyakhutshwa amadimon yamncenga ukuthi okungayi kudazululu, njalo akukho okuthukiziweyo ahamble layo, kodwa uJesu wala wathi, **39** "Buyela okungayikwaziwa kumbe kuvezwe obala. **18** Ngakho ekhaya uyefakaza ukuthi uNkulunkulu ukwenzeleni." nanzelelani ukuthi lilalela kanjani. Lowo olakho Yikho indoda yahamba yafakaza kulolonke idolobho uzakwengezelelwa; lowo ongelakho lalokho athi konke uJesu ayeyenzele khona. **40** Kwathi uJesu ulakho uzakwemukwa." **19** Unina kajesu labafowabo esebuyile wahlangabezwa lixuku labantu elikhulu, beza ukuzambona, kodwa behluleka ukufinylela ngoba bonke babemlinde. **41** Indoda eyayithiwa kuye ngenxa yokuminyana kwabantu. **20** Omunye ngujayirosi, umbusi wesinagogu, yeza yazilahla wamtshela wathi, "Unyoko labafowenu bakulindele ezinyaweni zikajesu, imncenga ukuthi eze endlini yayo phandle, bafuna ukukubona." **21** Waphendula **42** ngoba indodakazi yayo eyodwa zwi, intombazana wathi, "Umama labafowethu yilabo abalizwayo ilizwi eyayilemnyaka elitshumi lambili, yayisifa. Kwathi likaNkulunkulu balenze." **22** Ngelinje ilanga uJesu uJesu esesiya khona abantu baminyezela ingathi wathi kubafundi bakhe, "Kasiyeni ngaphetsheya bazampatshaza. **43** Khonapho kwakulowesifazane kwechibi." Basebengena esikepeni bahamba. **23** Bathe owayeselemnyaka elitshumi lambili esopha kodwa belokhu behamba yena walala. Kwafika isiphepho kungekho owayengamelapha. **44** Weza ngemva echibini isikepe saqalisa ukugalula, baba sengozini kujakesu wathinta umphetho wesembatho sakhe,

masinyane nje ukopha kwahle kwaphela. **45** Ujesu wathi, "Bapheni lina ukudla." Baphendula bathi, wabuza wathi, "Ngubani ongithintileyo?" Kwathi "Thina silezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili kuphela, ngoba bonke bephika uPhethro wathi, "Nkosi, abantu bayaminyezelana besondela kuwe." **46** Kodwa ujesu wathi, "Ukhona ongithintileyo; ngiyazi ukuthi amandla aphumile kimi." **47** Owesifazane esebone ukuthi uzacina eboniwe weza ethuthumela wazilahla ezinyaweni zakhe. Wachaza phambi kwabantu bonke ukuthi kungani wayemthintile ujesu lokuthi wasiliswa njani masinyane. **48** Ujesu wasesithi kuye, "Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusilisile. Hamba ngokuthula." **49** Kwathi ujesu elokhu esakhulumu omunye weza evela endlini kajayirasi umphathi wesinagogu, wfakha "Indodakazi yakho isifile. Ungabe usamhlupha umfundisi." **50** Ujesu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wathi kujayirasi, "Ungesabi, kholwa nje kuphela, izasiliswa." **51** Wathi esefikile endlini kajayirasi, kavumelanga muntu ukuthi angene laye ngaphandle kukaPhethro, uJohane lojakhobe, kanye loyise womntwana lonina. **52** Ngalesosikhathi abantu bonke babeqhinqa isililo behkhaleda intombazana. Ujesu wathi kubo, "Thulani, lingakhali. Kafanga kodwa ulele." **53** Bamhleka usulu ujesu ngoba besazi ukuthi intombazana yayisifile. **54** Kodwa wayibamba ngesandla wathi, "Mntanami, vuka!" **55** Umoya wayo wabuya, masinyane yasukuma yathi lothu! Ujesu wasesithi kabamnike ukudla. **56** Abazali bakhe bamangala, kodwa wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngalokho okwakwenzakele.

**9** Ujesu wabizela ndawonye abalitshumi lambili wabapha amandla lemvumo yokuthi baxotshe wonke amadimoni, belaphe lemikhuhlane, **2** njalo wasebathuma ukuyatshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu lokuphilisa abagulayo, **3** Wabatshela wathi, "Lingathwali lutho kuloluhambo, loba udondolo, isikhwama, loba isinkwa, imali loba isiqqoko sunkuntshtinta. **4** Loba yiphi indlu elingena kuyo, hlahani kuyo lize lisuke kulelodolobho. **5** Nxa abantu bengalemukeli, sukanu kulelodolobho lithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu, kube yibufakazi bokubalahla." **6** Basebesuka bangena imizi ngemizi, betshumayela ivangeli njalo besilisa abantu ezindaweni zonke. **7** Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umbusi wakuzwa konke lokho okwakusenzakala. Wakhathazeka kakhulu ngoba abanye babesithi uJohane wayesevusiwe kwabafileyo, **8** abanye labo bathi u-Elija wayebonakele, kanti abanye njalo bathi omunye wabaphrofethi bekadeni wayesevukile waphila. **9** Kodwa uHerodi wathi, "UJohane ngamquma ikhanda. Pho ungubanike lo engizwa izirito ezinje ngaye?" Wazama ukuthi ambone. **10** Abapostoli sebebuiyle babika kujesu ngakho konke ababekwenzile. Wasebathatha waya labo edolobheni elalithiwa yiBhethisayida beyibo bodwa, **11** kodwa amaxuku abantu ewza ukuthi ukhonale basebemlandela. Wabemukela wabatshela ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wasilisa labo ababekuswela ukusiliswa. **12** Emini abalitshumi lambili bezza kuye bathi, "Wothi abantu bahambe ukuze baye emadolbeni lasemizini bayeziddingela ukudla lezindawo zokulala ngoba lapha sisendaweni ekhatshana eyisikhala." **13** Waphendula abantu abangamatshumi amahlalu ngalinye." **15** Benza njalo abafundi, wonke umuntu wahlala phansi. **16** Ethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili wakhanga ezulwini, wabonga wazilephule. Waseziqhubela abafundi ukuba bazabele abantu. **17** Bonke badla basutha, abafundi basebebutha bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili imvuthu ezasalayo. **18** Ngesiney isikhathi ujesu wathi ekhuleka ukuthi lokhu bangakutsheli muntu. **22** Wasesithi, "InDodana yoMuntu kumele ihlupheke kakhulu, yaliwe ngabadala bebandla, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho, njalo lokuthi kumele ibulawe, kuthi ngelanga lesithathu ivuswe kwabafileyo." **23** Wasesithi kubo bonke: "Nxa ekhona ofisa ukungilandole kufanele azidele athwale isiphambano sakhe insuku zonke angilandele. **24** Ngoba lowo ofisa ukulondoliza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, kodwa lowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayiphephisa. **25** Kumsizani umuntu ukuzuwa wonke umhlaba, kodwa alahlekelwe loba ancitshwe ubunguye bakhe na? **26** Lovo oyangeka ngami kanye lamazwi ami, inDodana yoMuntu izayangeka ngaye nxa isifikile ngenkazimulo yayo langenkazimulo kaise lezingilos ezingcweli. **27** Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi abanye abemi khonapha kabayikukuzwa ukufa bengakawuboni umbuso kaNkulunkulu." **28** Emva kwenksu eziyisificaminwembili ujesu ekukhulumile lokho, wathatha uPhethro loJohane lojakhobe waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka. **29** Wathi ekhuleka isismo sobuso bakhe saguquka leziqqoko zakhe zakhazimula njengokuphazima kombane. **30** Amadoda amabili, uMosi lo-Elija, **31** abonakala ecwebezelu ngenkazimulo, ekukhulumu lojesu. Babekhulumu ngokufa kwakhe okwasekusondele ukuthi kugcwalseke ejerusalem. **32** UPhethro labakhula bakhe babe lobuthongo kakhulu, kodwa sebephapheme, bayibona inkazimulo yakhe lamadoda amabili ayemi laye. **33** Kwathi amadoda lawo esesuka kujesu uPhethro wathi kuye, "Nkosi, kumnandi kithi ukuba lapha. Kasakhe izihonqo ezintathu, esakho, esinye esikaMosi lesinye esika-Elija." (Wayengakwazi lokho ayeukutsho.) **34** Wathi esakhulumu, iyezi labuya labagubuzela, baba lokwesaba ekungeneni kwabo eyezini. **35** Ilizwi labuya livela eyezini lisithi, "Le yiNdodana yami engiyikhethileyo; ilaleleni." **36** Ilizwi selikhulumile, ujesu bambona eseyedwa. Abafundi

bakugcina ezifubeni zabo lokhu kabaze batshela mutu ngalesosikhathi ngababekubonile. **37** Ngosuku olulandelayo sebehilile entaben, wahlangabezwu lixuku labantu abanengi. **38** Enye indoda exukwini yamemeza yathi, “Mfundisi, ngyikuncenga, khangela indodana yami yiyo yodwa umntswana engilaye. **39** Umoya uyanjuma abeseklabala; uyamgqa abhinqike abuye abhubhudle amagwebu emlonyeni. Usuhlezi udlala ngaye nje usufuna ukumbulala. **40** Bengiciele abafundi bakho ukuthi bawuxotshe, kodwa behlulekile.” **41** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Oh, sizukulwane esingakholwayo, esixhwalileyo, nglahale lani kuze kuge nini nglokhu nglibekazelela na? ilethe lapha indodana yakh.” **42** Kwathi lapho umfana elokhu esalethwa kuye idimoni lambhuqa phansi ebhinqika. Kodwa ujesu wawukhuza umoya omubi, wamsilisa umfana wambuyisela kuyise. **43** Bonke bamangala kakhulu ngobukhulu bukaNkulunkulu. Kwathi wonke umuntu esamangele ngalokho ujesu ayekwenzile, wathi kubafundi bakhe, **44** “Likulalele kuhle lokhu esengizalitshela khona: Indodana yoMuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu.” **45** Kodwa kabezwisisanga ukuthi lokhu kwakusitshoni. Kwakufihliwe kubo, yikho kabakubambisisanga, kodwa besaba ukumba za ngakho. **46** Kwaba lokuphikisana kubafundi ngokuthi ngubani kubo owayezabamkhulu kulabanye. **47** UJesu eyazi imicabango yabo wathatha umntswana omncinyane wamisa eceleni kwakhe. **48** Wasesithi kubo, “Lowo owamukela lo umntswana omncane ngebizo lami wamukela mina, lalowo owamukela mina wamukela lowo ongithumileyo. Ngoba lowo ongye omncinyane kulani lonke phakathi kwenlonke, nguye omkhulu kini lonke.” **49** UJohane wathi, “Nkosi, sibone indoda ikhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho sazama ukuyenqaba ngoba ingayisuye omunye wethu.” **50** UJesu wathi, “Lingamaleli ngoba lowo ongamelani lani ukanye lani.” **51** Kwathi isikhathi sesisondele ukuthi athathwe aye ezelwini, ujesu wazimisela ukuthi aye ejerusalem. **52** Wasethuma izithunywa phambi kwakhe zaya eSamariya emziniothile ukumlungisela ukufika kwakhe; **53** kodwa abantu bakhona kabamemukelanga ngoba wayesedlulela ejerusalem. **54** Kwathi abafundi uJakhobe loJohane bekubona lokho bathi, “Nkosi, uyafunu na ukuthi sibize umlilo uvele ezelwini uzobabuhiswa?” **55** Kodwa ujesu waphenduka wabakhuna **56** Yikho yena labafundi bakhe basebesiya komunye umuzi. **57** Bathi belokhu behamba endleleni, enye indoda yathi kuye, “Ngizakulandela loba ungaze uye ngaphi.” **58** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Amakhanka alemilindi lezinyoni zemoyeni zilezidleke, kodwa iNdodana yoMuntu kayilandawo yokufihla ikhanda layo.” **59** Wathi kwenye indoda, “Ngilandela.” Kodwa indoda yaphendula yathi, “Nkosi, akuthi ngiqale ngihambe ngiyengcwaba ubaba wami.” **60** Ujesu wathi kuyo, “Yekela abafileyo bangcwabe abafileyo babo, kodwa wena hamba uyememezela umbuso kaNkulunkulu.” **61** Kwathi omunye njalo wathi, “Ngizakulandela, Nkosi, kodwa akuthi kengiyevalelisa abakithi.” **62** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Kakho othi angabamba ikhuba elima athalaze emuva owufaneleyo umsebenzi oqondane lombuso kaNkulunkulu.”

**10** Ngemva kwalokhu iNkosi yakhetha abanye abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili ukuba bamandulele baye kuwo wonke amadolobho lezindawo lezo ayesezazihambela. **2** Wabatshela wathi, “Isivuno sinengi, kodwa izisebenzi zimbawla. Ngakho celani iNkosi yesivuno ukuthi ithumele izisebenzi ensimini yayo yokuvuna. **3** Hambani! Ngilithuma linjengamazinyane ezimvu phakathi kwempisi. **4** Lingathwali isikhwama kumbe umxhaka loba amanyathel; njalo lingabingelel mutu endleleni. **5** Nxa lingena endlini, qalani lithi, ‘Ukuthula akube kule indlu.’ **6** Nxa kulomuntu woxolo lapho, ukuthula kwenu kakube kuye; nxa kungenjalo kuzabuyela kini. **7** Hlalani kuleyondlu, lidle njalo linathe loba yini abaliniha khona ngoba osebenzayo ufanele aphiwe iholo lakhe. Linganqumi ngezindlu lihlala lapha lalapha. **8** Nxa lifika edolobheni lamukelwe khona, dlanini lokho elikuphiwayo. **9** Silisani abagulayo abayabe belapho, njalo libatshele ukuthi, ‘Umbuso kaNkulunkulu useduze kwenu.’ **10** Kodwa nxa lingafika edolobheni lingemukelwa, yanini emigwaqweni yalo lithi, **11** ‘Lalo uthuli lwedolobho lenu olunamathele ezinyaweni zethu siyaluthintithela kini. Kodwa yazini lokhu: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususeduze.’ **12** Ngialitshela, okweSodoma kuzakuba ngcono ngalelolanga kulokwalelodolobho. **13** Maye kuwe Khorazini! Maye kuwe Bhethisayida! Aluba izimangaliso lezo ezenziwa kuwe zazenziwe eThire leSidoni ngabe kudala baphenduka begqoko iziqqoko zamasaka bazithela ngomlotha. **14** Kodwa kuzakuba ngcono okweThire leSidoni mhla wokwahlulela kulokuza kuwe. **15** Lawe, Khaphenawume, kambe uzaphakaniselwa emazulwini na? Hatshi, uzatshona phansi uye eHadesi. (**Hades g86**) **16** Lowo olalela lina ulalela mina; lowo olahla lina ulahla mina; kodwa lowo ongalayo wala yena ongithumayo.” **17** Abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili babuya behokoza bathi, “Nkosi, lamadimoni ayasithobelna ngebizo lakho.” **18** Waphendula wathi, “Ngimbonile uSathane esiwa njengombane esucaezulwini. **19** Ngiliphile amandla okugxoba izinyoka lenkume lokunqoba wonke amandla esitha; kakukho okuzalilima. **20** Kodwa lingathatshiswa yikuthi imimoya iyazithoba kini, kodwa thokoziswani yikuthi amabizo enu alotshiwe ezelwini.” **21** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu egcwele intokozo ngoMoya oNgcwele wathi, “Ngyakudumisa, Baba, Nkosi yasezulwini lasemhlaben, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labafundileyo wazambula ebantwanenii abancinyane. Yebo, Baba, ngoba lokhu kwakuyikuthanda kwakho okuhle. **22** Zonke izinto zethulwe kimi nguBaba. Kakho owaziyo ukuthi ingubani iNdodana ngaphandle kukaBaba, njalo kakho omaziyo uBaba ukuthi unguhani ngaphandle kweNdodana lalabo iNdodana ekhethe ukuba imveze kubo.” **23** Wasephendukela kubafundi bakhe wathi kubo ngasese, “Abusisiwe amehlo abona lokhu elikubonayo lina. **24** Ngoba ngiqinisile ukuthi

abaphrofethi abanengi lamakhosi babefisa ukubona lokhu elikubonayo, kodwa kabakubonanga, lokuzwa lokhu elikuzwayo, kodwa kabakuzwanga.” 25 Ngesinye isikhathi isazi somthetho saphakama samlinga ujesu. Sabuza sathi, “Mfundisi, ngingenzani ukuze ngizuze ilifa lempilo engapheliyo na?” (*aiōnios g166*) 26 Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Kubhalweni emthethweni, uwufunda njani?” 27 Waphendula wathi, “Thanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphemfumo wakho wonke, langamandla akho wonke, njalo langengqondo yakho yonke”; njalo, ‘Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena.’” 28 Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Uphendule kuhle. Kwenze lokhu, uzaphila.” 29 Kodwa wayefuna ukuzigeza, wasebuza kujesu, wathi, “Kanti ngubani ongumakhelwana wami na?” 30 Ujesu waphendula ngokuthi: “Indoda yayihamba iphuma ejerusalem isiya ejerikho, yaqabuka isihlaselwa ngabaphangi. Bayihlubula iziqqoko zayo, bayitshaya basebehamba, beyitshiya iqalekile. 31 Kwakulomphristi owayehamba ngaleyondlela, owathi eyibona indoda leyo waceza kwelinje icele. 32 Wenza njalo lomLevi, wafika kuleyondawo wayibona indoda wakhekheleza wedlula. 33 Kodwa umSamariya, wathi ezihambla wafika lapho indoda eyayikhona, wathi eyibona wayizwela usizi. 34 Waya kuyo, wabopha amanxeba ayo, wawathela amafutha lewayini. Waseyikhweza kubabhemti wakhe, wayisa endlini yezihambi, wayinakekela. 35 Ngosuku olulandelayo wakhupha inhlamu ezimbili zamadenari wazinika umphathi wendawo. Wathi, ‘Mgcine kuzakuthi nxa sengibuya ngizabhadala lezondleko eziyabe zisele.’ 36 Ngubani pho kulaba abathathu ombona ukuthi wayengumakhelwane wendoda leyo eyahlaselwa ngabaphangi na?” 37 Isazi somthetho saphendula sathi, “Ngulowo owaba lesihawu kuyo.” Ujesu wamtshela wathi, “Hamba wenzenjalo.” 38 Kwathi ujesu labafundi bakhe besekuhbeni kwabo, wafika emzini okwakukhona owestifazane othiwa nguMatha, owamamukela ngesihle emzini wabo. 39 Wayelodadewabo owayethiwa nguMariya, owahlala ezinyaweni zeNkosi elalele lokho eyayikuhuluma. 40 Kodwa uMatha waphazanyiswa yikulungiselela konke okwakumele kwenziwe. Wabuya kujesu wabuza wathi, “Nkosi, kawukhathali na ukuthi uidadewethu ungtishiyе ukuba ngenze ngedwa umsebenzi? Mtshele ukuthi angincisede!” 41 INkosi yaphendula yathi, “Matha, Matha, uhlutshwa njalo ukhathazeke negezinto ezinengi, 42 kodwa kusweleka into eyodwa. UMariya ukhethe okungcono, okungasoze akwemukwe futhi.”

**11** Ngelinye ilanga ujesu wayekhuleka kwenye indawo. Wathi eseqedile, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye, “Nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengoJohane owafundisa abafundi bakhe.” 2 Wathi kubo, “Nxa likhuleka, alibokuthi: ‘Baba, kalidunyiswe ibizo lakhlo, umbuso wakho kawuze. 3 Siphe ukudla kwethu kwansukuzonke usuku ngosuku. 4 Sithethele izono zethu, njengoba lathi sibathethelela bonke abasonelayo. Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni.’” 5 Wasesithi kubo, “Akesithi omunye wenu ulomngane,

aye kuye phakathi kobusuku athi, ‘Mfowethu, akungeboleke izinkwa ezintathu, 6 kulomngane wami ophakathi kohambo ozofihla ikhanda kwami, kodwa kangilalutho engingamupha lona.’ 7 Besekusithi osendlini aphendule athi, ‘Ungangikhathazi. Umnyango usukhiyiwe njalo mina labantwabami sesile. Ngingezake ngivuke ngikuphe loba yini.’ 8 Ngyalitshela ukuthi loba ubengafuni ukuvuka amuphe isinkwa ngoba engumngane, kodwa ngenxa yokuphikelela kwendoda uzaze avuke amuphe konke akufunayo. 9 Ngakho ngithi kini: Celani lizaphiwa; dingani lizafumana; qoqodani lizavulelwa. 10 Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyaphiwa; lowo odingayo uyatufumana; laelowo oqoqoda emnyango uzavulelwa. 11 Ngubani kini bobaba, okuthi nxa indodana yakhe icela inhlanzi yena ayiphe inyoka? 12 Loba icela iqanda ayiphe inkume na? 13 Nxa lina, elithi loba libabi likwazi ukupha abantwabenu izipho ezelungileyo, pho uYihlo osezulwini uzabapha ngokwengezwe kangakanani uMoya oNgcwele labo abacela kuye!” 14 Ujesu wayexotsha idimoni elaliyisimungulu. Lathi idimoni seliphumile, indoda eyayiyisimungulu yakhuluma, ixuku labantu lamangala. 15 Kodwa abanye bathi, “Ukhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhuphi inkosi yamadimoni.” 16 Abanye bamlinga ngokumcela isibonakaliso esivela ezelwini. 17 Ujesu wayeyazi imicabango yabo wasesithi kubo: “Umbuso ongabambananga uyadilkira, lendlu engabambananga iyawa.” 18 Nxa usathane engabambananga, umbuso wakhe ungema kanjanji amadimoni ngoBhelizebhuphi. 19 Nxa ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelizebhuphi, pho abalandeli benu bawakhupha ngobani? Ngakho, bazakuba ngabahluleli benu. 20 Kodwa nxa ngikhupha amadimoni ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, kutsho ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. 21 Nxa indoda eyisiqhwaga ihlome yaphellela, ilinde indlu yayo, impahla zayo zivekelele. 22 Kodwa kungahlasela umuntu olamandla kulayo ayejhule, uyayemuka izikhali ebikade izithembile, abesezhlukanisela impango. 23 Lowo ongemanga lami uphikisana lami, lalowo ongabuthi lami uyachithiza. 24 Lapho umoya omubi uphuma emuntwini, uyazula enkangala udinga ukuphumula, kodwa nxa ungakuswela, uyathi ‘Ngizabuyela endlini engaphuma kuyo.’ 25 Uthi ufika, uthole leyondlu ithanhelwe yahlanzeka konke kumi kuhle. 26 Ubusuhamba uyethatha eminye imimoya eyisikhombisa exhwale ukwedlula wona, ingene ihlale khona. Isiphetho salowomuntu sizakuba sibi kulasekuqaleni.” 27 Kwathi ujesu elokhu esakhulumia lezizinto, owestifazane wamemeza exukwini wathi, “Ubusisiwe lowomama owakuzalayo wakondla.” 28 Waphendula wathi, “Kungenani, ababusisiweyo yilabo abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu baliphile.” 29 Kwathi amaxuku esanda ujesu wathi, “Lesi yisizukulwane esixhwalileyo. Sidinga isibonakaliso kodwa kasisoze sisiphiwe ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikajona. 30 NjengoJona owaba yisibonakaliso kwabaseNiniva, ngokurjalo inDodana yoMuntu izakuba njalo kulesisizukulwane.” 31

INdlovukazi yaseNingizimu izavuka ekwahlulelweni kanye labantu balesi sizukulwane ibalahle ngoba yeza ivela emaphethelweni omhlaba izokuzwa inhlakaniphiko kaSolomoni kodwa manje lowo omkhulu kuloSolomoni usekhona lapha. **32** Abantu baseNiniva bazasukuma kanye lalesi sizukulwane ngosuku lokwahlulewa basilahle ngoba bona baphenduka ekutshumayeleni kukajona, kodwa khathesi lowo omkhulu kuloJona uselapha.” **33** “Kakho olumathisa isibane abesesibeka ekusithekeni kumbe ngaphansi kwesitsha. Kodwa usibeka esiqobaneri ukuze labo abangenayo babone ukukhanya. **34** Ilihlo lakho liyisibane somzimba. Nxa amehlo akho elungile umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya. Kodwa nxa emabi, umzimba wakho lawo ugcwele ubumnyama. **35** Qaphelani-ke ukuthi ukukhanya okuphakathi kwenu kakusibumnyama. **36** Ngakho-ke, nxa umzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya kungekho ingxene esemnyameni, wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya njengokukhanya kwesibane kukukhanya.” **37** Ujesu eseqedile ukukhuluma umFarisi othile wamnxusa ukuthi azokudla laye; wasehamba wayahlala etafuleni. **38** Kodwa umFarisi wanenzelela ukuthi ujesu kaqalanga ngokugeza engakadli, kwamangalisa. **39** INkosi yathi kuye, “Lina baFarisi ligezisa inkezo lomganu ngaphandle kodwa ngaphakathi ligcwele ubuhwaba lobubi. **40** Lina bantu abayiziwula! Lowo owenza ingaphandle kenzanga lengaphakathi na? **41** Ngakho-ke, mayelana lokungaphakathi kwenu, wobani lomusa kwabampofu, lapho-ke konke kuzabe sekuhlanzekile kini. **42** Maye kini baFarisi, ngoba lipha uNkulunkulu okwetshumi kweminti, lazononke izithelo zesivande senu, kodwa lidele ukwenza okulungileyo kanye lokuthanda uNkulunkulu. Kumele likwenze konke okulungileyo, ukuthanda uNkulunkulu lokukhipha lokwetshumi. **43** Maye kini baFarisi, ngoba lithanda izihlalo eziqakathekileyo emasinagogweni njalo lithanda lokubingelelwya ezindaweni zokuthengisela. **44** Maye kini, ngoba linjengamathuna angakhelwanga, abantu abahamba phezu kwavo bengazi ukuthi akhona.” **45** Omunye wezazi zomthetho waphendula wathi, “Mfundisi, nxa usitsho njalo uyasithuka lathi.” **46** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Lani zazi zomthetho, maye kini, ngoba lethesa abantu ngemithwalo abangeke bayithwale, ikanti lani livele kalithi thika lokuyithwala. **47** Maye kini, ngoba lakha amathuna abaphrofethi, bona ababulawa ngokhokho benu. **48** Lifakaza ukuthi liyakuvuma lokho okhokho benu abakwenzayo; bababulala abaphrofethi, lina-ke selisakha amangcwaba abo. **49** Ngenxa yaloku, uNkulunkulu wathi, ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, ‘Ngizabathumela abaphrofethi labapostoli, abanye bazababulala abanye babaphathe ngochuku.’ **50** Ngakho-ke, lesizukulwana yiso esizathwala umlandu wegazi labaphrofethi bonke elachithwa kusukela ekudabukeni komhlaba, **51** kusukela egazini likaAbheli kusiya egazini likaZakhariya owabulawa phakathi laphakathi kwe-alithari lendlu engcweli. Yebo, ngiyalitshela, isizukulwane lesi sizakwetheswa

umlandu wakho konke. **52** Maye kini zazi zomthetho, ngoba seliyivalile intuba yowlwazi. Lina ngokwenu kalingenanga, laphinda lavimbela labo abebefuna ukungena.” **53** Ujesu wathi esesuka lapho, abafarisi labafundisi bomthetho baqala ukuphikisana laye kubi, bemthela ngemibuzo, **54** bezama ukumgconga ngokunye ayengakutsho.

**12** Ngalesosikhathi sekubuthene ixuku lezinkulungwane zabantu, sebenyathelana, ujesu waqala ukukhuluma kubafundi bakhe esithi, “Qaphelani imvubelo yabaFarisi, iyikuzenzisa. **2** Kakukho okufihliwego okungayi kuvezwa obala, lokufihliwego okungayikwaziwa. **3** Lokho okukhulume emnyameni kuzazwakala emini lithe bha, lalokho obukunyenyezela endlebeni ezindlini zangaphakathi kuzamenyezelwa phezu kophahla lwezindlu. **4** Ngiyalitshela bangane, lingabesabi labo ababulala umzimba kungabikhona okunye abangakwenza ngemva kwalokho. **5** Kodwa ngizalitshengisa lowo okumele limesabe: Mesabeni lowo, othi esebolele umzimba, abe lamandla okuwuphosela esihogweni. Yebo, ngithi mesabeni. (**Geenna g1067**) **6** Intaka ezinhlanu kazithengiswa ngendibilitshi ezimbili na? Kodwa kayikho lanye yazo uNkulunkulu ayilbalayo. **7** Ngempela, inwele zekhanda lakho zibaliwe. Lingesabi; lina liligugu ukwendlula intaka ezinengi. **8** Ngiyalitshela, lowo ongivuma phambi kwabantu, iNdodana yoMuntu layo izamvuma phambi kwezingilosilizaNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa lowo ongiphikayo phambi kwabantu uzaphikwa phambi kwezingilosilizaNkulunkulu. **10** Njalo wonke umuntu okhuluma okubi ngeNdodana yoMuntu uzathethelelwya kodwa lowo ohlambaza uMoya oNgcwele akayikuthethelelwya. **11** Nxa limiswa phambi kwamasinagogu, phambi kwababusi labaphathi, lingazilhuphi ngokuthi lizazivikela lisithini kumbe ukuthi lizakuthini, **12** ngoba uMoya oNgcwele uzalfundisa ngalesosikhathi lokho elifanele likutsho.” **13** Omunye emphakathini wathi kuye, “Mfundisi, tshela umpowethu ukuthi angabele ilifa lami.” **14** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Ndoda, ngibekwe ngubani ukuba ngumahluleli kumbe umlamuli wenu?” **15** Wasesithi kubo, “Qaphelani! Limukani inhlolo zonke zobuhaga; isiqokoqela sempilo yomuntu kasikho ebunengini benotho yakhe.” **16** Wasebatshela umzekeliso wathi, “Insimi yenye indoda eyayinothile yaba lenala eyesabekayo. **17** Yasinakanaya kuye, ‘Kambe ngenzeni? Angilandawo yokubeka amabele ami.’ **18** Yasisithi, ‘Nanku engizakwenza. Ngizazidiliza iziphala zami ngakhe ezinkulu kulalezi, besengithela khona wonke amabele ami kanye lezinye impahla zami. **19** Ngizazitshela ngithi, “Usulezinto ezinengi ezinhle njalo ezizakwanela iminyaka eminengi. Kholisa impilo, udle, unathe uthokoze.” **20** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, ‘Wena siwula ndini! Ngalobubusu impilo yakho izathathwa. Pho ngubani ozazuza lokhu obusuzilungisele khona na?’ **21** Yikho lokhu okuzakwenzeka kulowo ozibekela inotho kodwa enganothanga kuNkulunkulu.” **22** Ujesu

wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: "Ngakho ngilitshela ukuthi lingakhathazeki ngokuphila kwenu, ukuthi lizakudlani kumbe ngomzimba wenu, ukuthi lizagqokani. **23** Impilo iyakudlula ukudla, lomzimba uyazedlula izembatho. **24** Khumbulanl amawabayi, kawahlanyeli, kawavuni, kawalaso isiphala kodwa uNkulunkulu uyawapha ukudla. Manje lina liqakathike okwedlula izinyoni! **25** Ngubani kini othi ngokukhathazeka angezelele ihola elilodwa empilweni yakhe na? **26** Njengoba lingeke liyenze linto encinyane kangaka, lizihluphelani na ngokuneni? **27** Ake libone ukuthi amaluba eganga akhula njani. Kawasebenzi njalo aweluki. Kodwa ngilitshela ukuthi laye uSolomoni ekucwebezeleni kwakhe kazange acece njengawo. **28** Nxa uNkulunkulu eecisa kanjalo utshani beganga, obukhona namuhla, kusasa sebuphoselwa emllilweni, kambe uzalicecisa kanganani na, lina bokukholwa okuncinyane! **29** Lingazihluphi ezinhiliziyeni zenu ngokuthi lizakudlani kumbe lizanathanhi; lingakhathazeki ngalokho. **30** Ngoba umhlaba wabezizwe uxotshana lezinto ezingjalo, ikanti uYihlo uyazi ukuthi liyazidinga. **31** Kodwa funani umbuso wakhe, zonke lezizinto lizaziphi lazo. **32** Lingesabi, mhlambi omncane, ngoba uYihlo uthandile ukulipha umbuso. **33** Thengisani impahla yenu liphe abampofu. Zidingeleni izikhwama ezingagugyo, inotho ezulwini engayikuphela, lapho okungasondeli khona isela loba impehlane engabhubhisi khona. **34** Ngoba lapho okulenotho yakho khona, inhlizyo yakho layo ilapho." **35** "Gqokani lilindele inkonzo lezibane zenu zihlale zibhebha **36** njengamadoda elindle inkosi yawo ukuba ibuye edilini lomthimbala ukuze kuthi nxa ifika iqoqoda aphange ayivulele umnyango. **37** Kuzakuba kuhle kulezozinceku inkosi yazo ezazifica zilindile nxa ifika. Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi yona izaggokela ukubaphakela, bona bahlale etafuleni, yona ibaphakele. **38** Kuzakuba kuhle kulezozinceku inkosi yazo ezazifica zilindile loba ingabe ifika ngomlindo wesibili loba owesithathu ebusuku. **39** Kodwa zwisisani lokhu: Aluba umninandlu ubesazi ukuthi isela lizafika ngasiphi isikhathi ubengasoze ayekele indlu yakhe igqekezwe. **40** Lani hlalani lilindile ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu izafika ngesikhathi elingayilindelanga ngaso." **41** UPhetrho wabuza wathi, "Nkosi, umzekeliso lo uwuqondise kithi kumbe ebantwini bonke na?" **42** INkosi yaphendula yathi, "Ngubani kambe ongumphathi othembekileyo, ohlakaniphileyo, othi inkosi yakhe imbeke ukukhangela izisebenzi zayo ukuba aziphe isabelo sazo sokuqla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? **43** Kuzakuba kuhle kuleyo nceku inkosi ezayifica isenza njalo ekuphendukeni kwayo. **44** Ngilitshela iqiniso, izakumbeka ukuthi aphathe yonke impahla yayo. **45** Kodwa cabanga nxa inceku ingazitshela ithi, 'Inkosi yami isiphuzile ukubuya,' ibisiqalisa ukutshaya ezinye izisebenzi zesilisa lezesifazane, ibisisidla, inatha idakwe. **46** Inkosi yaleyonceku izabuya ngosuku engacatshangelwa khona langesikhathi inceku engasaziyo. Izayiqumaquma iyiphe indawo phakathi kwabangakholwayo. **47** Leyonceku ethi ikwazi okufunwa yinkosi yayo kodwa ingalindi kumbe ingalungisi lokho inkosi yayo ekufunayo izatshaywa okuzwayo. **48** Kodwa lowo ongaziyo njalo owenza izinto eziholela ekubujisweni uzatshaywa mbijana. Kulowo ophiwe okunengi, kuzafuneka okunengi kuye; lakulowo ogciniswe okunengi, kuzafuneka okunengi kulalokho." **49** "Ngilande ukuzalumathisa umlilo emhlabeni, ngize ngifise ukuthi ngabe uvele usungunguma! **50** Kodwa ngiseselobhaphathizo okusamele ngilungene, kodwa ngikhathazekile kakhulu kuze kugcwaliiseke lokho! **51** Licabanga ukuthi ngalanda ukuletha ukuthula emhlabeni na? Hatshi, zwanini, ngalanda ukuezehlukanisa. **52** Kusukela manje bazakweli behbalanu emulini behlukane, abathathu bexabana lababili, lababili bexabana labathathu. **53** Bazakweliukhana, uyise axabane lendodana, indodana ixabane loyise, unina lendodakazi, indodakazi ixabane lonina, uninazala axabane lomalukazana, umalukazana loninazala." **54** Wathi exukwini labantu: "Lithi lingabona iyezi liqhamuka entshonalanga liphange lithi, 'Izulu lizakuna,' lakanye line. **55** Kuthi kungavunguza umoya weningizimu lithi, 'Kuzatshisa,' lakanye kube njalo. **56** Bazenzisil Liyakwazi ukuchaza izibonakaliso zomhlaba lezomkhathi. Kungani pho lingakwazi ukuchaza isikhathi lesi esikuso na? **57** Kungani kanti lingaziboneli lina ngokwenu okuyikho okulungileyo na? **58** Nxa uhamba lalowo okumangaleloyo lisya kumahluleli, zama ngamandla ukuthi liqedelane lisesendeleni, funa akudonsele kumahluleli, lomahluleli abesekudlulisela enxuseni lona inxusa likuthele entolongweni. **59** Ngiyakutshela, kawusoze uphume uze uhlawule kanye lohlamvana lokucina lwemali."

**13** Bakhona ababelapho ngalesosikhathi abatshela uJesu ngamaGalile uPhilathu axubanisa imihlatshelo yawo legazi lawo. **2** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kambe likhumbula ukuthi amaGalile lawo ayeyizoni kumalanya amaGalile ngoba ahluphekanjalo na? **3** Ngithi, hatshi! Kodwa, ngaphandle kokuba liphenduke lani lonke lizabhubha. **4** Kumbe labo abalitshumi lasificaminwembili abafayo baze bawelwe ngumpfotshongo waseSilowami, licabanga ukuthi babonile okudlula bonke ababehlala ejerusalemna? **5** Ngithi, hatshi! Kodwa, ngaphandle kokuba liphenduke lani lonke lizabhubha." **6** Wasebatshela umzekeliso lo wathi, "Indoda ethile yayilesihlahla somkhiwa uhlanylwe esivinini sayo, yasisiyacinga izithelo kuwo, kodwa yaxiswela. **7** Yasisithi kuleyondoda eyayigcina isivini, 'Sekuyiminyaaka emithathu ngilokhu ngisiza ngizofuna izithelo kulesisihlahla somkhiwa kodwa ngingatholi lutho. Sigamule! Senzanji kambe siqeda ukudla emhlabathini?" **8** Indoda yaphendula yathi, 'Nkosi, ake usiyekeli nje okomnyaka owodwa, kengisihlakulele kuhle ngithele umvundiso. **9** Singathela ngomnyaka ozayo, kuzabe kulungile! Kodwa singangatheli, usungsasigamula.'" **10** Ngeliney iSabatha ujesu wayefundisa kwelinye isinagogu, **11** khonapho kulowesifazane owangenwa ngumoya wamenza waba yisilima okweminyaka elitshumi lasificaminwembili. Wayegogekile esehluleka ukuhlala

aqonde. **12** Kwathi ujesu embona wambizela phambili kweJerusalema! **34** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena wathi kuye, "Mama, usukhululwe ekugogekeni obulala abaphrofethi, ubakhande ngamatshe labo kwakho." **13** Wasebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe, abathunywe kuwe, sekukanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa masinyane nje owestifazane watshwaphuluka, waqonda, ndawonye abantwabakho, njengesikhukhukazi siqoqa wasedumisa uNkulunkulu. **14** Umphathhi wesinagogu wacunuka ngoba ujesu wayesilise ngeSabatha, wathi ebantwini, "Ziyisithupha insuku zokwenza umsebenzi. Ngakho libobuya lizosiliswa ngalezonantu, hatshi ngeSabatha." **15** INKosi yamphendula yathi, "Lina bazenzisi! Kalizikhululi yini lonke lapha izifuyo zenu ngeSabatha esibayeni liyezinathisa na?" **16** Manjeké, owestifazane lo oyindodakazi ka-Abrahama, obebotshwe nguSathanhe okweminyaka eminengi, elitshumi lasificaminwembili, lithi kangakhululwa yini ngeSabatha kulokho obekumbophile?" **17** Wathi esekutshilo lokhu, bonke ababephikisana laye bayangeka, kodwa abantu babetthokoza ngazozonke izinto ezmangalisayo ayezenza. **18** Ujesu wasebuza wathi, "Umbuso kaNkulunkulu ufana lani na? Kambe ngiwulinganise lani? **19** Unjengentanga yemastadi eyathathwa ngenye indoda yayihlanyela esivandeni sayo. Yamila yakhula yaba yishihlahla, izinyoni zemoyeni zahlahla engatsheni zaso." **20** Waphinda wabuza wathi, "Ngiwufanise lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu na? **21** Unjengenvubelo eyathathwa ngowestifazane wayixubanisa lempuphu enengi, yabila yagcwalha inhlama yonke." **22** Ujesu wasehamba engena emadolobheni lemizini efundisa, ejonge ukuya ejerusalem. **23** Omunye wambuza wathi, "Nkosi, ngabalutshwana kuphela abazasindiswa na?" Wathi kubo, **24** "Zamani ngamandla ukuthi lingene ngomnyango omncinyane, ngoba ngyalitshela ukuthi abanengi bazazama ukungena kodwa bazakwehluleka. **25** Angavele aphakame ummininindlu avale umnyango lizakuma phandle liqoqode lincenga lisithi, 'Nkosi, sivulele umnyango.' Kodwa uzaphendula athi, 'Kangilazi, kangazi njalo ukuthi livela ngaphi.' **26** Lapho lizakuthi, 'Sadla lawe, sanatha sonke, njalo wafundisa emigwaqweni yakithi.' **27** Kodwa uzaphendula athi, 'Kangilazi, njalo kangikwazi ukuthi livela ngaphi. Sukani kimi, lonke lina benzi bobubi!' **28** Kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugeda kwamazinyo nxa selibona u-Abrahama, u-Isaka lojakhobe labo bonke abaphrofethi embusweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa lina ngokwenu lilahlelwé phandle. **29** Abantu bazavela empumalanga lasenthonalanga kanye lasenhla laseningizimu, bathathe izindawo zabo edilini lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **30** Ngempela bakhona labo abangabokucina abazakuba ngabokuqala, labangabokuqala abazakuba ngabokucina." **31** Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaFarisi beza kuJesu bathi kuye, "Suka lapha uye kwenye indawo. UHerodi ufunu ukukubulala." **32** Waphendula wathi, "Hambani liyotshela ikhanka lelo lithi, 'Ngizawaxotsha amadimoni, ngisilise abantu, lamuhla lakusasa langosuku lwasithathu ngize ngiyiphethe indima yami.' **33** Loba kunjani kumele ngiqhubekе ngohambo lwami lamuhla lakusasa langelanga elilandelayo, ngoba ngempela kakho umphrofethi ongafela ngaphandle kweJerusalema! **34** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena abathunywe kuwe, sekukanengi ngiloyisa ukuqoqa amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwamaphiko aso, kodwa wawulokhu ungafuni! **35** Khangela, indlu yakho isitshiywe ilunxiwa. Ngyalitshela, kalisayikungibona futhi lize lithi, 'Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo leNkosi.'"

**14** Ngelinje iSabatha ujesu wayakudla endlini yomFarisi oyawedume kakhulu, babemkhangele kakhulu. **2** Phambi kwakhe khonapho kwakulendoda eyayilesifo sikambizankulu, esivuvukisa izitho. **3** Ujesu wasebuza abaFarisi lezazi zomthetho wathi, "Kusemthethweni yini ukusilisa ngosuku lweSabatha kumbe hatshi?" **4** Kodwa bathula. Ngakho waseyibamba indoda leyo wayisilisa wathi kayihambe. **5** Wasebabuza wathi, "Nxa omunye wenu elendodana loba inkabi yakhe ewele emgodini ngeSabatha, kayikuphangaa ayikuphe masinyane na?" **6** Baswela ukuthi bathini. **7** Wananzelela ukuthi izethekeli zazikhetha izindawo eziqakathekileyo etafuleni wasebatshela umzekeliso wathi: **8** "Nxa omunye ekunxusa edilini lomthimba, ungaze wathatha indawo eqakathekileyo funa kunxuswe umuntu omkhulu kulawe. **9** Nxa kunjalo umalinkusa uzakuza athi kuwe, 'Ake uxekelo lo omunye isihlalo sakho.' Uzabe usuyangekile ususiyahlala endaweni ephansi kakhulu. **10** Kodwa nxa unxusiwe, hlala endaweni ephansi kakhulu ukuze kuthi nxa umakunxusa efika kuwe athi, 'Mngane, sukuma uye endaweni engcono.' Lapho-ke, uzabe uphakanyisiwe phambi kwabo bonke abanxuswe kanye lawe. **11** Ngoba wonke umuntu oziphakamisayo uzakwehliswa, kuthi lowo ozehlisayo aphakanyiswe." **12** Ujesu wasesithi emanxuseni, "Nxa usenza idili emini loba kusihlwa unganxusi abangane bakho loba abafowenru kumbe izihlobo kumbe omakhelwane abanothileyo; ungenza njalo labo bangakunxusa, kuthi-ke lawe usuwenanisiwe. **13** Kodwa nxa usenza idili, nxusa abayanga, izilima, izigoga, iziphofu, **14** lapho uzabusisiswa. Loba bengasoze bakwenanise lawe, uzakwenaniswa ekuvukeni kwabalungileyo." **15** Kwathi omunye walabo abahlezi etafuleni laye esekuzwile lokhu, wathi kuJesu, "Umntu othile wayesenza idili elikhulu ngakho wanxusa abantu abanengi. **17** Sekuyisikhathi sedili wathuma isisabenzi sakhe ukuyatshela ababenxusise ukuthi, 'Wozani, konke sekulungile.' **18** Kodwa bonke baqala ukuxolisa. Owokuqala wathi, 'Ngisanda kuthenga isivande ngakho kusamele ngiyesibona. Ngicela ungixolisele.' **19** Omunye wathi, 'Khathesi nje ngisanda kuthenga izipani ezinhlanu zenkabi, ungfica ngivele ngisendeleni yokuyazihlola. Ngicela ungixolisele.' **20** Omunye njalo wathi, 'Ngisanda kutshada nje khathesi ngakho angingeke ngize.' **21** Inceku yabuya yakubika konke lokhu enkosini yayo. Inkosi yathukuthela yasilaya inceku yayo yathi, 'Hamba khathesi, uye ezitaladini lemikotweni

yedolobho umeme abayanga, abagogekileyo, iziphofu Encinyane yathi kuyise, ‘Baba, ngipha esami isabelo labaqhulayo.’ **22** Inceku yathi, ‘Nkosi, lokho okulayileyo selifa.’ Ngakho uyise wabehlukanisela impahla yakhe sokwenziwe kodwa indawo isesekhona.’ **23** Inkosi bobabili. **13** Ngemva kwesikhatshana indodana encane yatshela inceku yayo yathi, ‘Hamba uye emigwaqweni yabutha konke okungokwayo yasuka yaya elizweni lasezindleleni zemaphandleni uze labo ukuze indlu elikhatshana, yafika khonale yayichitha inotho yayo yami igcwale. **24** Ngiyalitshela kakho loyedwa ngempilo yokuxhwala. **14** Isitshaye yachitha konke, walabo bantu ababenxusiwe ozalizwa idili lam.’” **25** kwaba lendlala enkululu kulolonke ilizwe, yasiswela Abantu abanengi babehamba lojesu, wasephendukela kakhulu. **15** Yasisiyadinga umsebenzi komunye umuntu kubo wathi: **26** “Nxa umuntu esiza kimi, kodwa wakulelolizive wayisa esiqintini sakhe ukuyagcina engeke azonda uyise lonina, umkakhe labantwana, ingulube. **16** Yabona kungcono kuyo ukuthi ixotshe abafawabo labodadewabo, kanye tempilo yakhe uqobo, iphangangokudula okwakudliwa zingulube, kodwa ngeke abe ngumfundu wami. **27** Lowo ongathwali isiphambano sakhe angilande neke abe ngumfundu wami. **28** Akesithi omunye wenu afune ukwakha umphotshongo. Kambe kazukuqala ahlale phansi abalise indleko ukuze abone ingabe ulayo yini imali yokuwuqedna na? **29** Ngoba engakha isisekelo, kodwa ehluleke ukusiqeda, wonke okubonayo uzamhleka, **30** esithi, ‘Indoda le yaqalisu ukwakha, kodwa yehluleka ukuqedna.’ **31** Kumbe sithi inkosi ilungisela ukuya empini isiwa lenye inkosi. Kayizukuqala ihlale phansi yini ihluzisise engqondweni ingabe yona ngamabutho ayo azinkulungwane ezilitshumi inqaondana laleyo elezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili na? **32** Nxa ingeyikuma, izathuma amanxusa kuleyanu isesekude icele uxolo. **33** Ngaleyondlela, loba ngubani phakathi kwenu ongadeli konke alakho ngeke abe ngumfundu wami. **34** Itswayi lilungile kodwa lingalahlekewla yibumunyu balo, lingavuselewa kanjani na? **35** Kaliwulungelanga lomhlabathi loba inqumbi yomvundiso kodwa liyalahlwa. Lowo olendlebe zokuzuwa, kezwe.”

**15** Ngalesikhathi kwasekubuthana kuye abathelisi lezoni ukuzokuzwa imfundiso yakhe. **2** Kodwa abaFarisi labafundisi bomthetho bakhonona bathi, “Umuntu lo wemukela izoni adle lazo.” **3** Ujesu wasebatshela umzekeliso lo, wathi: **4** “Ake kuthiwe omunye wenu ulezimvu ezilikhulu besekulahlekha eyodwa kuzo. Kazukuzitshiya yini lezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye khonale egangeni ayidinge leyo elahlekileyo aze ayithole na? **5** Kuthi lapho eseyitholile ayithwale emahlombe ngokuthokoza **6** aye layo ekhaya. Abesebiza abangane bakhe labomakhelwane athi, ‘Thokozani lami; sengiyitholile imvu yami ebilahlekile.’ **7** Ngilishela ukuthi ngaleyondlela kuzakuba lokuthokoza ezulwini ngokuphenduka kwesoni esisodwa okudlula labobantu abalungileyo abangamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye abangakudingyo ukuphenduka.” **8** Kumbe kuthi owesifazane elenhlamu zesiliva ezilitshumi kulahleke uhlamu olulodwa. Kalumathisi yini isibane, athanyele endlini, adingisise kuhle aze aluthole na? **9** Kuthi eselutholile abize abangane bakhe labomakhelwane, athi kubo, ‘Thokozani lami; sengilutholile uhlamu lwami lwestiliva obelulahlekile.’ **10** Ngiyalitshela ukuthi ngaleyondlela kulokuthokoza phambi kwezingilosu zikaNkulunkulu ngokuphenduka kwesoni esisodwa.” **11** Ujesu waqhubeke wathi: “Kwakukhona indoda eyayilamadodana amabili. **12**

Encinyane yathi kuyise, ‘Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezelu lakuwe. **19** Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza ngibe njengomunye wezincku zakho.’ **20** Ngakho yaphakama yaya kuyise. Kodwa yathi isesebucwala uyise wayibona wayizwela isihawu; wagijimela kuyo indodana yakhe, wayigona, wayanga. **21** Indodana yathi kuye, ‘Baba, ngenze isono phambi kwezelu lakuwe. Kangisafanelanga ukuthiwa ngiyindodana yakho.’ **22** Kodwa uyise wathi ezincekwini zakhe, ‘Phangisan! Lethani isembatho esihle ukwedlula ezinje limgqokise. Lifake indandatho emunweni wakhe, limgqokise lamanyathela ezinyaweni zakhe. **23** Beselilethole ithole elinonisiweyo lilihlabe. Asenzeni idili sithokoze. **24** Ngoba indodana yami le yayisifile, kodwa isiphila njalo; yayilahlekile manje isifunyenwe.’ Waqalisu manje umkhosi wokujabula. **25** Sonke lesiskathati indodana endala yayisensimini. Yathi isibanga endlini yezwa kuhlatsheelwa njalo kugidwa. **26** Yasibiza omunye wezincku yambuza ukuthi kwakusenzakalani. **27** Waphendula wathi, ‘Umflowenu usebuyile, ngakho uyihlo usemhlabelle ithole elinonisiweyo ngoba ubuye ephilile, ephelele.’ **28** Umnewabu wazonda kakhulu, wala ukungena ngekhaya. Uyise wasephuma esiya kuye ukuyamncenga. **29** Kodwa waphendula uyise wathi, ‘Khangelal Iminyaka yonke le bengikusebenzela kanzima njalo kangizange ngeqe imilayo yakho. Kodwa kawuzangue ungpiphe lokulizinyane kodwa lokhu ukuthi lami kengithokoze labangane bami. **30** Kodwa lokhu kuthi nxo indodana yakho le esitsayeh thynthitha inotho yakho lezifebe, isibuyile ekhaya uyihlabelle ithole elinonisiweyol.’ **31** Uyise wathi, ‘Ndodana yami, uhlezi ulami sonke isikhathi njalo konke engilakho ngokwakho. **32** Kodwa bekufanale sithokoze sjabule ngoba umflowenu lo wayesefile, manje usephila njalo; ubelahlekile, usefunyenwe.”

**16** Ujesu watshela abafundi bakhe wathi, “Kwakulendoda eyayinothile ilomphathi owertheswa icala lokuthi wayechithachithe inotho yayo. **2** Yambiza yambuza yathi, ‘Kuyini lokhu engikuzwayo ngawae? Landisa kuhle ukuthi uhambisa njani izinto ngoba ungeke usaba ngumphathi njalo.’ **3** Umphathi wazibuza wathi, ‘Ngizakuthini? Inkosi yami isingithathela umsebenzi wami. Kangilamanda

okugebha, njalo ngilenhloni zokucela. **4** Ngiyazi engizakwenza ukuthi nxa ngilahlekelwa ngumsebenzi wami abantu bangamukele ezindlini zabo.’ **5** zakhoo ezinhle kodwa uLazaro wemukela izinto ezimbi, Ngakho yasibiza labo ababelezikwelede enkosini yayo ulesikwelede esingakanan?’ **6** Wathi, konke lokhu, phakathi kwethu lawe kulodonga ‘Ngamalitha amafutha e-oliva azinkulungwane ezine.’ Umphathi wamtshela wathi, ‘Phangisa, thatha incwadi yakho yesikwelede ubhale izinkulungwane ezimbili.’ **7** Yasibuza owesibili yathi, ‘Wena ulesikwelede esingakanan?’ Wathi, ‘Yimigoda yengqoloyi eyinkulungwane.’ Yamtshela yathi, ‘Thatha incwadi yakho yesikwelede ubhale amakhulu ayisificaminwembili.’ **8** Inkosi yamncoma lowomphathi owayeliqili ngoba wayenze ukuhlakanipha. Ngoba abantu balumhlaba balezindledlana zabo zokuhlanipha ekuphathaneni kwabo ukwedlula abantu bokukhanya. (**aiōn g165**) **9** Ngijalitshela ngithi, sebenzisani inotho yomhlaba ukuzuza abangane ukuze kuthi nxa isiphelele lamukeleke ezindlini ezimi laphakade. (**aiōnios g166**) **10** Lowo othembeke kokuncinyane uzakwethembeka njalo kokunengi, ikanti lowo ongathembekanga kokuncinyane angeke njalo athembeke kokunengi. **11** Ngakho-ke, nxa lingathembekanga ekuphatheni inotho yasemhlabeni, pho ngubani ongalithemba ngenotho yequiniso na? **12** Njalo nxa belingathembekanga ngempahla yomunye umuntu, ngubani kambe ozaliphia impahla ibe ngeyenu na? **13** Kakulanceku engakhonza amakhosi amabili. Funa izonde enye kodwa ithande enye, kumbe izinikele kwenye yeoise enye. Ngezake likhonze uNkulunkulu lemalu ngokufanayo.” **14** AbaFarisi ababethanda imali bakuzwa konke lokhu, bamklolodela uJesu. **15** Wathi kubo, “Yini elizigezayo emehlwani abantu kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazazi inhlizyo zenu. Lokho okuligugu ebantwini kuyisinengiso kuNkulunkulu.” **16** “UMthetho labaPhrefethi k watshunayelwa kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikajohane. Kusukela kulesosikhathi izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu ziyatshunayelwa njalo bonke abantu bazifuqela kuwo. **17** Kungaba lula ukuthi izulu lomhlaba kunyamalale kulokuthi kucitshe ichatha loMthetho elilodwa nje. **18** Loba ngubani olahla umkakhe athathe omunye umfazi uyafeba njalo lendoda ethatha umfazi ovalahlwayo iyafeba.” **19** “Kwakulendoda enothileyo eyayiqqoka iziqqoko zombala oyibubende lezelembu lelineni, iphakathi kobutifitifi insuku zonke. **20** Entubeni yomuzi wayo kwakuhlezisiceli esasithiwa nguLazaro, sigcwele izilonda emzimbeni, **21** siloyisa ukudla lokho okwakukhithika etafuleni yalesocibe. Izinja zazifika zikhothe izilonda zaso. **22** Kwafika isikhathi lapho isiceli esafa khona, izingilos zasithwala zasisa eceleni lika-Abrahama. Lesicebi laso safra, sabekwa. **23** Esihogweni lapho esasisitsha khona; savusa ubuso sabona u-Abrahama ekude le, kuloLazaro eceleni kwakhe. (**Hadēs g86**) **24** Sasesimemeza sathi, ‘Baba Abrahama, ake unghihawukele uthume uLazaro agxamuze umunwe wakhe emanzini athambise ulimi lwami, ngoba ngisebuhlungwini emlilweni lo.’ **25**

Kodwa u-Abrahama waphendula wathi, ‘Ndodana, khumbula ukuthi ngesikhathi usaphila wazuza izinto khangela manje useduduzwa lapha, ikanti wena munye ngamunye yathi, kowokuqala, ‘Isikwelede ususebuhlungwini. **26** Njalo ngaphandle kwakho sakho enkosini yami singakanan?’ **6** Wathi, konke lokhu, phakathi kwethu lawe kulodonga ‘Ngamalitha amafutha e-oliva azinkulungwane ezine.’ olukhulu, ukwenzela ukuthi labo abafisa ukuza ngapho besuka lapha behluleke, futhi kakho ongapho incwadi yakho yesikwelede ubhale izinkulungwane ongachaphela ngakithi.’ **27** Saphendula sathi, ‘Nxa kunjalo-ke, ngiyakuncenga, baba, thuma uLazaro endlini kababa, **28** ngoba ngilabafowethu abahlau. Ayebaxwayisa ukuze labo bangezi kule indawo yobuhlungu.’ **29** U-Abrahama waphendula wathi, ‘BaloMosi labaPhrefethi; kabalalele bona.’ **30** Sathi, ‘Hatshi, baba Abrahama, kodwa nxa kusuka umuntu kwabafileyo aye kubo bazaphenduka.’ **31** Wathi kuso, ‘Nxa bengalaleli uMosi labaPhrefethi, kabasoze bavume loba omunye angaze avuke kwabafileyo.”

**17** Ujesu wathi kubafundi bakhe: “Izinto ezenza abantu benze isono zizakuba khona kodwa maye kulowomuntu ezizafika ngaye. **2** Bekungabwa ngcono kuye ukuphoselwa olwandle kubotshelwe imbokodo entanyeni yakhe kulokuba yena akhubekise omunye walaba abancinyane ukuthi enze isono. **3** Ngakho lina ziqapheleni. Nxa umfowenu esenza isono, mkhuze, kuthi nxa ezsola, mthethhelele. **4** Nxa engakonela kasikhombisa ngosuku lunye, ebuye kuwe kasikhombisa esithi, ‘Ngiyaxolisa,’ mthethhelele.” **5** Abapostoli bathi eNkosini, “Yengeza ukholo lwethui” **6** Waphendula wathi, “Nxa lilokukholwa loba kukuncinyane njengentanga yemastadi, lingathi kulesisihlahla somabhalosi, ‘Quphuka lapha uyowela olwandle,’ sizalilalela. **7** Kesithi omunye wenu ulesibenzi, silima loba siselusa izimvu. Kambe kungenzeka yini ukuthi nxa isisebenzi singena sivela emasimini athi kuso, ‘Kulungile, hlala phansi udle?’ **8** Kambe kayikuqala athi, ‘Lungisa ukudla kwami, ulungele ukungiphakela ngize ngidle, ngingathe; ngemva kwalokho lawe usungadla, unathe?’ **9** Angasibonga na isisebenzi ngoba senze lokho ebekuyaliwe na? **10** Kunjalo lani nxa selenzile konke okuthiwe likwenze kufanele lithi, ‘Siyizinceku ezingafanelanga; sesenze kuphela lokho okungumlandu wethu.’ **11** Ngalesosikhathi eseconde ukuya ejerusalem, uJesu wahamba ngendlela esemngceleni phakathi kweSamariya leGalile. **12** Wathi efika komunye umizi, wahlangabeza ngamadoda alitshumi ayelobulephero. Ema bucwala, **13** amemeza ngelizwi elikhulu athi, ‘Jesu, Nkosi, sihawukele!’ **14** Wathi ewabona wathi kuwo, “Hambani liyoziveza kubaphristi.” Athi esahamba ahlambuluka. **15** Omunye wawo wathi ngokubona ukuthi usesilile waphenduka, edumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu. **16** Wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zikajesu wambonga, yena wayengumSamariya. **17** Ujesu wabuza wathi, “Kanti kabahlanjurulwanga bonke abalitshumi yini? Bangaphi abanye abayisificamunwemunye na? **18** Ubengekho yini obengabuya azoletha udumo kuNkulunkulu

ngaphandle kwalo ovezizwenu na?" 19 Wasesithi kuye, elokhu ebanina yini? 8 Ngiyalitshela, uzabalwela, "Phakama uhambe; ukukholwa kwakho kukuilisile." njalo masinyane. Kodwa, nxa iNdodana yoMuntu 20 Ngesinye isikhathi ujesu ebuzwe ngabafarisi ukuthi isifika, izakufumana ukukholwa emhlabeni na?" 9 umbuso kaNkulunkulu wawuzafika nini, waphendula Kulabo ababezethemba ngokulunga kwabo beseyisa wathi, "Umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawuзи ngendlela abanye, ujesu wakhulumu umzekeliso lo wathi: 10 yokucubungula kwenu ukuma kwezinto, 21 njalo "Amadoda amabili aya ethempelini ukuyakhuleka, abantu kabayikutsho bathi, 'Nanku lapha,' loba omunye engumfarisi njalo omunye engumthelisi. 11 bathi, 'Nanku laphaya,' ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu UmFarisi wasukuma wakhuleka ngalokho ayeiyiko uphakathi kwenu." 22 Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, khona wathi: 'Nkulunkulu, ngyiakubonga ukuthi "Syeza isikhathi lapho elizaloyisa khona ukubona oluny lweziinsku zeNdodana yoMuntu kodwa kalisoze njalo kangifani lomthelisi lo. 12 Ngizila kabilo lilubone. 23 Abantu babalitshela bathi, 'Nangu laphaya' kumbe, 'Nangu lapha!' Lingathatheki ngeviki njalo nginikela okwetshumi okwenzuzo yami ngabo. 24 Ngoba ngosuku lwayo iNdodana yoMuntu izakuba njengombane ophazima ukhanyise umkhathi kakhulu wathi, 'Nkulunkulu, woba lesihawu kimi, kusukela ngapha kusiyafika ngale. 25 Kodwa kumele ngeviki njalo nginikela okwetshumi okwenzuzo yami iqale ihlupheke ezintweni ezinengi njalo iahlwe hatshi leyana enye, yabuyela ekhaya isilungisiwe yilesizukulwane. 26 Njengoba kwakunjalo ensukwini phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Ngoba lowo oziphakamisayo zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ensukwini zeNdodana uzakwehliswa, lozehlisayo uzaphakanyisawa." 15 yoMuntu. 27 Abantu babesidla, benatha, bethathana Abantu njalo babeletha abantwana kujesu ukuthi njalo besendiselana kwaze kwafika usuku uNowa ababeke izandla. Abafundi bonela ukukubona lokhu angena ngalo emkhunjini. Kwasekufika uzamcolo babakhuza. 16 Kodwa ujesu wabizela kuye abantwana wababhuhisa bonke. 28 Kwakunjalo futhi ngezinsuku wathi, "Yekelani abantwana beze kimi, lingabavimbeli zikaLothi. Abantu babesidla, benatha, njalo bethenga, behlanyela njalo besakha. 29 Kodwa ngobu umbuso kaNkulunkulu 17 Ngiqinisi ngithi kini, lowo ongayikwemukela umbuso ngsokus uLothi aphuma ngalo eSodoma, umli lesalufa kwathululeka kuvela ezulwini kwababhuhisa kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana omnancane kayikungena bonke. 30 Kuzakuba njalo langosuku lapho iNdodana kuwo." 18 Umbusi othile wambusa wathi, "Mfundisi ifika. 31 Ngalolosuku kakho ozakuthi Ngolungileyo, ngingenani ukuze ngizuze ilifa lokuphila ephezulu ophahleni Iwendlu yakhe, impahla zakhe ziphakathi, ehle ukuyazithatha. Njalo kakho osensimini kwaphakade na?" (aiōnios g166) 19 Ujesu waphendula ozakuyathatha loba yini. 32 Khumbulani umkaLothi! 33 wathi, "Ungibzelani ngokuthi ngilungle na? Kakho olungileyo ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu kuphela. 20 Uyayazi imilayo: 'Ungafebi, ungabulali muntu, Lowo ozama ukulondoloza impilo yakhe izamlahlekela, ungebni, ungaphi ubufakazi bamanga, hlonipha uyihlo lalowo olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe uzayilondoloza. lonyoko.' 21 Wathi umbusi, "Yonke le ngiyigcine 34 Ngiyalitshela, kuzakuthi ngalobobusuku abantu kusukela ebutsheni bami." 22 Ujesu esekuzwile lokho bebibili embhedeni omunye uzathathwa, kodwa wathi kuye, "Usasilele into eyodwa. Thengisa konke omunye atshiywe. 35 Abesifazane ababili bazabe olakho uphe abampofu, lapho-ke inotho yakho izakuba bechola elitsheni ndawonye; omunye uzathathwa sezulwini. Ubusubuya ungilande." 23 Wathi esezwe omunye atshiywe. [ 36 Ababili bazabe besensimini; lokhu wadana kakhulu ngoba wayeyindoda eyayinothe oyedwa uzathathwa omunye atshiywe.] 37 Babuza kakhulu. 24 Ujesu wamkhangela wathi, "Koba bathi, "Ngaphi, Nkosi?" Waphendula wathi, "Lapho nzunga kakhulu ukuthi isinothi singene embusweli okulesidumbu khona, kulapho okuqoqana khona amanqe."

**18** Ujesu wasetshela abafundi bakhe umzekeliso ukubatshengisa ukuthi kumele bakhuleke kokuphela bangadinwa. 2 Wathi, "Kwelinye idolobho kwakulomahluli owayengamesabi uNkulunkulu njalo engakhathaleli muntu. 3 Kwakukhona umfelokazi kulelodolbho owayehlezi esiza kuye kokuphela emncenga esithi, 'Akungincede ngalowo engixabana laye.' 4 Okwesikhathi eside umahluli wayesala. Kodwa wacina esithi, 'Loba ngingamesabi uNkulunkulu njalo ngingakhathali ngomuntu, 5 kodwa ngenxa yokuthi umfelokazi lo usengijinge kakhulu sengizamlungiselis ukuathi angaze abuya anginenge ngoba elokhu engiland!" 6 Njalo iNkosi yasisithi, "Likuzwisisce lokho okutshivo ngumahluli ongalunganga. 7 Kambe uNkulunkulu kayikubalwela yini abakhethiweyo bakhe, abakhuleka kuye imini lobusuku? Uzabe

bayithuke, bayikhafulele, bayibhule njalo bayibulale. **33** yayo yathi, ‘Wenze kuhle, nceku yami elungileyo! Ngosuku lwestithathu izavuka.’ **34** Abafundi kabazange Ngenxa yokuthi uthembekile entweni encinyane, bakuzwisis konke lokhu. Ingcazel yakho yayifihlakel kubo yikho kabazanga ukuthi wayekhuluma ngani. **35** Ujesu esebanga ejerikho kwakulendoda eyisipholu yathi, ‘Busa eyisiceli ihlez iheleli kwendlela icela. **36** Yathi phezu kwamadolobho amahlau.’ **20** Kwasekusiza enye isizwa kudlula ixuku labantu yabuza ukuthi kuyini okwakusenzakala. **37** Bayitshela bathi, ‘Ujesu waseNazaretha uyedluu khonapha.’ **38** Yamemeza yathi, ‘Jesu, Ndodana kaDavid, ake ungihawukele!’ **39** Labo ababehamba phambili bayikhuzu bathi kayithule, kodwa yona yasimemeza ngamandla yathi, ‘Ndodana kaDavid ake ungihawukele!’ **40** Ujesu wema wathi indoda leyo ilethwe kuye. Isifikile uJesu wayibuza wathi, **41** ‘Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni?’ **42** Ujesu wathi kuyo, ‘Kuzuze-ke ukubona; ukukholwa kwakho kukusindisile.’ **43** Masinyane yahle yabona, yasimlandela ujesu idumisa uNkulunkulu. Kwathi bonke abantu bekubona lokho, labo bamdumisa uNkulunkulu.

**19** Ujesu wangena ejerikho kodwa esedlula. **2** Kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguZakhewu; wayeyinduna yabathelisi njalo enothile. **3** Wayefuna ukubona ujesu ukuthi wayengumuntu onjani, kodwa ngenxa yokuthi wayengumuntu omfitshane, wehluleka ngenxa yesiminyeminye. **4** Wasegijimela phambili, wakhwela phezu komkhiwa wesikhimore ukuze ambone njengoba ujesu wayesiza ngaleyondlela. **5** Kwathi uJesu esefikile kuleyondawo, wakhangela phezelu wathi kuye, ‘Zakhewu, yehla masinyane. Ngizakwethekelela endlini yakho lamuhla.’ **6** Wasesehla uZakhewu masinyane wamamukela ngokuthokoza. **7** Bonke abantu bakubona lokhu bangunguna besithi, ‘Useyekuba yisethekeli sesoni.’ **8** Kodwa uZakhewu wasukuma wathi enkosini, ‘Khangelu, Nkosi! Okwamanje senginika ingxenyenetho yami kwabampofu njalo nxo ngike ngadlelezelu omunye umuntu loba ngakuphi, ngizambhadla ngokuphindwe kane lokho engakuthathayo.’ **9** Ujesu wasesithi kuye, ‘Lamuha insindiso isifikile kulindlu ngoba indoda le layo iyindodana kaAbrahama. **10** Ngoba iNdodana yoMuntu yalandu ukudinga lokusindisa lokho okwakulahlekile.’ **11** Bathi besalalele lokhu, wabatshela omunye umzekeliso, ngoba wayesesondele ejerusalema, abantu sebecabanga ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu wawusuzahle uvele masinyane. **12** Wathi, ‘Indoda ethile yasesikhosini ngokuzalwa yaya elizweni elikhatshana isiyagotshwa ukuba yinkosi andubana iphenduke. **13** Yasibiza izinceku zayo ezilitshumi yazinika imali engamamina alitshumi. Yathi, ‘Isebeniseni imali le ngize ngiphenduke.’ **14** Kodwa lababantu ayezababusa babemzonda lumuntu, bathumela izithunyuwa ukuthi zimlandele ziyekuthi, ‘Kasimfuni lumuntu ukuthi abe yinkosi yethu.’ **15** Lanxa kunjalo wagcotshwa waba yinkosi, waphenduka ekhaya. Wasebiza izinceku lezo ayezinike imali ukuze ezwu ukuthi zazithole nzuzzu bani ngayo. **16** Owokuqala weza wathi, ‘Nkosi, imali yakho isizele amanye amadola alitshumi.’ **17** Inkosi yayo yathi, ‘Wenze kuhle, nceku yami elungileyo! Ngosuku lwestithathu izavuka.’ **18** Abafundi kabazange Ngenxa yokuthi uthembekile entweni encinyane, bakuzwisis konke lokhu. Ingcazel yakho yayifihlakel kubo yikho kabazanga ukuthi wayekhuluma ngani. **19** Inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi, ‘Busa amahlau.’ **20** Kwasekusiza enye isizwa kudlula ixuku labantu yabuza ukuthi kuyini okwakusenzakala. **21** Bayitshela bathi, ‘Ujesu ngelembu. **22** Bengikwesaba wena ngoba uyindoda elukhuni. Ucupha lapho ongathelanga khona njalo ubuye uvune lapho ongahlyanelanga khona.’ **23** Kungani pho ungabekanga imali yami ebbanga yayo yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngizakwahluela ngamazwi akho wena nceku exhwaliyeo! Angithi ubukwazi ukuthi ngingumuntu olukhuni, ocupha lapho angathelanga khona lovuna lapho angahlyanelanga khona?’ **24** Yasisithi kwababemi khonapho, ‘Mthathelelenu? **25** Basebesithi, ‘Nkosi, angithi uvele useletalitshumi?’ **26** Yaphendula yathi, ‘Ngithi kini, lowo olakho uzaphiwa okunye okunengi kodwa lowo ongelalutho, lalokho alakho uzakwemukwa. **27** Kodwa izitha zami lezo ebezingeafuni ukuthi ngizibuze, ziletheni lapha lizibulalele phambi kwami.’ **28** Ujesu eseziitshilo zonke lezizinto wahamba wabandulela eqonda ejerusalema. **29** Wathi esebanga eBhethifage kanye leBhethani entabeni eyayithiwa yiNtaba yama-Oliva wathuma abafundi bakhe ababili wathi kubo: **30** ‘Yanini emzini ophambi kwenu, lizakuthi lingena kuwo libone inkonyane kababhemibotshelwe khonapho, engakaze igadwe muntu. ‘Ikhululenli liyilethe lapha. **31** Nxo kungaba lozalibaza ukuthi, Liyikhululelani na?’ kumele lithi, ‘INkosi iyayifuna.’ **32** Labo ababethunyiwe bahamba njalo bathola kunjengoba ebetshilo. **33** Besayikhulula inkonyane kababhemib, abanini bayo bababuza bathi, ‘Liyikhululelani na?’ **34** Baphendula bathi, ‘INkosi iyayifuna.’ **35** Bayiletha kujesu, baphosela amajazi abo phezu kwenkonyane, bagadisa ujesu phezu kwayo. **36** Wathi eseqhubeka, abantu bendlala amajazi abo endleleni. **37** Esefikile eduze kwalapho indlela eyehla khona isuka entabenii yama-Oliva abafundi lexuku lonke lasuka ngokuthokoza ladumisa uNkulunkulu ngamazwi amakulu ngenxa yemimangaliso yonke ababeyibonile, bathi: **38** ‘Ibusisiwe inkosi ebuya ngebizo likaThixol!’ ‘Ukuthula ezelwini lodumo kweliphezelu!’ **39** Abanye abaFarisi exukwini bathi kujesu, ‘Mfundisi, khuza abafundi bakho!’ **40** Waphendula wathi, ‘Ngitalitshela ngithi nxo bethula amatshe azamemeza.’ **41** Wathi esebanga ejerusalema ekhangale idolobho, walikhalela **42** wathi, ‘Nxo wena, wena ngokwakho, ubukwazi namhla lokho obekungakulethela ukuthula kodwa okwamanje kufihliwe emehlwani akho. **43** Zizafika insuku kuwe lapho izitha zakho zizakwakha umthangala zikuholqolozele njalo zikupahale inxa zonke. **44** Zizakusakazela phansi emhlabathini, wena kanye labantwanu abaphakathi kwemiduli yakho. Kaziyikutshiya lanilye ilitshe phezu kwelinye ngoba kawusinanzelelanga isikhathi sokuza kukaNkulunkulu kuwe.’ **45** Wasengena ethempelini wadudula

ababethengisa khona **46** esithi kubo, "Kubhaliwe okuqondileyo lokuthi kawubandlululi kodwa ufundisa ukuthi, 'Indlu yami iyindlu yokukhuleka,' kodwa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso elipheleleyo." **22** lina seliyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi." **47** Insuku zonke wayefundisa ethempelini. Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho kanye labakhkheli ababephakathi kwabantu babezama ukumbulala. **48** kabani lombhalo kabani kuyo?" Baphendula bathi, Kodwa kabayizuzanga indlela yokukwenza lokho ngoba abantu bonke babewakholwa amazwi akhe.

**20** Ngelineye ilanga kwathi efundisa abantu ethempelini, etshumayela ivangeli, abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho, kanye labadala bebandla beza kuye. **2** Bathi, "Ake usitshele ukuthi uwathatha ngaphi amandla okwenza lezintio. Ngubani okunike amandla la?" **3** Waphendula wathi, "Lami ngizalibusa umbuso. Ngitshelani, **4** ukubhaphathiza kukaJohane kwakuvela ezulwini loba ebantwini na?" **5** Bahlanganisa amakhanda bathi, "Singathi, 'Kwakuvela ezulwini,' uzabuza athi, 'Kungani lingazange limkhole?' **6** Kodwa singathi, 'Kwakuvela ebantwini,' abantu bonke bazasikhanda ngamatshe ngoba bakhola ukuthi uJohane wayengumphrofethi." **7** Ngakho baphendula bathi, "Kasikwazi ukuthi kwakuvela ngaphi." **8** Ujesu wathi, "Lami kangizukulitshela ukuthi lezintio ngizenza ngawaphi amandla." **9** Waseqhube ka ngokutshela abantu umzekeliso lo wathi: "Indoda yahlanyela isivini yasiqhatshisa abanye abalimi, yasihamba okwesikhathi eside. **10** Ngesikhathi sokuvuna yathuma inceku yayo kubaqhatshi besivini ukuze bayiphe ingxene yezithelo zesivini. Kodwa abalimi bayitshaya, bayixotsha ingaphathanga lutho. **11** Yathuma enye inceku kodwa laleyo bayitshaya bayiphatha kabuhlungu, bayixotsha ingaphathanga lutho. **12** Waphinda wathuma eyesithathu, bayilimaza bayiphosela phandle. **13** Ummninisivini wasesithi, 'Ngenzeni? Ngizathuma indodana yami engiyithandayo; mhlawumbe bazayihlonipa.' **14** Kodwa kwathi abaqhatshisa besivini beyibona, bahlanganisa amakhanda ngaleyondaba. Bathi, 'Le yindlalifa. Kasiyibulaleni, ilifa libe ngelethu.' **15** Basebeyikhuphela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala. Kambe umminisivini uzabathini? **16** Uzakuza afike ababulale labo baqhatshisa besivini, isivini leso asinike abanye abalimi." Abantu bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathi, "Sengathi lokhu kungaze kwafa kwenzekal!" **17** Ujesu wabathi nhlo, wabuza wathi, "Pho kutshoni lokho okubhalwe ukuthi: 'Ilitshe elalahlwa ngabakhi seliyilonia ilitshe lekhonen?' **18** Wonke owela phezu kwalelolitshe uzachobozeka abe yizicucu, kodwa lowo eliwele phezu kwakhe uzahlifiza." **19** Abafundisi bomthetho labaphristi abakhulu badinga indlela yokumbophya masinyane ngoba babesazi ukuthi wakhulumu umzekeliso lo eqonde bona. Kodwa babesesaba abantu. **20** Bamthumela inhloli ezazizitshaya ezithembekileyo ukuze zimgolombe. Babefisa ukumbeka icala kokunye ayengakukhuluma ukuze bamedlulisele emandleni ombusi. **21** Ngakho inhloli zambuza zathi, "Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena ukhulumu njalo ufundisa

okuqondileyo lokuthi kawubandlululi kodwa ufundisa ukuthi, 'Kufanele yini ukuthi sithele imithelo kuKhesari loba hatshi?" **23** Wabubona ubuqili babo wathi kubo, **24** "Ngitshengisanu idenari. Kulomfanekiso kabani lombhalo kabani kuyo?" Baphendula bathi, "NgokaKhesari." **25** Wathi kubo, "Ngakho nikani uKhesari okungokukaKhesari, linike uNkulunkulu okungokukaNkulunkulu." **26** Behluleka ukumbamba ngalokho akutshoyo lapho obala. Sebemangaliswe yimpendulo yakhe bathula zwi. **27** Amanye amaSadusi athi kakuko ukuvuka kwabafileyo eza kuju eselbuzo. **28** Athi, "Mfundisi, uMosi wasibhalela ukuthi nxa umfowabo wendoda angafa atshiye umfazi, kodwa bengelabantwana, umfowabo kumele amngene umfelokazi ukuze azalele umfowabo abantwana. **29** Manje kwakulabafowabo abayisikhombisa. Owokuqala wathatha umfazi kodwa wafa engelamntwana. **30** Owesibili **31** njalo lowesithathu laye wamthatha, bonke boyisikhombisa benza njalo bafa bengatshiyanga bantwana. **32** Ekucineni umfazi laye wafa. **33** Phoke, ekuvukeni kwabafileyo uzakuba ngumkabani njengoba bonke boyisikhombisa babemthethe?" **34** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Abantu balesikhathi bayathatha njalo bayendiswa. (aiōn g165) **35** Kodwa labo abazabe befanele ukuba lengxene kulesosikhathi lasekuvukeni kwabafileyo kabazukuthatha loba bendiswe, (aiōn g165) **36** njalo kabasayikufa ngoba sebenjengizingilos. Bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, ngoba engababantwana bokuvuka kwabafileyo. **37** Kodwa emlandweni wesixuku esasibhebba umlilo, uMosi laye wakuveza ukuthi abafileyo bayavuka, ngoba ubiza uThixo ngokuthi 'uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu ka-Isaka, loNkulunkulu kajakhobe.' **38** KasuNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo, ngoba kuye bonke bayaphila." **39** Baphendula abanye abafundisi bomthetho bathi, "Utsho kahle Mfundisi!" **40** Kasabanga khona owaba lesibindi sokumba eminye imibuzo. **41** Ujesu wasesithi kubo, "Kungani besithi uKhristu uyiNdodana kaDavidna?" **42** UDavida yena ngokwakhe uyakufakaza eNcwadini yamaHubo uthi: 'INkos iathi eNkosini yami: "Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, **43** ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho.'" **44** UDavida umbia athi 'Nkos.' Pho angaba yindodana yakhe njani?" **45** Kwathi bonke abantu besalele, ujesu wathi kubafundi bakhe, **46** "Limukani abafundisi bomthetho. Bathanda ukuhambahamba becece ngezemba batho ezinde eziphephezelayo njalo bathanda ukubingelelwemisiken, futhi bathatha izihlalo eziphamkemeyo emasinagogweni lezindawo zabahlonitshwa emadilini. **47** Bahuquluza izindlu zabafelokazi njalo bazibonakalisa ngokwenza imikhuleko emide. Abantu abanjalo bajazejiswa kabuhlungu."

**21** Ujesu wathi ekhangela wabona izinotti zifaka iminikelo yazo esitsheni somnikelo. **2** Wabona njalo umfelokazi ongumyanga efaka okuzinhlamvanya kwethusi okubili. **3** Wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi umfelokazi lo ongumyanga unikele okudlula bonke

abanye. **4** Bonke lababantu banikele izipho zabo lani njalo lazi ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. **31** Kanjalo-nokwenotho yabo, kodwa yena ebuyangeni bakhe ke, nxa lingabona lezizinto sezisenzakala, lazi ukuthi ufake konke abelakho.” **5** Abanye abafundi bakhe umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususondele. **32** Ngilitshela babekhulukhuluma ngokubalazwa kwethempeli iqiniso, lesisizukulwane kasiyikudlula zize zenzakale ngamatshes amahle langezipho ezazinikelwe zonke lezizinto. **33** Izulu lomhlaba kuzedlula, kodwa kuNkulunkulu. Kodwa ujesu wathi, **6** “Mayelana amazwi ami kawayikwedlula lanini, **34** Nanzelelani funa lalokhu elikubona lapha, sizafika isikhathhi lapho inhiliziyo zenu zithundubale ngokuzitika lokudakwa okungeyikutshiywa ilitshe phezu kwelinje; wonke lokunqineka ngezinto zalimpilo, ngoba lolosuku azaphoselwa phansi.” **7** Babuza bathi, “Mfundisi, izinto lezi zizakwenzakala nini? Njalo sizakuba labo abahlala kuwo wonke umhlaba. **35** Ngoba luzaifikela bonke yini isibonakaliso sokuthi sezizakwenzeka na?” **8** Liliindile, likhulekele ukuthi liphephe kukho konke osekuzakwenzeka masinyane, lokuthi libe lamandla okuma phambi kweNdodana yoMuntu.” **37** Insuksu njalo bathi, ‘Isikhathhi sesisondele.’ Lingabalandeli.

**9** Nxa lisizwa ngezimpi lezikhukhulambuso, aphume ayechitha ubusuku eqaqeni olwaluthiwa lingethuki. Lezizinto kuzamele zenzeke kuqala, yiNtaba yama-Oliva, **38** njalo abantu bonke babesiza kodwa isiphetho kasizukufika ngalesosikhathhi.” **10** ekuseni kakhulu ukuzamuzwa ethempelini.

Wasesithi kubo: “Isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso. **11** Kuzakuba lokuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu, indlala lezifo ezindaweni ezinengi, izehlakalo ezesabekayo lezibonakaliso ezinengi zivila emkhathini. **12** Kodwa kungakenzakali konke lokhu bazalibamba, balihlukuluze. Bazalinikela emasinagogweni baliphosele lasezintolongweni njalo lizamiswa phambi kwamakhosi lababusu ngenxa yebizo lami. **13** Lokhu kuzalenha libe ngofakazi kimi. **14** Kodwa bekan amaphaphu phansi, lingazilhuphi ngokuthi lizazivikela lisithini. **15** Ngoba ngizalnikina amazwi lokuhlakanipa ukuze angabikhona ezitheni zenu ozalehlula loba aliphikise. **16** Lizanikewla ngabazali, ngabafowenu layizihlobo labangane njalo abanye benu bazalibulala. **17** Bonke abantu bazalizonda ngenxa yami. **18** Kodwa kakuyikubhubha lanwele olulodwa emakhanda enu. **19** Bekezelani, lizasindiswa. **20** Lingabona ijerusalema isihonqolozelwe yizimpi lizakwazi ukuthi incithakalo isisondele. **21** Lapho-ke akuthi labo abaseJudiya babalekele ezintabeni, abasedolbheni kabaphume, kuthi labo abasemaphandleni bangangeni edolbheni. **22** Ngoba lesi yisikhathhi sokujeziswa ukugcwala konke okwalotshwayo. **23** Yeka ubulukhuni obuzakuba khona ngalezonksku kwabesifazane abakhulelwego labangabadlezane! Kuzakuba khona ukhulukuluzeka okukhulu elizweni lolaka phezu kwabantu. **24** Bazakuwa ngenkemba babuthwe babe yizibotshwa zeziwe zonke. Ijerusalema izagidagidwa ngabeZizwe kuze kugcwalseke izikhathhi zabeZizwe. **25** Kuzabakhona izibonakaliso elangeni, enyangeni lasezinkanyezini. Emhlabeni izizwe zizakuba phakathi kosizi lokudideka ngenxa yokuhuba lokukhaphaza kolwandle. **26** Abantu bazaphela amandla ngokwesaba, behlutshwa yilokho okuzayo emhlabeni, ngoba izisekelo zasezulwini zizazanyazanyiswa. **27** Ngalesosikhathhi bazayibona iNdodana yoMuntu isiza ngeyezi ilamandla lenkazimulo enku. **28** Nxa lezizinto seziqala ukwenzakala manini liqine, liphakamise amakhanda eru, ngoba ukuhlengwa kwenu sekusondela.” **29** Wabatshela umfanekiso lo wathi, “Khangelani esihlahleneri somkhiwa kanye lezinye zonke izihlahla. **30** Nxa zihluma lizazibonela

**22** UMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo owawubizwa ngokuthi liPhasika wawususondele, **2** njalo abaphristi abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho babedinga enye indlela yokumsusa ujesu, ngoba babesesaba abantu. **3** USathane wasengena kujudasi owayethiwa ngu-Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili. **4** Ujudasi waya kubaphristi abakhulu lezikhulu zabavikeli bethempeli wabonisana labo ukuthi amnikele njani ujesu. **5** Bathokoza kakhulu, basebevuma ukumupha imali. **6** Wavuma, wasemelela ithuba lokunikela ujesu kubo ngesikhathhi kungelaxku labantu. **7** Lwaselufika usuku lweSinkwa esingelaMvubelo okwakusenziwa ngalo umhlatshele wewundlu lePhasika. **8** Ujesu wathuma uPhethro loJohane wathi, “Hambani liyesilungisela ukuthi siyekudla iPhasika.” **9** Babuza bathi, “Ufuna siyelilungisela ngaphi?” **10** Waphendula wathi, “Lizakuthi nje lingena edolobheni, lizahlangana lenda iphethe inkonxa yamanzi. Liylandele kuleyondlu ezangena kuyo, **11** beselisithi kumniindlu, ‘Umfundisi uyabuza uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezethekeli, lapho engingadlela khona iPhasika labafundi bam?’ **12** Izalitshengisa ikamele laphezulu elikhulu, elilungisiweyo. Yenzani amalungiselo khonapho.” **13** Bahamba bayafica izinto zimi njengokutshelwa kwabo ngujesu. Ngakho balilungisa iPhasika. **14** Kwathi isikhathhi sesifikile ujesu wahlala etafuleni labapostoli bakhe. **15** Wasesithi kubo, “Bengitshiseka kakhulu ukudla iPhasika leli lani ngingakahlupheki. **16** Ngoba ngiyalitshela ukuthi kangisoze ngiphinde njalo lile lizuze ukugcwalseke embusweni kaNkulunkulu.” **17** Esethete inkezo wabonga wasesithi, “Kuthatheni lokhu likwabelane. **18** Ngoba ngiyalitshela ukuthi angiyikuphinda ngingathe okwesithelo sevini umbuso kaNkulunkulu uze ufike.” **19** Wasethatha isinkwa, wabonga wasesihlephuna wabapha, wathi, “Lo ngumzimba wami ophiwe lina; kwensi lokhu kuge yisikhumbuzo sami.” **20** Ngaleyondela, ngemva kokudla kwakusihlwa wathatha inkezo, esithi, “Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami, elichithelwa lina. **21** Kodwa isandla sakhe lowo ozanginikela sikanye lesami etafuleni. **22** INdodana yoMuntu izahamba

njengoba kumisiwe, kodwa maye kulowomuntu abalandeli bakajesu sebebona okwasekuzakwenzeka oyinikelayo.” **23** Baqala ukubuzana ukuthi kambe bathi, “Nkosi, sigalele yini ngenkemba zethu?” ngabe ngubani kubo owayezakwenza lokhu. **24** Njalo **50** Omunye wabo wayigalela inceku yomphristi kwaba lokuphikisana phakathi kwabo mayelana omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe yayo yokunene. **51** lokuthi ngubani kubo owayebonakala emkhulu kulabo Kodwa ujesu waphendula wathi, “Kakufuneki lokhu!” bonke. **25** Ujesu wathi kubo, “Amakhosi abeZizwe Waseyibamba indlebe yalowomuntu wamsilisa. **52** azitshengisela amandla awo kulabo ababusayo; Ujesu wasesithi kubaphristi abakhulu, lezikhulu leziphathamandla zakhona zibizwa ngokuthi Mcoli. **26** zabalindi bethempeli kanye labadala bebandla Kodwa akumelanga libe njalo. Endaweniyalokho, lowo abamerlandie, “Ngikhokhela umvukela yini lize omkhulu kulani lonke kabe njengomncinyane kini liphethe izinkemba lenduku? **53** Zonke insuku lonke, lalowo obusayo abe nguye okhonza abanye. **27** Kambe ngubani omkhulu kulumunye, lowo ohlezi **54** Bamdumela, bamusa endlini yomphristi etafuleni yokudla loba lowo ophakayo na? Kakusilovo osetafuleni na? Kodwa mina ngiphakathi kwenu omkhulu. UPHethro wayemlandela ebucwala. **55** njengalowo oliphakelayo. **28** Liyilabo abame lami Kodwa kwathi sebebese umlilo phakathi kweguma ebunzimeni bam. **29** Ngakho ngiyalinika umbuso bahlala phansi ndawonye, uPHethro wahlala phansi njengoba uBaba wanginika lami, **30** ukuze lidle labo. **56** Intombazana eyisisebenzi yambona ehlezi njalo linathe etafuleni lami embusweni wami njalo khonapho ekukhanyeni komlilo. Yamkhangelisia lihlale ezhiallwani zobukhos, lisahlulela iziwana yathi, “Indoda le yayilaye.” **57** Kodwa yena waphika zika-Israyeli ezilitshumi lambili. **31** Simoni, Simoni wathi, “Ntombazana, kangimazi.” **58** Ngemva uSathane usecele ukulihlungula lonke njengengqoloyi. kwesikhatsana omunye wambona wathi, “Lawe **32** Kodwa sengikukhulekele wena Simoni, ukuthi ungomunye wabo.” UPHethro waphendula wathi, ukholo lwakho lungaze lwawela phansi. Ubokuthi “Ndoda, angisuye.” **59** Sekudlule phose ihola omunye nxa usuphendukile uqinise abaflowenu.” **33** Kodwa wagcizelela wathi, “Ngeqiniso umuntu lo wayelaye, waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, ngizimisele ukuhamba lawe ngoba ungumGalile.” **60** Waphendula uPHethro entolongweni lasekufeni.” **34** Ujesu waphendula wathi, wathi, “Ndoda, angikwazi okhuluma ngakhol!” Eloku “Ngiyakutshela, Phethro, ukuthi iqhude lingakkakhali lamuhla, uzaphika kathathu ukuthi uyangazi.” esakhulumla, iqhude lakhala. **61** INkosi yatshibilika, lamuhla, uzaphika kathathu ukuthi uyangazi.” **35** Ujesu wasebabuza wathi, “Ngize ngilithume yamkhangaletu yamuthi nhlo uPHethro. UPHethro waselikhumbula ilizwi iNkosi eyayikhulumile kuye lingelamxhaka, loba isikhwama kumbe amanyathela, isithi: “Iqhude lingakkakhali lamuhla, uzangiphika kukhona yini elake lakusilela?” Baphendula bathi, kathathu.” **62** Ngakho wasephumela ngaphandle “Akubanga lalutho.” **36** Wathi, kubo, “Kodwa manje wakhala kabuhlungu. **63** Amadoda ayelinde ujesu nxa utesikhwama semali, sithathe, kanye lomgodla; aqalisu ukumhoza lokumtshaya. **64** Amvala amehlo athi njalo nxa ungelankemba, thengisa isigqoko sakho kuye, “Phrofitha! Ngubani okutshayileyo?” **65** Amthuka uyithenge. **37** Kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Wabalwa ndawonye ngezindlela ezinengi. **66** Emadabukakusa inkundla lezon”; njalo ngiyalitshela ukuthi lokhu kumele yabakhokheli babantu, kanye labaphristi abakhulu kugcwaiseke kimi. Yebo, lokho okubhaliwego ngami sekufika ekugcwaisweni kwakho.” **38** Abafundi bathi, “Khangela, Nkosi, nanzi inkemba ezimbili.” **67** Bathi, “Nxa Waphendula ujesu wathi, “Kwanele.” **39** Ujesu wahamba njengenjayelo waya eNtabeni yama-Oliva, njalo nxa bengingalibuza belingeke liphendule. **68** abafundi bakhe bamlandela. **40** Esefikile kuleyondawo, Kodwa kusukela khathesi iNdodana yoMuntu izahlala wathi kubo, “Khulekani ukube lingaweli ekulingweni.” **69** kwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu olamandla amakhulu.” **41** Watsheda kubo okwebanga lokuphosa ilitshe, **70** Bonke babuza bathi, “Kutsho ukuthi-ke uyiNdodana waguqa phansi wakhuleka wathi, **42** Baba, nxa kaNkulunkulu na?” Waphendula wathi, “Liqondile uthanda susa inkezo le kimi; kodwa akungabi yintando yami, kodwa kwensiwe eyakho.” **43** Ingilosy yabonakala kuye ivela ezulwini yamqinisa. **44** Kwathi edabukile kakhulu, wakhuleka ngokutshiseka, izithukuthuku zakhe zangathi ligazi lithontela phansi. **45** Wathi esephakeme ekukhulekeni wabuyela kubafundi bakhe wabafica belele, bekhathele ngenxa yosizi. **46** Wababuza wathi, “Kungani lilele na? Vukanikihuleke ukuze lingaweli ekulingweni.” **47** Kwathi elokhu esakhulumma kwafika ixuku labantu, indoda ethiwa ngujudasi omunye wabalitshumi lambili, wayebahola. Wasondela kujesu ukumanga, **48** kodwa ujesu wambuza wathi, “Judasi, uyayinikela na iNdodana yoMuntu ngokuyanga?” **49** Kwathi

**23** Ibandla lonke laselipakama lamqhuba lamusa kuPhilathu. **2** Basebemethesa icala besithi, “Indoda le siyifice ixhwalisa isizwe sakithi. Iphikisana lokuthela imithelo kuKhesari njalo izenza uKhristu, inkos.” **3** Ngakho uPhilathu wasembuza ujesu wathi, “Uyinkosi yamajuda na?” “Kunjengoba usitsho,” waphendula ujesu. **4** UPhilathu wasebikela abaphristi abakhulu kanye lexuku labantu wathi, “Kangiboni lutho lokwethesa umuntu lo icala.” **5** Kodwa bagcizelela bathi, “Udunga abantu kulolonke elaseJudiya ngemfundiso yakhe. Waqlisa eGalile,

usehambe wonke umango waze wazafika lapha.” luKhakhayi bambethela esiphambanweni kanye 6 Esezwe lokhu uPhilathu wabuza ingabe indoda lezigebenga lezo, omunye ngakwesokunene kwakhe, leyo yayingumGalile na. 7 Esezwile ukuthi uJesu omunye ngakwesokhohlo. 34 UJesu wathi, “Baba, wayengaphansi kombuso kaHerodi wamthumela baxolele, ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo.” Njalo kuHerodi owayesejerusalema ngalesokhathi. 8 basebesabelana iziqqoko zakhe ngokutshaya inkatho. 35 UHerodi wathi embona ujesu wathaba kakhulu Abantu bema bakhangela, ababusi bona bamkololodela. ngoba wayevele ethsisekela ukumbona. Ethathela Bathi, “Wasindisa abanye, laye kazisindise nxa kulokho ayekuzwile ngaye, wayelinde ukumbona enguKhristu kaNkulunkulu, oKhethiweyo.” 36 esenza omunye umangaliso. 9 Wamjinga ngemibuzo, Amabutho lawo eza amkololodela. Amnika iwayini kodwa uJesu akaze amphendula. 10 Abaphristi elimunyu 37 athi, “Nxa uyinkosi yamajuda, zisindise.” abakhulu labafundisi bomthetho labo babemi khonapho 38 Kwakulombhalo wokwazisa ngaphezulu kwakhe bemangalela ngokuthukuthela. 11 UHerodi lamabutho owawusithi: Lo yiNkosi yamajuda. 39 Omunye akhe basebemchotha njalo bamhoza. Bamgqokisa wezigebenga owayelenga khonapho wamthuka wathi, isigqoko esihle, basebembuyisela kuPhilathu. 12 “Kanti kayisuwe uKhristu? Zisindise wena kanye Ngalelolanga uHerodi loPhilathu babangabangane lathi!” 40 Kodwa esinye isigebenga samkuza sathi, kodwa mandulo kwalokhu babeyizitha. 13 UPhilathu “Kawumesabi na uNkulunkulu, njengoba ulesigwebo wabizela ndawonye abaphristi abakhulu lababusi sinye laye. 41 Thina sijeziswa ngokusifaneleyo ngoba kanye labantu 14 wathi kubo, “Lingilethele umuntu szuza lokho okufanele izenzo zethu. Kodwa umuntu obekhuthaza abantu ukwenza umvukela. Sengimhlolile lo kenzanga lutho olungalunganga.” 42 Wasesithi, phambi kwenu, kodwa kangifumananga lutho kulokhu “Jesu, ungikhumbule nxa unga fika embusweni elimangalela khona. 15 LoHerodi kafumananga wakho.” 43 Ujesu wamphendula wathi, “Ngiyakutshela lutho, ngoba usemephendukisile kithi; njengoba iqiniso ngithi, lamuhla uzakuba lami epharadise.” libona, kenzanga lutho olufanele ukuthi abulawe. 44 Kwasekuyisikhathi esingaba lihola lesithupha, 16 Ngakho ngizamjezisa rje besengimkhulula.” [ 17 ubumnyama bembesa lonke ilizwe kwaze kwaba Kwakumele akhulule isibotshwa sisodisa esiyabe lihola lesificamunwemunye, 45 ngoba ilanga lema sikhethwe ngabantu mhla wedili.] 18 Bamemeza ngalizwi linye bathi, “Msusele khatshana umuntu 46 Ujesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Baba, lo! Sikhululele uBharabhasi” 19 (UBharabhasi ezandleni zakho ngnikela umphemfumulo wami.” wayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yokuvusa Esekutshilo lokhu waphefumula okokucina. 47 isiphithiphithi edolobheni langenxa yokubulala.) 20 Induna yekhulu isibonile okwenzakeleyo yadumisa Kwathi ngoba efuna ukumkhulula uJesu, uPhilathu uNkulunkulu yathi, “Ngeqiniso lo ubeyindoda waphinda wathi kabake bacabange njalo. 21 Kodwa elungileyo.” 48 Kwathi bonke abantu ababebuthene baqhubeka bememeza besithi, “Mbethele! Mbethele!” ukuzabona isiga lesi sebebonile okwenzakele, 22 Waphinda wakhulumu labo okwesithathu wathi, bababuhlungu, babalosizi, babuyela emizini yabo. “Ngani na? Umuntu lo wenze cala bani? Angiboni 49 Kodwa bonke ababemazi, kanye labesifazane lutho kuye olungafanelia isigwebo sokuthi abulawe. abamlandela besuka laye eGalile, bema bucwala Ngakho-ke, ngizakuthi kajeziwe besengimkhulula.” babukela okwakusenzakala. 50 Kwakukhona indoda 23 Kodwa baklabalala beqinisa ukuba kabethelwe, eyayithiwa ngujosefa, elilunga loMphakathi, eyindoda lakanye ukugcizelela kwabo kwaphumelela. 24 Ngakho elungileyo njalo eqondileyo, 51 owayengakuvumanga uPhilathu wasemisa ukwemukela izifiso zabo. 25 lokho abakuqumayo labakwenzayo. Yena wayevela Wayikhulula indoda leyo eyayiphoselwe entolongweni edolobheni lakoJuda okwakuthiwa yi-Arimathiya, ngenxa yesiphithiphithi lokubulala, eyijo abayicelayo, njalo wayelindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu. 52 Waya wanikela uJesu kubo ukuthi benze intando yabo. 26 kuPhilathu wayacela isidumbu sikajesu. 53 Wasesethula Bathi sebemqhuba babamba uSimoni waseKhurenii wasigoqela ngelembu lelineni, wasibeka ethuneni owayesu emaphandleni, bamethesa isiphambano elaliguiwe edwaleni lingakaze lilale muntu. 54 bathi kasithwale ngemva kukajesu. 27 Walandelwa Kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela, iSabatha selizaqalis. ngabantu abanengi kakhulu, kanye labesifazane 55 Abesifazane ababebuye lojesu esuka eGalile ababemkhalele bebubula. 28 Ujesu wanyemukula wathi bamlandela uJosefa balibona ithuna lokuthi isidumbu kubo, “Madodakazi aseJerusalem, lingangikhaleli; sakhe salalisa njani kulo. 56 Basebebuya ekhaya zikhaleleni lina kanye labantwabenu. 29 Ngoba bayalungisa amagcobo lamakha. Kodwa baphumula sizafika isikhathi lapho elizakuthi, ‘Babusisiwe abafazi ngeSabatha bethobelna umlayo.

**24** Ngosuku lokuqala lweviki ekuseni kakhulu abesifazane bathatha amakha ababewalungisile baya ethuneni. 2 Bafumana ilitshe ligiqiwe, lasuswa ethuneni, 3 kodwa bathi bengena kabaze basithola isidumbu seNkosi uJesu. 4 Bathi belokhu besathithibe ngakho, masinyane kwema eduze labo amadoda amabili egqoke iziqqoko ezazikhazimula njengombane. 5 Bethuka abesifazane bathi mbo phansi ngobuso,

kodwa amadoda lawo athi kubo, "Lidingelani ophilayo imibhalo na?" **33** Bahle bathi lothu masinyane babuyela kwabafileyo na? **6** Kakkho lapha; usevukile! Khumbulani eJerusalema. Khonale bathola abalitshumi lanye kanye ukuthi walitshelani eseselani eGalile: **7** 'INDodana labo ababelabo bebuthene ndawonye **34** besithi, yoMuntu kumele inikelwe ezandleni zezoni, ibethelwe "Kuliqiniso! INkosi isivukile kwabafileyo yabonakala esiphambanweni kuthi ngosuku lwestithathu ivuswe kuSimoni." **35** Kwathi labo ababili balandisa ngalokho njalo." **8** Basebewakhumbula amazwi akhe. **9** Kwathi okwakwenzakele endleleni, lokuthi ujesu bamnanzelela sebebuyile bevela ethuneni, zonke lezizinto bazibikela njanji lapho aze ahlephune isinkwa. **36** Bathi belokhu abalitshumi lanye labanye bonke. **10** KwakunguMariya besakhulumga ngakho lokhu, ujesu yena ngokwakhe Magadalini, loJowana, loMariya unina kajakhobe wema phakathi kwabo wathi, "Ukuthula kakube kini." labanye ababelabo abatshela abapostoli ngalokhu. **37** Bethuka besaba, bekhumbula ukuthi babebona **11** Kodwa kababakhulwanga abesifazane laba, ngoba ithonga **38** Wathi kubo, "Kungani lilihuphekile, amazwi abo ayengathi yikuwumana kubo. **12** Kodwa njalo kungani kulokuthandabuza ezingqondweni uPhethero wasukuma wagijimela ethuneni. Walunguza zenu?" **39** Khangelani izandla zami lezinyawa zami. wabona amaqhele elineni ethe qekele wodwa, Yimi mina ngokwami! Ngithintani libone; ithonga wasebuyela emangele ukuthi kambe kwakwenzakaleni. kalilanyama lamathambo njengoba libona ukuthi mina **13** Kwathi ngalelolanga ababili babo babehamba ngilakho." **40** Esetshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla besiya emzini owawuthiwa yi-Emausu, ongaba lezinyawo zakhe. **41** Kwathi belokhu bengakholwa ngamakhilomitha alitshumi lanye usuka eJerusalema. ngenxa yokuthaba lokumangala wababuza wathi, **14** Babekhulumisana ngakho konke okwakwenzakele. **15** "Lilakho okokudla lapha na?" **42** Bamupha iqatha Bathi belokhu bekhulumga bebonisana ngazo lezizinto, lenhlanzi exatshiweyo, **43** wayithatha wayidla ujesu yena ngokwakhe wabaxhuma wasehambisana phambi kwabo. **44** Wathi kubo, "Lokhu yikho labo; **16** kodwa abaze bamnanzelela ukuthi nguye. engalitshela khona ngiseselani ukuthi: Konke kumele **17** Wababuza wathi, "Likhuluma ngani kanti lilokhu kugcwaliseke okwalotshwa ngami eMthethweni kaMosi liphakathi kohambo Iwenu?" Bema mpo, ubuso labaPhrefethi lamaHubo." **45** Wasebavula ingqondo babo bubunile. **18** Omunye wabo owayethiwa zabo ukuze bakwazi ukuzwisa imibhalo. **46** Wabatshela nguKlophasi wambuza wathi, "Kanti wena uyisihambi wathi, "Nanku okulotshiweyo: UKhristu uzahlupheka yini eJerusalema ukhanya ungazazi izinto ezenzakele aphinde avuke kwabafileyo ngosuku lwestithathu, kuzolezi insuku?" **19** Wabuza wathi, "Yizinto **47** njalo ukuphenduka lokuthethelelwakwezonon kuzatshunyayelwa ebizwensi lakte eizzwensi zonke, kuqala eJerusalema. **48** Lingofakazi balezizinto. **49** Ngizalithumezelokho uBaba akuthembisileyo; kodwa libohlala edolobheni lize liphiwe amandla avela phezulu." **50** Kwathi esebakhokhele waya labo eduze leBhethani waphakamisa izandla zakhe wababusisa. **51** Utthe elokhu esababusisa, wabatshiya, wenyukiselwa ezulwini. **52** Basebemkhonza, babuyela eJerusalema bethokoza kakhulu. **53** Bahlala kokuphela ethempelinibedumisa uNkulunkulu.

lamuhla, **23** kodwa kabasifumananga isidumbu sakhe. Babuyile bazasitshele ukuthi babone umbono wezingilosie ezithe uyaphila. **24** Kwasekusithi abanye babakhula bethu baya ethuneni bathola kunjengokuba abesifazane betshilo, kodwa yena kabamtholanga." **25** Wathi kubo, "Uthi liyizithutha ezinjani, njalo lilezinhlizyo ezithundubeleyo ekukholweni konke lokho okwakhulunya ngabaphrefethi! **26** UKhristu wayengamelanga ahlupheke yini zonke lezi izinto andubana angene ebukhosini bakhe na?" **27** Wasesukela kuMosi kanye labaPhrefethi bonke wabachazelakwatsiwo emibhalweni mayelana laye. **28** Bathi sebebanga emzini lowo ababesiya kuwo ujesu wenza ingathi wayesedlula. **29** Kodwa bamncenga kakhulu bathi, "Hlala lathi ngoba sekusihlwa; usuku luhose selwedule." Wasengena ukuthi ayejhala labo. **30** Wathi esehlezis labo etafuleni wathatha isinkwa wabonga, wasesihlephuna wasebaqhubela. **31** Kwathi dlwe emehlwani abo, bamazi, yena wasenyamalala kubo. **32** Babuzana bathi, "Konje inhliziyozethu bezingatshiseki yini lapho abe ekhulumga lathi endleleni esivulela

# UJohane

**1** Ekuqaleni wayekhona uLizwi, uLizwi wayeloNkulunkulu, njalo uLizwi wayenguNkulunkulu. **2** WayeloNkulunkulu ekuqaleni. **3** Izinto zonke zenziwa ngaye; ngaphandle kwakhe kube akukho okwenziwayo. **4** Kwakuhona ukuphila kuye, lokho kuphila kwakuyikuhanya kwabantu. **5** Ukuhanya kukhanya emnyameni, kodwa umnyama awukakuzwisi. **6** Kwafika umuntu ethunywe nguNkulunkulu, ibizo lakhe wayengujohane. **7** Weza njengomfakazi ezoqinisa mayelana lalokho kukhanya ukuze kuthi ngaye bonke abantu bakholwe. **8** Yena qobo lwakhe wayengesi lokho kukhanya; weza nje njengomfakazi wokukhanya lokho. **9** Ukuhanya okuliqiniso okunika ukukhanya emuntwini wonke kwakusiza emhlabeni. **10** Wayesemhlabeni, kodwa lanxa umhlaba wenziwa ngaye, umhlaba kawumazanga. **11** Weza kulokho okwakungokwakhe, kodwa khona kakumemukelanga. **12** Ikanti kulabo bonke abamamukelayo, kulabo abakholwayo ebizweni lakhe, wabapha ilungelo lokuba ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, **13** abantwana abangazalwanga ngokwemvelo, kumbe ngokukhetha komuntu, loba ngokufuna kwendoda kodwa bezelwe nguNkulunkulu. **14** ULizwi waba yiriyama, wahlala phakathi kwethu. Siyibonile inkazimulo yakhe; inkazimulo yeNdodana eyiyo yodwa, eyavela kuYise, igcwele umusa leqiniso. **15** UJohane wafakaza ngayo. Wamemeza esithi, “Lo nguye engangikhuluma ngaye ngisithi, ‘Lowo oza ngemva kwami usengedlule ngoba wayevele ephambi kwami.’” **16** Ngenxa yokujuila komusa wakhe sonke sesamukele umusa emuseni esasivele siwuphiwe. **17** Ngoba umthetho waleththa ngoMosi; umusa leqiniso kweza ngoJesus Khristu. **18** Kakho osewake wambona uNkulunkulu, kodwa iNdodana eyiyo yodwa, yona enguNkulunkulu njalo eseceleni eduze kukaYise, isimenze waziwa. **19** Lobu yibo ubufakazi bukaJohane lapho abakhokheli bamaJuda aseJerusalem abathuma khona abaphristi labaLevi ukuyambuza ukuthi wayengubani. **20** Kehlulekanga ukuzichaza, kodwa wazichaza ekhululekile wathi, “Kangisuye uKhristu.” **21** Bambuza bathi, “Pho ungubani na? Ungu-Elia yini?” Wathi, “Kangisuye.” “Ungumphrofethi na?” Waphendula wathi, “Hatshi.” **22** Bacina ngokuthi, “Ungubani? Siphe impendulo esizayisa kulabo abasithumileyo. Uzibiza ngokuthi ungubani na?” **23** UJohane wabaphendula ngamazwi ka-Isaya umphrofethi wathi, “Ngiyilizwi lalowo omemezayo enkangala lisithi, ‘Lungiselani iNkosi indlela iqonde.’” **24** Kwasekusithi abaFarisi ababethuniyiwe **25** bambuza bathi, “Kungani pho ubhaphathiza nxu ungasuye uKhristu, kumbe u-Elijah loba umphrofethi na?” **26** UJohane waphendula wathi, “Mina ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa phakathi kwenu kumi elingamaziyo. **27** Nguye lowo ozayo ngemva kwami, mina engingafanelanga ukuthukulula imichilo yamanyathela akhe.” **28** Konke lokhu kwenzeka

eBhethani ngaphetsheya kweJodani lapho uJohane ayebhaphathiza khona. **29** Ngelanga elilandelayo uJohane wabona ujesu esiza kuye wathi, “Khangelani, nanti iWundlu likaNkulunkulu elisusa isono somhlaba!” **30** Nguye lo engangimutsho ngize ngithi, ‘Umuntu ozayo ngemva kwami usengedlule ngoba wayevele ephambi kwami.’ **31** Mina ngokwami bengingamazi, kodwa okwenze ngeza ngibhaphathiza ngamanzi kwakuyikwenzela ukuthi abonakaliswe ku-Israyeli.’” **32** UJohane waseletha lobubufakazi: “Ngabona uMoya esehla evela ezulwini enjengejuba wahlala phezu kwakhe. **33** Lami uqobo lwami ngangingamazi, kodwa lowo owangithumayo ukubhaphathiza ngamanzi wathi, ‘Lowomuntu ozabona uMoya usehla uhlala kuye nguye kanye ozabhaphathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele.’” **34** Sengibonile yikho sengifakaza ukuthi lo ungoKhethiweyo kaNkulunkulu.” **35** Ngelanga elilandelayo uJohane wayekhonapho, elabafundi bakhe ababili. **36** Wathi ebona ujesu esedlula lapho wathi, “Khangelani, nanti iWundlu likaNkulunkulu!” **37** Abafundi ababili labo bathi bekuzwa lokhu basebelandela ujesu. **38** Ujesu wathi enyemukula wababona bemelandla, wababuza wathi, “Lifunani na?” Bathi, “Rabi” (okutsho ukuthi “Mfundisi”), “uhlala ngaphi?” **39** Waphendula wathi, “Wozani, lizabona.” Ngakho bahamba bayabona lapho ayeahlala khona, batshona laye mhlalokho. Kwakungaba lihola letsbumi. **40** U-Andreya, umfowabo kaSimoni Phethro wayengomunye wababili abezwayo okwakukhulunywa nguJohane njalo abayibo abalandela ujesu. **41** Into yokuqala ayenzayo u-Andreya yikudinga umfowabo uSimoni wamtshela wathi, “Sesimfumene uMesiya” (okutsho uKhristu). **42** Wasemletha kuJesu. Ujesu wamkhangela wathi, “UnguSimoni indodana kajohane. Usuzathiwa unguKhefasi” (okuchasiswa ngokuthi, nguPhethro). **43** Ngelanga elilandelayo ujesu wafuna ukusuka aye eGalile. Wabona uFiliphu wathi kuye, “Ngilandela.” **44** UFiliphu wayengowedolobheni lase-Bhethisayida, njengo-Andreya loPhethro. **45** UFiliphu wadinga uNathaneli wamtshela wathi, “Sesimfumene lowo uMosi aloba ngaye eMthethweni, njalo abaphrofethi labo abaloba ngaye, ujesu waseNazareth, indodana kajosefa.” **46** UNathaneli wabuza wathi, “ENazareth! Kulolutho oluhle olungavela khona na?” UFiliphu wathi, “Woza uezbona.” **47** Kwathi ujesu ebona uNathaneli eqhamuka laphaya wathi ngaye, “Nangu um’Israyeli oqotho, okungekho nkohliso kuye.” **48** UNathaneli wambuza wathi, “Ungazela ngaphi na?” Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Ngikubonile usahlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla somkiwa uFiliphu engakakubizi.” **49** UNathaneli wasefakaza wathi, “Rabi, uyindodana kaNkulunkulu; uyiNkosi ka-Israyeli.” **50** Ujesu wathi, “Ukholwa ngoba ngithe ngikubone ngaphansi kwesihlahla somkiwa. Usazobona izinto ezinkulu kulalokho.” **51** Waphinda wengeza wathi, “Ngikutshela iqiniso, uzabona izulu livuleka, lezingilosizikaNkulunkulu zikhwela zisehlela eNdodaneni yomuntu.”

**2** Ngosuku lwasithathu kwaba khona umthimba ubufakazi bomuntu ngoba wayekwazi okungaphakathi eKhana laseGalile. Unina kajesu wayekhona, **2** komuntu munye ngamunye.  
lojesu labafundi bakhe labo babenxusiwe emthimbeni.

**3** Kwathi iwayini seliphelile unina kajesu wathi kuye, "Sebephelelwie liwayini." **4** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Mama, mina lawe singena njani kulkho na? Iskhathi sami kasikafiki." **5** Unina wasesithi ezincekwini, "Libokwenza loba kuyini azalitshela khona." **6** Eduze kwalpho kwakumi imbiza zamatshe eziyisithupha, uhlobo lolo amajuda ayelusebenza enkonzweni yokuzihlambulu, imbiza yinje ingagcwala amalitha alikhulu kusuya ekhulwini elilamatshumi amahlunu. **7** Ujesu wathi ezincekwini, "Zigcwaliseni amanzi imbiza lezi"; ngakho bazigcwalisa zathi phamu. **8** Wasekthela wathi, "Khanini-ke liphe umphathi wedili." Benza njalo, **9** umphathi wedili wahubula wawanambitha amanzi ayesephendulwe abaliwayini. Kakwazanga ukuthi lavela ngaphi, kodwa izincketu ezaziwakhile amanzi zazisazi. Wasebizela umyeni eceleni **10** wathi, "Wonke umuntu uletha iwayini elimnandi kuqala, kuthi nxa izethekeli sezinathe kakhulu abesekhupha elibi; kodwa wena ugode elimnandi kuze kube khathesi." **11** Lo waba ngumangaliso wakhe wokuqala, ujesu awenza eKhana laseGalile. Wabonakalisa kanjalo inkazimulo yakhe, abafundi bakhe basebebeka ukholo lwabo kuye. **12** Ngemva komthimba wasuka waya eKhaphenawume wayahlala insukwana ezimbala elonina, labafowabo labafundi bakhe. **13** Kwasekuyisikhathi sePhasika lamajuda eleminyaka yonke, ujesu wasesiya ejerusalem. **14** Emagumeni ethempeli wafumana abantu bethengisa inkomo, izimvu lamajuba, labanye behlezzi ematafuleni bentshintsha izimali. **15** Waseseluka izintambo wenza isaswebhu wabadudula bonke emagumeni ethempeli, konke izimvu lenkomo; wayichithiza imali yabantshintshi bayo, wagenqula lamatafuleni abo. **16** Wathi kulabo ababenthengisa amajuba, "Akhupheni lapha! Likuthatha ngaphi ukwenza indlu kaBaba umsika wokuthengiselana na?" **17** Abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ukunqinekela indlu yakho kuzangidla ngaphakathi." **18** Lapho amajuda asemncindezelu ngokuthi, "Ungasitshengisa simangaliso bani ukubonisa amandla akho okwenza zonke lezizinto?" **19** Wabaphendula ujesu wathi, "Dilizani ithempeli leli, kodwa mina ngizalimisa njalo ngezinsuku ezintathu." **20** Amajuda aphendula athi, "Sekuthethethe iminyaka engamatshumi amane lesithupha ukwakha ithempeli leli, kodwa wena ungalivusa ngezinsuku ezintathu na?" **21** Kodwa ithempeli ayekhulume ngalo kwakungumzimba wakhe. **22** Ngemva kokuvuswa kwabafileyo abafundi bakhe bakukhumbula lokho ayekukhulumile. Ngakho bawukholwa uMbhalo kanye lamazwi ujesu awakhulumayo. **23** Kwathi ngesikhathi eseMkhosini wePhasika ejerusalem, abantu abanengi bayibona imimangaliso ayeyena basebekholwa ebizweni lakhe. **24** Kodwa ujesu kazange azidele kubo, ngoba wayebazi bonke abantu. **25** Wayengabudingi

**3** Kwakulendoda engumFarisi eyayithiwa nguNikhodimasi, ililunga lomphakathi wamaJuda abusayo. **2** Yaya kujesu ebusu yathi, "Rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi ovela kuNkulunkulu. Ngoba kakho obengayenza imimangaliso oyenzayo wena nxa uNkulunkulu engelaye." **3** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Ngempela ngiqinisisle ngithi kini, akaho ozawubona umbuso kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kokuba azalwe kutsha." **4** UNikhodimasi wathi, "Kanti umuntu angazalwa kanjani yena esemdala na? Ngeqiniso, angazake angene ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina ukuze azalwe!" **5** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Ngempela ngiqinisisle ngithi, ngaphandle kokuthi umuntu azalwe ngamanzi langoMoya, angeke awungene umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **6** Inyama izala inyama, kodwa uMoya uzala umoya. **7** Ungamangaliswa yikuthi ngithi, 'Kumele lizalwe kutsha.' **8** Umoya uphephethela loba kungaphi lapho otanda khona. Ungakuzwa ukuvunguza kwawo, kodwa ungeke utsho ukuthi uvela ngaphi loba ukuthi uya ngaphi. Ngakho kunjalo emuntwini wonke ozelwe ngoMoya." **9** UNikhodimasi wabuza wathi, "Lokhu kungenzeka kanjani na?" **10** Ujesu wathi, "Ungumfundisi wako-Isryaeli, pho kungani ungazwisisi izinto lezi na? **11** Ngiqinisisle ngithi sikhuluma ngesikwaziyo njalo sifakaza ngesikubonileyo, kodwa lina bantu kalibamukeli ubufakazi bethu. **12** Ngikhulume kini ngezinto zalapha emhlabenzi, kodwa kalikhola; pho lizakhola kanjani nxa ngingakhuluma ngokwasezulwini? **13** Kakho osewake waya ezulwini ngaphandle kwalowo owavela ezulwini, iNdodana yoMuntu. **14** NjengoMosi owaphakamisa inyoka enkangala, ngokunjalo iNdodana yoMuntu kumele iphakanyiswe, **15** ukuze kuthi lowo lalowo okholwa kuyo abe lokuphila okungapheliyo." **(aiōnios g166)** **16** UNkulunkulu walithanda ilizwe kangaka waze wanikela iNdodana yakhe eyio yodwa ukuze kuthi loba ngubani okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lokuphila okungapheliyo. **(aiōnios g166)** **17** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kathumanga iNdodana yakhe emhlabenzi ukuze iwulahle umhlabo, kodwa ukuze umhlabo usindiswe ngayo. **18** Loba ngubani okholwa kuyo kalahlwa, kodwa ongakholwayo uvele useslahliwe ngoba kakholwanga ebizweni leNdodana eyio yodwa kaNkulunkulu. **19** Nanku ukuqunywa kwecal: Ukuhanya sekufikile emhlabenzi, kodwa abantu bathanda ubumnyama kulokukhanya ngoba imisebenzi yabo yayimbi. **20** Wonke umuntu owenza ububi uyakuzonda ukukhanya, njalo kezi ekukhanyeni ngoba esesaba ukuthi izenzo zakhe zizabekwa obala. **21** Kodwa loba ngubani ophila ngeqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni ukuze kubonakale kamflopue ukuthi lokho akwenzileyo ukwenze ngoNkulunkulu. **22** Ngemva kwalokhu ujesu labafundi bakhe basuwa baya emaphandleni aseJudiyu lapho ahlala labo okwesikhathi esithile ebhaphathiza. **23** Ngalesikhathi uJohane laye wayebhaphathiza e-Ayenoni eduze

leSalimi ngoba kwakulamanzi amanengi njalo abantu babetbululeka kokuphela bezobhaphathizwa. **24** (Lokhu kwakumandulo kokuphoselwa kukajohane entolongweni.) **25** Kwavuka ukuphikisana phakathi kwabanye abafundi bakajohane lomunye umJuda mayelana lomkhuba wokuzihlambulula. **26** Beza kujohane bathi kuye, “Rabi, indoda leyana eyayilawe ngaphetsheya kwejodani; yona leyana owaFakaza ngayo; iyabhaphathiza bonke abantu sebesiya kuyo.” **27** Waphendula uJohane wathi, “Umuntu wamukela kuphela lokho akuphiwayo kuvela ezulwini. **28** Lina ngokwenu lingakufakaza ukuthi ngathi, ‘Kangisuye uKhristu, kodwa ngithunyiwe ukumandulela.’ **29** Umtshakazi ngowomyeni. Umkhaphi womyeni uyamnakekela, amlalele, abelokuthokoza nxa esizwa ilizwi lomyeni. Lokho kuthokoza ngokwami njalo okwamanje sekuphelele. **30** Yena ufanele abemkhulu; mina kufanele kunciphe ukupqakatheka kwami.” **31** Lowo ovela phezulu ungapezulu kwakho konke; lowo ovela emhlabeni ungowomhlabu, ukhulumu njengalowo ovela emhlabeni. Lowo ovela ezulwini ungapezu kwakho konke. **32** Ufakaza ngalokho akubonileyo lakuzwileyo, kodwa kakho owamukela ubufakazi bakhe. **33** Lowomuntu obamukelayo usegcizelele ukuthi uNkulunkulu uqinisile. **34** Ngoba lowo uNkulunkulu amthumileyo ukhulumu amazwi kaNkulunkulu; yena uNkulunkulu umupha umoya kungelakulinganiswa. **35** UYise uayithanda iNdodana njalo useyiphe amandla phezu kwezintu zonke. **36** Loba ngubani obeke ithembu lakhe eNdodaneni ulokuphila okungapheliyo, kodwa loba ngubani oyilahlayo iNdodana kazukuyibona leyompilo ngoba ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lohlala luphezu kwakhe. (**aiōnios g166**)

**4** Ujesu wezwa ukuthi abaFarisi basebekuzwile ukuthi usebhaphathize abantu wabuye waba labafundi abanengi kuloJohane, **2** loba nje iqiniso kuyikuthi kwakungasuye ujesu owayebhaphathiza, kodwa kubhaphathiza abafundi bakhe. **3** Kwathi esekuzwile lokho, wasuka ejudiya wabuyela futhi eGalile. **4** Manje kwakumele adabule eSamariya. **5** Ngakho wafika emzini waseSamariya owawuthiwa yiSikhari, eduzane lesiqinti uJakhobe ayesinike indodana yakhe uJosefa. **6** Umthombo kajakhobe wawukhonapho, ujesu wathi esediniwe ngohambo, wahlala phansi malunganana lomthombo. Kwakusemini enkuI. **7** Kwathi umfazi waseSamariya efika ukuzakukha amanzi ujesu wathi kuye, “Ake unginathise.” **8** (Abafundi bakhe babeye emzini ukuyathenga ukudla.) **9** Umfazi waseSamariya wathi kuye, “UngumJuda, mina ngingumfazi waseSamariya. Pho ungacela kanjani ukuthi unathiswe yimi?” (Phela amajuda kawadlelanI lamaSamariya.) **10** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Aluba ubusazi isipho sikaNkulunkulu lokuthi ungubani lowo ocela ukuthi umnathise, ngabe umcelile wakupha amanzi okuphila.” **11** Umfazi wathi, “Nkosi, wena kawulakho okokuhisa amanzi, futhi umthombo uyatshona. Ungawathatha ngaphi lawomanzi okuphila na? **12** Wena umkhulu na kulobaba uJakhobe owasipha

umthombo lo laye wanatha kuwo kanye lamadodana umthombo zakhe kanye lezfuyo zakhe?” **13** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Wonke umuntu onatha amanzi la uzaphinda ome futhi, **14** kodwa lowo onatha amanzi engimnika wona, kasoze abuye ome lanini. Ngempela amanzi engimnika wona azakuba ngumfula ogolezelu ekuphileni okungapheliyo.” (**aiōnios g165, aiōnios g166**) **15** Umfazi wathi kuye, “Nkosi, ngipha lawomanzi ukute ngingaphindi ngome, ngingabi ngilokhu ngisiza lapha ngizokukha amanzi.” **16** Wathi kowesifazane, “Hamba ueyebiza umkakho uze laye lapha.” **17** Waphendula wathi, “Kangilandoda.” Ujesu wathi kuye, “Uqondile nxa usithi kawulandoda. **18** Iqiniso yikuthi usube lamadoda amahlanu, futhi indoda le olayo khathesi kayisisiyakho. Lokho lithi indawo okumele sikhonzele kuyo iseJerusalem.” **19** Owesifazane wathi, “Nkosi, sengibona ukuthi ungumphrefethi. **20** Okhokho bethu babekhonza phezu kwentaba le, kodwa lina majuda elingakwaziyo; thina sikhonza lokho esikwaziyo, ngoba insindiso ivela kumaJuda. **21** Ujesu wathi, “nkosazana, ngikhola, siyeza isikhathi lapho elingezukumkhonza uBaba entabenI isikhathi lapho elingezukumkhonza uBaba entabenI. **22** Lina maSamariya likhonza kumbe ejerusalem. **23** Kodwa siyeza beqiniso bezamkhonza uBaba ngomoya langeqiniso, ngoba yibo abakhonzi abanjalo uBaba abadingayo. **24** UNkulunkulu ungumoya, labo abamkhonzo kumele bamkhonze ngomoya langeqiniso.” **25** Owesifazane wathi, “Ngiyakwazi ukuthi uMesiya (othiwa nguKhristu) uyeza. Esefikile uzasichazelA konke.” **26** Ujesu wasesithi, “Mina engikhuluma lawe nginguye.” **27** Ngalesosikhathi abafundi bakhe baphenduka, bamangala ukufumana ujesu ekhuluma lowesifazane. Kodwa kakho owabuzayo wathi, “Ufunani na?” kumbe athi, “Kungani ukhulumu lowesifazane na?” **28** Owesifazane watshiya inkonxa yakhe wabuyela emzini wakibo wathi ebantwini, **29** “Wozani lizobona indoda engitshele konke esengake ngakwenza. Kambe angaba nguye yini uKhristu?” **30** Baphuma emzini lowo baqonda kuye. **31** Kusenzakala konke lokhu abafundi bakhe bamncenga bathi, “Rabi, ake udle ulutho.” **32** Kodwa wathi kubo, “Ngilokudla engikudlayo elingakwaziyo lina.” **33** Abafundi babuzana bathi, “Kambe ngabe ukhona omlethele ukudla na?” **34** Ujesu wathi, “Okwami ukudla yikwenza intando yallowo ongithumileyo lokuphelelisa umsebenzi wakhe. **35** Kanti angithi lithi, ‘Kusele izinyanga ezine ukuthi kufike isikhathi sokuvuna?’ Ngithi vulani amehlo enu likhangeli amasimul Amabele aselungele ukuvunwa. **36** Khathesi lokhu, umvuni uvele usehle ezuza iholo lakhe, usebuthela amabele ekuphileni kwaphakade, ukuze umhlanyeli lomvuni bajabule ndawonye. (**aiōnios g166**) **37** Ngakho ilizwi elithi, ‘Omunye uyahlanyela, omunye avune’ liliqiniso. **38** Ngalithuma ukuyavuna lokho elingakusebenzelanga. Abanye bawenzile umsebenzi onzima, lina selivune umvuzzo womsebenzi wabo.” **39** AmaSamariya amanengi akulowomuzi akholwa kuye ngenxa yobufakazi bowesifazane owathi,

"Ungitshele konke esengake ngakwenza." **40** Ngakho kwenzakala ngelanga leSabatha, **10** amajuda asesithi amaSamariya esefike kuye amcela ukuthi ahla labo, endodeneyayisilisiwe, "KuliSabatha; umthetho wasehlala insuku ezimbili. **41** Ngenxa yamazwi akhe uyakwalela ukuthi uthwale icansi lakho." **11** Kodwa abanengi baba ngamakhola. **42** Bathi kowesifazane, yaphendula yathi, "Umuntu ongisisileyo uthe, 'Thatha 'Kasisakhola kuphela ngenxa yalokho okutshiloy; icansi lakho uhambe.'" **12** Aseyibuba athi, "Ngubani manje sesizizwele thina ngokwethu, ngakho sesisazi yena lowo okutshile ukuthi uthathe icansi uhambe?" ukuthi umuntu lo ngeqiniso unguMsindisi womhlaba." **13** Indoda leyo eyasiliwayo yayingafanisi lakufanisa ukuthi kambe ngabegwayengubani, ngoba ujesu wayesetehye nyelele wangenapakathi kwabantu. **14** Emva kwalokho ujesu wayifumana ethempelin indoda leyo wathi kuyo, "Khangelaka ususilile njalo. Khawula ukwenza isono funa okubi ukwedulula okokuqala kukwehlele." **15** Indoda leyo yasuka yaya tshela amajuda ukuthi kwakungujesu owayeyisilisile. **16** Ngakho amajuda amkhahlameza ujesu ngoba wayeseniza izintolezi ngeSabatha. **17** Ujesu wathi kubo, "UBaba uhlezi esemsebenzini wakhe kuze kubenamuyla, lami njalo ngiyasebenza." **18** Ngalesisizatho amajuda azama kakhulu ukumbulala; wayengephuli iSabatha kuphela kodwa wayebiza uNkulunkulu ngokuthi nguYise, ezena yena olingana loNkulunkulu. **19** Ujesu wabanika impendulo le: "Ngiqinisile ngithi iNdodana ingeke yenze lutho ngokwayo; ingenza kuphela lokho ebona uYise ekwenza, ngoba loba kuyini uYise akwenzayo leNdodana iyakwenza. **20** Ngoba uYise uyayithanda iNdodana, uytshengisa konke akwenzayo. Yebo, lizamangala ukuthi uzayitshengisa izintolezi. **21** Njengaloku uYise evusa abafileyo abaphe ukuphila, kanjalo iNdodana inika ukuphila kulaabo ethanda ukubanika khona. **22** Okunyeni njalo, uYise kahluleli muntu, kodwa usebeke konke ukwahlulele ezandleni zeNdodana, **23** ukuze bonke bayidumise iNdodana njengalokhu bedumisa uYise. Lowo ongayidumisiyo iNdodana kamdumisi uYise oyithumileyo. **24** Ngiqinisile ngithi lowo ovezwayo amazwi ami amkhohlwe lowo ongithumileyo ulokuphila okungapheliyo njalo kazukulahlwa; usechaphile wasuka ekufeni waya ekuphileni. (**aiōnios g166**) **25** Ngiqinisile ngithi, isikhathi siyeza njalo sivele sesifile lapho abafileyo bezalizwa ilizwi leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, kuthi bonke abezwayo baphile. **26** Njengoba uYise elokuphila kuye yena ngokwakhe, ngakho useyinikile iNdodana ukuba ibe lokuphila kuyo yona ngokwayo. **27** Njalo useyiphile amandla okwahlulela ngoba iyiNdodana yoMuntu. **28** Kakungalimangalisi lokhu ngoba siyeza isikhathi lapho bonke abasemathuneni abo bezalizwa ilizwi layo. **29** baphume, labo abenze okuhle bazavuka baphile, lalabo abenze ububi bazavuka balahlwe. **30** Mina ngokwami ngingeke ngenze lutho; ngahlulela njengokutshelwa kwami, futhi ukwahlulela kwami kuqondile, ngoba kangdingi kuzithabisa, kodwa ukuthabisa lowo ongithumileyo." **31** "Nxa ngizifakazela mina ngokwami ubufakazi bami kabuqinisekanga. **32** Ukhona omunye ofakaza kuhle ngami njalo ngiyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe ngami buqinisekile. **33** Selike lathumela kuJohane yena walifakazela iqiniso. **34** Kakutsho ukuthi ngamukela ubufakazi bomuntu; kodwa ngikuthintia lokhu ukuze lisindiswe. **35** UJohane wayeyisibane

**5** Emva kwasikhathi esithile ujesu waya ejerusalem emkhosini wamaJuda. **2** Ejerusalem kukhona ichibi eduze lesango leZimvu, elithiwa ngesi-Aramu yiBhethisayida, elalihonqolozelwe ngenksiz ezhinhanu ezibiyelwego. **3** Khonapho abantu abayizilima abanengi babandise ukuhlala khona, iziphofu, abaqhulayo, abome imihlubulo [belindele ukudungwa kwamanzi; **4** ngoba kwakusithi ngezikhathi ezithile ingilosiyenKosi yayisehlela echibini, idungadunge amanzi besekusithi umuntu oqalayo ukungena emanzini ngemva kokudungeka kwawo asiliswe loba kuwuphi umkhuhlane owawumbabile]. **5** Omunye owayelapho wayeyisigoga okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili. **6** Kwathi ujesu embona elele khonapho njalo esetsheliwe ukuthi kade abanjalo okwesikhathi eside, wambuba wathi, "Uyafuna na ukusila?" **7** Oyisilima waphendula wathi, "Nkosi, kangilamuntu wokungisiza angingenise echibini lapho amanzi edungwa. Ngithi lapho ngizama ukungena omunye angingenele kuqala." **8** Ujesu wasethi kuye, "Sukuma! Thatha icansi lakho uhambe." **9** Khonokho nje indoda yasila; yathatha icansi layo yahamba. Lokhu

esabhebhayo sanika ukukhanya, lakhetha ukuthokoza ngenkani, wathi nyelele wabuyela entaben'i yedwa. ngokukhanya kwakhe okwesikhathshana. **36** Ngilabo **16** Kwathi kusihlwa abafundi behlela esibeni, **17** ubufakazi obulesisindo esikhulu kulobukajohane. lapho abawela khona isikepe bachapha isiziba baya Ngoba umsebenzi uBaba anginike wona ukuba eKaphenawume. Ngalesosikhathhi kwasekuhlwile, ngiwiqedise, wona engiwenzayo uyafakaza ukuthi ujesu elokhu engakabuyi kubo. **18** Kwakuvunguza uBaba ungithumile. **37** Njalo uBaba ongithumileyo umoya omkhulu amanzi asequbuka kubi, **19** Sebegwedle usefakazile yena ngokwakhe ngami. Kalikaze liliwze okwamakhilomitha amahlanu loba ayisithupha ilizwi lakhe kumbe libone isimo sakhe **38** njalo bambona ujesu esiza esikepeni ehamba phezu ilizwi lakhe kalihlali kini ngoba kalmkhola lowo kwamanzi; bethuka kakhulu. **20** Kodwa wathi kubo, amthumileyo. **39** Liphenyisisa imibhalo liyihlola "Yimi; lingesabi." **21** Babefuna ukumngenisia esikepeni, ngoba licabanga ukuthi ngayo lilakho upukhila okungapheliyo. Yijo le imibhalo efakaza ngami, (**aiōnios g166**) **40** ikanti lyala ukuba kimi lizozuza labantu elalisele ekhunjini elinganeno lananzelela ukuphila. **41** Kangilwamukeli udumo olusuka ebantwini, ukuthi kwakukade kulesikepe esisodwa, lokuthi ujesu **42** kodwa ngiyalazi lina. Ngiyazi ukuthi kalilalo kangenanga kuso kanye labafundi bakhe, kodwa uthando lukaNkulunkulu ezinhiliziyeni zenu. **43** babehambe bodwa. **23** Kwasekufika ezinye izikepe Ngibuye ngebizo likaBaba kodwa kalingamukeli; kodwa zivila eThibheriyasi zamiswa eduze lalapho abantu nxo omunye efika ngebizo lakhe, lizamamukela. ababedle khona isinkwa ngemva kokuba iNkosi **44** Lingakholwa kanjani nxo lisamukela udumo isiqale yakhuleka. **24** Ixuku lonela ukunanzelela ukuthi elizipha lona kodwa lingenzi mizamo yokuzuza ujesu kanye labafundi bakhe babengasekho lapho, udumo oluvela kuNkulunkulu onguye yedwa na? bangena ezikepeni baya eKaphenawume ukuyadinga **45** Kodwa lingacabangi ukuthi ngizalethesa icala ujesu. **25** Bathi sebemfumene ngaphetsheya kwechibi phambi kukaBaba. Umangaleli wenu nguMosi, okukuye bambuza bathi, "Rabi, kanti ufike nini lapha?" **26** Ujesu elibeke khona amathemba enu. **46** Kube lamkhola waphendula wathi, "Ngiqinisile ukuthi kalingidindi uMosi, ngabe liyangikhola ngoba wabhala ngami. ngoba libone imimangaliso, kodwa ngoba lidle izinkwa lasutha. **27** Lingasabenzeli ukudla okubolayo, kodwa **47** Kodwa njengoba lingakholwa lokho akubhalayo, sebenzelani ukudla okuhlala okwempilo engapheliyo lizakholwa kanjani lokho engikutshoyi na?" elizakuphwa yiNodana yoMuntu. UBaba uNkulunkulu usebe kuyo uphawu lwakhe." (**aiōnios g166**) **28**

**6** Ngemva kwaloku ujesu wachaphela ngaphetsheya kolwandle lwaseGalile (kutshiwo uLwandle lwaseThibheriyasi), **2** njalo walandelwa lixuku elikhulu labantu ngoba babona imimangaliso ayezenzile kwababegula. **3** Ujesu wasesiya eceleni kwentaba wahlala khona labafundi bakhe. **4** UMkhosi wePhasika wamajuda wawususondele. **5** Ujesu wathi uyakhangle wabona ixuku labantu elikhulu lisiza kuye, wathi kufilipu, "Singasithenga ngaphi isinkwa ukuze abantu laba badle?" **6** Wabuza lokhu emlinga nje kuphela ngoba wayevele esekwazi ayezakwenza. **7** Ufilipu waphendula wathi, "Amadenari angamakhulu amabili ngeke athenge isinkwa esenela ukuthi umuntu munye nje azuze ucezwana!" **8** Omunye wabafundi bakhe, u-Andreya, umfowabo kaSimoni Phethro wakhulumha wathi, **9** "Nangu umfana olezinkwa zebhalii ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili ezincinyane, kodwa zingafika ngaphi ebantwini abanengi kangaka na?" **10** Ujesu wathi, "Hlalisani abantu phansi." Kwakulotshani obunengi kuleyondawo, asehlala phansi (amadoda ubunengi bawo bungaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu). **11** Ujesu wasezithatha izinkwa, wakhuleka, wasezabela labo abasebehlezi phansi, wabapha njengokufuna kwabo. Wenza njalo langenhanzi. **12** Kwathi bonke sebesuthi, wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, "Buthani imvuthu eziseleyo. Kakungalahlu lutho." **13** Ngakho bazibutha bagcwalisa izitsha ezilitshumi lambili ngemvuthu zezinckwa zebhalii ezatshiywa yilabo ababedile. **14** Abantu sebewubonile umangaliso awenzayo ujesu baqalisa ukuthi, "Ngeqiniso lo nguye uMphrofethi ozafika emhlaben'i." **15** Ujesu esazi ukuthi babeqonde ukuzomenza inkosi

**16** Kwathi kusihlwa abafundi behlela esibeni, **17** ubufakazi obulesisindo esikhulu kulobukajohane. lapho abawela khona isikepe bachapha isiziba baya Ngoba umsebenzi uBaba anginike wona ukuba eKaphenawume. Ngalesosikhathhi kwasekuhlwile, ngiwiqedise, wona engiwenzayo uyafakaza ukuthi ujesu elokhu engakabuyi kubo. **18** Kwakuvunguza uBaba ungithumile. **37** Njalo uBaba ongithumileyo umoya omkhulu amanzi asequbuka kubi, **19** Sebegwedle usefakazile yena ngokwakhe ngami. Kalikaze liliwze okwamakhilomitha amahlanu loba ayisithupha ilizwi lakhe kumbe libone isimo sakhe **38** njalo bambona ujesu esiza esikepeni ehamba phezu ilizwi lakhe kalihlali kini ngoba kalmkhola lowo kwamanzi; bethuka kakhulu. **20** Kodwa wathi kubo, amthumileyo. **39** Liphenyisisa imibhalo liyihlola "Yimi; lingesabi." **21** Babefuna ukumngenisia esikepeni, ngoba licabanga ukuthi ngayo lilakho upukhila okungapheliyo. Yijo le imibhalo efakaza ngami, (**aiōnios g166**) **40** ikanti lyala ukuba kimi lizozuza labantu elalisele ekhunjini elinganeno lananzelela ukuphila. **41** Kangilwamukeli udumo olusuka ebantwini, ukuthi kwakukade kulesikepe esisodwa, lokuthi ujesu **42** kodwa ngiyalazi lina. Ngiyazi ukuthi kalilalo kangenanga kuso kanye labafundi bakhe, kodwa uthando lukaNkulunkulu ezinhiliziyeni zenu. **43** babehambe bodwa. **23** Kwasekufika ezinye izikepe Ngibuye ngebizo likaBaba kodwa kalingamukeli; kodwa zivila eThibheriyasi zamiswa eduze lalapho abantu nxo omunye efika ngebizo lakhe, lizamamukela. ababedle khona isinkwa ngemva kokuba iNkosi **44** Lingakholwa kanjani nxo lisamukela udumo isiqale yakhuleka. **24** Ixuku lonela ukunanzelela ukuthi elizipha lona kodwa lingenzi mizamo yokuzuza ujesu kanye labafundi bakhe babengasekho lapho, udumo oluvela kuNkulunkulu onguye yedwa na? bangena ezikepeni baya eKaphenawume ukuyadinga **45** Kodwa lingacabangi ukuthi ngizalethesa icala ujesu. **25** Bathi sebemfumene ngaphetsheya kwechibi phambi kukaBaba. Umangaleli wenu nguMosi, okukuye bambuza bathi, "Rabi, kanti ufike nini lapha?" **26** Ujesu elibeke khona amathemba enu. **46** Kube lamkhola waphendula wathi, "Ngiqinisile ukuthi kalingidindi uMosi, ngabe liyangikhola ngoba wabhala ngami. ngoba libone imimangaliso, kodwa ngoba lidle izinkwa lasutha. **27** Lingasabenzeli ukudla okubolayo, kodwa **47** Kodwa njengoba lingakholwa lokho akubhalayo, sebenzelani ukudla okuhlala okwempilo engapheliyo lizakholwa kanjani lokho engikutshoyi na?" elizakuphwa yiNodana yoMuntu. UBaba uNkulunkulu usebe kuyo uphawu lwakhe." (**aiōnios g166**) **28**

Basebembuza bathi, "Kumele senzeni ukuze senze umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu na?" **29** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu yilo: ukukholwa kulowo amthumileyo." **30** Basebembuza bathi, "Uzasitshengisa simangaliso bani esizasibona ukuze sikukholwe na? Kuyini ozakwenza?" **31** Okhokho badla imana enkangala; njengoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: "Wabapha isinkwa sivila ezulwini ukuba badle." **32** Ujesu wathi kubo, "Ngiqinisile ngithi, kakusuye uMosi olinike isinkwa sivila ezulwini, kodwa nguBaba olinika isinkwa seqiniso sivila ezulwini. **33** Ngoba isinkwa sikanlkulunkulu singulowo oewhla ezulwini anike ukuphila emhlaben'i." **34** Bathi, "Nkosi, kusukela manje siphe lesisinkwa sokuphila." **35** Ujesu wachaza wathi, "Ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. Lovo ozayo kimi kasoze afa alamba, lalowo okholwa kimi kasoze aphinde ome. **36** Kodwa njengoba ngilitshelile selingibonile, kodwa lokhe lingakholwa. **37** Konke lokho uBaba anginika khona kuzakuza kimi njalo lowo oza kimi kangisoze ngimlahle. **38** Ngoba ngehlile ezulwini, hatshi ukuzokwenza eyami intando kodwa ukwenza intando yalowo ongithumileyo. **39** Intando yakhe ongithumileyo yile, ukuthi ngingalahlekelwa langokukodwa kwalokho anginike khona, kodwa ngibavuse ngosuku lokucina. **40** Ngoba intando kaBaba iyikuthi bonke abakhangle eNdodaneni bakhwlwe kuyo bazakuba lokuphila okungapheliyo njalo ngizabavusa ngosuku lokucina." (**aiōnios g166**) **41** Esizwa lokhu amajuda aqalisa ukukhonona ngaye ngoba wathi, "Ngiyisinkwa esehlayo sivila ezulwini." **42** Athi,

"Kanti kasuJesu lo indodana kajosefa na? Oyise uJudas, indodana kaSimoni Iskariyothi, owathi loba lonina kasibazi na? Pho angakutsho kanjani manje ukuthi, 'Ngehla ngivila ezulwini'?" **43** Ujesu wathi, "Yekelani ukukhonona phakathi kwenu. **44** Kakho ongeza kimi ngaphandle kokuthi uBaba ongithumileyo amsondeze, mina-ke ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. **45** Kulotshiwe kubaphrofethi ukuthi: 'Bonke bazafundiswa nguNkulunkulu.' Wonke lowo olalela uBaba afunde kuye uyeza kimi. **46** Kakho osewape wambona uBaba ngaphandle kwalowo ovela kunkulunkulu; nguye kuphela ombonileyo uBaba. **47** Ngiqinisile ukuthi lowo okholwayo ulokuphila okungapheliyo. (**aiōnios g166**) **48** Ngiyisinkwa sokuphila. **49** Okhokho benu bayidla imana enkangala, kodwa bafa. **50** Kodwa nansi isinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini, umuntu angasidla angabe esafa. **51** Ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo esehlela phansi sivela ezulwini. Nxa umuntu angasidla lesisinkwa, uzaphila laphakade. Lesosinkwa siyinyama yami engizayinikela ukuphila komhlaba." (**aiōn g165**) **52** Lapho-ke, amajuda aseqalisu ukuphikisana ngamandla esithi, "Umuntu lo angasipha kanjani inyama yakhe ukuba siyidle na?" **53** Ujesu wathi kubo, "Ngiqinisile ngithi, ngaphandle kokuba lidle inyama yeNdodana yoMuntu, linathe igazi layo, kalilakuphila phakathi kwenu. **54** Lowo odla inyama yami njalo anathe igazi lami ulokuphila okungapheliyo njalo ngizamvusa ngosuku lokucina. (**aiōnios g166**) **55** Ngoba inyama iyikhona kudla okuqotho legazi lami liyikunatha okuqotho. **56** Lowo odla inyama yami njalo anathe igazi lami uhlala kimi, lami kuye. **57** Njengoba uBaba ophilayo wangithuma njalo ngiphila ngenxa kaBaba, kanjalo lowo odla mina uzaphila ngenxa yami. **58** Lesi yiso isinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini. Okhokho benu badla imana, kodwa bafa, kodwa odla lesisinkwa uzaphila laninini." (**aiōn g165**) **59** Wakutsho lokhu efundisa esinagogeweni eKhaphenawume. **60** Bathi bekuzwa lokhu abafundi bakhe abanengi bathi, "Le yimfundiso enzima. Kambe ngubani ongayamukela na?" **61** Ujesu wathi ngokunanzela ukuthi abafundi bakhe babekhonona ngalokhu wathi kubo, "Lokhu kuyalikhuba yini? **62** Kungaba njani pho nxa lingaylbona iNdodana yoMuntu isenyuka ibuyela lapho eyayikhona ngaphambilini! **63** UMoya unika ukuphila; inyama kayisisi lutho. Amazwi engiwakhulumbe kini angumoya njalo ayukuphila. **64** Kodwa bakhona abanye benu abangakholwayo." Ngoba ujesu wayevele esazi kusukela ekuqaleni ukuba yibaphi phakathi kwabo ababengakhola lokuthi ngubani owayezamnikela. **65** Waqhubeka wathi, "Yikho ngalitshela ngathi kakho ongeza kimi ngaphandle kokuba ephiwe amandla nguBaba." **66** Kusukela kulesosikhathi abafundi bakhe abanengi bamdela ababe besamlandela. **67** Ujesu wabuza abalitshumi lambili wathi, "Lina kalifuni kudela lihambe na?" **68** USimoni Phethro waphendula wathi, "Nkosi, sizakuya kubani na? Wena ulamazwi okuphila okungapheliyo. (**aiōnios g166**) **69** Thina siyakhola njalo siyazi ukuthi ungoNgewe kaNkulunkulu." **70** Ujesu wasephendula wathi, "Kangilikhethanga yini, lina elilitshumi lambili na? Ikanti omunye wenu unguSathane!" **71** (Wayesitsho

7 Ngemva kwalokhu uJesu wahambahamba eGalile, kazathanda ukuya ejudiya ngoba amajuda alapho ayefuna indlela yokumbulala. **2** Kwathi uMkhosi wamajuda weziHonqo ususondele **3** abafowabo bakajesu bathi kuye, "Sekumele usuke lapha uye ejudiya ukue abafundi bakho babone imimangaliso oyenzayo. **4** Kakho umuntu othi efuna ukuba lodumo asebenzele ensitha. Njengoba usenza izinto lezi ziveze emhlabeni." **5** Ngoba labafowabo babengakhola kuye. **6** Ngakho uJesu wabatshela wathi, "Kasikafiki isikhathi sami salokho; kini loba yisiphi isikhathi sililungele. **7** Umhlabo ngeke ulizonde, kodwa mina uyangizonda ngoba ngiveza ukuthi lokho okwenzayo kubi. **8** Hambani lina emkhosini. Mina kangikayi emkhosini lowo ngoba kimi kasikafiki isikhathi esifaneleyo." **9** Esetsho lokhu wazihlalela eGalile. **10** Kodwa ngemva kokuba abafowabo sebehambile emkhosini laye waya khona, hatshi obala kodwa wahamba ensitha. **11** Khonapho emkhosini amajuda ayemlindele ebuza esithi, "Ingaphi indoda leyana?" **12** Phakathi kwamaxuku abantu kwakulokunyeyezelana ngaye. Abanye bathi, "Ungumuntu olungileyo." Abanye baphendula bathi, "Hatshi, ukhohlisa abantu." **13** Kodwa kakho owakhulumbe ngaye obala ngokwesaba amajuda. **14** Kwathi isikhathi somkhosi sesiphakathi laphakathi uJesu wasesiya egumeni lethempeli waqalisa ukufundisa. **15** Amajuda amangala, abuza athi, "Indoda le yaluzuza kanjani ulwazi olungaka yona ingafundanga?" **16** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Imfundiso yami kayisiyami. Ivela kulowo ongithumileyo. **17** Nxa umuntu ekhetha ukwenza intando kaNkulunkulu uzabona ingabe imfundiso yami ivela kuNkulunkulu loba ngiyazikhulumela. **18** Lowo ozikhulumelayo wenzela ukuzizuelu udumo, kodwa lowo osebenzela udumo Iwalowo omthumileyo ngumuntu weqiniso; kakulankohlisu kuye. **19** UMosi kalinikanga yini umthetho? Kodwa kakho lamunye kini owugcinalo umthetho. Kungani lifuna ukungibulala na?" **20** Ixuku labantu laphendula lathi, "Ulamadimoni wena. Ngubani ofuna ukukubulala?" **21** Ujesu wathi kubo, "Ngenza umangaliso owdwa lamangala kakhulu lonke. **22** Kodwa ngoba uMosi walipha ukusoka (loba iqiniso liyikuthi kakuvvelanga kuMosi kodwa kubokhokho), liyamsoka umntwana ngeSabatha. **23** Manje-ke, nxa umntwana engasokwa ngeSabatha kungabi yikuwephula umthetho kaMosi, pho mina lingizondelani ngokuthi ngisilise umuntu ngokupheleleyo ngeSabatha na? **24** Khawulani ukusola ngokubona kwamehlo kodwa yahlulelani ngokuqondileyo." **25** Ngalesosikhathi abanye abantu baseJerusalem babuza bathi, "Kanti kasuye yini umuntu lo abafuna ukumbulala na? **26** Nangu phela ekhulumba egcekeni kodwa kabatsho lutho kuye. Kambe iziphatthamandla zingabe sezibone ukuthi nguye uKhristu na? **27** Kodwa siyakwazi thina lapha indoda le edabuka khona; nxa uKhristu esefika, kakho

ozakwazi lapho avela khona.” **28** Kwathi uJesu elokhu wabafundisa. **3** Abafundisi bomthetho labaFarisi esafundisa egumeni lethempeli, wamemeza wathi, balettha owesifazane owayebanjwe ephinga. Bamisa “Yebo, liyangazi njalo liyakwazi lapho engivela khona. phambi kwabantu **4** bathi kuJesu, “Mfundisi, Kangizibuyelanga lapha kodwa lowo ongithumileyo owesifazane lo ukhandwe efeba. **5** EMthethweni uMosu uqinisile. Kalimazi **29** kodwa mina ngiyamazi ngoba wasilaya ukuthi abesifazane abanjalo kabakhandwe ngivila kuye, nguye ongithumileyo.” **30** Besizwa ngamatshe. Manje wena uthini?” **6** Umbuzo lo lokhu bazama ukumbamba kodwa kakho owambeka isandla ngoba isikhathi sakhe sasingakafiki. **31** Loba icala. Kodwa uJesu wakhothama waseloba phansi kunjalo, abanengi exukwini labantu bakhwala kuye. ngomunwe. **7** Kwathi ngoba belokhu bephikelela Bathi, “Nxa uKhristu angafika, kambe uzakwenza ngokumba buwabakhangela wathi kubo, “Nxa ekhona imimangaliso okwendlu umuntu lo?” **32** AbaFarisi phakathi kwenu ongelasono kaqale ukumkhanda bezwa abantu benyenye izinto ezinjalo ngaye. **33** ngamatshe.” **8** Waphinda wakhothama waloba phansi AbaFarisi labaphristi abakhulu basebethuma amanxusa emhlabathini. **9** Esetshonjalo labo abezwayo baqala ethempelini ukuba ayembophya. **34** Ujesu wathi, ukuthi nyelele munye ngamunye bahamba, kwaqala “Ngilani okwesikhathi esifitshane, besengihamba ngabadala bakhona, kwaze kwasala ujesu yedwa ngisiya kuye ongithumileyo. **35** Lizangidinga kodwa lingangifumanji; lalapho engikhona lingeke lifike.” **36** AmaJuda abuzana athi, “Umuntu lo ufunu ukuya ngaphi lapho esingeke samfumana khona na? Uzakuya ebantwini bakithi abahlakazekileyo abahlala phakathi “Lami-ke, kangikulahli, zihamble, kodwa ungaphindi kwamaGrikhi, afundise amaGrikhi na? **37** Ngelanga ngubani ongilandelayo kasoze ahamble ebunmyameni lokucina elaliqakathike kakhulu emkhosini, uJesu lanini kodwa uzakuba lokukhanya kokuphila.” **38** wasukuma wakhulumu ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Nxa AbaFarisi bahle bamqaga bathi, “Nanko-ke, wena ekhona owomileyo keze kimi azonatha. **39** Loba ngubani uyazifikazelu; ubufakazi bakho kabulaqiniso.” **40** Ujesu okholwu kimi njengoba uMbhalo utshilo, imifula waphendula wathi, “Loba ngizifikazelu mina, ubufakazi yamanzi aphilayo izageleza ngaphakathi kwakhe.” **41** Abaneyi bathi, wenze isono futhi.” **42** Kwathi ujesu esekhulumu esithi, “Lizangidinga, kodwa lingangifumanji,” njalo ebantwini njalo wathi, “Ngiyikukhanya komhlaba. Loba wathi, “Lapho engikhona lingeke lifike?” **43** Ngalokhu wayesitsho uMoya, okwakuzakuthi labo knona laplalo engiyakhona. Kodwa lina kumnyama abakhwala kuye bamamukele ngesikhathi esizayo. **44** Abaneyi bathi, ukuthi ubufakazi babantu ababili buqinisile. **45** Amanxusa ethempelini acina esebyela kubaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi athi, “Kungani lingegeza laye?” **46** Amanxusa afakaza athi, “Kakho osewaka wakhulumu njalo ujesu wathi kubo, “Ngiyasuka lapha, futhi njengaloyamuntu.” **47** AbaFarisi bakhwaza bathi, lizangidinga, kodwa lizafela esonweni senu. Lapho “Litsho ukuthi lani uselikohlisisile? **48** Ukhona na engiyakhona alingeke lize khona.” **49** AmaJuda kubabusi loba kubaFarisi osebeke ithemba lakhe kuye? **50** UNikhodimasi owayeye **51** “Kanti umthetho wakithi uyamlahla na umuntu umhlaba. **52** Baphendula bathi, “Lawe uvela eGalile yini? **53** Ngakho bonke basuka bayo emizini yabo.

**8** Kwatha uJesu waya eNtabeni yama-Oliva. **2** Kwathi kusisa wabonakala njalo emagumeni ethempeli, abantu bonke babuthana kuye, wahlala phansi

**28** Ngakho ujesu wasesithi, "Lapho seliyiphakamisile iNdodana yoMuntu lizakwazi ukuthi ngingubani lokuthi kangenzi lutho ngokwami kodwa ngikhuluma kuphela lokho uBaba angifundise khona. **29** Lowo ongithumileyo ulami; kangitshiyanga ngingedwa ngoba nginglezi ngisenza lokho okumthokozisayo." **30** Wathi esakhuluma lokhu abanengi bakhulwa kuye. **31** Ujesu wathi kumJuda amkholwayo, "Nxa libambelela emfundisweni yami lingabafundi bami ngempela. **32** Ngakho lizalai iqiniso, njalo iqiniso lizalikhulula." **33** Amphendula athi, "Siyinzo ka-Abhrahamu futhi kasizange lanini sibe yizigqili zamantu. Uktusho kanjani pho ukuthi sizakhululwa?" **34** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Ngiqinisisile ngithi wonke owenza isono uysigqili sesono. **35** Phela isigqili kasilandawo emiyo emulini, kodwa oyindodana ungowakhona lanininini. (aiōn g165) **36** Ngakho-ke, nxa iNdodana ilikhulula, lizakhululeka ngempela. **37** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lingabosendo luka-Abhrahamu. Kodwa selizimisele ukungibulala ngoba ilizwi lami kalilandawo kini. **38** Ngilitshela lokho engikubone phambi kukaBaba kodwa lina lenza lokho elikuzwileyo ngoyihlo." **39** Aphendula athi, "U-Abhrahamu nguye ubaba." Ujesu wathi, "Aluba belingabantwana baka-Abhrahamu ngabe lenza izinto ezenziwa nguye u-Abhrahamu. **40** Kodwa kunje nje lizimisele ukungibulala, mina muntu oseletshele iqiniso engilizwileyo livela kuNkulunkulu. U-Abhrahamu kazenzanga izinto ezinjalo. **41** Lenza izinto ezenziwa ngowenu uyhlo." Amvukela athi, "Kasisibantwana abazuwa ngobufube thina. UBaba esilaye kuphela nguNkulunkulu ngokwakhe." **42** Ujesu wathi kuwo, "Kube uNkulunkulu ubenguYihlo, belizangithanda ngoba ngavela kuNkulunkulu, okwamanje sengilapha. Kangizibuyelanga kodwa uNkulunkulu wangithuma. **43** Kungani lingaluzwisisi ulimi engilukhulumayo na? Ngoba liyehluleka ukuzwa engikutshoyo. **44** Lingabakayihlo uSathane ngakho lifuna ukusenza isifiso sikayihlo. Wavele waba ngumbulali mdabuko wakhe, kemanga eqinisweni ngoba uvele engelalo iqiniso. Uthi nxa ewaqamba amanga, akhulume ulimi lomdabuko wakhe ngoba ungosmangase loyise wamanga. **45** Kodwa kalingikhulwa ngoba ngilitshela iqiniso! **46** Ukhona na kini ongaveza ukuthi nglecalia leseno? Nxa ngikhuluma iqiniso kungani lingangikhulwa na? **47** Lowo ongokaNkulunkulu uyakuzwa lokho uNkulunkulu akutshoyo. Isizatho sokuthi lingewa yikuthi kalisibo bakaNkulunkulu." **48** AmaJuda aphendula athi, "Siyalahleka yini nxa sisithi ungumSamariya njalo ulamadimon?" **49** Ujesu wathi, "Kangiladimon mina, kodwa ngidumisa uBaba ikanti lina liyangigcona. **50** Kangizidingeli udumo mina kodwa ukhona olufunayo, yena ungumahluleli. **51** Ngiyaqinisa ngithi, nxa umuntu egcina ilizwi lami kasoze akubone ukufa lanini. (aiōn g165) **52** Esizwa lokhu amajuda ababaza athi, "Khathesi sesisazi ukuthi uledimon! U-Abhrahamu wafa kanye labo abaphrofethi kodwa wena uthi nxa umuntu egcina ilizwi lakho kasoze akuzwe ukufa lanini. (aiōn g165) **53** Wena umkhulu kulobaba u-Abhrahamu na? Wafa, kanye labo abaphrofethi. Wena uzenza bani na?" **54** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Nxa ngizidumisa mina ngokwami, luyize udumo lwami. UBaba, elithi unguNkulunkulu wenu nguye ongidumisayo. **55** Lanxa lina lingamazi, mina ngiyamazi. Ngabe ngithe kangimazi, bengizabe ngingumqambi wamanga njengani kodwa ngiyamazi njalo ngiyaligcina ilizwi lakhe. **56** Uyihi u-Abhrahamu wathakazelela umnakano wokulubona usuku lwami; walubona watshokoza." **57** AmaJuda athi kuye, "Kawukafikisi iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu obudala, kodwa uthi usumbonile u-Abrahama!" **58** Ujesu waphendula wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi u-Abhrahamu engakazalwa, mina ngasengikhona!" **59** Besizwa lokhu badobha amatshe befuna ukumkhanda kodwa ujesu wasithela, waphunyuka wasuka emagumeni ethempeli.

**9** Ujesu wathi elokhu ehamba wabona indoda eyayiyisiphofu kusukela ekuzalweni kwayo. **2** Abafundi bakhe bambuza bathi, "Rabi, ngubani owenza isono, irdoda le loba abazali bayo ukuze izalwe iyisiphofu na?" **3** Ujesu wathi, "Kakusikho ukuthi abazali bayo loba yona indoda le yenza isono kodwa lokhu kwenzakala ukuze umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ubonakalische empilweni yayo. **4** Nxa kulokhu kusemini kumele siwenze umsebenzi wakhe ongithumileyo. Ubusuku buyeza lapho kungelamuntu ongasebenza khona. **5** Nxa ngisesemhlabeni, ngiyikukhanya komhlaba." **6** Esekutshilo lokhu wakhafulela emhlabathini, wavuba udaka ngamathe walunameka emehlwani endoda. **7** Wayitshele wathi, "Hamba ueyeza esiziben'i saseSilowami" (ibizo leli litsho ukuthi "Ukuthunywa"). Ngakho indoda yahamba yayageza, yabuyela ekhaya isibona. **8** Omakhelwane bayo lalabo abahlezi beyibona icela babuza bathi, "Kakusyo yini indoda le eyayihla icela?" **9** Abanye baqinisa ukuthi kuhwuyiyo. Abanye bathi, "Hatshi, lo ufana layo nje kuphela." Kodwa yona yagcizelala yathi, "Ngiyijo leyondoda." **10** Bamjinga ngemibuso bathi, "Pho amehlo akho avuleke kanjani?" **11** Waphendula wathi, "Indoda abayithi ngufesu ivube udaka yalunameka emehlwani ami. Ingitshele yathi kangiye eSilowami ngiyegeza. Ngakho ngiyile ngayageza, ngasengibona." **12** Bayibuza bathi, "Ingaphi leyondoda?" Wathi, "Kangazi." **13** Indoda leyo eyayikade iyisiphofu yalethwa kubaFarisi. **14** Usuku ujesu enza ngalo udaka wawula amehlo endoda leyo lwaluyiSabatha. **15** AbaFarisi baphinde bayibuzisa ukuthi kwensiwanu ukuze ibone. Indoda yaphendula yathi, "Uninde udaka emehlwani ami, ngageza, manje sengibona." **16** Abanye abaFarisi bathi, "Umuntu lo kaveli kuNkulunkulu ngoba kalgincini iSabatha." Kodwa abanye babuza bathi, "Isoni singayenza kanjani imimangaliso enje na?" Kanjalo adabukana. **17** Bacina sebephendukela endodeneyayiyisiphofu njalo bathi, "Wena uthini ngaye? Ngamehlo akho awavulileyo." Indoda yaphendula yathi, "Ungumphrofethi." **18** AmaJuda kawazange akhulwe ukuthi indoda le yayikade iyisiphofu lokuthi yasiyiyenziwe yabona kwaze kwabizwa abazali bayo. **19** Bababuza bathi, "Lo yindodana yenu yini? Nguye lo elithi wazalwa eyisiphofu? Sekwenzeke kanjani

ukuthi khathesi usebona?" **20** Abazali baphendula kodwa kabakuzwisisanga lokho ayebatshela khona. **7** bathi, "Thina sazi ukuthi uyindodana yethu, njalo Ngakho uJesu waphinda wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso siyakwazi ukuthi wazalwa eyisiphofu. **21** Kodwa ukuthi mina ngiyilo isango lezimvu. **8** Bonke asebake ukuthi khathesi usebona lokuthi amehlo akhe bafika phambi kwami babengamasela labaphangi avulwe ngubani kasikwazi. Mbuzeni. Usekhulile; kodwa izimvu kazibalalelanga. **9** Mina ngiyilo isango; uzazikhulumela." **22** Abazali bakhe bakutsho lokhu loba ngubani ongena ngami uzasindiswa. Uzangena, ngoba babesesaba amajuda, ngoba amajuda ayevele aphume, afumane idlelo. **10** Isela lilanda ukweba aquma ukuthi loba ngubani owayezakuthi uJesu lokubulala lokubhubhisa kuphela; mina ngilande nguKhristu wayezaxotsha esinagogweni. **23** Yikho ukuze zibe lokuphila, zibe lakho ngokugcwelyo. **11** abazali bakhe bathi, "Usekhulile; mbuzeni yena." **24** Ningumelusi olungileyo. Umelusi olungileyo unikela Aphinda ayibiza okwesibili indoda eyayiisiphofu ukuphila kwakhe izimvu zakhe. **12** Oqhatshiweyo athi, "Nika udumo kuNkulunkulu. Siyakwazi ukuthi kasuje umelusi ongumnini wezimvu. Yikho nxa ebona umuntu lo uyisoni." **25** Yaphendula yathi, "Ukuthi iganyana lisiza, uyatishiya izimvu abaleke. Iganyana uyisoni kumbe hatshi kangikwazi. Mina kunye beseliuhlasela umhlambi liuhhlakaze. **13** Umuntu lo engkwaziyo. Bengiyisiphofu kodwa manje sengibona!" ubaleka ngoba eyisiqhatshwa, kazikhathaleli izimvu. **14** **26** Aseyibuza athi, "Wenzeni kuwe na? Uwavule njani amehlo akho?" **27** Yaphendula yathi, "Sengilitshelile kodwa kalifunanga ukuzwa. Lifunelani ukukuzwa njalo? Lani lifuna ukuba ngabafundi bakhe na?" **28** Indoda yaphendula yathi, "Manje lokhu kuyamangalisa! Kalimazi lapho avela khona kodwa uwavulile amehlo ami. **31** Nglalo ilungelo lokuyinikela lelungelo lokuphinde Siyakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu kazilaleli izoni. Ulalela umuntu olobunkulunkulu, owenza intando yakhe. **19** Amazwi aphinda enza amajuda adabuka phakathi. **32** Kakho esewake wezwa ngokuvulwa kwamehlo omuntu owazalwa eyisiphofu. (**aiōn g165**) **33** Aluba umuntu lo ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu ubengasoze enze lutho." **34** Aphendula lokhu ngokuthi, "Wazalwa ucwile nya esonweni; ngeke sifundiswe nguwe ukuthi ayemxotshelle phandle, wathi esembonile thina!" Asemxotshela phandle. **35** UJesu wakuzwa ukuthi ayemxotshelle phandle, wathi esembonile wathi kuye, "Uyakholwa eNdodaneni yoMuntu na?" **36** Indoda yabuza yathi, "Ingubani na, nkosi? Ngitshela ukuze ngikholve kuyo." **37** UJesu wathi, "Khathesi usuyibonile; iqiniso yikuthi yiyo le ekhuluma lawe." **38** Indoda yasisithi, "Nkosi, ngiyakholwa," yasimkhonza. **39** UJesu wathi, "Ngeza lapha emhlabeni ukuzakwahlulela, ukuze iziphofu zibone kuthi labo ababonayo babonakale beyiziphofu." **40** Abanye abaFarisi ababelaye bamuzwa uJesu esitsho lokhu babuza bathi, "Uthini? Lathi siyizophofu yini?" **41** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kube beliyizophofu ngabe kalilamlandu wesono. Kodwa umlandu wenu umi ngoba lizenza abakwaziyo abakwenzayo."

**10** "Ngikhuluma iqiniso ukuthi umuntu ongangeri ngesango esibayeni sezimvu kodwa akhweli kwenye indawo ulisela lomphangi. **2** Umuntu ongena ngesango nguye umelusi wezimvu. **3** Umlindi wesango uyanvulela, lezimvu ziyalilalela ilizwi lakhe. Izimvu zakhe uzibiza ngamabizo azikhokhele. **4** Nxa esezipulele zonke ezakhe, uhamba phambi kwazo, izimvu zakhe zimlandele ngoba ziyalazi ilizwi lakhe. **5** Kodwa kazisoze zilandele owemzini; iqiniso yikuthi zizambalekela ngoba kazilazi ilizwi lowemzini." **6** UJesu wasebenzisa umzekeliso lo

kodwa kabakuzwisisanga lokho ayebatshela khona. **7** Ngakho uJesu waphinda wathi, "Ngilitshela iqiniso siyakwazi ukuthi wazalwa eyisiphofu. **8** Bonke asebake ukuthi khathesi usebona lokuthi amehlo akhe bafika phambi kwami babengamasela labaphangi avulwe ngubani kasikwazi. Mbuzeni. Usekhulile; kodwa izimvu kazibalalelanga. **9** Mina ngiyilo isango; uzazikhulumela." **10** Isela lilanda ukweba aquma ukuthi loba ngubani ongena ngami uzasindiswa. Uzangena, ngoba babesesaba amajuda, ngoba amajuda ayevele aphume, afumane idlelo. **11** Nglalo ezinje izimvu zami amehlo akho?" **12** Oqhatshiweyo athi, "Nika udumo kuNkulunkulu. Siyakwazi ukuthi kasuje umelusi ongumnini wezimvu. Yikho nxa ebona umuntu lo uyisoni." **13** Umuntu lo engkwaziyo. Bengiyisiphofu kodwa manje sengibona!" ubaleka ngoba eyisiqhatshwa, kazikhathaleli izimvu. **14** **15** Ngingumelusi olungileyo; ngiyazazi izimvu zami amehlo akho?" **16** Nglalo ezinje izimvu zami amehlo akho?" **17** Nglalo ezinje izimvu zami amehlo akho?" **18** Kakho ongithathela yona kodwa ngiyinikela ngokufisa kwami. **19** Amazwi aphinda enza amajuda adabuka phakathi. **20** Amanengi kuwo athi, "Uledimoni, uyawumana omuntu owazalwa eyisiphofu. (**aiōn g165**) **21** Kodwa amanye umuntu lo ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu ubengasoze enze lutho." **22** Kwafika uJesu esemagumeni ethempeli ezihambela eKhulusini ukuthi ayemxotshelle phandle, wathi esembonile likaSolomoni. **23** AmaJuda ayembuthanele athi kuye, wathi kuye, "Uyakholwa eNdodaneni yoMuntu na?" **24** AmaJuda ayembuthanele athi kuye, "Kuzaze kube nini ulokhu usitshiya silengile na? Nxa mhlaku kulakho konke, kakho ongazihlwitha esandleni sikaBaba **25** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Ngalitshela kodwa kalikhola. Imimangaliso engiyenzayo ngebizo likaBaba iyangifakazela, **26** kodwa kalikhola ngoba kalisizo zimvu zami. **27** Ezami izimvu ziyalilalela ilizwi lami; ngiyazazi lazo ziyangilandela. **28** Ngizipha ukuphila okungapheliyo, kazisoze zabhubha; kakho ongazihlwitha esandleni sikaBaba. (**aiōn g165, aiōnios g166**) **29** UBaba wami yena ongiphe zona mkhulu kulakho konke, kakho ongazihlwitha esandleni sikaBaba **30** Mina loBaba simunye." **31** Aphinda njalo amajuda adobha amatshe ukuba amkhande, **32** kodwa uJesu wathi kuwo, "Ngilitshengisile imimangaliso emikhulu eminengi ewela kuBaba. Yiwuphi phakathi kwayo elingikhandela wona ngamatsh?" **33** "Kasikukhandeli misebenzi emihle oyenzileyo kodwa sikukhandela ukuhlambaza, ngoba wena, umuntu nje, uenza uNkulunkulu." **34** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kakulotshwanga yini eMthethweni wenu ukuthi, 'Ngitshilo ukuthi "lingonkulunkulu?"' **35** Nxa wababiza ngokuthi 'ngonkulunkulu,' bona labo ilizwi elafika kubo, njalo uMhalo kawephulwa **36** pho-ke kungathiwani kulowo uBaba amkhethileyo ukuba ngowakhe wamthumela emhlabeni na? Kungani pho lingibeka icala lokuhlambaza ngoba ngit

ngiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? **37** Lingangikholwa ukuthi uzavuka futhi ekuvukeni kwabafileyo ngosuku ngaphandle kokuba ngenze okwenziwa nguBaba. **38** lokucina.” **25** Ujesu wathi kuye, “Mina ngiyikuvuka Kodwa nxa ngikwenza, lanxa lingangikholwa, khwlani ubufakazi bemimangaliso ukuze lifunde njalo lizwisisce ukuthi uBaba ukimi, lami ngikuBaba.” **39** Baphinda njalo bazama ukumbamba kodwa waphunyuka. **40** **27** Waphendula wathi, “Yebo Nkosi, ngiyakholwa ukuthi ungye uKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ozabuya emhlabeni.” **28** Esekutshilo lokho wabuyela ngakhaya wabizela udadewabo uMariya eceleni wathi, “UMfundisi usekhona, uyakucela.” **29** UMariya wathi ekwuwa lokhu wasuka masinyane waya kujesu. **30** Ujesu wayelokhu engakangeni phakathi komuzi elokhu elapho ayehlangane khona loMatha. **31** Kwathi amajuda ayeloMariya endlini emduduza esebonile ukuthi wasukuma masinyane njani ephuma, amlandela ecabanga ukuthi mhlawumbe wayesiya ethuneni ukuyakhalela khona. **32** UMariya wonela ukufika lapho uJesu ayekhona, wambona, wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zakhe wathi, “Nkosi, kube ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga.” **33** Ujesu embona ekhala kanye lamajuda ayemlandele wadabuka kakhlulu emoyeni, wakhathazeka. **34** Wabuza wathi, “Limbeke ngaphi na?” Baphendula bathi, “Woza uzobona Nkosi.” **35** Ujesu wakhala. **36** Amajuda asesithi, “Liyanbona ukuthi wayemthanda njani!” **37** Kodwa amanye awo athi, “Kanti yena lo uwavula amehlo endoda eyayiyisiphofu wehlulekile ukwenza ukuthi umuntu lo angifa na?” **38** Ujesu waphinda njalo wadabuka, wasondela ethuneni. Ithuna lalibulhalu, kuleletshe elalivale intuba. **39** Wathi, “Lisuseni ilitshe.” **40** UMatha, udadewabo wendoda efileyo wathi, “Nkosi, khathesi sekulephunga elibi ngoba selensuku ezine simbekile.” **41** Ngakho balisusa ilitshe. Ujesu wasekhangelaphezulu wathi, “Baba ngiyakubonga ukuthi ungizwile. **42** Mina bengisazi ukuthi uhlaa ungizwa, kodwa ngikutshela lokhu ngisenzela abantu abemi lapha ukuthi bakhole ukuthi unghithumile.” **43** Esekutshilo lokhu ujesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu wathi, “Lazaru, phuma!” **44** Umuyi waphuma, izanda lenyawo zakhe zithandelwe ngamaqhele elineni, kulelinye ilembu elalembese ubuso bakhe. Ujesu wathi kubo, “Khuphani izivunulo zokungcwaba limyekile ahambé.” **45** Ngakho amajuda amanengi ayeze ukuzakhalela uMariya esekubonile ujesu akwenzayo, amkholwa. **46** Kodwa amanye aya kubaFarisi bayabatshela lokho okwakwenzwiwe nguJesu. **47** Abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebebiza umhlangano weSanihedrini. Babuzana bathi, “Kanti sivele senzani? Nangu phela umuntu lo esenza imimangaliso eminengi. **48** Singamyekela aqhubeke ngalindlela, wonke umuntu uzakholwa kuye njalo amaRoma azakuza athathe indawo yethu lesizwe sethu.” **49** Kwasekusithi omunye wabo owayethiwa nguKhayifasi, owayengumphristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, wakhulumha wathi, “Kalazi lutho! **50** Kalikuboni lina ukuthi kungcongo ukuba umuntu oyedwa afele abantu kulokuthi kubhubhe isizwe sonke.” **51** Lokhu kazikhulumelanga yena

**11** Kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguLazaro eyayigula. YayingeyaseBhethani, umuzi okwakuhlala khona uMariya lodadewabo uMatha. **2** (UMariya lo olomnewabo uLazaro owayephethwe ngumkuhuhlane nguye owatchela amakha ezinyaweni zeNkosi wazesula ngenwele zakhe.) **3** Ngakho odadewabo laba bathumela ilizwi kuJesu bathi, “Nkosi, lowo omthandayo uyagula.” **4** Ujesu esekuzwile lokhu wathi, “Ukugula lokhu kakuzukucina ngokufa. Kodwa kungokodumo lukaNkulunkulu ukze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu idunyiswe ngakho.” **5** Ujesu wayemthanda uMatha lodadewabo kanye loLazaro. **6** Kodwa loba eseziwe ukuthi uLazaro wayegula wazihlalela khona lapho ayekhona okweziyne insuku ezimbili. **7** Wasesithi kubafundi bakhe, “Kasibuyeleni ejudiya.” **8** Bathi, “Oh, Rabi, muvana rje amajuda ake azama ukukukhanda ngamatshe kodwa wena usubuyela khona futhi?” **9** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Kakusikho yini ukuthi kulamahola alitshumi lambili okukhanyisa kwelanga na? Umuntu ohamba emini kayikukhubeka ngoba ebona ngokukhanya kwalapha emhlabeni. **10** Ukhubeka nxa ehamba ebusuku ngoba kalakho ukukhanya.” **11** Esekutshilo lokhu wasebatshela wathi, “Umngane wethu uLazaro uselele kodwa ngiya khonale ukuyamvusa.” **12** Abafundi bakhe baphendula bathi, “Nkosi, nxa kuvuma ukuthi alale, uzabangcono.” **13** Ujesu wayekhuluma ngokufa kwakhe kodwa abafundi bakhe babesithi kumbe utsho ukulula okujayeleshileyo. **14** Wasebatshela ephumela egcekeni wathi, “ULazaro usefile, **15** kodwa ukuze lina likholwe, ngiyathaba ukuthi bengingekho lapho. Kodwa kasiyeni khona.” **16** UThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi) wathi kwabanye abafundi, “Lathi kasihambeni ukuze siyekufa laye.” **17** Ekufikeni kwakhe uJesu uLazaro wayeslhale ethuneni okwensuku ezine. **18** EBhethani kwakungaphansi kwamakhilomitha amathathu usuka ejerusalem, **19** yikho amajuda amanengi ayebuyile ukuzakhalela uMatha loMariya ngokulahlekela kwabo ngumnewabo. **20** Kwathi uMatha esizwa ukuthi uJesu wayesiza, waphuma wamhlangabeza kodwa uMariya wasala ngekhaya. **21** UMatha wathi kuJesu, “Nkosi, aluba ubukhonapha ngabe umnewethu kafanga. **22** Kodwa ngiyazi ukuthi lamanje uNkulunkulu uzakunika loba yini oyicelayo.” **23** Ujesu wathi kuye, “Umfowenu uzavuka njalo.” **24** UMatha waphendula wathi, “Ngiyazi

ngokwakhe, kodwa njengomphristi omkhulu kwabanye ngalowomnyaka waphrofitha ukuthi uJesu wayezafela isizwe samajuda, **52** kungasisizwe leso sodwa, kodwa labantwana bakaNkulunkulu abahlakazekileyo ukuze baletshwe ndawonye, benziwe babemunye. **53** Kusukela ngalesosikhathi bakha amacebo okumbulala. **54** Ngakho uJesu wayengasahambahambi obala phakathi kwamajuda. Wasuka lapho waya emangweni owawuseduze kwenkangala, emzini owayuthiwa yi- Efrayimu, lapho ahlala khona labafundi bakhe. **55** Kwathi sekuza kuba yisikhathi sePhasika lamajuda, **56** Babelokhu bethalaza befuna uJesu, kwathi bemi egumeni lethempeli babuzana bathi, "Licabangani? Ukuthi angaphutha yini emkhosini?" **57** Kodwa abaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebelayele ukuthi nxo ekhona owayekwazi ukuthi uJesu wayengaphi, ahle abike ukuze bambophe.

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**12** Kwasekusele insuku eziyisithupha ukuthi kufike iPhasika, uJesu waya eBhethani, lapho okwakuhlala khona uLazaro owayevuswe kwabafileyo nguJesu. **2** Kwaphekwa ukudla kwakusihlwa kuhlonitshwa yena ujesu. UMatha nguye owayedidizela, uLazaro ehlezi labanye etafuleni lojesu. **3** UMariya wasethatha amafutha enadi acengekileyo njalo adulayo kakhulu, ayengaba yingxene ye litha, wawathela ezinyaweni zikajesu wasesezula ngenwele zakhe. Indlu yagcwala ngephunga eliminandi lamakha lawo. **4** Kodwa omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJudas Iskariyothi owayezannikela wasola wathi, **5** “Kungani amakha la engathengiswanga imali yaphiwa abampofu? Intengo yawo ibinganelu umhlo womnyaka wonke.” **6** Kakutshongo lokhu ngoba ebanakekela abampofu, kodwa ngoba elisela; njengomgcinisikhwama wayandise ukuzisiza ngalokho okwakufakwa phakathi kwaso. **7** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Myekele. Kwakuqondwe ukuthi amakha la awabekele usuku lokungcwatshwa kwami. **8** Lizahlala lilabo abampofu phakathi kwenu kodwa mina kalyikuhlala lilami.” **9** Ngalesosikhathi ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda lezwa ukuthi ujesu wayelapho, leza lingalandanga yena kuphela kodwa lokuthi libone uLazaro ayemvuse kwabafileyo. **10** Ngakho abaphristi abakhulu benza amacebo okuba bambulale laye uLazaro, **11** ngoba ngenxa yakhe amajuda amanengi ayesiya kuJesu ebeka ukholo lwavo kuye. **12** Ngosuku olulandelayo ixuku elikhulu elalize emkhosini lezwa ukuthi ujesu wayesendleleni esiza ejerusalem. **13** Lathatha amagatsha elala laphuma ukuyamhlangabeza, limemeza lisithi, “Hosana!” “Ubusisiwe lowo obuya ngebizo likaThixo!” “Ubusisiwe oyinKosi ka-Isryaeli!” **14** UJesu wathola inkonyane kababhemi wayigada njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: **15** “Ungesabi, Oh Ndodakazi yeZiyoni; khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza, ihlezi phezu kwenkonyane kababhemi.” **16** Kuqala abafundi bakhe kabakuzwisisanga konke lokhu. Kwaze kwaba ngemva kokuba ujesu esekhazimulisiwe lapho

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ukuze ngibasilise.” **41** U-Isaya wakutsho lokhu ngoba lithi ‘Mfundisi’ lokuthi ‘Nkosi,’ lisitsho liqondile, wayibona inkazimulo kajesu njalo wayekhuluma ngoba ngiyikho lokho. **14** Manje-ke njengoba mina, ngaye. **42** Kodwa loba kunjalo, abanengi labanye iNkosi yenu loMfundisi, sengizelize inyawo zenu, abakhokheli bakholwa kuye. Kodwa ngenxa yabaFarisi lani kumele ligezisane inyawo. **15** Sengilenzele kabaluFakazanga ukholo lwabo besesaba ukuthi isibonelo ukuthi lenze njengoba ngilenzele mina. bazaxotshwa esinagogweni; **43** ngoba babetanda **16** Ngempela ngiqinisile ngithi kini kakulanceku ukubukwa ngabantu okwedulu ukubukwa okuvela enkulu kulenkosyayo, njalo isithunywa kasisikhulu kuNkulunkulu. **44** Ujesu wasememeza wathi, “Nxa kulaLowa osithumileyo. **17** Lingaze lizazi lezintzo umuntu ekholwa kimi, kakholwa kimi kuphala kodwa lizabusisa nxa lizenza.” **18** “Kangikhulumi ngani kuye lowo ongithumileyo. **45** Nxa ekhangela mina lonke; ngiyabazi labo esengibakhethile. Kodwa ubona yena lowo ongithumileyo. **46** Ngibuye emhlabeni lokhu kuyikugcwalisu umbhalo othi: ‘Lowo obesidla ngiyikukhanya ukuze angabikhona okholwa kimi lami isinkwa usengihlamuke.’ **19** Ngilazisa ozahlala ebumnyameni. **47** Nxa umuntu ewezwa sekusenzakala, likholwe ukuthi lapho amazzi ami kodwa angawagcini, angimahlulel mina. **20** Phela kangilandanga ukuzowahlulela umhlaba kodwa ukuZowusindisa. **48** Ukhona umahluleli walowo engawakhulumayo uqobo azamlahla ngosuku lokucina. **49** Ngoba kangizikhulumelanga ngokwentando yami kodwa uBaba owangithumayo wangilaya ukuthi ngithini lokuthi ngikutsho kanjani. **50** Ngiyazi ukuthi umlayo wakhe uholela ekuphileni kwaphakade. Ngakho loba kuyini engikutshoyi yikho lokho uBaba angitshele khona ukuthi ngikutsho.” (**aiōnios g166**)

**13** Kwakuyisikhathi lapho uMkhosi wePhasika ususondele. Ujesu wayekwazi ukuthi isikhathi sokuthi asuke kulumhlaba aye kuYise sasesisondele. Wayehlezi ebathanda abakhe abasemhlabeni, lesi kwasekuyisikhathi sokubatshengisa ukujula kothando lwakhe. **2** Kwathi kudliwa ukudla kwakusihlwa, uSathane wayevele esemtshutshisile ujudasi Iskariyothi, indodana kaSimoni, ukuthi anikele uJesu. **3** Ujesu wayekwazi ukuthi uYise wayenikele zonke izinto emanndeni akhe, lokuthi yena wayevela kuNkulunkulu njalo wayebuyla kuNkulunkulu, **4** ngakho wasukuma ekudleni, wakhulula isembatho saphezelu, wabophela ithawulo ekhalweni lwakhe. **5** Ngemva kwalokho, watheli amanzi enditshini waseqalisa ukugezisa inyawo zabafundi bakhe, wazesula gethawulo leyo ayezibophe ngayo. **6** Wafika kuSimoni Phethro owathi kuye, “Nkosi, kambe wena nguwe ongagerezisa inyawo zami na?” **7** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Kawukuzwisisi lokhu engikwenzayo khathesi kodwa uzakuzwisia ngesikhathi esizayo.” **8** UPhetrho wathi, “Hatshi, kawusoze lanini ugezise inyawo zami.” Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngingakugezisa kawulabudlelwano lami.” (**aiōn g165**) **9** UPhetrho waphendula wathi, “Nkosi, nxa kunjalo, kakungabi zinyawo zami zodwa kodwa lezandla zami kanye lekhanda lami!” **10** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo ogeze umzimba udinga ukugeza inyawo zakhe kuphela, ngoba umzimba wakhe wonke uhlanzekile. Njalo lina lihlanzekile loba nje kungayisini lonke elihlanzekileyo.” **11** Ngoba wayemazi lowo owayezamnikela, yikho wathi kakuksibo bonke ababehlanzekile. **12** Eseqedile ukubagezisa inyawo, wagqoka isembatho saphezelu wasebuyla endaweni yakhe. Wababuza wathi, “Liyakuzwisia na esengilenzele khona? **13** Lingibiza

kwakho ngenxa yami? Ngiqinisile ngithi uzangiphika kathathu iquhude lingakakhali!"

**14** "Inhlizyo zenu kazingakhathazeki. Kholwani kuNkulunkulu; likholwe lakimi. **2** Emzini kaBaba kulezindlu ezinengi; aluba kwakungenjalo ngabe ngalitshela. Ngiya khona ukuyailungiselada. **3** Njalo nxa sengiyile ukulilungiselada ngizabuya ngizolitshatha ukuthi libe lami, ukute libe lami lapho engikhona. **4** Liyayazi indlela eya lapho engiyakhona."

**5** UThomasi wathi kuye, "Nkosi, kasikwazi lapho oya khona, pho singayazi kanjani indlela na?" **6** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Mina ngiyiyo indlela njalo ngiliqiniso lokuphilala. Kakho oza kuBaba ngaphandle kwami. **7** Aluba belingazi ngempela, belizamazi loBaba. Kusukela khathesi, selimazi njalo selimbonile." **8** UFiliphi wathi, "Nkosi, sitshengise uBaba ngoba yikho lokho okuzasanelisa." **9** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Lokhe ungangazi na Filiph, emva kwasikhathi eside kangaka ngilan? Lovo ongibonile usoembonile uBaba. Ungatsho kanjani ukuthi, 'Sitshengise uBaba?' **10** Kawukholwa yini ukuthi ngikuBaba lokuthi uBaba ukimi? Amazwi engiwakhulumayo kini akusiwami. Kodwa nguBaba ophila kimi owenzayo umsebenzi wakhe. **11** Kholwani kimi nxa ngisithi ngikuBaba loBaba ukimi; loba ukukholwa ubufakazi bemimangaliso ngokwayo nje zwi. **12** Ngiqinisile ukuthi lowo okholwa kimi uzakwenza lokho ebengikwenza. Uzakwenza izinto ezinkulu kulalezi ngoba ngiya kuBaba. **13** Njalo ngizakwenza noma yini eliyicelayo ngebizo lami ukute iNdodana ilethe inkazimulo kuBaba. **14** Lingacela noma yini ngebizo lami, ngizakwenza." **15** "Nxa lingithanda, gcinani imilayo yami. **16** Ngizacela kuBaba ukuthi alinike omunye umeli ukuthi alisize abe lani kuze cube laphakade, (aiōn g165) **17** uMoya weqiniso. Ilizwe ngeke limamukele ngoba kalimboni njalo kalimazi. Kodwa lina liyamazi ngoba uhlala lani njalo uzakuba lani. **18** Kangisoze ngilitshiye lizintandane, ngizabuya kini. **19** Kakusekhathana ukuthi umhlabla ungabe usangibona njalo kodwa lina lizangibona. Ngenxa yokuthi ngiyaphila, lani lizaphila futhi. **20** Ngalolosuku lizakunanzelela ukuthi ngikuBaba, lina likimi, lami ngikini. **21** Lovo olayo imilayo yami, ayigcine, nguye ongithandayo. Lovo ongithandayo uzathandwa nguBaba njalo lami ngizamthanda ngiziveze kuye." **22** Ngakho uJudas (hatshi uJudas Iskariyothi) wathi, "Kodwa Nkosi, kungani ujunge ukuziveza kithi, hatshi emhlabeneni?" **23** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Lovo ongithandayo uzalalela imfundiso yami. UBaba uzamthanda njalo sizakuza kuye sakhe umuzi wethu kanye laye. **24** Lovo ongongithandiyo kayikulalela imfundiso yami. Amazwi la eliwezwayo kayisiso wami, ngakaBaba ongithumileyo. **25** Konke lokhu ngikukhulumene ngiseselani. **26** Kodwa uMeli, uMoya ONGewe, uBaba azamthumela ebizweni lami, uzalifundisa zonke izinto njalo uzalikhumbuza konke engikukhulumene kini. **27** Ukuthula ngikutshiya kini; ukuthula kwami ngilinika khona. Kangilinika njengokunika komhlaba.

Lingakhathazeki ezinhliziyeweni zenu njalo lingesabi. **28** Langizwa ngisithi, 'Ngiyahamba njalo ngizabuya kini.' Kube belingithanda, ngabe liyathokoza ukuthi ngiya kuBaba, ngoba uBaba mkhulu kulami. **29** Senglitsheli manje kungakenzakali ukute kuthi nxa sekusenzakala likholwe. **30** Kangisayikukhuluma okunengi kini ngoba inkosi yalo umhlabla isisiza. Kayilamandla phezu kwami, **31** kodwa umhlabla umele wazi ukuthi ngiyamthanda uBaba lokuthi ngenza khona kanye uBaba angilaye khona. Wozani manje; kasisukeni lapha."

**15** "Mina ngilivini eliqotho, uBaba unguumlimi. **2** Zonke ingatsha ezingatheli izithelo uyaziquma, kuthi zonke ingatsha ezithelayo uyazithena kuhle ukute zithele kakhu. **3** Lina selihlambulukile ngenxa yelizwi esengifikhulume kini. **4** Hlalanli kimi, lami ngizahlala kini. Kalukho ugatsha olungathela izithelo ngokwalo kodwa kumele luhlale lusevinini. Lani lingeke lithele izithelo ngaphandle kokuthi lihlale kimi. **5** Mina ngilivini; lina lizingatsha. Nxa umuntu ehlala kimi lami kuye, uzathela izithelo ezinengi; ngaphandle kwami kakukho elingakwenza. **6** Nxa lingahlali kimi, lizabe lifana logatsha olulahliweyo lwabuna; ingatsha ezinjalo ziyanethza, zibaswe besezisitsisha. **7** Nxa lihlala kimi lamazwi ami ehlala kini, celani loba yini eliyifunayo, lizayiphiwa. **8** Lokhu kungokwenkazimulo kaBaba ukute lithele izithelo ezinengi, lizitshengisa ukuthi lingabundi bami. **9** Njengoba uBaba engithanda, lami ngilithande ngendlela angithanda ngayo. Ngakho, hlanli ethandweni lwami. **10** Nxa ligcina imilayo yami, lizahlala lisethandweni lwami, njengoba lami ngiliale imilayo kaBaba ngihlala ngisethandweni lwakhe. **11** Ngilitshele lokhu ukute ukuthokoza kwami kubo kini lokuthi ukuthokoza kwenu kuphelele. **12** Umlayo wami yilo: Thandanani njengoba ngilithandile lani. **13** Kakho olothando olukhulu kulonikela ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yabangane bakhe. **14** Lingabangane bami nxa lisensa lokho engililaya khona. **15** Kangisalibizi ngokuthi liyizincek ngoba inceku kayiwazisisi umsebenzi wenkosi yayo. Kodwa ngithe kini lingabangane ngoba konke engakufunda kuBaba ngilazisile. **16** Kalingikhethanga, kodwa yimi engalikhethayo, ngalibeka ukute liyethela izithelo, izithelo eziyahla isikhathi eside ukute kuthi konke elikucela ngebizo lami uBaba alinike khona. **17** Nanku umlayo wami: Thandanani." **18** "Nxa umhlabu ulizonda, khumbulanli ukuthi wangizonda kuqala. **19** Ngabe belingabomhlabu, ubuzalithanda njengabantu bawo. Njengoba kunje, kalisibo abomhlabu, kodwa ngilikhethi lisemhlabeni. Yikho umhlabu ulizonda. **20** Khumbulanli amazwi engawakhulumene kini ngisithi: 'Kakulanceku enkulu kuleNkosi yayo.' Nxa bangihlukuluza, lani bazalihlukuluza. Nxa balalela imfundiso yami, bayazilalela leyenu. **21** Bazaliphatha ngaleyondlela ngenxa yebizo lami, ngoba kabamazi lowo ongithumileyo. **22** Aluba benginezanga ngakhulumene kubo bebengayikuba lomlandu wesono. Kodwa manje kabaselaxolo ngesono sabo. **23** Lovo ozonda mina uzonda loBaba. **24** Aluba angenzanga umangaliso ongenziwanga ngomunye

wabo phakathi kwabo, babengayikuba lomlandu alemuke intokozo yenu. **23** Ngalolosuku kaliyi wesono. Kodwa khathesi sebeyibonile imimangaliso kungibuza lutho. Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, uBaba wami le, kodwa baphinde bangizonde mina kanye uzelinika loba yini eliyicela ngebizo lami. **24** Kuze kube manje kalikaceli lutho ngebizo lami. Celani, kugcwalise okulotshiwayo eMthethweni wabo ukuthi: ‘Bangizonda kungelasizatho.’ **25** ‘Angaze afike uMeli engizamthumela kini evela kuBaba, uMoya weqiniso ophuma kuBaba, uzafakaza ngami; **27** lani kumele lifakaze, ngoba laba lami kusukela ekuqaleni.’

**16** “Ngilitshela konke lokhu ukuze ukholo lwenu lunganyikinyeki. **2** Bazalixotsha esinagoweni; ngempela siyeza isikhathi lapho abazalibulala khona bezitshela ukuthi benzela uNkulunkulu into enhle. **3** Bazakwenza lokhu ngoba kabamazanga uBaba loba mina. **4** Ngilitshela lokhu ukuze kuthi isikhathi lesi sifika likhumbule ukuthi ngalixwayisa ngaso. Kangilitshelanga lokhu ekuqaleni ngoba ngangilani.” **5** ‘Kodwa khathesi sengisia kuye ongithumileyo. Kakho kini ongibuzayo ukuthi, ‘Uya ngaphi na?’ **6** Kodwa ngenxa yokuba sengizitshilo lezizinto, selihlulukelwe. **7** Ngilitshela iqiniso ngithi: Kulungele lina ukuba ngihambe. Ngaphandle kokuthi ngihambe, uMeli akayikuza kini; kodwa nxa ngihamba, ngizamthuma kini. **8** Lapho efika uzatshengisa umhlaba ukuthi ulahlekile ngesono, ngokulunga langokwahlulewa: **9** ngokwesono, ngoba abantu kabakhola kimi; **10** ngokulunga, ngoba ngiya kuBaba, lapho elingasayi kungibona khona njalo; **11** langokwahlulewa, ngoba umbusi walo umhlaba usemiselwe ukulahlwa. **12** Kusasekunengi engingakutsho kini, kodwa kungalisinda. **13** Kodwa yena uMoya weqiniso nxa esefikile uzaklikhokhelela kulolonke iqiniso. Kazukuzikhulumela yena; uzakhulumla lokho akuzwayo kuphela, njalo uzalitshela lokho okusazobuya. **14** Uzaletsha inkazimulo kini ngokuthatha kulokho okungokwami akwenzekwazakale kini. **15** Konke okungokukaBaba ngokwami. Yikho ngithe uMoya uzathatha kokungokwami akwenzekwazakale kini.” **16** Ujesu waqhube ka esithi, “Ngesikhatshana aliyi kungibona, kodwa ngemva kwasikhatshana lizangibona.” **17** Abanye babafundi bakhe bakhulumisana bathi, ‘Utshoni ngokuthi, ‘Ngemva kwasikhatshana kalisayikungibona,’ njalo athi, ‘Kuthi ngemva kwasikhatshana lizangibona njalo, Ngoba ngiya kuBaba’ na?’ **18** Babelokhu bebuza besithi, ‘Utshoni nxa esithi ‘isikhatshana?’ Kasikuzwisisi lokho akutshoyo.’ **19** Ujesu wabona ukuthi babefuna ukumba ngalokhu, wasesithi kubo, ‘Liyabuzana ukuthi bengisitshoni ngize ngithi, ‘Ngemva kwasikhatshana kalisayikungibona?’ **20** Ngilitshela iqiniso ukuthi lizakhala lilie kodwa umhlaba wona uthokoza. Lizakuba losizi, kodwa usizi lwenu luzakuba yintokozo. **21** Owesifazane nxa ebeletha uwza ubuhlungu ngoba isikhathi sakhe sesifikile; kodwa nxa umntwana esezwelwe uyabukhohlwa ubuhlungu lobo genxena yentokozo yokuthi sekuzelwe umntwana emhlabeni. **22** Kunjalo lakini: Manje yisikhathi senu sosizi, kodwa ngizaphinda ngilibone beselithokoza, njalo kakho ozaphinda

alemuke intokozo yenu. **23** Ngalolosuku kaliyi wesono. Kodwa khathesi sebeyibonile imimangaliso kungibuza lutho. Ngiqinisile ngithi kini, uBaba wami le, kodwa baphinde bangizonde mina kanye uzelinika loba yini eliyicela ngebizo lami. **24** Kuze kube manje kalikaceli lutho ngebizo lami. Celani, lizakwamukelisa, ukuze ukuthokoza kwenu kuphelele. **25** Lanxa bengikhuluma ngemizekeliso, siyeza isikhathi lapho ngingasayikukhuluma ngaleyondlela, kodwa engizalitshela khona kamhlrophe ngoBaba. **26** Ngalelolanga lizacela ngebizo lami. Kangitsho ukuthi ngizalicelela kuBaba. **27** Hatshi, uBaba yena ngokwakhe uyalithanda ngoba lingithandile, lakukholwa ukuthi ngavela kuNkulunkulu. **28** Ngavela kuBaba ngangena emhlabeni; okwamanje sengiwutshiya umhlaba sengibuyela kuBaba.” **29** Abafundi bakajesu basebesithi, “Khathesi usukhuluma kamhlrophe ungasazekelisi. **30** Khathesi sesibona ukuthi uyazazi intzo zonke lokuthi kakudingeki ukuthi ubuzwe imibuzzo. Lokhu kwenza ukuthi sikholwe ukuba wavela kuNkulunkulu.” **31** Ujesu waphendula wathi, “Khathesi selikholwa na? **32** Kodwa siyeza isikhathi, sesifikile, lapho elizachitheka khona, ngulowo aye ngakibo. Lizangitshiya ngedwa lonke. ikanti kangingedwa ngoba uBaba ulami. **33** Ngilitshele izintzo lezi ukuze libe lokuthula kimi. Kulumhlaba lizahlupheka. Kodwa wobani lesibindi! Sengiwunqobile umhlaba.”

**17** Ujesu esekutshilo lokhu, wakhangela ezulwini wakhuleka wathi: “Baba, isikhathi sesifikile. Khazimulisa iNdodana yakho, ukuze iNdodana yakho ikukhazimulise. **2** Ngoba wayinika amandal phezu kwabantu bonke ukuthi ibaphe ukuphila okungapheliyo kubo bonke labo obanike yona. (aiōnios g166) **3** Manje ye ilokhu ukuphila okungapheliyo: ukuthi bakwazi wena, onguwe wedwa uNkulunkulu weqiniso, lojesu Krhistu omthumileyo. (aiōnios g166) **4** Sengikulethele inkazimulo emhlabeni ngokuphelelisa umsebenzi owanginika wona ukuthi ngivenze. **5** Manje, Baba, akungikhazimulise phambi kwakho ngaleyokazimulo esasilayo sobabili umhlaba ungakabi khona.” **6** “Ngikuvezile kulabo owangipha bona emhlabeni. Babengabakh; wangipha bona njalo labo balilalele ilizwi lakho. **7** Khathesi sebesazi ukuthi konke lokho onginike khona kuvela kuwe. **8** Ngoba ngabanika amazwi owanginika wona bawemukela. Bakwazi ngeqiniso ukuthi ngavela kuwe njalo bakholwa ukuthi ungithumile. **9** Ngikhulekela bona. Kangikhulekeli umhlaba kodwa labo onginike bona ngoba bangabakh. **10** Konke engilakho ngokwakho, lakho konke olakho ngokwami. Lenkazimulo isikimi ngabo. **11** Kangisayikuhlala emhlabeni kusukela khathesi ngoba sengisiza kuwe, kodwa bona balokhu besemhlabeni. Baba Ongcweli, bavikele ngamandal ebizo lakho, ibizo owanginika lona ukuze babemunye njengalokhu thina simuny. **12** Ngesikhathi ngiphakathi kwabo ngabavikela, ngabagcina bephephile ngalelobizo owanginika lona. Kakulahlekanga loyedwa ngaphandle koyedad owayefanelle ukubhubha ukuze kugcwaliseke uMbhalo. **13** Sengisiza kuwe manje, kodwa ngiyazitsho lezizinto ngisesemhlabeni ukuze babe lentokozo

yami ngokugcweleyo ngaphakathi kwabo. **14** bamusa ku-Anasi kuqala owayenguyisezala kaKhayifasi Ngibophile ilizwi lakho ngakho umhlaba usubazonda owayengumphristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka. **14** ngoba bengaseyibo bomhlaba njengoba lami UKhayifasi nguye owayecebise amajuda ukuthi ngingasuye womhlaba. **15** Umkhuleko wami kawusi kwakuzaba kuhle ukuthi indoda eyodwa ifele wokuthi ubasuse emhlabeni, kodwa ukuthi ubavikele abantu. **15** USimoni Phethro lomunye umfundu komubi. **16** Kabasibo bomhlaba, njengoba lami babemlandela ujesu. Kwathi ngoba lowomfundu ngingasiwalo. **17** Bangcwelise ngalo iqiniso; ilizwi wayesaziwa ngumphristi omkhulu wangena lojesu lakho liliqiniso. **18** Njengalokhu wangithuma egumeni lomphristi omkhulu, **16** kodwa uPhethro emhlabeni, lami ngibathumile emhlabeni. **19** Ngenxa yena walinda ngaphandle komnyango. Lowomfundu yabo ngyiayingcwelisa ukuze labo bangcwelise wayesaziwa ngumphristi omkhulu wabuya wakhulumga nqobuqotho.” **20** “Umkhuleko wami kawusiwalo lントombazana eyayilindile khonapho, wasengenisa bodwa. Ngikhulekela njalo labo abazakholwa kimi uPhethro. **17** Intombazana eyayilinde emnyango ngenxa yobufakazi babo, **21** ukuthi bonke babemunye yambuza uPhethro yathi, “Konje wena lawe Baba njengoba wena ukimi lami ngikuwe. Sengathi ungomunye wabafundi bendoda le?” Waphendula labo bangaba kithi ukuze umhlaba ukholwe ukuthi wathi, “Kangisuye.” **18** Kwakuqanda, ngakho izinceku ungithumile. **22** Ngibophile inkazimulo owangipha yona ukuze babemunye njengalokhu thina simunye: **23** mina ngibe kubo lawe ukimi. Sengathi bangaba lokumanyana okupheleleyo ukutshengisa umhlaba ukuthi ungithumile njalo ubathandile njengalokhu ungithandile lami. **24** Baba, ngifuna ukuthi labo ongiphe bona babe lami lapho engikhona njalo bayibone inkazimulo yami, inkazimulo onginiwe yona ngoba wangithanda umhlaba ungakadalwa. **25** Baba olungileyo, loba umhlaba ungakwazi, mina ngyiakwazi, njalo bayakwazi ukuthi ungithumile. **26** Ngikuvezile wena kubo njalo ngizaqhubeka ukwenza ukuthi waziwe ukuze kuthi uthando olalo kimi lube ngolwabo njalo lokuthi mina ngokwami ngibe kubo.”

**18** Wathi eseqedile ukukhuleka, uJesu wasuka kanye labafundi bakhe bakhuphuka iSigodi seKhidroni. Ngaphetsheya kwakulensimu yama-Oliva lapho angena khona labafundi bakhe. **2** UJudas owamnikelayo wayeyazi leyondawo ngoba uJesu wayehlezi esiyahlangana khona labafundi bakhe. **3** Ngakho uJudas weza ensimini leyo, eholo ixuku lamanxusa kanye lezinye izikhulu ezazivela kubaphristi abakhulu labaFarisi. Babephethe izibane lezikhal. **4** UJesu esazi konke okwakuzakwenzakala kuye waya phambili wababuza wathi, “Lifuna bani na?” **5** Baphendula bathi, “uJesu waseNazaretha.” UJesu wathi, “Nginguye.” (UJudas, umthengisi wayemi khonapho labo.) **6** UJesu esethe, “Nginguye,” batsheda bawela phansi. **7** Wababuza njalo wathi, “Lifuna bani na?” Bathi, “uJesu waseNazaretha.” **8** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngilitshelile ngathi nginguye. Nxa lidinga mina, yekelani amadoda la azihambele.” **9** Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze amazwi awakhulumayo athi: “Kangilahlekewanga lamunye walabo ongiphe bona agcwalseke.” **10** Kwasekusithi uSimoni Phethro owayelenkemba, wayikhokha wagalela inceku yomphristi omkhulu, wayiquma indlebe yayo yakwesokunene. (Ibizo lenceku leyo lalinguMalikhusi.) **11** UJesu wamkhalmela uPhethro wathi, “Beka khatshana inkemba yakho! Ngingayinathi inkezo ubaba asengiphe yona na?” **12** Kwasekusithi iqembu lamanxusa lomlawuli walo kanye lezikhulu zamajuda bambamba uJesu. Bambopha, **13**

lezikhulu zazimi zisotha umlilo ezaziwubasile. UPhethro laye wayemi lazo esotha umlilo. **19** Ngalesosikhathi umphristi omkhulu wayebuzabuza uJesu mayelana labafundi bakhe langemfundiso yakhe. **20** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Ngikhulume obala kuwo umhlaba. Kokuphela ngangifundisa emasinagogeweni kumbe ethempelini lapho amajuda onke abuthana khona. Kangikhulumanga lutho ensitha. **21** Libuzelani mina? Buzani labo abangizwayo. Ngiqinisile bayakwazi engakukhulumayo.” **22** UJesu esetshonjalo, omunye wezikhulu ezaziseduze kwakhe wamhlankala ebusweni, wambuza wathi, “Yiyo indlela yokuphendula umphristi omkhulu leyo na?” **23** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngikhulume okungafanelanga kutsho. Kodwa nxa ngikhulume iqiniso, ungitshayelani na?” **24**

U-Anasi wasemeduliselu kuKhayifasi umphristi omkhulu elokhu ebotshiwe. **25** USimoni Phethro wayelokhu emi esotha umlilo, abanye bambuza bathi, “Kakusiqiniso yini ukuthi ungomunye wabafundi bakhe na?” Waphika wathi, “Kangisuye.” **26** Omunye wezinceku zomphristi omkhulu, owayeyishlolo sendoda eyaqunyuwa indlebe nguPhethro yamqonda yathi, “Kangikubonanga yini ulaye esivandeni samaoliva na?” **27** UPhethro waphika njalo, khonokho rje iqhude lakhala. **28** Amajuda asemthatha uJesu kuKhayifasi amusa esigodlwani sombusi ongumRoma. Khonapho kwasekusempondoanzomo njalo ukuze angazingcolisi ngokwenkonzo yawo amajuda kawangenanga esigodlwani; ayefuna ukuthi akulungele ukudlu iPhasika. **29** Ngakho uPhilathu waphuma weza kuwo wawabuza wathi, “Limbeka cala bani lumuntu na?” **30** Aphendula athi, “Kube ubengesiso isikliwi besingasoze simlethe kuwe.” **31** UPhilathu wathi, “Mthatheni lina limahlulele ngokomthetho wenu.” Amajuda atshinga athi, “Phela thina kasilawo amandla okuquma umuntu.” **32** Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze amazwi uJesu ayewakhulumile ngendlela ayezakufa ngayo agcwalseke. **33** UPhilathu wasengena njalo esigodlwani, wabiza uJesu wambuza wathi, “Wena uyinkosi yamaJuda na?” **34** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Lowo ngumcabango wakho yini kumbe kulabanye abake bakhulumga lawe ngami?” **35** UPhilathu waphendula wathi, “Ucabanga ukuthi ngingumJuda na? Ngabantu bakini labaphristi abakhulu

abakulethe lapha kimi. Kanti uvele woneni?" **36** UJesu endaweni yoKhakhayi (okuthiwa ngesiHebheru wathi, "Umbuso wami kawusi walumhlaba. Aluba yiGoligotha). **18** Bambethela khona lapho kanye kwakunjalo izinceku zami bezizakulwa ukwenqabela labanye ababili, ngapha langapha kwakhe, ujesu ukuthi ngingabotshwa ngamajuda. Kodwa hatshi, waba phakathi. **19** UPhilathu waloba umbhalo wananyathiselwa esiphambanweni. Wawubhalwe wathi, "Ngakho uyinkosi phela?" Ujesu waphendula ukuthi: Ujesu waseNazaretha, iNkosi yamajuda. **20** Amajuda amanengi awifunda umbhalo lowo ngoba lapho ujesu ayebethelwe khona kwakusedeze ledolobho, umbhalo lowo wawulotshwe ngesiHebheru, ngesiLathini langesiGrikhi. **21** Abaphristi abakhulu bamajudaa basola kuPhilathu bathi, "Ungalobi uthi 'INkosi yamajuda,' kodwa umuntu lo wayezibiza ngokuthi uyinkosi yamajuda." **22** UPhilathu waphendula wathi, "Esengikulobile, sengikulobile." **23** Kwathi amabutho esembethele ujesu, athatha iziqqoko zakhe azabelana, zaba zingxenye ezine, zilingene ibutho linye ngalinye, kwasala isiqqoko sangaphansi. Sona sasingelamthungo, silukwe sonke kusukela phezelu kusiya phansi. **24** Bacebisana bathi, "Kasingasidabuli. Kasikhetheni ngenkatho ukuthi sibe ngesikabani." Lokhu kwenzakala ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo owhathi: "Babelana izembatho zami benza inkatho ngeziggoko zami." Yikho lokhu amabutho akwenzayo. **25** Eduze kwestiphambo sakhe ujesu kwakumi unina, udadewabo kanina, uMariya umkaKlopasi loMariya Magadalini. **26** UJesu wathi ebona unina lapho lomfundu ayemthanda emi lapho eduze, wathi kunina, "Mama, nansi indodana yakho," **27** wathi kumfundu, "Nangu unyoko." Kusukela kulesosikhathi umfundu lowo wamthatha unina wamuska ekhaya lakhe. **28** Ngemva kwalesosikhathi, ujesu esesazi ukuthi konke kwasekuphelele njalo ukuze umbhalo ugcwaliseke, wathi, "Ngomile." **29** Kwakubekwe imbodyle yewayini yeviniga khonapho, basebegxamuza kuyo uziphobaluxhuma eluthini lwesihlahlakazana sehisophi, baluphakamisela endebeni zikajesu. **30** Esenathile wathi, "Sekuphelile." Esetshonjalo wagobisa ikhanda lakhe wafa. **31** Lolo kwakulusuku lokuLungiselela, ngosuku olulandelayo kwakuzakuba liSabatha eliqakathekileyo. Ngenxa yokuthi amajuda ayengafuni izidumbu zisale eziphambanweni ngesabatha, acela uPhilathu ukuthi kwephulwe amalunga emilenze lezidumbu zethulwe. **32** Yikho amabutho eza ephula imilenze yendoda yakuqala eyayibethelwe lojesu, aphinda lakweyinye. **33** Kodwa athi efika kujesu ebona ukuthi wayevele esefile, kawasazephulanga izitho zakhe. **34** Endaweni yalokho elinye ibutho lamciba ujesu ngomkhonto ohlangothini, kwantzshaza igazi lamanzi. **35** Umuntu owakubonayo usebulethile ubufakazi, njalo ubufakazi bakhe buliqiniso. Uyazi ukuthi ukhulumia iqiniso njalo ufakazela ukuthi lani libe lokukholwa. **36** Lezizinto zenzakala ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi: "Kalikho lalinye ithambo lakhe elizakwephulwa," **37** lomunye umbhalo uthi, "Bazakhangela kulowo abamgwazayo." **38** Ngemva kwalokho, uJosefa waseArimathiya wacela isidumbu sikajesu kuPhilathu. UJosefa lo wayengumfundu kajesu kodwa wayekufihla ngoba wayesesaba amajuda. Eselemvumo kaPhilathu weza wasithatha isidumbu. **39** Wayephathiswa

**19** UPhilathu wasemthatha ujesu wathi katshaywe ngemvubu. **2** Amabutho eluka umqhele wameva awubeka ekhanda lakhe. Amgokisa isiqqoko esiyibubende **3** aya kuye aphindaphinda ememeza esithi, "Bayethel! Nkosi yamaJuda!" **4** UPhilathu waphinda waphuma wathi kumajuda, "Khangelani, sengimkhupha ngimlethe kini ngilazisa ukuthi kangifumani sizatho sokumethesa icala." **5** Kwathi ujesu ephuma egqoke umqhele wameva, egqoke isiqqoko esiyibubende, uPhilathu wathi kubo, "Ibonenike, nansi indoda!" **6** Abaphristi abakhulu lezikhulu zabo bonela ukumbona bamemeza bathi, "Mbethele! Mbethele!" Kodwa uPhilathu waphendula wathi, "Mthatheni limbethelle lina. Mina, kangifumani sizatho sokumethesa icala." **7** Amajuda aphikelela athi, "Thina silomthetho, ngakho mayelana lalowomthetho kumele afe ngoba uzithi uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu." **8** UPhilathu wathi ekuzwa lokhu wesaba kakhulu, **9** wasebuyela esigoldweni. Wabuza ujesu wathi, "Ungowangaphi wena?" Kodwa ujesu kamphendulanga. **10** UPhilathu wathi, "Kawufuni kukhuluma lami? Awuboni yini ukuthi mina ngilamandla okukukhulula lawokubethela?" **11** UJesu waphendula wathi, "Kawulawo amandla phezu kwami ongawaphiwanga evela phezelu. Ngakho-ke, lowo onginikele kuwe ulecalza lesono esikhulu kakhulu." **12** Kusukela lapho uPhilathu wazama ukukhulula ujesu, kodwa amajuda aqhubeza ememeza esithi, "Nxu uyekela umuntu lo ahambe, kawulabungane loKhesari. Lowo ozitshaya inkosi uphikisanza loKhesari." **13** UPhilathu esezwe lokhu, wamlletha phandle ujesu, yena wasehlala esihlalweni sakhe sokwahllulela endaweni eyayithiwa yisiGcawu Esigandelwe Ngamatsetshe (okuthiwa ngesiHebheru yiGabatha). **14** Kwakulusuku lokuLungisela iViki yePhasika, ngehola lesthupha. UPhilathu wathi kumajuda, "Nansi inkosi yenu." **15** Kodwa amemeza athi, "Msuse! Msuse! Mbethele!" UPhilathu wabuza wathi, "Ngibethelle inkosi yenu na?" Abaphristi abakhulu bamphendula bathi, "Kasilankosi ngaphandle kukaKhesari." **16** Ekucineni uPhilathu wammikela kubo ukuba abethelwe. Ngakho amabutho amthathha ujesu. **17** Wathwala isiphambo, wasuka waya

nguNikhodimasi, indoda leyana eyayike yeza kuJesu Abafundi bathaba kakhulu beyibona iNkosi. **21** ebusuku. UNikhodimasi weza lamakha emure lenhlaba UJesu waphinda wathi, "Ukuthula kakube kini! engaba lesisindo samaphawundi angamatshumi Njengoba uBaba engithumile, lami ngiyalithuma." **22** ayisikhombisa lanhlalu. **40** Bobabili bathatha isidumbu Esitsho lokho wabaphefumulela wathi, "Yamukelani sikajesu basigcoba ngalawomakha njalo basigoqela uMoya oNgewe. **23** Nxa lithethelola loba ngubani ngamaqhele elineni. Lokhu kwakungumkhuba izono zakhe, zizathethelwa lezenu, kodwa nxa wamajuda wokungcwaba. **41** Endaweni lapho lingathetheloli ezabanye kazisoze zithethelwe uJesu abethelwa khona kwakulesivande, esivandeni lezenu." **24** UThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi), omunye kulethuna elitsha okwakungakaze kungcwatshwe wabalitshumi lambili wayengkho kwabanye abafundi muntu kulo. **42** Ngenxa yokuthi kwakulusku uJesu aze afike. **25** Kwathi lapho abanye abafundi lokulungiselela lwamajuda njalo ngenxa yokuthi ithuna bemtshela bathi "sesiyibonile iNkosi," wathandabuza laliseduze, bamngcwaba khonapho uJesu.

**20** Ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, kulokhu kusemnyama, uMariya Magadalini waya ethuneni wafumana ukuthi ilitshe laselisisiwe emlonyeni wethuna. **2** Ngakho wafika egijima kuSimoni Phethro elomunye umfundu, lowo uJesu ayemthanda, wathi, "Sebeyithethe iNkosi ethuneni, kodwa kasazi ukuthi bayise ngaphi!" **3** Yikho uPhethro lalowomfundu omunye baqonda ethuneni. **4** Bobabili babegijima, kodwa lowo omunye umfundu wamtshiya uPhethro wayafika kuqala ethuneni. **5** Wakhothama walunguza phakathi wabona amaqhele elineni ekhonapho, kodwa kangenanga. **6** Khonokho uSimoni Phethro owayengemuva kwafika wangena ethuneni. Wawabona amaqhele elineni ethe qekele khonapho, **7** kanye lelembu lokungcwaba elalithandele ikhanda likaJesu. Ilembu lelo laseligoqiwe lodwa lingekho kwawelineni. **8** Ekucineni lowo omunye umfundu owayefike kuqala ethuneni laye wangena. Wabona, wakholwa. **9** (Babelokhu bengezwisisi emibhalweni ukuthi uJesu wayemele avuke kwabafileyo.) **10** Abafundi basebebuyela emizini yabo. **11** Kodwa uMariya wasala emi ngaphandle kwethuna ekhala. Wathi elokhu ekhala wakhothama walunguza ethuneni **12** wabona izingilosu ezimbili zigqoke okumhlophe zihlezi lapho isidumbu sikajesu sasikade sikhona, enye ngasemakhandla, enye ngasezinyaweni. **13** Zambuza zathi, "Mama, ukhalelani na?" Wathi, "Bayisusile iNkosi yami, kangazi ukuthi bayibeke ngaphi." **14** Wasephenduka wabona uJesu emi khonapho, kodwa kananzelelanga ukuthi kwakungujesu. **15** Wathi, "Mama, ukhalelani na? Ufuna ubani na?" UMariya wayesithi kumbe ngumlimi, wasesithi, "Nkosi, nxa kungiwe omthethayo, ngitshela ukuthi umbeke ngaphi ukuze ngiyemthatha." **16** UJesu wathi, "Mariya." Waphendukela kuye wamemeza ngesiHebheru wathi, "Rabboni!" (okutsho ukuthi "Mfundisi"). **17** UJesu wathi, "Ungangibambi, ngoba kangikabuyeli kuBaba. Kodwa hamba kubafowethu ubatshela uthi, 'Sengibuyela kuBaba njalo uYihlo, kuNkulunkulu wami, uNkulunkulu wenu.'" **18** UMariya Magadalini waya kubafundi elombiko othi, "ngiyibonile iNkosi!" Njalo wabatshela ukuthi wayekutshilo lokhu kuye. **19** Kusihlwia ngalolosuku lokuqala lweviki, abafundi babendawoye behluthulele iminyango ngoba besesaba amajuda, uJesu wafika wema phakathi kwabo wathi, "Ukuthula kakube kini!" **20** Esekutshilo lokhu wabatshengisa izandla zakhe lohlangothi lwakhe. Abafundi bakhe babesendlini njalo, loThomasi elabo. Njengoba iminyango yayihluthulelwu uJesu wafika wema phakathi kwabo wathi, "Ukuthula kakube kini!" **27** Wasesithi kuThomasi, "Faka umunwe wakho lapha; bona izandla zami. Yelula isandla sakho usibeki ehlangothini lwami. Yekela ukuthandabuza ukholwe." **28** UThomasi wathi kuye, "Nkosi yami, Nkulunkulu wami!" **29** UJesu wasemtshela wathi, "Usukholiwe ngoba usungibonile; babusisiwe labo abathi bengabonanga, kodwa sebekholiwe." **30** UJesu wenza eminye imimangaliso eminengi abafundi bakhe bekhangale, kodwa engabhalwanga kule incwadi. **31** Kodwa le ibhaliwe ukuze likholwe ukuthi uJesu unguKhristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo ukuze kuthi ngokukholwa libe lokuphila ngebizo lakhe.

**21** Ngemva kwasikhathi uJesu waphinda waziveza kubafundi bakhe olwandle lwaseThibheriyasi. Kwenzakala kanje: **2** USimoni Phethro, loThomasi (othiwa nguDidimasi) loNathaneli waseKhana eseGalile, lamadodana kaZebhediya labanye abafundi ababili babendawoye. **3** USimoni Phethro wabatshela wathi, "Ngisayagola inhlanzi" bona bathi, "Sizahamba lawe." Ngakho baphuma bayangena esikepeni kodwa kababambanga lutho ngalobobusuku. **4** Ekuseni kakhulu ujesu wema ekhunjini kodwa abafundi kabananzelangala ukuthi kwakungujesu. **5** Wabamemeza wathi, "Bangane, lilokhu lingabambanga inhlanzi yini?" Baphendula bathi, "Hatshi." **6** Wathi, "Phoselani umambule wenu ngakwesokunene kwsikepe lizagola khona." Bathe sebenze njalo behluleka ukudonsa umambule ngenxa yobunengi benhlanzi. **7** Lowomfundu owayethandwa nguJesu wathi kuPhethro, "YiNkosi!" USimoni Phethro wonela ukuzwa esithi, "YiNkosi," wazembathisa ngesiqqoko sakhe sejazi (ngoba wayesikhulule) weqela emanzini. **8** Abanye abafundi balandela ngesikepe bedonsa umambule ugcwele inhlanzi ngoba babengakhatsana lasokhunjini, kwakungaba yizinyathelo ezilikhulu. **9** Ekuifikeni kwabo okhunjini babona umlilo wamalahle uvutha kulenhlanzi phezulu kanye lesinkwa. **10** UJesu wathi kubo, "Lethani ezinje inhlanzi elizibambileyo." **11** USimoni Phethro wagada esikepeni, wadonsela umambule okhunjini. Wawugcwele inhlanzi ezinkulu,

zilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu, kodwa loba zinengi kangaka umambule kawudabukanga. **12** UJesu wathi kubo, “Wozani lizokudla.” Kakho kubafundi owaqunga isibindi sokumbuza ukuthi, “Ungubani wena?” Bakwazi ukuthi yiNkosi. **13** UJesu weza, wathatha isinkwa wabanika, wenza njalo langenhananzi. **14** Lesi kwasekuyisikhathi sesithathu uJesu ezibonakalisa kubafundi bakhe ngemva kokuvuswa kwabafileyo. **15** Sebeqedile ukudla, uJesu wathi kuSimoni Phethro, “Simoni, ndodana kajohane, ungithanda ngeqiniso na okudlula laba abanye?” Wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi, uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu wathi, “Phana amawundlu ami ukudla.” **16** UJesu waphinda wathi, “Simoni, ndodana kajohane, uyangithanda ngeqiniso na?” Waphendula wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi, uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu wathi, “Gcina izimvu zami.” **17** Wasesithi kuye okwesithathu, “Simoni, ndodana kajohane, uyangithanda na?” UPethethro wadabuka ngoba uJesu wambuza okwesithathu wathi, “Uyangithanda na?” Wathi, “Nkosi, uyazazi izinto zonke; uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda.” UJesu wathi, “Phana izimvu zami ukudla. **18** Ngikutshela iqiniso ngithi, usesemutsha wawuizigqokisa, uziyele lapho othanda khona; kodwa nxa usuluphele, uzakwelula izandla zakho, ugqokiswe ngomunye, akuhole akuse lapho ongafuni ukuya khona.” **19** UJesu wakutsho lokhu ebonisa indlela yokufa uPhethethro ayezadumisa uNkulunkulu ngayo. Wasesithi kuye, “Ngilandela!” **20** UPethethro wanyemukula wabona umfundu uJesu ayemthanda ebalandela. (Nguye lowo oweyama kujesu esidlweni, owabuzayo wathi, “Nkosi, ngubani ozakuthengisa?”) **21** UPethethro wathi embona wathi, “Nkosi, kanti lo-ke?” **22** UJesu waphendula wathi, “Nxa ngifuna ukuthi asale ephila ngize ngibuye kulani lawe lokho? Wena kumele ungilandele.” **23** Ngenxa yalokhu, kwaba lehungahunga phakathi kwabazalwane lokuthi umfundu lo wayengezukufa. Kodwa uJesu katshongo ukuthi wayengezukufa; wathi nije kuphela, “Nxa ngifuna ukuthi asale ephila ngize ngibuye, kulani lawe lokho?” **24** Lo nguye umfundu ozifikazayo lezizinto, ongye owazibhala phansi. Siyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe buqotho. **25** UJesu wenza ezinye izinto ezinengi njalo. Aluba zonke zazingabhalwa phansi, ngibona ingathi lomhlaba wonke wawuzaswela indawo yezincwadi ezazingabhalwa.

# Imisebenzi

**1** Encwadini yami yakuqala, Theyofelasi, ngalandisa ngakho konke uJesu akwenzayao lakufundisayo **2** kwaze kwafika usuku enyukiswa ngalo esiya ezulwini, esenike izeluleko ngoMoya oNgcwele kubapostoli ayebakhethile. **3** Ngemva kokuhluphenga kwakhe, waziveza kubo, wabapha iziqiniseko ezinengi njengobufakazi bokuthi wayephila. Wabonakala kubo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane, ekhuluma ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. **4** Wathi esidla labo ngeliney ilanga wabalaya wathi, “Lingasuki ejerusalem, lilindele isipho esathenjiswa nguBaba, elangizwa ngikhuluma ngaso. **5** Ngoba uJohane wabphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa ngemva kwensuku ezimbalwa lizabhaphathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele.” **6** Basebesithi gwaqa ndawonye bambuza bathi, “Nkosi, khathesi usuzabuyisela umbuso ko-Israveli na?” **7** Wathi kubo: “Kakusikho kwenu ukwazi izikhathi loba insuku uBaba azimisileyo ngamandla akhe. **8** Kodwa lina lizakwamukela amandla nxa uMoya oNgcwele eseefikile kini, njalo lizakuba ngofakazi bami ejerusalem lakulo lonke eleJudiya laseSamariya kanye lasemikhawulweni yomhlaba.” **9** Esekutshilo lokhu, wenyukiswa phambi kwamehlo abo, iyezi lamfihla, abazabe besambona. **10** Babejolozele esibhakabhakeni ngesikhathi esenyuka, masinyazana nje kwema amadoda amabili eduze kwabo eggqoke okumhlophe. **11** Athi kubo, “Madoda aseGalile, limeleni lapha lijolozele esibhakabhakeni na? Ujesu lo osethethwe kini wasiwa ezulwini uzabuya ngayonale indlela elimbone esenyuka ngayo esiya ezulwini.” **12** Basebebuyela ejerusalem besuka eNtabeni yama-Oliva, okungumango ongaba likhilomitha kusuka edolobheni. **13** Ekufikeni kwabo bakhuphukela endlini ephezelu lapho ababehlal khona. Ababelapho babebalisa: uPhethro, uJohane, uJakhobe lo-Andreyea; uFiliphu loThomasi; uBhatholomewu loMatewu; uJakhobe indodana ka-Alifewu, uSimoni umZilothi, loJudas indodana kajakhobe. **14** Bonke laba bahlangana kokuphela bekhuleka, bendawonye labesifazane loMariya unina kajesu kanye labafowabo bakajesu. **15** Ngalezonksu uPhethro wasukuma phakathi kwamakholwa (ixuku elalingafika ikhulu elilamatshumi amabili) **16** wathi, “Bazalwane, uMbhalo kwakumele ugcwaliiseke, lokho okwakhulunywa nguMoya oNgcwele endulo ngomlomo kaDavida mayelana loJudas owaba ngumkhokheli walabo ababophia ujesu. **17** Wayengomunye wenani lethu njalo waba lengxenye emsebenzini wethu wobuvangel.” **18** (Ngomvuzo awuzuzayo ngenxa yobubi bakhe, uJudas wathenga isiqinti; khonapho wawa ngekhandha, isidumbu sakhe sadubuka, amathumbu akhe wonke agcwala phansi. **19** Bonke ejerusalem bezwa ngalokho, yikho babiza isiqinti leso ngolimi lwabo bathi yi-Akhelidama, okutsho iSiqinti seGazi.) **20** UPethro wathi, “Ngoba kulotshiwe encwadini yamaHubo ukuthi: ‘Sengathi indawo yakhe ingaba ngamanxiwa; kungabi lamuntu ozahlala kuyo,’ njalo, ‘Kakube lomunye ozathatha isikhundla sakhe sobukhokheli.’” **21** Ngakho kufanele ukuba sikhethi omunye wamadoda abekade elathi isikhathi sonke iNkosi uJesu isesephakathi kwethu, **22** kusukela ekubhaphathizweni kwakhe ngujohane kuze kufike esikhathini lapho uJesu athathwa khona kithi. Ukuze omunye wabo laba abe ngufakazi kanye lathi ngokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo.” **23** Ngakho basebemisa amadoda amabili, uJosefa owayethiwa nguBhasabhasi (esaziwa njalo ngokuthi ngJustusi) loMathiyasi. **24** Basebekhuleka bathi, “Nkosi, uyayazi inhliyizo yomuntu munye ngamunye. Sitshengise ukuthi nguphi phakathi kwalaba ababili omkhethileyo **25** ukuba athathe lesisikhundla sobupostoli, uJudas asitshiyayo esiya lapho ayeFanele khona.” **26** Basebesenza inkatho, yadla uMathiyasi, wasesengezwa kubapostoli abalitshumi lanye.

**2** Kwathi kufika usuku IwePhentekhosti, bonke babendawonye. **2** Masinyane nje kwabakhona umsindo onjengokuvunguza komoya wesiphepho wehla uvela ezulwini, wagcwala indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo. **3** Babona okwakungathi zinlimi ezingamalangabi omnilo ezechlukana zahlala komunye lomunye wabo. **4** Bonke bagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, basebeqalisa ukukhuluma ezinye izindimi njengokwaneliswa kwabo nguMoya. **5** Ngalesosikhathi kwakuhlala amajuda ayernesaba uNkulunkulu ejerusalem, evela kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba. **6** Athi ngokuzwa umsindo lo, kwabuthana ixuku labantu bemangele ngoba omunye lomunye wabezza bekhuluma ngolimi lwakhe. **7** Ngokumangala okukhulu babuza bathi, “Kanti bonke laba abakhulumayo kabasimaGalile na?” **8** Pho kungani omunye lomunye wethu ebezza bekhuluma ngolimi lwethu na? **9** AmaPhathiya, amaMede, amaElamu; izakhamizi zaseMesophothamiya, lezeJudiya leKhaphadokhiya, lePhontusi le-Ezhiya, **10** leFirigya lePhamfiliya, leGibhithe lezingxene yeZelibhiya eduze leKhureni; izethekeli ezivela eRoma **11** (amajuda lamakholwa aphendukele enkolweni yesijuda); amaKhrethe lama-Arabhu, sibewza befakaza izimangaliso zikaNkulunkulu ngendimi zethu!” **12** Babedidekile bengelankani, babuzana bathi, “Kutshoni lokhu?” **13** Kodwa abanye benza inhlekisa ngabo bathi, “Banathe iwayini enengi bedlulisa.” **14** UPethro wasesukuma labalitshumi lanye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhuluma emphakathini wathi, “Bantu bakithi elingamajuda, lani lonke elisejerusalem, kahleni ngilichasisele lokhu; lalelisisan lokhu engikutshoyo. **15** Amadoda la kawadakwanga njengokucabanga kwenu. Kuseseliola lesificamunwemunye nje ekuseni! **16** Hatshi, lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa ngumphrefethi uJoweli ukuthi: **17** “Ngezinsuku zokucina, uNkulunkulu uthi, Ngizathululela uMoya wami kubo bonke abantu. Amadodana lamadodakazi enu azaphrofitha, izinsizwa zenu zizabona imibono, lamaxhegu enu azaphupha amaphupho. **18** Lasezincekwni zami, ezesilisa lezesifazane, ngizawuthulula uMoya wami ngalezonksu, njalo bazaphrofitha. **19** Ngizatshengisa izimanga ezulwini phezulu, lezibonakaliso emhlabeni phansi, igazi lomlilo lezikaththa zentuthu. **20**

Ilanga lizaphendulwa libe yibumnyama, lenyanga ibeligazi phambi kokuba kufike usuku olukhulu lukaThixo, olukhazimulayo. **21** Njalo wonke obiza ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa.’ **22** Bantu bako-Israyeli, lalelani lokhu: UJesu waseNazaretha wayeyindoda eyamiswa nguNkulunkulu kini, ngezimangaliso lezibonakaliso uNkulunkulu azenzayo phakathi kwenu ngaye, njengoba lina ngokwenu lisazi. **23** Umuntu lo wanikelwa kini ngecebo likaNkulunkulu ayelimisile langolwazi lokuzayo; njalo lina licedisida ngabantu ababi, lambulala ngokumbethela esiphambanweni. **24** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, wamkhulula ebuhlungwini bokufa ngoba ukufa kwakungelamanda okumncindezela. **25** UDavida wathi ngaye: ‘Ngayibona iNkosi iphambi kwami kokuphela. Njengoba isesandleni sami sokunene, angiyi kunyikinywa. **26** Ngakho inhliziyo yami iyathaba lolimi lwami luyathokoza; umzimba wami lawo uzahlala ulethemba, **27** ngoba kawuzukungidela ukuba ngiye endaweni yabafileyo, njalo kawusoze wekele ongcwele wakho ukuthi abone ukubola. (**Hades g86**) **28** Ungazisile izindlela zempilo; uzangigcwalisu ngentokozo phambi kwakho.’ **29** Bazalwane, ngilitshela ngilesibindi ukuthi ukhokho uDavid wafa wangcwatshwa, njalo ithuna lakkhe likhona khonapha kuze kube lamuhla. **30** Kodwa wayengumphrofethi, ekwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayemthembisile ngesifungo ukuthi wayezabeka omunye wesizukulwane sakhe esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos. **31** Ngoba ebona okwakuphambili, wakhulumu ngokuvuka kukaKhristu kwabafileyo, ukuthi kazange atshiywe endaweni yabafileyo njalo umzimba wakhe kawukubonanga ukubola. (**Hades g86**) **32** UNkulunkulu usemvusile uJesu lo waphila, thina sonke singofakazi balokho. **33** Njengoba esekhutshulelwu ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, usamukele kuYise uMoya oNgcwele owathenjiswayo njalo usekuthulule lokho elikubonayo lelikuzwayo khathesi. **34** Ngoba uDavid kenyukanga ukuya ezulwini, kodwa wathi, ‘INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: “Hlala ngakwesokunene sami **35** ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho.”’ **36** Ngakho-ke, u-Israyeli wonke kaqiniseke ngalokhu: uNkulunkulu usenze uJesu lo elambethelayo waba yiNkosi loKhristu.’ **37** Abantu bathi bekuzwa lokhu bathinteka kakhulu ezhnliziweni, bathi kuPhethro labanye abapostoli, ‘Bazalwane, senze njani na?’ **38** UPethero waphendula wathi, ‘Phendukani libhaphathizwe lonke, ebizweni likaJesu Khristu ukuze lithethelelwu izono zenu. Njalo lizakwamukela isipho soMoya oNgcwele. **39** Isithembiso ngesenu labantwabenu labo bonke abakude, lesabo bonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezababiza.’ **40** Wabaxwayisa langamanye amazwi amanengi; njalo wabancenga wathi, ‘Zisindiseni kulesisizukulwane esonakeleyo.’ **41** Labo abalemukelayo ilizwi lakhe babhaphathizwa, kwengezwa enanini labo mhlalokho abangaba zinkulungwane ezintathu. **42** Bayikhuthalela imfundiso yabapostoli kanye lokudelana, lokuhlephuna isirkwa lokukhuleka. **43** Wonke umuntu wagcwala ukwesaba

ngezimanga lezibonakaliso ezenziwa ngabapostoli. **44** Wonke amakholwa ayendawonye, ehlanganya kukho konke. **45** Athengisa izinto zawo lempahla zawo anika loba ngubani oswelayo. **46** Insuku zonke aqhubeke ehlangana emagumeni ethempeli njalo ehlaphuna isinkwa emakhaya awo esidla ndawonye ngezinhliyizo ezmhlophe lezithobekileyo, **47** edumisa uNkulunkulu njalo ethakazelewa ngabantu bonke. Njalo iNkosi yengeza inani lawo insuku zonke ngalabo abasebesindisiwe.

**3** Ngeliney ilanga uPhethro loJohane babesiyi ethempelini ngesikhathi sokukhuleka, ngehola lesthathu emini. **2** Indoda eyayigogekile kusukele ekuzalweni kwayo, yayithwalwa isiwe esangweni lethempeli elalibizwa ngokuthi liSango Elihle, lapho eyayibekwa khona nsuku zonke ukuthi icele kulabo ababenga emagumeni ethempeli. **3** Yathi ibona uPhethro loJohane bengena yabacela imali. **4** UPethro loJohane bayijolozela. UPethro wasesithi, ‘Sikhangelai’ **5** Ngakho indoda yabakhangela, ithembe ukuthi izazu ulutho kubo. **6** UPethro wasesithi, ‘Isiliva kumbe igolide kangilakho, kodwa engilakho ngiyakunika. Ebizweni likajesu Khristu waseNazaretha, sukuma uhamba.’ **7** Wambamba ngesandla sokudla wamsukumisa, masinyane nje inyawo lenqagala zakhe kwaqina. **8** Wathi lothu ngezinyawo zakhe wahle wahamba. Wasehamba labo ethempelini, ezihambelo, eseqa njalo edumisa uNkulunkulu. **9** Kwathi abantu bonke bembona ehamba edumisa uNkulunkulu, **10** baminanzela ukuthi nguye owayehlala ecela esangweni lethempeli lelo, bamangala baphela amandla ngalokho okwakwenzakele kuye. **11** Isiceli sisathe sece kuPhethro loJohane, bonke abantu bamangala beza kubo begijima endaweni eyayithwa liKhulusi likaSolomon. **12** UPethro wathi ekubona lokhu wathi kubo, ‘Bantu bako-Israyeli, kungani kulumalisa lokhu na? Kungani lisijolozela sengathi ngamandla ethu loba ukholo lwethu okwenze umuntu lo wahamba na?’ **13** UNkulunkulu ka-Abrahama, lo-Isaka loJakhobe, uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu useykhazimulisile inceku yakhe uJesu. Lamnikela ukuba abulawe, lamphika phambi kukaPhilathu, loba yena wayesemise ukuthi amyekele ahamb. **14** Lamphika oNgcwele njalo oLungleyo, lacela ukuthi likhululelwu umbulali. **15** Lambulala umsunguli wokuphila, kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo. Singofakazi bakho lokhu. **16** Ngokukholwa ebizweni likajesu, indoda le eliyibonayo, eliyaziyo, yenzive yaqina. Kungenxa yebizo likajesu lokukholwa okuza ngaye okulethe ukusila okupheleleyo kuyo njengoba lonke libona. **17** Manje-ke bazalwane, ngiyazi ukuthi lakwena ngokungazi, njengoba labakhokheli benu labo babengazi. **18** Kodwa yiyo indlela uNkulunkulu agcwalisu ngayo lokho ayekutshilo ngaphambilini ngabo bonke abaphrofethi, esithi uKhristu wakhe wayezahlupheka. **19** Ngakho phendukani, libuyele kuNkulunkulu ukuze izono zenu zesulwe, ukuze kufike izikhathi zokuhlambulula okuvela eNkosini, **20** lokuthi ithumele uKhristu omiselwe lina, yena uJesu. **21** Kumele

ahlale ezulwini kuze kufike isikhathi lapho uNkulunkulu azaqondisa konke ngaso, njengokuthembisa kwakhe endulo ngabaphrofethi bakhe abangcwele. (aiōn g165) 22 Ngoba uMosi wathi, ‘INKosi uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami; libokulalela konke alitshela khona. 23 Loba ngubani ongayikumialela uzakususwa ngokupheleleyo ebantwini bakibo.’ 24 Ngempela, bonke abaphrofethi kusukela kuSamuyeli, bonke abaphrofethi baphrofitha ngazo insku lezi. 25 Lina lizindlalifa zabo abaphrofethi kanye lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu asenza labokhoko benu. Wathi ku-Abrahama, ‘Bonke abantu bomhlaba bazabusiswa ngesizukulwane sakho.’ 26 Kuthe uNkulunkulu eseyimisile inceku yakhe, wayithumela kuqala kini ukuba ilibusise ngokuphendula omunye lomunye wenu ezindleleni zenu zobubi.”

4 Abaphristi lomlawuli wabalindi bethempeli kanye lamaSadusi beza kuPhethro loJohane belokhu besakhulumu labantu. 2 Bakhathazeka kakhulu ngoba abapostoli babefundisa abantu betshumayela ukuthi kujesu kulokuvuka kwabafileyo. 3 Babamba uPhethro loJohane, kwathi ngenxa yokuthi kwasekuntambama, babafaka entolongweni kwaze kwaba kusasa. 4 Kodwa abanengi abalizwayo ilizwi bakholwa, inani lamadoda lakhula okungaba zinkulungwane ezhinhanlu. 5 Ngosuku olulandelayo ababusi, abadala, labafundisi bomthetho babuthana ejerusalem. 6 U-Anasi umphristi omkhulu, uKhayifasi, ujohane, u-Alekizanda labanye abendlu yomphristi omkhulu. 7 Bathi uPhethro loJohane baletthwe, baqala ukubathonisa besithi, “Lokhu likwenze ngamandla bani kumbe ngaliphi ibizo na?” 8 UPhetiro egcwele uMoya oNgewe wathi kubo, “Babusi labadala babantu! 9 Nxa sibekwa umlandu lamuhla ngesenzo somusa owenzelwe indoda ebyisigoga, besesibuzwa ukuthi isiliswe njani, 10 yazini lokhu, lina kanye labo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli; kungenxa yamandla kajesu Khristu waseNazaretha elambethelayo kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, yiwo enza indoda le ime phambi kwenu isilile ngokupheleleyo. 11 Yena uyilo ‘ilitshe lina abakhi elalilahlayo, khathesi seliyilona ilitshe lekhoneni.’ 12 Kakho omunye okulensindiso kuye; phela kalikho elinye ibizo ngaphansi kwezulu elaphiwa abantu ukuthi sisindiswe ngalo.” 13 Bathi ngokubona isibindi sikaPhethro loJohane njalo benanzelela ukuthi ngabantu makhaza, ababengfundanga, batsha amathe, bakunanzelela ukuthi amadoda la ake aphila lojesu. 14 Kodwa njengoba babeyibona indoda eyayisilisiwe imi khonapho labo, baswela ukuthi bangathini. 15 Ngakho kwathiwa kabasuke emphakathini weSanihedrini, umphakathi wasala uhlanganisa amakhanda. 16 Babuzana bathi, “Kambe senzeni ngamadoda la? Bonke abahlala ejerusalem bayakwazi ukuthi benze umangaliso obabazekayo, lathi asingeke sikulandule lokho. 17 Kodwa ukuze into le siyimise ukuthi ingasabalali phakathi kwabantu, kasibaqonqoseleni ukuthi bangaphindi bakhulumu lakubani ngebizo leli.” 18 Basebebabiza njalo, babalaya ukuthi bangaqali ukukhulumu loba

ukufundisa ngebizo likaJesu. 19 Kodwa uPhethro loJohane baphendula bathi, “Yikuphi okuqondileyo emehlweni kaNkulunkulu ukulalela lina kumbe ukulalela uNkulunkulu? Kwahluleni lokho. 20 Thina ngokwethu asingeke siyekela ukukhulumu ngalokho esikubonileyo lesikuzwileyo.” 21 Sebebaqonqosele njalo babakhulula. Baswela ukuthi babengabajeza njani, ngoba abantu bonke babendumisa uNkulunkulu ngalokho okwakwenzakele. 22 Ngoba leyondoda eyasilisa ngesimanga yayileminyaka engamatshumi amane ubudala. 23 Ekukhululweni kwabo uPhethro loJohane babuyela ebantwini bakibo, bababikela konke okwakukhulunywe kibo ngabaphristi abakhulu labadala. 24 Sebekuzwile lokhu, baphakamisa amazwi abo bonke bakhuleka kuNkulunkulu. Bathi, “Thixo Nkosi, wena wenza amazulu lomhlabo, lolwandle lakho konke okukuwo. 25 Wena wakhulumu ngoMoya oNgewe ngomlomo wenceku yakho, ubaba wethu uDavida wathi: ‘Kungani izizwe zixokozela, labantu besakha amacebo ngeze?’ 26 Amakhosi omhlabo ayahloma ajame lababusi bahlangana ndawonye bemelana loThixo lalowo Ogcotshiweyo wakhe.’ 27 Ngempela uHerodi loPhontiyasi Philathu bahlangana labezizwe kanye labantu bako-Israyeli baceba ngenceku yakho engcweli, uJesu owamgcobayo. 28 Benza lokho okwakumiswe ngaphambilini ngamandla akho layintando yakho ukuthi kwakuzakwenzakala. 29 Ngakho, Nkosi, zwana ukusonga kwabo, uphe inzinceku zakho amandla ukuthi zilikhulumu ilizwi lakho ngesibindi esikhulu. 30 Yelula isandla sakho ukusilisa lokwenza imimangaliso lezimanga ngebizo lenceku yakho engcweli ujesu.” 31 Sebekhulekile, indawo ababekuyo yazamazama. Bonke bagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgewe, balikhulumu ngesibindi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 32 Wonke amakholwa ayenhliziyo nye njalo engqondo nye. Kakho owathi okwakhe ngokwakhe yedwa kodwa babelana konke ababelakho. 33 Abapostoli baqhube kaufakaza ngamandla amakhulu ngokuvuka kweNkosi ujesu kwabafileyo, bonke babusiseka kakhulu. 34 Kakho owayeswela phakathi kwabo. Kwakusithi izikhathi ngezikhathi labo ababe leziqinti loba izindlu bazithengise balethe imali abathengise ngayo 35 bayethule ebapostolini, yabelwe loba ngubani ngokuswela kwakhe. 36 UJesou, umLevi waseSiphrazi, abapostoli ababembiza ngokuthi nguBhanabhasi (okutsho ukuthi, iNdodana yeNkuthazo), 37 wathengisa isivande sakhe waletha imali wayethula phambi kwabapostoli.

5 Indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Ananiya ilomkayo uSafira labo bathengisa isiqinti sabo. 2 Wavumelana lomkakhe ukuthi afihle enye imali ibe ngeyabo, kwathi enye wayethula kubapostoli. 3 UPhetiro wasesithi, “Ananiya, kungani uSathane esegabhele inhliziyo yakho usuze uqamba amanga kuMoya oNgewe, wazigicinela ingxenyemali eliyizuzileyo ngesiqinti senu na? 4 Kanti besingesisenu yini singakathengiswa? Njalo lapho sesithengisive, imali ibingaondananga lani na? Kuyini okubangele ukuthi ucabange ukwenza into enje na? Kawuqambelanga

muntu lawo manga, kodwa uwaqambele uNkulunkulu.” seligwalise ijerusalema ngemfundiso yenu njalo 5 U-Ananiya wonela ukukuzwa lokhu, wawela phansi lizimisele ukusethesa umlandu ngegazi lomuntu wafa. Bonke abezwa ngalesisehlakalo bangenwa lo.” 29 UPHethro labanye abapostoli baphendula yikwesaba okukhulu. 6 Kwasekungena amajaha agoqela bathi, “Kumele silalele uNkulunkulu kuloskulalela isidumbu sakhe amthwalela phandle, ayamngcwaba. abantu! 30 UNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu wamvusa 7 Ngemva kwamahola amathathu umkakhe laye ujesu kwabafleyo, yena elalimbulele ngokumlengisa wangena engazi okwasekwenzakele. 8 UPHethro esiphambanweni. 31 UNkulunkulu wampahakamisela wambuza wathi, “Ake ungitshele, yiyo yini le intengo kwasokunene sakhe waba yiNkosana loMsindisi ukuze eliyizuleyelo wena lo-Ananiya esiqintini senu?” Wathi, anike ukuphenduka lokuthethelwa kwezono ku-“Yebo, yiyo intengo yaso.” 9 UPHethro wathi kuye, Israyeli. 32 Thina singofakazi balezizinto, njengaye “Kungani livumelane ukulinga uMoya weNkosi na? uMoya oNgcwele, uNkulunkulu amnike kulabo Lalela! Yizisinde zamadoda asengcwabe umkakhoso ezesemnyango, bazakuthwala lawe futhi.” 10 Kakulu, bafuna ukuthi babulawo. 34 Kodwa umFarisi Khonkho wasakazeka phansi eduze kukaPHethro, wafa. Asengena amajaha yena esefile, amthwala ehlonitshwa ngabantu bonke, wasukuma wema aphuma laye ayamngcwaba malungana lomkakhe. 11 Amakholwa wonke ayevame ukuhlangana ndawonye eKhulusini likaSolomon. 13 Kakhlo omunye owaqunga isibindi wahlangana labo, lanxa kunjalo babalodumo ebantwini. 14 Lanxa kunjalo, amadoda labafazi abanengi bakholwa eNkosini, bengezelela ubunengi babo. 15 Kwathi ngenxa yalokho, abantu balettha abagulayo ezitaladini, babalalisa emibhedeni lemacansini ukuze isithunzi sikaPHethro sisithe abanye babo lapho esedlula kuphela nje. 16 Amaxuku abantu abuthana eqhamuka emizini eyayiseduze kweJerusalem, eletha abagulayo lababo ababehlukuluzwa yimimoya emibi, bonke basiliswa. 17 Kwasekusithi umphristi omkhulu kanye leqembu lakhe elalingelexuku labaSadusi bangenwa ngumhawu. 18 Bababopha abapostoli babaphosela entolongweni yomuntu wonke. 19 Kodwa ebusuku ingilosu yeNkosi yavula iminyango yentolongo yabakhupha. 20 Yathi, “Hambani liyekuma emagumeni ethempeli, litshele abantu lonke ilizwi lempilo entsha.” 21 Kwathi emadabukakusa bahle bangena emagumeni ethempeli, bafundisa abantu njengokutshewla kwabo. Ekuifikeni komphristi omkhulu leqembu lakhe bahle babiza iSanihedrini; inkundla yonke yabadala bako-Israyeli bathumela ilizwi entolongweni lokuthi kulethwe abapostoli, 22 kodwa izithunywa zathi zifika entolongweni zafumana bengasekho. Ngakho zasezibuyela zayabika zathi, 23 “Sifumane intolongo ivalwe kuhle labalindi bemi eminyango; kodwa sithe siyivula kasibonanga muntu phakathi.” 24 Induna yabalindi bethempeli kanye labaphristi abakhulu bathi bekuzwa lokhu batsha amathe, barnangala ukuthi into le yayikhombani. 25 Kwasekufika omunye umuntu wathi, “Zwanini! Amadoda eliwaprosele entolongweni emi emagumeni ethempeli afundisa abantu.” 26 Besizwa lokho, induna yahle yasuka lamanxusa ayo bayabuya labapostoli. Kabasebenisanga udlakela ngoba besesaba ukuthi abantu babengabakanda ngamatsho. 27 Sebebailethile abapostoli, babamisa phambi kweSanihedrini ukuthi bathomniswe ngumphristi omkhulu. 28 Wathi, “Saliqonqosela ukuthi lingafundisi ngebizo leli. Kodwa

kwesokunene sakhe waba yiNkosana loMsindisi ukuze anike ukuphenduka lokuthethelwa kwezono ku-“Yebo, yiyo intengo yaso.” 9 UPHethro wathi kuye, Israyeli. 32 Thina singofakazi balezizinto, njengaye “Kungani livumelane ukulinga uMoya weNkosi na? uMoya oNgcwele, uNkulunkulu amnike kulabo abamlalelayo.” 33 Bathi bekuwza lokhu bathukuthela phambi kweSanihedrini wathi amadoda lawo ake amiswe phandle kancane. 35 Wasesithi emphakathini weSanihedrini, “Madoda ako-Israyeli, cabangani kuhle ngalokhu elifuna ukukwenza emadodenla ia. 36 Ngesikhathi esadlulayo kwafika uThewuda ezitshaya umuntu oqakathetkileyo, wahuga amadoda angaba ngamakhulu amane. Wabulawa, bonke abalandeli bakhe bahlakazeka, konke kwaphelela emoyeni. 37 Ngemva kwakhe, ujudasi umGalile laye wavela ngezinsuku zokubalwa kwabantu, wakhokhela ixuku labantu ukuba lihlamuke. Laye wabulawa, labalandeli bakhe bonke bahlakazeka. 38 Ngakho, mayelana lahindiba yamanje ngixwayisa lokhu: Bayekeleni abantu laba! Kabahambe! Ngoba nxo inhluso yabo kumbe umkhankaso wabo uvela ebantwini, uzakuba yize. 39 Kodwa nxo uvela kuNkulunkulu, kalisoze libe lamandla okubamisa lababantu; lizazifumana seliphikisana loNkulunkulu.” 40 Inkulomo yakhe bayamukela. Bababiza abapostoli bangeniswa kwathiwa kabatshaywe. Basebeqonqosela ukuthi bangaqali ukukhuluma ngebizo likajesu, basebekhululwa. 41 Abapostoli basuka eSanihedrini bethokoza ngoba basebebakanakalisu ukuthi bangalmela ihlazo lokulihluphekela iBizo. 42 Insuku ngensuku, emagumeni ethempeli, njalo behamba bengena indlu ngendlu, kabazange bame ukufundisa lokutshumayela izindaba ezinhle ukuthi ujesu unguKhristu.

6 Ngalezonuku inani labafundi lisanda, amaJuda esigrikhi ayephakathi kwabo akhonona kulabo ababengamaHebheru ngoba abafelokazi bababengananzwa nxa kusabiwa ukudla ngezinsuku zonke. 2 Ngakho abalitshumi lambili bahlanganisa bonke abafundi ndawonye bathi, “Kuyabe kungalunganga kithi ukuthi siyekethise ukutshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu silibale ngokulungiselana ukudla. 3 Bazalwane, khethani amadoda aysikhombisa phakathi kwenu aziwayo ukuthi agcwele uMoya lokuhlakanipa. Umlando lo sizawubekela wona 4 thina siqinise ukukhuleka lokutshumayela ilizwi.” 5 Umbono lo walithokozisa ixuku lonke. Bakhetha uStefene, indoda eyayigcweli ukukholwa loMoya oNgcwele; uFiliphu, uPhrokhorusi, uNikanori, uThimon, uPhamenasi loNikholasi wase-Antiyokhi,

ikhola elaphendukela enkolweni yesijuda. **6** Amadoda sakhe. **11** Indlala yasihlasela lonke elaseGibhithe la ethulwa kubapostoli, abakhuleka bawabeka izandla. leleKhenani, kwaba lobunzima obukhulu ngoba **7** Ngakho ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lamemetheka. Inani okhokho bethu bakuswela ukudla. **12** Ujakhobe labafundi ejerusalema landa ngokuphangisa, kwathi esezwile ukuthi amabele ayekhona eGibhithe, wathuma lenani elikhulu labaphristi layilandela inkolo. **8** Kwathi okhokho bethu ekuhambeni kwabo kwakuqala. uStefane, indoda eyayigcwele umusa kaNkulunkulu, **13** Sebesiya khona okwesibili, ujosefa wabatshela lamanda, yenza izimanga lemimangaliso phakathi abanewabo ukuthi wayengubani, njalo uFarro waziswa kwabantu. **9** Kwasekuvela umona usuka emalungeni ngabakibo kajosefa. **14** Ngemva kwalokho ujosefa eSinagogu yabaKhululekileyo (njengokubizwa wasebiza uyise ujakhobe ukuthi eze labendlu yakhe kwakhona) bengamajuda aseKhureni le-Alekizandria bonke, kungabantu abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa kanye lasemikhonweni yaseSilisila le-Ezhiya. Abantu lanhlana sebebonke. **15** Ngakho ujakhobe waseshelela laba basuka basebephikiana loStefane, **10** kodwa kweleGibhithe lapho afela khona yena kanye behluleka ukumelana lenhlakanipho yakhe kumbe labokhoko bethu. **16** Izidumbu zabo zabuyiswa uMoya ayekhuluma ngawo. **11** Basebefunza abanye eshekhemu zabekwa ethuneni elathengwa ngu-abantu amazwi ngasese ukuthi bathi, "Simzwile Abrahama emadodaneni kaHamori eshekhemu uStefane ekhuluma amazwi ahlambaza uMosi kanye loNkulunkulu." **12** Ngaleyondlela badungulula abantu labadala kanye labafundisi bomthetho. Bambopha uStefane bamletha phambi kweSanihedrini. **13** Baveza ofakazi bamanga abafakaza bathi, "Indoda le kayikhawuli ukukhuluma kubi ngendawo engcwele langomthetho. **14** Ngoba sesimuzwe esithi ujesu lo waseNazaretha uzayibhidiza indawo le njalo aguqule imikhuba uMosi asipa yona." **15** Bonke ababehlezi phakathi kweSanihedrini bamnanzelela uStefane babona ukuthi ubuso bakhe babufana lobuso bengilos. **16** Kwasekuvisi 'lenye inkosi eyayingazi lutho ngoJosefa yaba ngumbusi eGibhithe.' **19** Yaba lesiluku ebantwini bakithi, yancindezela okhokho bethu ngokubabamba ngamandla ukuthi balahlele khatshana insane zabo ezisanda kuzalwa ukuthi zife. **20** Ngalesosikhathi uMosi wazalwa, njalo engasumntwana makhaba. Okwezinyanga ezintathu wondliwa endlini kayise. **21** Kwathi esebekwe phandle, indodakazi kaFarro yamthatha yamkhulisa njengomntanayo. **22** UMosi wfundiswa kuyo yonke inhlakanipho yamaGibhithe, eligagu lokukhuluma lokwenza. **23** Kwathi uMosi eseleminyaka engamatshumi amane obudala, wacabanga ukuya kwethekelela abantu bakibo, abako-Israyeli. **24** Wabona omunye wabo ehlukuluzwa ngumGibhithe, ngakho wayamlamulela, wenanisa ngokubulala umGibhithe lowo. **25** UMosi wakhumbula ukuthi abantu bakibo babezakunanzelela ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayemsebenzia ukuthi abakhulule, kodwa kabakunanzelelanga. **26** Ngosuku olulandelayo uMosi wawela phezu kwabako-Israyeli ababili ababesilwa. Wazama ukubalamula ngokuthi, 'Madoda, liyizinini; kungani lhlukuluzana kangaka na?' **27** Kodwa leyondoda eyayihlkulula eyinye, yamfuqela eceleni uMosi yathi, 'Ngubani okwenze umbusi lomahluli phezu kwethu?' **28** Ufuna ukungibulala njengomGibhithe ombuleleyo izolo?' **29** UMosi wathi ekuzwa lokho wabalekela eMidyani, lapho ahlala khona njengesizwe, wazala khona amadodana amabili. **30** Sekwedule iminyaka engamatshumi amane, ingilosu yavela kuMosi iselangabini lesixuku esibhebhayo enkangala eduze kweNtaba iSinayi. **31** Wathi ekubona lokhu wamangala kakbulu ngalowombono. Wathi uyasondela ukuthi abonisise, wezwa ilizwi likaThixo lisithi: **32** 'NginguNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, lo-Isaka lojakhobe.' UMosi wathuthumela ngokwesaba wehluleka ukukhangela. **33** INkosiyasisithi kuye, 'Khupha amanyathela akho, ngoba indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele. **34** Ngempela sengikubonile ukuhlukuluzeka kwabantu bami eGibhithe. Sengikuzwile ukububula kwabo, ngakho sengibuyile phansi lapha ukuzebakbulula. Manje-ke Yona yasimenza umbusi eGibhithe lakuso sonke isigodlo

zwana, ngizakubuyisela eGibhithe.’ **35** Nguye kanye uMosi lo ababemalile ngamazwi athi, ‘Ngubani okwenze umbusi lomahluli na?’ Wathunyelwa ukuba ngumbusi, lomkhululi nguNkulunkulu mathupha, ngengilosiloyeyabonakala kuye isesixukwini. **36** Wabakhokhela baphuma elizweni laseGibhithe, wenza izimanga lehimangaliso eGibhithe lasowlandle olubomvu kanye lasenkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala. **37** Nguye lo uMosi owatshela abako-Israyeli wathi, ‘UNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umphrofethi phakathi kwabafowenu njengami.’ **38** Wayephakathi kwebandla engankala, elabokhokho bethu njalo elayo ingilosiloyeyakhuluma kuye eTabeniyaseSinayi; njalo wemukela amazwi okuphila ukuthi awedlulisele kithi. **39** Kodwa okhokho bethu bala ukumlalela. Bamala, kwathi ezinhliziyeweni zabo babuyela eGibhithe. **40** Batshela u-Aroni bathi, ‘Yenza onkulunkulu abazasikhokhela. UMosi lo owasikhupha eGibhithe asisakwazi ukuthi usedliwe yini!’ **41** Yiso lesosikhathi abenza ngaso isithombe esasilesimo sethole. Baletha imihlatshelo kulo, benza umkhosi wokuthakazelelo lokho okwenziswa yizandla zabo. **42** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wabafulathela, wabakhalala ukuba bakhonze ilanga, inyanga lezinkanyezi. Lokhu kuvumelana lalokho okulotshiwayo encwadini yabaphrofethi ukuthi: ‘Wena ndlu ka-Israyeli, langilethela na imihlatshelo leminikelo ngeminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala?’ **43** Hatshi, lathwala isikhonzelo sikaMoleki lenkanyezi kankulunkulu wenu uRefani, izithombe elazenzayo ukuthi lizikhonze. Ngakho-ke, ngizalixotshela ekuthunjweni’ ngale kweBhabhiloni. **44** Okhokho bethu babelalo ithabanikeli lobufakazi enkangala. Lalensiwe njengokuqondiswa kukaMosi nguNkulunkulu elandela isimo ayesibonile. **45** Sebelamukele ithala okhokho bethu bengaphansi kukaJoshua beza lalo ekuthumbeni kwabo izizwe. Lahlala elizweni kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sikaDavida, **46** owarehandwa nguNkulunkulu, wacela ukuthi alungisele uNkulunkulu kajakhobe indawo yokuhlala. **47** Kodwa kwaba nguSolomonii owaremakhelayo leyondlu. **48** Lanxa kunjalo, oPhezukonke kahali ezindlini ezakhwe ngabantu. Njengoba esitushumphrofethi ukuthi: **49** ‘Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhos, lomhlaba uyisenabelo sami. Ligzangkhela ndlu bani? kutsho iNkosi. Kambe izaba ngaphi indawo yami yokuphumula na?’ **50** Izinto zonke lezi kazenziwanga yisandla sami na?’ **51** Lina ziqholo zabantu, abanhliziyo lezindlebe ezingasokanga! Lifuze oyihlo: Lihlezi lijamelene loMoya oNgcwele! **52** Kambe kwake kwabakhona umphrofethi oyihlo abangazange bamhlukuluzena? Baze bababulala lababo abaphrofetha ngokuza koLungiye. Khathesi selimnikele lambulala, **53** lina eseliwemukele umthetho oweza ngezingilosikodwa kaliwulandelanga.’ **54** Amalunga eSanihedrini esekuwile lokhu azonda, afuthelana, amgedlela amazinyo. **55** Kodwa uStefane egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wakhangela ezelwini wabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu loJesu emi esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **56** Wathi, ‘Khangelani, ngibona izulu livuliwe leNdodana yoMuntu imi esandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu.’ **57** Besizwa lokhu bagcika indlebe zabo, baklabalala, bamdumela **58** bamhudulela phandle kwedolobho, bamkhanda ngamatshe. Ofakazi babeka izigqoko zabo phambi kwejaha elalithiwa nguSawuli. **59** Kwathi belokhu bemkhanda uStefane wakhuleka wathi, ‘Nkosi Jesu, yamukela umoya wami.’ **60** Wathi vutshalala ngamadoloh phansi wamemeza wathi, ‘Nkosi, ungababekeli mlandu ngalesisono.’ Kuthe esetsho lokho, walala.

**8** LoSawuli wayekhona evumelana lokubulawa kwakhe. Ngalelolanga kwaqalisisa isiphithiphithi esibi sokuhlukuluza ibandla ejerusalem, kwathi bonke ngaphandle kwabapostoli bahlakazeka kulolonke ijidu leSamariya. **2** Abantu abakholwa kuNkulunkulu bamngcwaba uStefane bamlilela kabuhlungu. **3** Kodwa uSawuli waqalisisa ukulichitha ibandla. Wahamba engena izindlu ngezindlu ephuthuma abesilisa labesifazane esiyabaphosela entolongweni. **4** Labo ababehlakazekile balitshumayela ilizwi loba kungaphi abaya khona. **5** UFilipu wehlela edolobheni elithile eSamariya watshumayela ngoKhristu khonale. **6** Kwathi amaxuku abantu emuzwa uFilipu njalo ebona izibonakaliso ayezenza bonke bakulalelisa lokho ayekukhuluma. **7** Omoya ababi baphuma ebantwini abanengi beklabalala njalo abanengi ababome imihlubulo labayizilima basiliswa. **8** Ngakho kwaba lentokozo enku kulelodolobho. **9** Okwesikhathi esithile indoda eyayithiwa nguSimoni yayisensa amasalamusi edolobheni lelo yamangalisa bonke abantu baseSamariya. Wayezikhukhumeza ezits haya umuntu omkulu, **10** njalo bonke abantu, abaphakemeyo labantukazana bambuthanelabababaza bathi, ‘Indoda le kuqondile ibizwa ngokuthi ingaMandla amakhulu kaNkulunkulu.’ **11** Bamlandela ngoba wayebamgalisile okwesikhathi eside ngamasalamusi akhe. **12** Kodwa kwathi sebekholwe uFilipu etshumayela izindaba ezinhle zombuso kaNkulunkulu kanye lebizo likajesu Khristu, babaphathizwa, abesilisa labesifazane. **13** USimoni laye ngokwakhe wakholwa wabphathizwa. Walandela uFilipu zonke indawo, emangalisa yizibonakaliso ezinkulu lehimangaliso ayibonayo. **14** Kwathi abapostoli ejerusalem sebezile ukuthi iSamariya yase ilamukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, bathuma uPhethro loJohane kubo. **15** Sebefikile babakhulekela ukuthi bemukela uMoya oNgcwele, **16** ngoba uMoya oNgcwele wawulokhu ungakehleli lakubani kubo; babephaphathizelwe ebizweni leNkosi ujesu kuphela. **17** Ngakho uPhethro loJohane bababeka izandla, basebewemukela uMoya oNgcwele. **18** Kwathi uSimoni ebona ukuthi uMoya wawuphiwa ngokubekwa izandla ngabapostoli wabahuga ngemali **19** esithi, ‘Ngiphani lami lawomandla ukuze kuthi wonke lowo engimbeka izandla azuze uMoya oNgcwele.’ **20** UPHethro waphendula wathi, ‘Sengathi imali yakho ingabhubha kanye lawe ngoba ucabanga ukuthi ungasithenga isipho sikaNkulunkulu ngemali! **21** Kawulangxenyelobaisabelo kulinkonzo ngoba inhliziyo yakho kayilunganga

phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **22** Phenduka kulobububi ukhuleke eNkosini. Mhlawumbe izakuthethelela ngokuba lomcabango onje enhliziyeweni yakho. **23** Ngoba ngyabona ukuthi ugcwalelene ngomona njalo ugqilazwe yisono.” **24** USimoni wasephendula wathi, “Ngikhulekelani eNkosini ukuze ngingehlewa laloba yikuphi Iwaloko okutshiloyo.” **25** Kwathi sebefakazile njalo balitshumayela ilizwi leNkosi, uPhethro loJohane babuyela ejerusalem, bahamba betshumayela ivangeli eminizini eminengi yaseSamariya. **26** Ingilosи yeNkosi yathi kuFiliphu, “Yehlela ezansi emgwaqweni, umgwaqо wenkangala, osuka ejerusalem usaи emGaza.” **27** Ngakho wasesusa, kwathi endleleni leyo wahlangana lomTopiya ongumthenwa, eyisikhulu esiqakathekileyo esasiphethe ingcebo kakhandaki, indlovukazi yamaTopiya. Indoda le yayikade iye ejerusalem ukyakhonza, **28** isisendleleni yokubuyela ekhaya ihlezi enqoleni yayo ibala incwadi ka-Isaya umphrofethi. **29** UMoya watshela uFiliphu wathi, “Hamba usondele enqoleni leyana walele eduze kwayo.” **30** UFiliphu wasegijimela kuyo inqola wezwa indoda leyo ibala u-Isaya umphrofethi. UFiliphu wayibuza wathi, “Uyakuzwisa yini lokho okubalayo?” **31** Yathi, “Ngingakuzwisa kanjani kungekho muntu ongichazelaya no?” Yasicela uFiliphu ukuthi agade azohlala layo. **32** Indoda engumtherwa yaiyibala indima yombhalo ethi: “Waqhutshwa njengemvu isiwa esilaheni, njengenzinyane lemuu elithula zwi phambi komgundi, kanjalo kazange awuvule umlomo wakhe. **33** Ekugconveni kwakhe wancitshwa ukwahlulewa okulungileyo. Ngubani ongakhuluma ngezizukulwane zakhe na? Ngoba ukuphila kwakhe kwasuswa emhlabeni.” **34** Indoda engumthenwa yabuza uFiliphu yathi, “Ake ungitshela bakithi, umphrofethi ukhuluma ngobani, yena ngokwakhe kumbe ngomunye umuntu?” **35** UFiliphu wahle waqalisa ngaleyondima yoMbhalo, wayitshela izindaba ezinhle ngoJesu. **36** Bathi belokhu behamba ngomgwaqо bafika lapho okwakulamanzi khona, indoda engumthenwa yathi, “Khangela, nanka amanzi. Kulani ukuthi nighle ngibhaphathizwe na?” [ **37** UFiliphu wathi, “Nxa ukholwa ngenhlizyo yakho yonke ungabhapthathizwa.” Isikhulu saphendula sathi, “Ngiyakholwa ukuthi ujesu Khristu uyiNdonada kaNkulunkulu.”] **38** Isikhulu sathi inqola kayimiswe. Ngakho bobabili, uFiliphu lendoda engumthenwa baye emanzini uFiliphu wayibhaphathiza. **39** Bathi bephuma emanzini uMoya wenNkosi wahle wamthatha uFiliphu, indoda engumthenwa ayabe isambona njalo, kodwa yaqhubeka ngendlela yayo ithokoza. **40** Kodwa uFiliphu wabonakala e-Azotha, walidabula ilizwe etshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi waze wayafika eKhesariya. kwamzingelezela. **4** Wawela phansi, wezwa ilizwi lisithi kuye, “Sawuli, Sawuli, unghilukuluzelani na?” **5** USawuli wabuza wathi, “Ungubani, Nkosi?” Ilizwi lathi, “Ngingujeus omhlukuluzayo. **6** Manje phakama uye edolobheni lapho ozatshewla khona omele ukwenze.” **7** Amadoda ayehamba loSawuli ema lapho esetshe amathe; balizwa ilizwi, kodwa kababonanga muntu. **8** USawuli wavuka phansi, kodwa wathi evula amehlo akhe wayengasaboni lutho. Ngakho bamhola ingesandla bangena laye eDamaseko. **9** Waba yisiphofu okwensuku ezintathu, engadli njalo enganathi lutho. **10** EDamaseko kwakulomfundu owayethiwa ngu-Ananiya. INkosi yambiza ngombono yathi, “Ananiyal!” Waphendula wathi, “Yebo, Nkosi.” **11** INkosi yamtshela yathi, “Hamba uye endlini kajudasi eMgwawqweni oQondileyo, ubuze khona ngendoda yaseThasasi ethiwa nguSawuli, ngoba iyakhuleka. **12** Usebelombono wabona indoda ethiwa ngu-Ananiya ifika imbekwa izandla ibuyisa ukubona kwakhe.” **13** U-Ananiya waphendula wathi, “Nkosi sengiyizwile indumela yalumuntu mayelana lokubi konke akwenzayo ebantwini bakho ejerusalem. **14** Uze lapha ngamandla awaphiwe ngabaphristi abakhulu ukuzabophwa bonke ababiza ibizo lakho.” **15** Kodwa inKosi yathi ku-Ananiya, “Hamba! Indoda le iyisitsa sami engisikhethileyo ukuthwala ibizo lami phambi kwabeZizwwe lamakhosi abo laphambi kwabantu bako-Israyeli. **16** Ngizamtshengisa ukuthu uzahlupheka kanganani ngenxa yebizo lami.” **17** U-Ananiya wasehamba esiya kuleyondlu wafika wangena. Wabekha izandla zakhe phezu kukaSawuli wathi, “Mzalwane, Sawuli, inKosi ujesu obonakale kuwe endleleni usiza lapha ungithumile ukuze ukwazi ukubona njalo futhi ugcwalsiswe ngoMoya oNgcwele.” **18** Masinyane, kwakhithika okwakungathi zinkwethu emehlwensi kaSawuli, wasebona njalo. Wasukuma wabhaphathizwa, **19** kwathi esedile, wathola amandla. USawuli wahlala insuku ezithile labafundi eDamaseko. **20** Waseqalisa ukutshumayela emasinagogweni ukuthi ujesu uyiNdonada kaNkulunkulu. **21** Bonke labo abamuzyayo bamangala babuza bathi, “Kasuye yini umuntu lo owenza isihlku ejerusalem kulabo abalibizayo lelibilizo na? Njalo kabuyanga yini lapha ukuzabathatha beyizibotshwa abese kubaphristi abakhulu na?” **22** Kodwa uSawuli wasebenza ngamandla amakhulu wadidekisa amajuda ayehlala eDamaseko ngokubonisa kamhlophe ukuthi ujesu unguKhristu. **23** Sekudlule insuku ezinengi amajuda abumba icebo lokumbulala, **24** kodwa uSawuli walizwa icebo labo. Emini lebusuku bamlindela emasinagogweni edolobho ukuze bumbulale. **25** Kodwa abalandeli bakhe bamthatha ebusuku bamehlisa ngesilu esikhaleni

**9** Kusenjalo, uSawuli wayelokhu esonga ngomvamwithi ukubulala abafundi beNkosi. Waya kuMphristi omkhulu 2 wayacela izincwadi zokuya emasinagogweni aseDamaseko, ukuze kuthi nxo engafumana khonale labo abangabeNdlela, abesilisa loba abesifazane, abalethe ejerusalem beyizibotshwa.  
**3** Wathi esebunga eDamaseko ngohambo lwakhe, masinyane kwaphazima ukukhanya kuvela ezulwini

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ngesibindi ngebizo leNkosi. **29** Wakhulumo njalo uPhethro wakhwela ophahleni ukuyakhuleka. **10** waphikisana lamajuda esiGrikhi, kodwa azama Wezwa eselambile esefuna ulutho lokudla, kwathi ukumbulala. **30** Kwathi abazalwane bekuzwa lokhu, ukudla kusalungiswa wehlelwa yisiyezipupho. **11** bambalekisel aKhesariya bafika bamedululisel Wabona izulu livulekile, kusehli Selwa emhlabeni ulutho eThasasi. **31** Ngalesosikhathi ibandla kulolonke olwalunjengelembu elikhulu libanjwe ngamagumbi alo elaseJudiya leGalile lesamariya laba lesikhathi womane. **12** Lalithwele yonke imihlobo yezinayamazana esihle sokuthula. Laqina, njalo ngokukhuthazwa ezilenyawo ezine, kanye lezinakanazana ezihiquzelayo nguMoya oNgcwele landa ngobunengi, lahlala emhlabeni lezinyoni zemoyeni. **13** Ilizwi laselimitshela liyesaba iNkosi. **32** Kwathi uPhethro ebhoda phakathi lathi, "Vuka Phethro. Hlabu udle." **14** UPhethro kwelizwe wayakwethekelela abangcwele eLida. **33** waphendula wathi, "Hatshi, Nkosi! Kangikaze Wafumana khonale indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Eniyasi, ngidle lutho olungahlanzekanga lolungcolileyo." **15** eyayiyisigulane esome umhlubulo siblezi silele Laphinda ilizwi lakhulumu okwesibili kuye lathi, okweminyaka eyisifcaminwembili. **34** UPhethro wathi "Ungabokuthi ulutho oseluhlanjululwe nguNkulunkulu kuye, "Eniyasi, uJesu Khristu uyakusilisa. Vuka uthathe kaluhlanzekanga." **16** Lokhu kwenzakala kathathu, icansi lakho." Masinyane u-Eniyasi wasukuma. **35** kwasekusithi masinyane ilembu labuyiselwa ezelwini. Bonke labo ababehlala eLida laseSharoni bambona baphendukela eNkosini. **36** Ejophia kwakulomfundu owayethiwa nguThabittha (ngesiGrikhi ibizo lakhe nguDokhasi), owayehlala esenza okuhle esiza sakhe sagezisa, sabekwa endlini ephezulu. **38** ILida yayiseduze kweJophia; yikho abafundi sebezwile ukuthi bammcenga bathi, "Scicela ukuthi uze ngokuphangisal!" **39** UPhethro wahamba labo, wathi ekufikeni kwakhe wehla wathi emadodeni lawo, "Nginguye lowo wasiwa endlini ephezulu. Bonke abafelokazi bema elimin dingayo. Lilanden?" **22** Amadoda aphendula athi, bemhanqile, bekhala, bemtshengisa izembatho lezinye "Sivela kuKhoneliyasi umlawuli wekhulu lamabutho. iziggoko ezazithungwe nguDokhasi esaphila. **40** Umgumuntu olungileyo owesaba uNkulunkulu, UPhethro wabakhupha bonke endlini; waseguqa ngamadololo wakhuleka. Wasephendukela esidunjini sowesifazane wathi, "Thabittha, vuka!" Owesifazane wasevula amehlo akhe, wathi ebona uPhethro wahlala. **41** Wambamba ngesandla wamsukumisa. Wasebiza amakholwa labafelokazi wamethula kubo esePhila. **42** Lokhu kwasuka kwaziwa kulolonke ijophia, abantu abanengi bakholwa eNkosini. **43** UPhethro wahlala okwesikhathi ejophia loSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba.

**17** Kwathi uPhethro esamangele ngokuthi umbono lowo wawusitshoni, amadoda ayethunywe nguKhoneliyasi ayibona indlu kaSimoni, ema entubeni. **18** Akhuleka abuza ingabe uSimoni owayethiwa nguPhethro wayehlala khonapho yini. **19** Kwathi uPhethro elokhu escabanga ngombono, uMoya wathi kuye, "Simoni, kulamadoda amathathu akudingayo. **20** Ngakho-ke, phakama wehlele phansi. Ungathandabuzi ukuhamba lawo, ngoba ngiwayathumile." **21** UPhethro **22** Amadoda aphendula athi, bemhanqile, bekhala, bemtshengisa izembatho lezinye "Sivela kuKhoneliyasi umlawuli wekhulu lamabutho. iziggoko ezazithungwe nguDokhasi esaphila. **40** Umgumuntu olungileyo owesaba uNkulunkulu, ohlonitshwa yibo bonke abangamaJuda. Ingilosie ngcwele imtshele ukuthi kakulethe endlini yakhe ukuze ewze lokho ongabeyayakutsho." **23** UPhethro wasewanganisa endlini amadoda lawo njengezethekeli zakhe. Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhethro wasuka labo, kwathi labanye abazalwane beJophia bahamba laye. **24** Ngelanga elilandelayo wafika eKhesariya. UKhoneliyasi wayesebalindele esebize izihlobo zakhe labangane abaseduze. **25** Kuthe uPhethro engena, uKhoneliyasi wamhlangabeza, wazilahla phansi ezinyaweni zakhe ngenhlonipho. **26** Kodwa uPhethro wamsukumisa. Wathi, "Sukuma, mina ngingumuntu nje." **27** UPhethro wangena endlini elokhu ekhuluma laye, wafumana ixuku labantu elikhulu. **28** Wathi kubo, "Liyakwazi ukuthi kungaphandle komthetho wethu ukuthi umjuda ahlanganyele loweZizwe loba ukuthi amethekelele. Kodwa uNkulunkulu usengitshengisile ukuthi kanganigakutsho ukuthi omunye umuntu kahlanzekanga loba ungcolie. **29** Yikho kuthe lapho ngibizwa lapha, ngahle ngeza ngingazange ngibalise lokhu lalokhuyana. Sengibusa-ke manje, ungibizelani?" **30** UKhoneliyasi waphendula wathi, "Ensukwini ezintathu ezedluleyo bengisendlini yami ngikhuleka ngasonalesi isikhathi, ngehola leshitathu emini. Masinyane indoda ebigqoke iziggoko ezikhazimulayo yema phambi kwami, **31** yathi, "Khoneliyasi, uNkulunkulu usewuzwile umkhuleko wakho wakhumbula leziphlo zakho kwabaswelayo. **32** Thumela ilizwi ejophia ubize uSimoni owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. Wethekelele emzini kaSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba, ohlala malungana

**10** EKhesariya kwakulendoda eyayithiwa nguKhoneliyasi, yayingumlawuli webutho lekhulu elalithiwa liViyo lase-Ithaliya. **2** Yena lendlu yakhe yonke babekhonza njalo bemesaba uNkulunkulu. Wayenika ngesihle labo abaswelayo njalo ekhuleka kuNkulunkulu kokuphela. **3** Ngeliney ilanga, sokungaba lihola lesithathu emini waba lombono. Wabona kamhlophe ingilosu kaNkulunkulu, eyeza kuye yathi, "Khoneliyasi!" **4** UKhoneliyasi wayiqhuzulela amehlo ngokwesaba. Wabuza wathi, "Kuyini, Nkosi?" Ingilosu yaphendula yathi, "Imikhuleko yakho leziphlo zakho kwabaswelayo sekufinylele kuNkulunkulu kwaba yisikhumbuzo. **5** Ngakho-ke, thumela amadoda ejophia ayebuya lendoda ethiwa nguSimoni owaziwa ngokuthi nguPhethro. **6** Ihlala loSimoni ongumtshuki wezikhumba, olendlu okhunjini lolwandle." **7** Ingilosu eyakhuluma laye isihamble, uKhoneliyasi wabiza izinceku zakhe ezimbili kanye loyedwa owayengumncedisi webutho owayeyindoda ekhonzyayo. **8** Wabatshela konke okwakwenzakele, wasebathuma ejophia. **9** Sekungaba phakathi laphakathi kwemini sebebanga edoloheni,

lolwandle.' **33** Yikho ngihle ngathuma abantu kuwe 'Vuka Phethro. Hlaba udle.' **8** Ngaphendula ngathi, ngokuphangisa, kwaba kuhle ukuthi lawe uze. Manje 'Hatshi bo, Nkosi! Kowami umlomo kakukaze kungene sonke sesikhona lapha phambi kukaNkulunkulu ulutho olungahlanzekanga loba olungcolileyo.' **9** ukuthi sizwe konke iNkosi ekuyale ukuthi usitshele Ilizwi lakhuluma okwesibili livela ezulwini lathi, khona." **34** UPhethro waseqalisa ukukhuluma wathi: 'Ungabokuthi ulutho oseluhlanjululwe nguNkulunkulu "Sengibona khathesi ukuthi ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu kaluhlanzekanga.' **10** Lokhu kwenzakala kathathu, kalabandululo, **35** kodwa wamukela abantu benhlanga konke kwase kubuyiselwa njalo ezulwini. **11** zonke abamesabayo, abenza okulungileyo. **36** Yilo Ngalesosikhathi amadoda amathathu ayethunywe leli ilizwi uNkulunkulu alithumela ebantwini bako- kimi evela eKhesariya afika endlini enganghlala Israyeli, elikhuluma ngezindaba ezinhle zokuthula kuyo. **12** UMoya wangitshela ukuthi ngingathandabuzi ngojesu Christu oyinKosi yabo bonke. **37** Liyakwazi ukuhamba lawo. Laba abazalwane abayisithupha osekwenza kele kulolonke elaseJudiya, kusukela eGalile labo bahamba lami sayangena endlini yendoda leyo. ngemva kobhaphathizo olwatshunayewala nguJohane, **13** Yatishtshela ukuthi yabona ingilosu endlini yayo **38** ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamgcoba kanjani uJesu isithi, 'Thumela ejophua ubize uSimoni owaziwa waseNazaretha ngoMoya oNgcwele langamandla, ngokuthi nguPhethro. **14** Uzakulethela ilizwi eliyilo lokuthi wahamba izindawana zonke esenza ubuhle elizakusindisa wena kanye lendlu yakho.' **15** Kwathi njalo esilisa bonke ababesemandleni omubi, ngoba ngiqalisa nje ukukhuluma, uMoya oNgcwele wehlela uNkulunkulu wayelaye. **39** Singofakazi bakho phezu kwabo njengoba wehlela kithi ekuqaleni. konke akwenzayo elizweni lamajuda laseJerusalem. **16** Ngakho ngasengikhumbula okwatshiwo yiNkosi Bambulala ngokumlengisa esiphambanweni, **40** isithi, 'UJohane wabhaphathiza ngamanzi, kodwa kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo ngosuku lina lizabhaphathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele.' **17** Iwesithathu, wakwenza ukuthi abonakale. **41** Ngakho-ke, nxa uNkulunkulu wabanika sona lesopho Kabonwanga ngabantu bonke, kodwa ngofakazi asinika sona thina esakholwa eNkosini uJesu Christu, uNkulunkulu ayevele esebakhetile, yithi thina esadla ngangingubani mina engangingakhumbula ukuthi sanatha laye ngemva kokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo. ngingamelana loNkulunkulu na?" **18** Bathi sebekuzwile **42** Wasilaya ukuba sitshumayele ebantwini bonke lokhu, kababe besaba lansolo, badumisa uNkulunkulu njalo sfakaze ukuthi ungye uNkulunkulu ambekayo besithi, "Ngakho-ke, uNkulunkulu usebanikile labo ukuba ngumahluleli wabaphilayo labafileyo. **43** Bonke abeZizwe ukuphendukela ekuphileni." **19** Kwathi abaphrofethi bafakaza ngaye ukuthi bonke abakholwa labo ababehlakazekile ngenxa yokuhlukunyeza kuye baphiwa ukuthethelelwu kwezono ngebizo okwaqala ngokufa kukaStefane bahamba baze bayafika lakhe." **44** UPhethro elokhu esakhuluma amazwi la eFenikhiya, leSiphrasi le-Antiyokhi betshumayela uMoya oNgcwele wehlela kubo bonke abalizwayo ilizwi kumajuda kuphela. **20** Kodwa abanye babo, ilizwi. **45** AmaJuda, amakholwa asokiweyo ayeze amadoda ayevela eSiphrasi laseKhuren, aya e-loPhethro amangaliswa yikuthi uMoya oNgcwele Antiyokhi atshumayela lakumaGrikhi, ebatshela wawuthululelwu lakwabeZizwe. **46** Ngoba babezwa ngezindaba ezinhle ngeNkosi uJesu. **21** INkosi behkuluma ngendimi bedumisa uNkulunkulu. yaba labo, ngakho abantu abanengi bakholwa UPhethro wasesithi, **47** "Kambe ukhona yini umuntu ongalela abantu laba ukuba babbaphathizwe ngamanzi na? Sebemukele uMoya oNgcwele njengathi." **48** **23** Eukufikeni kwakhe wazibona izithelo zomusa Wasesithi kababhaphathizwe ebizweni likajesu Christu. kaNkulunkulu, wathokoza njalo wabakhuthaza bonke ukuthi baqhubeke ngobuqotho eNkosini ngezinhliyo zabo zonke. **24** Wayeyindoda elungileyo, egcwele uMoya oNgcwele lokukholwa. Abantu abanengi kakhulu baletwala eNkosini. **25** UBhanabhasi wasesiya eThasasi ukuyadinga uSawuli. **26** Esemfumene wahamba laye e-Antiyokhi. Ngakho okomnyaka wonke UBhanabhasi loSawuli babehlangana lebandla befundisa abantu abanengi kakhulu. Abafundi baqalisa ukubizwa ngokuthi ngamaKhristu e-Antiyokhi. **27** Ngalesosikhathi abanye abaphrofethi bafika e-Antiyokhi bevela eJerusalem. **28** Omunye wabo owayethiwa ngu-Agabhasi wasukuma eholwa nguMoya wabonisa ukuthi kwakuzakuba lendlala embi eyayizakabhona kulolonke ilizwe lombuso wamaRoma. (Lokhu kwenzakala ngesikhathi sokubusa kukaKlawudiyasi.) **29** Abafundi bazimisela ukunika usizo kubazalwane ababehlala eJudiya, ngulowo enika ngokwenelisa kwakhe. **30** Bakwenza lokhu, bathumeza ziphlo zabo ebadaleni ngoBhanabhasi loSawuli.

**11** Abapostoli labazalwane kulolonke elaseJudiya bezwa ukuthi abeZizwe labo basebelamukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **2** Yikho kwathi uPhethro esebuyele eJerusalem, amajuda, amakholwa asokileyo, amsola **3** athi, "Wangena endlini yabantu abangasokanga wadla labo." **4** UPhethro wabalondela konke kusukela ekuqaleni, wakuchasisa njengokwenzakala kwakho, wathi, **5** "Ngangisedolobheni laseJophya ngikhuleka, ngehlelwu yisiyeziphupo ngaba lombo. Ngabona ulutho olwaltunjengelembu elikhulu lisehliselwa phansi ngamagumbi alo womane livela ezulwini, lehlela phansi lapho engangikhona. **6** Ngakhangelu phakathi kwalo ngabona izinyamazana zomhlaba zezinyayo ezine, izilo zeganga, izinanakazana ezihuquzelayo lezinyoni zemoyeni. **7** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lingitshela lisithi,

**12** Kungaba yisikhathi lapho iNkosi uHerodi ukukhuluma laye. Sebezuze ukusekelwa nguBhlastu eyabopha khona abanye ababe ngabebandla inceku ethembekileyo enkosini, bacela ukuthula ngoba eqonde ukubahlukumeza. **2** Wabulalisa uJakhobe umfowabwo kajohane ngenkemba. **3** Wathi esebone ukuthi lokho kwakuwathabisa amajuda, wabopha loPhethro njalo. Lokho kwenzakala ngezinsuku ebantwini. **22** Bamemeza bathi, “Leli yilizwi zoMkhosi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo. **4** Esemophile wamphosela entolongweni, wammikela ukuba alindwe ngamaviyo amane amabutho, ngalinye lilamabutho amane. UHerodi wayefuna ukuthi ngemva kwePhasika amkhuphele obala athonisiswe phambi kwabantu. **5** Ngakho uPhethro wagcina entolongweni, kodwa ibanda lamkhulekela njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu. **6** Ngobusuku obandulela ukuthonisiswa kukaPhethro nguHerodi, uPhethro wayelele ephahlwe ngamabutho amabili, ebotshwe ngamaketane amabili, kumi abalindi emnyango wentolongo. **7** Masinyane ingilos yeNkosi yavela, kwabakhona ukukhanya kulelokamela lentolongo. Yathinta uPhethro ohlangothini, yamvusa yathi, “Phangisa, vuka!” Amaketane akhithika ezingalweni zikaPhethro. **8** Ingilos yasisithi kuye, “Gqoka, ufake lamanyathela akho.” UPhethro wenzenjalo. Ingilos yamtshela yathi, “Yembatha ijazi lakho ungilande.” **9** UPhethro wayilandela ngaphandle kwentolongo, kodwa wayedidekile engakwazi ukuthi lokho ingilos eyayikwenza kwakusenzakala ngempela; wayekhumbula ukuthi ubona umbono. **10** Bedlula kubalindi, owokuqala lowesibili bafika esangweni lensimbi elaliphumela edolobheni. Lazivulekela baphuma. Kwathi sebehambé baphutsha umgwaqo wedolobho, ingilos yamtshiya. **11** Kwayikhona uPhethro enanzelela, wathi, “Khathesi sengisazi kungelakuthandabuza ukuthi iNkosi ithume ingilos yayo yangihlenga ezibotshweni zikaHerodi lakukho konke obekufiswa ngamaJuda.” **12** Sekumkhanye kuhle lokhu, waqonda endlini kaMariya unina kajohane, owayethiwa nguMakho njalo, khona lapho abantu abanengi babebuthene bekhuleka. **13** UPhethro waqoqoda entubeni yangaphandle, kwathi incekazi eyayithwa nguRoda yayabuza ukuthi ngubani owayesemnyango. **14** Isilizwile ilizwi likaPhethro yathaba kakhulu, yagijimela phakathi ingasawuvulanga, yabika yathi, “UPhethro usemnyango!” **15** Bathi, “Uyahlanha wena.” Kwathi ngoba wala elokhu ephikelela ukuthi liqiniso, bathi, “Kutsho ukuthi yingilos yakhe.” **16** Kodwa uPhethro wala elokhu eqoqoda, bathi bevula umnyango bambona, bamangala kakhulu. **17** UPhethro wabatshengisa ngesandla ukuthi bathule, wasebalandisela ukuthi iNkosi imkhuphe kanjani entolongweni. Wathi, “Libotshela uJakhobe labazalwane ngalokhu.” Wasesuka waya kwenye indawo. **18** Ekuseni kwaba lokunyakazela okukhulu phakathi kwabebutho. Babuza bathi, “Kambe ngabe uPhethro wenzenjani?” **19** Kwathi uHerodi esemthungathe waze wabeka phansi, wathonisisa abalindi wasesithi kababulaw. UHerodi wasuka eJudiya waya eKhesariya wayahlala khona okwesikhathi esithile. **20** Wayekade exabana labantu beThire labeSidoni; basebehlangana ndawonye bacela ukudlu kwabo babekuthola elizweni lenkosi. **21** Ngosoku oolumisiweyo, uHerodi wagqoko izigqoko zobukhosu wahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosu, wasekhuluma phansi, wadliwa zimpethu wafa. **24** Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu laqhubele likhulu njalo lisanda. **25** Kwathi uBhanabhasi loSawuli sebewuqedile umlandu wabo, babuyela besuka ejerusalem, bahamba loJohane, owayethiwa nguMakho.

**13** Ebandleni elalise-Antiyokhi kwakulabaphrefethi labafundisi: uBhanabhasi, loSimiyoni owayethiwa nguNigeri, loLusiya waseKhuren, loManayeni (owayekhuliswe loHerodi umbusi) kanye loSawuli. **2** Kwathi beyikhonza iNkosi njalo bezilile uMoya oNgcwele wathi, “Ngahlukaniselani uBhanabhasi loSawuli baye emsebenzini engibabizele wona.” **3** Ngakho bathi sebezilile njalo sebekhulekile, babeka izandla babakhupha. **4** Bonke bobabili baholwa nguMoya oNgcwele, behlela eSelusiya lapo abawela khona ngomkhumbi baya eSiphrasi. **5** Bathi sebefikile eSalami, balitshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu emasinagogweni amajuda. UJohane wayelabo engumsizi wabo. **6** Basibhoda sonke isihlenge baze bafika ePhafosi. Khonapho bafumana umJuda oyisanuse, njalo engumphrefethi wamanga owayethiwa nguBha-Jesu, **7** wayeyinceku kasibalukhulu, uSegiyasi Phawuli. Usibalukhulu lowo, indoda ekhaliphileyo, yathumela ukuthi kubizwe uBhanabhasi loSawuli ngoba wayefuna ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa u-Elima isanuse (phela yikho ibizo lakhe elikutshoyo) waphikisana labo wazama ukuphambula usibalukhulu ekukholweni. **9** Kwasekusithi uSawuli, owayethiwa njalo nguPhawuli, egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, wamjolozela u-Elima wathi, **10** “Wena ungumntakaSathane lestita sakho konke okulungileyo! Ugcwele zonke inhlobo zenkohliso lokudlezelza. Kawuyikufa wakhawula yini ukuhlinikeza izindlela eziqondileyo?” **11** Khathesi-ke, isandla seNkosi sizakutshaya. Uzakuba yimpumputhe, awuzukubona ukukhanya kwelanga okwesikhathi esithile.” Masinyane wehlela yinkungu lomnyama, waphumputha, waswela umuntu wokumhola ngesandla. **12** Kwathi usibalukhulu esekubonile lokho okwakwenzakele wakholwa, ngoba wamangaliswa yimfundiso ngeNkosi. **13** Besuka ePhafosi uPhawuli labapelekezel bakhe bawela ngomkhumbi baya ePhega esePhamfiliya lapho uJohane abatshiya khona esebuyela ejerusalem. **14** Besuka ePhega baya e-Antiyokhi yasePhisidiya. NgeSabatha bangena esinagogweni bahlala phansi. **15** Sekubaliwe eMthethweni labaPhrefethi, abaphathiphi besinagogu bedlulisela ilizwi kubo lisithi, “Bazalwane, nxa lilelizwi lokukhuthaza abantu, khulumani.” **16** UPawuli wasukuma welekelela ngesandla wathi,

"Madoda aka-Israyeli kanye lani abeZizwe elimesabayo kini. **39** Ngaye bonke abakholwayo sebehlanjululwe uNkulunkulu, ngilalelani! **17** UNkulunkulu wabantu ezonweni zonke abebengeke bahlanjululwe kuzo bako-Israyeli wakhetha okhokho bethu wenza ngomthetho kaMosi. **40** Qaphelani ukuthi lokho abantu baphumelela ngesikhathi behlezi eGibhithe. okwakhulunywa ngabaphrefethi kungenzakali kini, Ngamandla amakhulu wabakhupha kulelolizwe **18** ukuthi: **41** 'Khangelani, lina bachothonzi, mangalani wababekezelela ekuhambeni kwabo okweminyaka libhubhe, ngoba ensukwini zenu ngizakwenza into engamatshumi amane besenkangala. **19** Wachitha elingasoze liyikholwe lanxa kube lalingakutshelwa izizwe eziyisikhombisa eKhennani wanika ilizwe ngubani.'" **42** Kwathi uPhawuli loBhanabhasi lazo abantu bakhe laba yilifa labo. **20** Konke sebesuka esinagogweni abantu babacela ukuthi lokho kwathatha iminyaka engamakhulu amane babuye bazokhuluma njalo ngalezizinto ngeSabatha lamatshumi amahlanu. Ngemva kwalokhu uNkulunkulu elilandelayo. **43** Abantu sebechithekile amajuda wababekela abahluleli kwaze kwaba yisikhathi amanengi lamakholwa ayephendukele enkolweni sikaSamuyeli umphrefethi. **21** Abantu bacela inkosi, yesiJuda balandela uPhawuli loBhanabhasi, bona wabanika uSawuli indodana kaKhishi, oweisizwana bakhuluma labo bebakhuthaza ukuthi baqhubeke sikaBhenjamini, wabuswa iminyaka engamatshumi bebambele emuseni kaNkulunkulu. **44** NgeSabatha amane. **22** Ngemva kokuba esemsusile uSawuli, wabeka uDavida waba yinkosi. Wafakaza ngaye wathi, 'Sengifumane uDavida indodana kajese, indoda ethandwa yinhliyo yami; uzakwenza konke engifuna ukuba akwenze.' **23** Esizukulwaneni salindoda uNkulunkulu uselethe ko-Israyeli uMsindisi uJesu njengokuthembisa kwakhe. **24** Mandulo kokufika kukajesu, uJohane watshumayela ukuphenduka lokubaphathizwa kubo bonke abantu bako-Israyeli. **25** UJohane esewuphetha umsebenzi wakhe wathi, 'Licabanga ukuthi ngingubani na? Kangisuye lowo. Hatshi, kodwa uyeza ngemva kwami, omanyathela akhe akungilingananga ukuthi ngiwhathukulule.' **26** Bazalwane, bantwana baka-Abrahama lani beZizwe elimesabayo uNkulunkulu, lelilizwi lensindiso selithuyelwe kithi. **27** Abantu basejerusalem kanye lababusi babo kabamamukelanga uJesu, ikanti kwathi ngokumlaha bagcwala amazwi abaphrefethi afundwayo ngamaSabatha wonke. **28** Lokuba bengazange bafumane ubufakazi obuqondileyo ukuthi agwetshelwe ukubulawa, bacela uPhilathu ukuthi abulawe. **29** Bathi sebekwenzile konke lokho okwakulotshwe ngaye, bamethula esiphambanweni bamlalisa ethuneni. **30** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, **31** Wabonwa okwensuku ezinengi yilabo abahamba laye besuka eGalile besiya ejerusalem. Manje yibo asebe ngofakazi ebantwini bakithi. **32** Silitshela izindaba ezhinle ukuthi: Lokho uNkulunkulu akuthembisa okhokho bethu **33** usesigcwalese khona, thina abantwabobo, ngokumvusa uJesu kwabafileyo. Njengalokhu kulotshiwe eHubeni lesibili ukuthi: 'UyiNdodana yami; lamhla sengibe nguYihlo.' **34** Lokho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, engasoze abole lanini, kucacisiwe emazwini la: 'Ngizakunika izibusiso ezingcwele eziqinisekileyo ezathenjiswa uDavida.' **35** Kanjalo kulotshiwe kwenye indawo ukuthi: 'Kawusoze wekele oNgcwele wakho abone ukubola.' **36** Ngoba kwathi uDavida eseyifezile injongo kaNkulunkulu ngalesikhathi aphila kuso, walala; wangwatshwa labokhokho bakhe, umzimba wakhe wabola. **37** Kodwa lowo uNkulunkulu amvusayo kwabafileyo kazange akubone ukubola. **38** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane barni, ngithanda ukuba lazi ukuthi ngoJesus ukuthethelwelwa kwezono kuyatshunyayelwa izizwe eziyisikhombisa eKhennani wanika ilizwe ngubani.'" **42** Kwathi uPhawuli loBhanabhasi elilandelayo phose lonke idolobho labuthana ukuzakuzwa ilizwi leNkosi. **45** Kwathi amajuda ebona amaxuku abantu, aba lomona, akhuluma ehlambaza lokho okwakutshiwo nguPhawuli. **46** UPhawuli loBhanabhasi basebewaphendula ngesibindi bathi, "Bekumele silikhulume kini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kuqala. Kodwa njengoba lilalahla ngoba lizibona lina lingakufanelanga ukuphila okungapheliyo, khathesi sesiphendukela kwabeZizwe. (**aīōnios g166**)

**47** Phela nanku iNkosi esisiyale khona yathi: 'Sengilenze isibane sabeZizwe, ukuthi lilethe insindiso emikhawulweni yomhlabo.' **48** Kwathi abeZizwe bekuwza lokhu bathaba, balidumisa ilizwi leNkosi; kwathi bonke ababemiselwe ukuphila okungapheliyo bakholwa. (**aīōnios g166**) **49** Ilizwi leNkosi landa umango wonke. **50** Kodwa amajuda athela umoya omubi kwabesifazane abahlonitshwayo ababekholwa lamadoda ayengabakhkheli bedolobho. Akhwezela ukuhulkuluzwa kukaPhawuli loBhanabhasi, abaxotsha emangweni wakibo. **51** Ngakho bathintitha uthuli ezinyaweni zabo njengesixwayiso, baqonda e-Ikhoniyanu. **52** Abafundi bagcwala ngentokozo langoMoya oNgcwele.

**14** E-Ikhoniyanu uPhawuli loBhanabhasi baya esinagogweni yamajuda njengenjayelo yabo. Khonapho bakhuluma kwazwela kwaze kwathi amajuda amanengi lamaGrikhi akholwa. **2** Kodwa amajuda ayengafuni ukukholwa adunga abeZizwe, abathela umoya omubi ngabazalwane. **3** UPhawuli loBhanabhasi bahlala isikhathi eside khona lapho bekhulumela iNkosi ngesibindi. INkosi yaqinisa ilizwi lomusa wayo ngokubapha amandla okwenza imimangaliso lezimanga. **4** Abantu bedolobho lelo badabukana phakathi; abanye bema lamajuda, kwathi abanye basekela abapostoli. **5** AbeZizwe lamajuda ndawonye labakhkheli babo bakha icebo lokubahlukumeza lokubahanda ngamatshe. **6** Kodwa balizwa icebo lelo basebebalekela emadolobheni aseLikhawoniya, eListra leDebhe lasemangweni yakhona, **7** lapho abaqhubeka khona ukutshumayela izindaba ezhinle. **8** EListra kwakulendoda eyaiyisigoga ikwazi ukuhlala kuphela, ilokhu yazalwayo ingakaze ihambe. **9** Yamlaela uPhawuli lapho ekhulumwa. UPhawuli wayijolozela wabona ukuthi yayikholwa

ukuba ingasiliswa **10** wasememeza wathi, "Sukuma amakholwa ukuthi baye ejerusalema ukuyabona ngezinyawo zakho!" Ngalokho indoda yathi lothu abapostoli labadala ngaloludaba. **3** Ibandla labavalelisa. yahle yahamba. **11** Kwathi ixuku labantu selikubonile Bathi bedabula eFenikhiya leSamariya balandisa okwakwenziwe nguPhawuli, lamemeza ngolimi ngokuthi abeZizwe basebephendukile. Indaba le IwesiLikhawoniya lathi, "Onkulunkulu sebehlele kithi yathokozisa bonke abazalwane. **4** Bafika ejerusalema belesimo sabantul!" **12** UBhanabhasi bambiza bathi bemukelwa kuhle libandla langabapostoli labadala, nguZewusi, uPhawuli bathi nguHemesi ngoba nguye bababikela konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile ngabo. owayekhokhela ekukhulumeni. **13** Umphristi kaZewusi **5** Kwasekusithi amanye amakholwa ayengawoluhlu owayelettempeli eduze ngaphandle kwedolobho, IwabaFarisi asukuna athi, "AbeZizwe kumele basokwe waletha inkuNZi lemigaxo emasangweni edolobho njalo batshelwe ukuthi balandele umthetho kaMosi." **6** ngoba yena kanye lexuku labantu babefuna ukwenza Abapostoli labadala bahlangana bakhulumu ngalindaba. imihlatshelo kubo. **14** Kodwa kwathi abapostoli, **7** Ngemva okuphikisana okukhulu uPhethro wasukuma uBhanabhasi loPhawuli bekuzwa lokhu, badabula wakhulumu kubo wathi: "Bazalwane, liyakwazi ukuthi izigqoko zabo bazithela phakathi kwabantu bememeza esikhathini eseduleyo uNkulunkulu wangikhetha besithi: **15** "Madoda, likwenzelani lokhu? Lathi phakathi kwenu ukuthi abeZizwe bezwe kwezami singabantu njengani. Sililethela izindaba ezinhle, izindebe ilizwi levangeli bakholwe. **8** UNkulunkulu silitsela ukuthi litshiye izinto lezi eziyize liye **9** Kenzanga umahluko phakathi kwethu labo, waziyekela izizwe zonke zahamba ngezindlela ngoba wahlanza inhlizyo zabo ngokukholwa. **10** Phozazo. **11** Hatshi! Sikhola ukuthi njalo agcwalise inhlizyo zenu ngentokozo." **12** sisindisa ngomusa weNkosi ujesu, njengabo labo." **13** Loba sebetscho lamazwi baba lobunzima ukuthi Wonke umhlangano wathula zwi balalela uBhanabhasi bekelise abantu bonke ukuba babenzele umhlatshelo. loPhawuli belandisa ngemimangaliso lezimanga **14** Kwasekufika amajuda evela e-Antiyokhi lase-ikhoniyanu afika adunga abantu. Uphawuli bamkhanda ngamatshes bamhudulela ngaphandle kwedolobho, ake lingilale. **15** Amazwi abaphrefethi becabanga ukuthi wayesefile. **16** 'Ngemva kwalokhu ngizabuya ngakhe kutsha indlu elikhulu labafundi. Basebebuya eListra, le-ikhoniyanu le-Antiyokhi **17** ukwenzela ukuthi lonke bebakuthaza ukuthi babambelele ekukholweni. Bathi, "Kufanele sedlule ezinhlungwini ezinengi ukuze singene embusweni kaNkulunkulu." **18** **18** eziyile zisaziwa kusukela endulo. (aiōn g165) **19** UPhawuli loBhanabhasi babakethethela abadala kulelo lalelo bandla, babaniela eNkosini ngomkhuleko langokuzila ngoba bebeke ithemba labo kuyo iNkosi. **20** Sebehambé bedlula ePhisidiya, bafika ePhamfiliya, **21** kwathi sebetshumayele ilizwi ePhega basebesiya e-Athaliya. **22** Besuka e-Athaliya bawela ngomkhumbi babuyela e-Antiyokhi, lapho ababenikelwe khona emuseni kaNkulunkulu ukwenza umsebenzi lowo abasebewufezile. **23** EkuFikeni kwabo khona, balihlanganisa ndawonye ibandla balibikela konke lokho uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile ngabo, lokuthi wayesuvelele abeZizwe umnyango wokukholwa. **24** Babaphathisa incwadi le: Abapostoli labadala, Bahlala khona isikhathi eside labafundi.

**15** Amadoda athile eza e-Antiyokhi evela ejudiya, afika afundisa abazalwane esithi: "Ngaphandle kokuthi lisokwe ngendlela yomkhuba eyafundisa nguMosi lingeke lisindiswe." **2** Lokhu kwenza uPhawuli loBhanabhasi baphikisana labo kakhu. Ngakho uPhawuli loBhanabhasi bakhethwa kanye lamanye

kini labangane bethu abathandekayo, uBhanabhasi uNkulunkulu wayesibizile ukuba sitshumayele loPhawuli, **26** amadoda adele impilo zaho ngenxa ivangeli kubo. **11** Sasuka eTrowasi sawela ulwandle yebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **27** Ngakho santsheza saqonda eSamathrake, ngosuku olulandelayo sithumela ujudas loSayilasi ukugcwalisa ngomlomo sedlulela eNiyapholi. **12** Sesisuka lapho saya eFiliphi, lokhu esikulobayo. **28** Kubonakale kufanele kuMoya elaliyilona idolobho elikhulu lesiqinti seMasedoniya oNgcwele lakithi ukuthi singalethesi omthwalo eyayibuswa ngamaRoma. Sahlala lapho okwensuku omkhulu ngaphandle kwezimiso lezi: **29** Kwayani ezinengi. **13** NgeSabatha saphumela ngaphandle ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni, ububende, inyama kwamasango omuzi saya emfuleni sifuna indawo yenyamazana ekhanyiweyo kanye lokuhlobonga. Lizabe yokukhuleka. Sahlala phansi saqalisu ukukhuluma lenze kuhle nxa lizixwaya lezizinto. Salani kuhle. labesifazane ababebuthene khonapho. **14** Omunye **30** Bawavalelisa amadoda ahamba aya e-Antiyohki, walabo ababalele ngowesifazane owayethiwa lapho afika ahlanganisa ibandla ndawonye ethula nglidiya, umthengisi welembu eliyibubende evela incwadi. **31** Abantu bayibala bathokoza ngenxa edolobheni laseThiyathira, ekhonza uNkulunkulu. yamazwi ayo akhuthazayo. **32** Ujudasi loSayilasi, INkosi yayivula inhliziyo yakhe ukuba emukele ilizwi bona ngokwabo ababengabaphrefethi, bakhuluma likaPhawuli. **15** Kwathi yena kanye labendlu yakhe okunengi ukukhuthaza lokuqinisa abazalwane. **33** sebebphathiziwi, wasinxusela emzini wakhe. Wathi, Sebehiale isikhathi esithile khonapho, abazalwane “Nxa lingemukela njengetholwa eNkosini, wozani babavalelisa ngesibusiso sokuthula sebebuyela kulabo lizohlala endlini yami.” Wasincenga savuma. **16** ababathumayo. [ **34** Kodwa uSayilasi wakhetha ukusalu Ngelinye ilanga sathi sisiya endaweni yokukhuleka khona.] **35** Kodwa uPhawuli loBhanabhasi basala sahlangana lentombazana eyayiyisigqili, ilomoya e-Antiyohki, lapho bona kanye labanye abanengi wobungoma. Yayizuzela abanimi bayo imali enengi bafundisa njalo batshumayela ilizwi leNkosi. **36** Emva ngalokho kuhlahlula. **17** Intombazana le yalandela kwesikhhatshanyana uPhawuli wathi kuBhanabhasi, uPhawuli lathi sonke imemeza isithi, “Amadoda la “Kasibuyele emuva siyebona abazalwane emadolobheni wonke esitshumayele khona ilizwi leNkosi ukuthi baqhuba njani.” **37** UBhanabhasi wayefuna ukuthi bahambe loJohane, owayethiwa ngluMakho, **38** kodwa uPhawuli wakubona kungafanele ukuhamba laye ngoba wayeke wabafulathela besePhamfiliya kaze aqhubeka labo emsebenzini. **39** Baphikisana kakubi baze bacina betshiyana. UBhanabhasi wamthatha uMakho bawelela eSiphrasi, **40** kodwa uPhawuli wakhetha ukuhamba loSayilasi, basuka bebekwe ngabazalwane emuseni weNkosi. **41** Wahamba phakathi kwe-Asirya leSilisiya eqinisa amabandla.

**16** Wafika eDebbe wedlulela eListra lapho okwakuhlala khona umfundu owayethiwa ngluThimothi, olonina owaye ngumJudakazi, elikhulwa, kodwa uyise engumGrikhi. **2** Abazalwane baseListra lase-ikholaniyamu babemncoma. **3** UPawuli wayefuna ukuhamba laye, ngakho wasemsoka ngenxa yamajuda akuleyondawo ngoba bonke babekwazi ukuthi uyise wayengumGrikhi. **4** Ekuhambeni kwabo kulelo laledolobho, babezethula izinqumo ezenziwa ngabapostoli labadala ejerusalem ukuze abantu bazilandele. **5** Ngakho amabandla aqiniswa ekukholweni abantu banda mihla yonke. **6** UPawuli labaphelekezelu bakhe bayiboda yonke imango yaseFrigiya laseGalathiya, uMoya oNgcwele esemale ukuthi atshumayele ilizwi edolobheni lase-Ezhiya. **7** Bathi sebefike emngceleni waseMisiya, bazama ukungena eBhithiniya, kodwa uMoya kajesu kawubavumelanga. **8** Ngakho bedlula eceleni kweMisiya behlela eTrowasi. **9** Ebusuku uPhawuli wehlelwa ngumbono wendoda yaseMasedoniya imi imncenga isithi, “Woza eMasedoniya uzosisiza.” **10** UPawuli esebole umbono lowo, sahle salungisa masinyane ukuthi siye eMasedoniya, sibona ukuthi

ayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, alitshela indlela yokusindiswa.” **18** Yakwenza lokhu okwensuku ezinengi. Ekucineni uPhawuli kwamcaphula lokho waphenduka wathi kuwo umoya, “Ngiyakulaya ngebizo likaJesu Khristu ukuthi uphume kuyo!” Umoya wahle waphuma kuyo khonapho. **19** Abanakazi bentombazana bathi ngokunanzelela ukuthi ithembu labo lokuzuza imali laselinymalele, bababamba, uPhawuli loSayilasi babadonsela enkundleni yokuthengisa ukuba bayeqondana leziphathamandla. **20** Babamisa phambi kwabomantshi bathi, “Amadoda la angamaJuda asedunge idolobho lakithi **21** ngokukhuthaza imikhuba engaphandle komthetho ukuthi thina amaRoma siyamukele kumbe siyilande.” **22** Ixuku layingenela indaba yokuhlasela uPhawuli loSayilasi, ngakho omantshi bathi kabakhululwe izigqoko batshaywe. **23** Sebebathaye kabuhlungi babaphosela entolongweni kwathiwa umlindijele abakhangele aqinisse. **24** Esezwe lowomlayo wabafuqela endlini yentolongo ephakathi wababophya inyawo, wazibophela ensiken. **25** Sekungaba phakathi kwamabili ebusuku uPhawuli loSayilasi bakhuleka bahlabela amahubo kuNkulunkulu, eziyne izibotshwa zibalalele. **26** Masinyane kwaba lokuzamazama komhlaba kwaze kwanyikinyeka lezisekelo zentolongo. Izivalo zentolongo zathi gwabi zavuleka, amaketane ezibotshwa athukuluka. **27** Umlindijele waphaphama, wathi ngokubona iminyango yentolongo ivukile, wakhokha inkemba yakhe esefuna ukuzibulala ngoba ekhumbula ukuthi izibotshwa zasezibalekile. **28** Kodwa uPhawuli wamemeza wathi, “Ungazilimazi bo! Sikhona sonke!” **29** Umlindijele wathi kakulethwe izibane, wangena wazilahla phambi kukaPhawuli loSayilasi eqhaqhazela. **30** Wasebakuphela phandle wababuza wathi, “Madoda, ngenzeni ukuze ngisindiswa na?” **31** Baphendula bathi, “Khulwa eNkosini uJesu, uzasindiswa; wena kanye

lendlu yakho.” **32** Basebemtshumayeza ngelizwi leNkosi kanye labanye abendlu yakhe. **33** Ngaleloholo lebusuku umlindijele wabathatha wabagezisa imviviny zabo; kwasekusithi khonokho nje yena labendlu yakhe bahle babbaphathizwa. **34** Umlindijele wahamba labo endlini yakhe, wabapha ukudla. Indlu yakhe yonke yaba lokuthokoza ngoba basebekholwa kuNkulunkulu. **35** Kwathi sokusile, omantshi bathuma amanxusa abo kumlindijele lomlayo othi: “Bakhulule abantu labo labo.” **36** Umlindijele watshela uPhawuli wathi, uSayilasi loThimothi bamlandele ngokuphangisa. “Omantshi sebetha wena loSayilasi likhululwe Selingahamba. Lihambe ngokuthula.” **37** Kodwa kakhulu ngokubona ukuthi idolobho lelo lalicwele uPhawuli wathi emanxuseni: “Basibhaxabule phambi kwabantu singazange sithonisiswe thina singamaRoma agcweleyo, basiphosela entolongweni. Kanti manje sebefuna ukusikhupha ngasese na? Hatshi! Kababuye bona ngokwabo basesikhupha.” **38** Amanxusa akubika lokhu kubomantshi abathi ngokuzwa ukuthi uPhawuli loSayilasi babengamaRoma agcweleyo, bethuka. **39** Beza ukuzabancenga, babakhupha entolongweni, babacela ukuthi basuke kulelodolobho. **40** UPhawuli loSayilasi sebephumi entolongweni bayo endlini kaLidiya lapho abahlangana khona labazalwane babaqinisa. Basebesuka bahamba.

**17** Bathi sebedlule e-Amfipholi le-Apholoniya, bafika eThesalonika lapho okwakulesinagogu yamaJuda khona. **2** Njengenjayelo yakhe uPhawuli waya esinagogweni, kwathi ngamaSabatha amathathu wabonisana labo ngeMibhalo, **3** echaza njalo eveza obala ukuthi uKhristu wayemele ahlupheke njalo avuke kwabafileyo. Wathi, “UJesu lo engitshumayela ngaye kini unguye uKhristu.” **4** Amanye amajuda akukholwa lokho asehlanganyelana loPhawuli loSayilasi, njengalokho okwensiwa linani elikhulu lamaGrikhi abesaba uNkulunkulu, kugoqela lehlekanyana labesifazane abahloniphekayo. **5** Kodwa amajuda aba lomona; ngakho asehuga izixhwali endaweni yokuthengisa, abalixkuu elithile asevusa umsindo edolobheni. Aphuthumela endlini kajasoni edinga uPhawuli loSayilasi efuna ukubaletha phambi kukazulu. **6** Kodwa kwathi sebebawele basebedonsela uJasoni labanye abazalwane abathile kubaphathi bedolobho bememeza besithi: “Amadoda la abekade edala uhlupo emhlabeni wonke manje aseze lapha, **7** uJasoni yena wawemukela endlini yakhe. Bonke bahlinikeza imithetho kaKhesari besithi kulenyne inkosi ethiya ngujesu.” **8** Bathi bekuzwa lokhu abantu labaphathi bedolobho bazonda kakhulu. **9** Kwasekuthiwa uJasoni labanye bakhe kabakhuphe isibambiso ngemali ethile, kwayikhona bekhululwa ukuthi bahambe. **10** Konela ukuthi kuhlwé abazalwane babasa uPhawuli loSayilasi babasa eBheriya. Ekufikeni kwabo khona baya esinagogweni yamaJuda. **11** Amajuda eBheriya wona ayellesimilo esingcono kulaleso esamaThesalonika, ngoba alemukela ilizwi ngomfutho omkhulu njalo ayihlolaa iMibhalo insuku zonke ukuze abone ukuthi lokho uPhawuli ayekutsho kwakuliqiniso na. **12** Amajuda amanengi

akholwa, kanye labesifazane abanengi bamaGrikhi abahloniphekayo lamadoda amanengi amaGrikhi. **13** Kwathi amajuda aseThesalonika esezwile ukuthi uPhawuli wayesetshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu eBheriya, aya khona futhi, athela abantu umoya omubi abadunga. **14** Abazalwane bahle bathumela uPhawuli ngasokhunjini lolwandle, kodwa uSayilasi loThimothi basala eBheriya. **15** Amadoda ayephelekezwa uPhawuli amtsihiya e-Athene asebuyela lomlayezo wokuthi labo.” **16** UPhawuli esabamelele e-Athene, wakhathazeka kakhulu ngokubona ukuthi idolobho lelo lalicwele izithombe. **17** Ngakho wabonisana lamajuda kanye lamaGrikhi ayemesaba uNkulunkulu esinagogweni lasendaweni yokuthengisa zonke insuku labo ababekhonapho. **18** Ixuku lezazi zama-Ephikhuri lamaStoyikhi laphikisana laye. Abanye babo babuza bathi, “Uwumani lolu luzama ukuthini kanti?” **19** Abanye bathi, “Kungathi utshumayela ngonkulunkulu bezizweni.” Bakutsho lokhu ngoba uPhawuli wayetshumayela izindaba ezinhle ngoJesu langokuvuka kwabafileyo. **20** Basebehamba laye enkundleni ye Ariyophagasi, bafika bathi kuye, “Ake usitshele ukuthi imfundiso le entsha oyethulayo iyini. **21** Uletha ezindlebeni zethu imibono engajayelekanga, ngakho sifuna ukwazi ukuthi itshoni.” **22** (Wonke ama-Atheni labezizwe ababehlala khona babechitha isikhathi sabo benzeni lutho ngaphandle kokukhuluma lokulalela imibono emitsha.) **23** UPhawuli wasukuma enkundleni ye-Ariyophagasi wathi, “Madoda ase-Atheni! Ngiyabona ukuthi kukho konke lingabantu abakhonzayo. **24** Ngoba ngithe ngihambahamba, ngabona izithombe zenu, ngaze ngafumana i-alithari elilombhalo othi: Kunkulunkulu Ongaziwayo. Manje ke lokho elikukhonza njengolutho olungaziwayo yikho engizakutshumayela kini. **25** UNkulunkulu owenza umhlabu lakho konke okukuwo uyiNkosi yezulu lomhlabu, njalo kahlali emathempelin akihiwe ngezandla. **26** Njalo kancediswa yizandla zabantu ingathi kukhonha akuswelayo, ngoba yena ngokwakhe upha bonke abantu impilo, umphefumulo lokunye konke. **27** Ngomuntu oyedwa wenza zonke izizwe zabantu, ukuthi zakhe emhlabeni wonke; njalo wanisia izikhathi abazilungiselweyo lazo kanye izindawo abamele bahlale kuzo. **28** UNkulunkulu wakwenza lokhu ukuze abantu bamdinge lokuthi mhlawumbe bamfinyelele bamfumane, loba nje uvele engakhatshana komunye lomunye wethu. **29** ‘Ngoba siphila kuye, sihambe ngaye njalo sipheleliswe nguye.’ Njengokutsho kwezirye izimbongi zakini ukuthi, ‘Singabantwabakhe.’ **30** Ngakho-ke njengoba singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, kasingacabangini ukuthi ubuNkulunkulu bunjengegolide, loba isiliva kumbe ilitshe; umfanekiso obunjwe ngobungcitshi bomuntu. **31** Endulo uNkulunkulu kakunakanga ukungazi lokhu, kodwa khathesi uselaya bonke abantu ezindaweni zonke ukuba baphenduke. **32** Ngoba uselumisile usuku lapho azakwahlulela khona umhlabu ngokulunga ngaye umuntu amkhethileyo.

Usebuvezile ubufakazi balokhu kubo bonke abantu ayesenzile. **19** Bafika e-Efesu lapho uPhawuli ngokumvusa kwabafileyo.” **32** Bathi besizwa ngokuvuka atshiya khona uPhrisila lo-Akhwila. Yena waya kwabafileyo, abanye babo bamklolodela, kodwa esinagogweni wayabonisana lamajuda. **20** Bamcela abanye bathi, “Sifuna ukuphinda sikuzwe ukhuluma ukuthi ahlale okwesikhathi eside kodwa wala. **21** ngale indaba njalo.” **33** Ngalokho-ke, uPhawuli wasesuka enkundleni. **34** Abantu abathile baba nxa kuyintando kaNkulunkulu.” Wasewela ulwandle ngabalandeli bakaPhawuli, bakhulwa. Phakathi kwabo esuka e-Efesu. **22** Wakhuphukela eKhesariya wahamba kwakuloDiyonisiyu owayelilunga le-Ariyophagasi, njalo wayabingeleta ibandal ejerusalem, waseselela e-lowesifazane okwakuthiwa nguDamari kanye labanye Antiyokhi. **23** UPhawuli eseke wahlala e-Antiyokhi abalinani elithile.

**18** Ngemva kwalokho uPhawuli wasuka e-Athene waya eKhorinte. **2** Khonapho wahlangana lomJuda owayethiwa ngu-Akhwila, owasePhontusi ngomodabuko, owayesanda kufika lapho evele e-Ithali lomkakhe uPhrisila ngoba uKlawudiysi wayekhuphe isinqumo sokuthi amajuda wonke aphume eRoma. UPhawuli wahamba wayababona, **3** kwathi ngoba engumenzi wamatiente njengabo wasehlala labo, wasebenza labo. **4** NgamaSabatha wonke wayesiya esinagogweni ebonisana lamajuda lamaGrikhi ezama ukuwaphendula. **5** Kwathi uSayilasi loTimothi sebefikile bevela eMasedoniya, uPhawuli wasenikela isikhathi sakhe sonke ekutshumayeleni kuphela efakaza kumajuda ukuthi ujesu wayenguKhristu.

**6** Kodwa kwathi lapho amajuda emphikisa njalo emchothoza, wathintitha izembatho zakhe phambi kwavo wathi, “Igazi lenu kalibe phezu kwamakhanda enu! Mina sengiwenzile owami umlandu. Kusukela manje sengisiya kwabeZizwe.” **7** UPhawuli wasesuka esinagogweni waya endlini eseceleni, eyayingekaThithu Justusi, owayekhonza uNkulunkulu. **8** UKhrispasi, umphathi wesinagogu, kanye lendlu yakhe yonke bakhulwa eNkosini; kwathi labanengi bamaKhorinte abamuzwayo bakhulwa, baphathizwa. **9** Ngobunye ubusuku iNkosi yakhuluma kuPhawuli ngombono yathi: “Ungesabi; qhubeka utshumayela, ungathuli. **10** Ngoba mina ngilawie, kakho ozakuhsela akulimaze, ngoba ngilabantu abanengi kulelidolobho.” **11** Ngakho uPhawuli wahlala khona okomnyaka olengxenyenye, ebafundisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **12** UGaliyo esangusibalukhulu wase-Akhayiya, amajuda eKhorinte amanyana ahlasela uPhawuli, amletha emthethwandaba, **13** amangalela esithi, “Indoda le idonsela abantu ekukhonzeni uNkulunkulu ngezindela eziphambene lomthetho.” **14** Kwathi uPhawuli esathi uyakhuluma, uGaliyo wathi kumajuda, “Kube lina majuda libika ngokona okuthile loba icala lokuganga okubi, bekufanele ukuthi ngililalele. **15** Kodwa njengoba kuphathelane ngezinto zamazwi lamabizo, langomthetho wenu; kulungiseni lina. Mina kangiyikuba ngumahluleli wezinto ezinjalo.” **16** Wasesithi kabaxotshwe enkantolo. **17** Bonke basebephendukela uSosithene, umphathi wesinagogu, bamtshaya phambi kwenkantolo. Kodwa uGaliyo kazange athi thiki lakancane. **18** UPhawuli waphinda wahlala njalo okwesikhathi esithile eKhorinte. Wasetshiya abazalwane waya e-Asiriya, ephelekezelwa wagela inwele zakhe eKhenkireya ngenxa yesifungo

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**19** Kwathi u-Apholo eseKhorinte uPhawuli wathatha indlela ehamba phakathi kwelizwe waze wayafika e-Efesu. Khonapho wafumana abafundi abathile, **2** wababuza wathi, “Lamamukela na uMoya oNgcwele ngesikhathi liqalisa ukukholwa?” Baphendula bathi, “Hatshi, kasizwanga lokuzwa ukuthi kuloMoya oNgcwele.” **3** Ngakho uPhawuli wasebuza wathi, “Pho lathola luphi ubhaphathizo?” Baphendula bathi, “Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane.” **4** UPhawuli wathi, “Ubhaphathizo lukaJohane lwalulubhaphathizo lokuphenduka. Watshela abantu ukuthi bakhulwa kulowo owayezakuza ngemva kwakhe, esitsho ukuthi ujesu.” **5** Sebekuzwile lokhu baphathizelwa ebizweni leNkosi ujesu. **6** UPhawuli esebeke izandla zakhe phezu kwabo uMoya oNgcwele wehlela kubo, bakhuluma ngendimi njalo baphrofitha. **7** Babengamadoda ayengaba litshumi lambili bebonke. **8** UPhawuli wangena esinagogweni wakhuluma ngesibindi khona okwesinyanga ezintathu, echaza okusuthisayo ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa abanye babo baba yiziqholo; bala ukukholwa, bakhuluma kubi obala ngeNdela. Ngakho Kodwa njengoba kuphathelane ngezinto zamazwi uPhawuli wabatshiya. Wathatha abafundi wasuka wayahlangana labo baxoxisana nsuku zonke esikolweni sikaThiranu. **10** Lokhu kwaqhubeka okweminyaka emibili, kwaze kwathi wonke amajuda lamaGrikhi ayejhala kulesosifunda sase-Ezhiya alizwa ilizwi leNkosi. **11** UNkulunkulu wenza imimangaliso engajayelekanga ngoPhawuli, **12** izifinyo lamathawulo okwakuthintswi kuye kwakusawa kwabagulayo bahle basile emikhuhlaneni yabo lemimoya embi iphume kubo. **13** Amanye amajuda ayebhoda exotsha imimoya embi azama ukubiza ibizo leNkosi ujesu kulaboo

ababelamadimoni. Ayesithi, "Ngebizo likaJesu uPhawuli Waphakamisa isandla ukuwathulisa ukuze achasisse atshumayela ngaye, ngikulaya ukuthi uphume." kuhle indaba ebantwini. **34** Kodwa athi ngokunanzelela **14** Ababesenza lokhu ngamadodana aysiskhombisa ukuthi wayengumjuda, onke ahlaba umkhosi kaSkeva umphristi omkhulu wamaJuda. **15** Kwelinye kanyekanye okwaphose kwathatha amahola amabili, ilanga umoya omubi waphendula wathi, "Ujesu besithi, "Mkhulu u-Athemisi wama-Efesu!" **35** Unobhala wedolobho walithulisa ixuku wathi, "Madoda aseEfesu, akusikho yini ukuthi umhlaba wonke uyakwazi baze baphuma endlini bebaleka benqunu njalo ukuthi idolobho lase-Efesu yilo elingumlondolozi besopha igazi. **17** Kwathi lokhu sekuzwakele wethempeli lika-Athemisi omkhulu, kanye lomfanekiso kumajuda lamaGrikhi ayeahlala e-Efesu, onke ethuka kakhulu. **18** Abanengi balabo abasebekholwa beza lokhu kuyinto engaphikiswayo, thulani lingensi izinto ngokwesaba, ibizo leNkosi ujesu laselihlonitshwa unkulunkulukazi wethu. **38** Ngakho nxa uDemetriyasi baphumela egcekeni, bevuma iziphambeko zabo. **19** Anabengi ababehlahluhla baletsha ndawonye imiquulu unkulunkulukazi wethu. **40** Njengoba kunje nje sisengozini yokubekwa icala yabo bayitshisa obala. Bathi sebehlolile izindleko lalabo akhanda labo belensolo loba ngobani, zaleyomiquulu kwabonakala kungaba ngamadrakhima imithethwandaba ivuliwe, njalo labahluleli bakhona. azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlaru. **20** Ngaleyondlela ilizwi leNkosi landa kabanzi njalo Kungenzeka lokho sizakwehluleka ukuchaza imbangela lokhu sekwenzakele, uPhawuli wazimisela ukuya ejerusalema, ezadlula eMasedoniya lase-Akhayiya. yalesisiphithiphithi, ngoba ngempela kungekho Wathi, "Nxa sengike ngaya khona, kuzamele sizatho." **41** Eqeda kukhuluma lokhu, wawuchitha umhangano.

**21** Kwathi umsindo usupheli uPhawuli wabiza bakhe eMasedoniya, uThimothi lo-Erastu, yena esasele okwesikhatsana esifundeni sase-Ezhiya. **22** Umkhandi wesiliva owayethiwa **20** Kwathi umsindo usupheli uPhawuli wabiza waafundi, wathi esebaqinisisle wabavalelisa waqonda eMasedoniya. **2** Wahamba wadabula **23** Ngalesosikhathi kwaba lokudungeka okukhulu kulowomango, ekhulumu amazwi amanengi ngeNdela. **24** Umkhandi wesiliva owayethiwa okukhuthaza abantu, wacina esefike eGrisi **3** lapho nguDemetriyasi owayesenzo izikhonzelo zokukhonzela ahlala khona okwezinyanga ezintathu. AmaJuda u-Athemisi ingesiliva, wayengenisa imali ezwayo abumba icebo ngaye eselungele ukuwela aye e-kubakhandi. **25** Wababizela ndawonye kanye lezinye e-Asirya yikho wacabanga ukuthi abuyelete ngendlela izisebenzi zemisebenzi efananayo wathi kubo, "Madoda, yaseMasedoniya. **4** Wayephelekezelwa nguSophatha liyakwazi ukuthi sizuza imali enengi ngomsebenzi lo. **26** Liyabona njalo liyezwa ukuthi uPhawuli lo indodana kaPhirusi waseBheriya, lo-Aristakhasi, usenze abantu abanengi bakhola njalo uzadukisa loSekhundu waseThesalonika, loGayiyasi waseDebhe, abantu abanengi lapha e-Efesu lakuso sonke isifunda loThrofimasi abesifunda sase-Ezhiya. **5** Amadoda saseEzhiya. **27** Kulengozi-ke yokuthi kakuyikuba ngumsebenzi wethu laasandulela ayasimelela eTrowasi. **6** Kodwa kuphela ozalahlekela libizo lawo elihle, kodwa sawela ulwandle sisuka eFiliphi ngemva koMkhosi lethempeli likankulunkulukazi omkhulu u-Athemisi weSinkwa esingelaMvubelo, kwathi ngemva kwensku lizadunyazwa, laye unkulunkulukazi ngokwakhe, ezinhanu sahlangana labanye eTrowasi lapho esahlala yena okhonzwa kusosonke isifunda sase-Ezhiya labuthwa selifile. **7** Ngosuku lokuqala lasemhlabeni wonke, uzakwemukwa ubukhosibakhe. Iweviki sahlangana ukuhlephuna isinkwa. UPhawuli **28** Bathi bekuwza lokhu bafuthelana ngokuzonda, watshumayela ebantwini, kwathi ngoba efuna bahle bamemeza besithi, "Mkhulu u-Athemisi wama-Efesu!" **29** Masinyane nje idolobho lonke laphithizela. **8** Endlini ephezulu lapho esasihlanganele Abantu badumela uGayiyasi lo-Aristakhasi ababe khona kwakulezibane ezinengi. **9** Kwakulejaha ngabaphelekezelibakaPhawuli, bengabeMasedoniya, elalithiwa nguYuthikhaksi lihlezi ewindini, labanjuwa babahudulela enkundleni yemidlalo bonke bayakuthi cwi khona. **30** UPhawuli wayefuna ukuzithela yibuthongo uPhawuli elokhu ekhulumu engaqedi. Lathi emphakathini, kodwa abafundi bamalela. **31** Labanye selijumekile, lawela phansi lisuka esitezi sesithathu abaphathi besifunda, ababengabangane bakaPhawuli, labo bamthumela ilizwi bathi angaqali ukuyavela labu labuthwa selifile. **10** UPhawuli wehla, wazilahla phezu enkundleni yemidlalo. **32** Kwakungasaqondakali kwejaha lelo waligona wathi, "Lingethuki, liyaphila!" enkundleni: Abanye babeklabalala besitsho lokhu, **11** Wasebuyela phezulu esitezi wahlephuna isinkwa abanye labo besitsho okunye. Abantu abanengi babeve wadila. Esekhlumele kwaze kwasa, wasuka. **12** Abantu bengazi lokuthi babelanderi lapho. **33** Amajuda balisa ekhaya ijava liphila, bona baduduzeka kakhulu. afuqela u-Alekizanda phambili esithi kawakhulumele. **13** Satungamela ukuya emkhunjini sagwedla sisiya e-Asosi lapho esasizathatha khona uPhawuli awele lathi. Lokhu wayekulungiselele ngoba wayezahamba

ngenyawo esiya khonale. **14** Wathi ngokuhlangana lathi e-Asosi samngenisa saqonda eMithilene. **15** babubone njalo ubuso bakhe. Basebemphelekezelə Ngosuku olulandelayo sawela sisuka lapho sayafika eKhiyosi. Kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo sachaphela eSamosi, ngosuku olulandelayo sayafika eMilethusi. **16** UPPhawuli wayezimisele ukuwela edlule eceleni kwe-Efesu engafuni ukuchitha isikhathi esifundeni sase-Ezhiya, ngoba wayejahe ukuyafika ejerusalema, nxa kuseneka kube ngosuku lwePhentekhosti. **17** EseMilethusi uPhawuli wathumela ilizwi e-Efesu ebiza abadala bebandla. **18** Sebefikile wathi kubo, "Liyakwazi ukuthi ngaphila njani ngesikhathi sonke ngilani, kusukela ngosuku engafika ngalo esifundeni sase-Ezhiya. **19** Ngayikhonka iNkosi ngokuzithoba okukhulu langezinyembezi, loba ngangilingwa kabuhlungu ngamacebo amajuda. **20** Liyakwazi ukuthi kangizange ngithikaze ukutshumayela loba yikuphi obekungaba luncedo kini kodwa ngalifundisa obala njalo ngingena izindlu ngezindlu. **21** Ngitshumayele kumajuda lakumaGrikhi ukuthi kumele baphendukele kuNkulunkulu ngokuphenduka, bakholwe eNkosini yethu ujesu. **22** Okwamanje ngiqhutshwa nguMoya ukuthi ngiye ejerusalema loba ngingazi ukuthi kuzakwenzakalanii kimi khonale. **23** Ngazi kuphela ukuthi kuwo wonke amadolobho uMoya oNgcwele ungxwayisa ukuthi ukubotshwa lobunzima kungimelele. **24** Kodwa eyami impilo ngiyibona ingasilutho kimi, injongo yami emqoka yikuqedu loluhambu lokufeza lumsebenzi engiwuphiwe yiNkosi ujesu, umsebenzi wokufakaza ivangeli lomusa kaNkulunkulu. **25** Khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi kakho kini engihambe ngitshumayela khona umbuso ozaphinda angibone futhi. **26** Ngakho ngiyafakaza kini lamuhlukuthi kangilacala ngegazi labantu bonke. **27** Ngoba kangingabazanga ukutshumayela kini yonke intando kaNkulunkulu. **28** Ziccineni lina kanye lawo wonke umhlambi uMoya oNgcwele olenze laba ngabathungameli. Wobani ngabelusi bebandla likaNkulunkulu, ovalithenga ngegazi lakhe. **29** Ngiyazi ukuthi nxa sengisukile lapha, impisi eziphangayo zizakuza phakathi kwenti ziwungene umhlambi. **30** Laphakathi kwenu kuzavela abantu abazalihanelake iqiniso ukuthi abanye abafundi babalandele. **31** Ngakho lihlale liqaphele! Khumbulanii ukuthi okweminyaka emithathu kangizange ngiphumule ukuxwayisa omunye lomunye wenu ubusuku lemimi ngezinyembezi. **32** Khathesi ngilinikela kuNkulunkulu laselizwini lomusa wakhe elilamandla okulakha lokulipha ilifa phakathi kwabo bonke abangcwelisiweyo. **33** Kangihawkelanga siliva samuntu, loba igolide kumbe izembatho. **34** Lina ngokwenu liyakwazi ukuthi izandla zami lezi zacgwala zonke izinswelo zami lezabakhula bami. **35** Kukho konke engakwenzayo ngalibonisa ukuthi ngalindlela yokusebenza nzima kumele sisize ababuthakathaka, sikhumbula amazwi eNkosi uJesu athi, 'Kubusiseke kakhulu ukupha ukwedlula ukwamukela.'" **36** Esekutshilo lokhu waguqa phansi kanye labo bonke, wakhuleka. **37** Bonke bakhala lapho bemgona lokumanga. **38** Okwabandanisa kakhulu kwaba yilizwi lakhe lokuthi babengasayikuphinde emkhunjini.

**21** Sathi sesizelukanise kubo ngobuhlungu, sawela ulwandle saqonda nta eKhosi. Ngosuku olulandelayo saya eRodi, sasuka khona saya ePhathara. **2** Safumana umkhumbi owawuchaphela eFenikhya, sangena kuwo, sahamba. **3** Sayithi tshazi iSiphrazi, sedlula ngeningizimu kwayo, saya e-Asirya. Sakhuphukela eThire lapho umkhumbi wethu wawuzakwethula khona umthwalo wawo. **4** Safumana abafundi khona, sahlala labo insuku eziyisikhombisa. Baholwa nguMoya ukuthi bamcenge uPhawuli ukuthi angai ejerusalema. **5** Kodwa isikhathi sethu sesifikile, sasuka saqhubeka ngohambo lwethu. Bonke abafundi lamkhosikazi abo kanye labantwana basiphelekezelə basikhupha edolobheni, safika okhunjini saguqa sakhuleka. **6** Sesivalelisene, sangena emkhunjini, bona babuyela emakhay. **7** Saqhubeka ngohambo lwethu sisuka eThire sayakhuphukela ePhetholemayi, lapho sabingelela abazalwane, sahlala labo usuku lonke. **8** Sasuka ngelanga elilandelayo safika eKhesariya sayahlala endlini kaFilipu umvangel, engomunye wabayisiKhombisa. **9** Wayelamadodakazi amane angendanga njalo ephrofitha. **10** Sesihlale insuku eziimbawla kwafika umphrefethi owayethiwa nguAgabhasi evela ejudiya. **11** Weza kithi, wathatha ibhanti likaPhawuli, wazibopha izandla lezinyawo zakhe ngalo, wathi, "UMoya oNgcwele uthi, 'Ngayonale indlela amajuda aseJerusalema azabopha umnininbanti leli abesemnikela kwabeZizwe.'" **12** Sathi sikuzwa lokhu sonke labantu bakhonapho sancengana loPhawuli ukuthi angai ejerusalema. **13** UPPhawuli waphendula wathi, "Likhalelani lingidabula inhliziyo yami na? Kangilungelanga ukubotshwa kuphela, kodwa lokufa ejerusalema ngifela ibizo leNkosi ujesu." **14** Kwathi ngoba engancengeki sadela sathi, "Mayenzeke intando yeNkosi." **15** Ngemva kwalokhu, salungisa sasesisiya ejerusalema. **16** Abafundi abathile abaseKhesariya basiphelekezelə basisa emzini kaMnasoni lapho esasizahlala khona. Wayeyindoda edabuka eSiphrazi, engomunye wabafundi bakuqala. **17** Ekufikeni kwethu ejerusalema abazalwane basamukela ngokuthokoza. **18** Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhawuli lathi sonke sahamba ukuyabona ujakhobe, bonke abadala babekhona. **19** UPPhawuli wabaginelela, wabika ngokugcweleyo konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile kwabeZizwe ngokusebenza kwakhe. **20** Bathi sebekuzwile lokhu bamdumisa uNkulunkulu. Ngakho basebesithi kuPhawuli, "Uyabona mzalwane ukuthi izinkulungwane ezinengi zamajuda sezikholiwe njalo wonke atshisekela umlayo. **21** Sebetshewle ukuthi wena ufundisa wonke amajuda ahlala phakathi kwabeZizwe ukuthi afulathele uMosi, ubatshela ukuthi angasoki abantwabobo lokuthi angalandeli amasiko ethu. **22** Pho senzeni? Ngeqiniso bazakuzwa ukuthi usufikile, **23** ngakho yenza lokhu esikutshela khona. Kulamadoda amane phakathi kwethu asenze isifungo. **24** Hamba lawo amadoda la, ubambisane lawo emkhutsheni

wokuzihlambulula, uwabhadalele izindleko zavo kodwa ngakhulela kulanaleli idolobho. Ngafunda zakhona ukuze aphuce amakhanda awo. Ngakho ngaphansi kukaGamaliyeli, ngafundiswa okugcweleyo umuntu wonke uzakwazi ukuthi akulaqiniso kulimibiko ngawe, kodwa babone ukuthi wena ngokwakho uphila ngokulandela umlayo. **25** AbeZizwe bona abakhholwayo sesibalobebe ngesinqumo sethu ukuthi kabaxwaye ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni, bangadli ububende, lenyama yenayamazana ekhaniyiyeo lokuhlobonga.” **26** Ngosuku olulandelayo uPhawuli wawathatha lawomadoda wayazihlambulula kanye lawo. Wasesiya ethempelini ukuyakwazisa ngosuku lezinuku ezyisikhombisa sezizaphela, amajuda athile esifunda sase-Ezhiya abona uPhawuli ethempelini. **27** Kwathi lokuphela kwensuku zokuhlambulula lokuthi umnikelo walowo lalovo wabo wauwazakwenzi nini. **28** Kwathi esithi, “Madoda ako-Israyeli; sibambiseni! Yivo le indoda efundisa abantu bonke ezindaweni zonke okuphambene labantu bakithi lomlayo wakithi kanye lendawo le. Ngaphandle kwalokho, usengenise le eNgcwele.” **29** (Mandulo babebone uThrofimasi wase-Efesu edolobheni eloPhawuli basebekhumbula ukuthi uPhawuli wayeze laye emagumeni ethempelini.) **30** Idolobho lonke laphithizela, abantu beza begijima beqhamuka inxa zonke. Bamdumela uPhawuli bamsusa ethempelini,amasango alo ahle avalwa. **31** Bathi besazama ukumbulala, umbiko wfika kumlawuli wamabutho amaRoma ukuthi idolobho lonke laseJerusalema laseliphithizela. **32** Khonokho nje wathatha abanye abaphathi kanye lamabutho wagijimela esiphithiphithini lesu. Kwathi labo ababevusa uthuli bebona umlawuli lamabutho akhe bema ukutshaya uPhawuli. **33** Umlawuli weza wafika wambophwa wathi kaboutshwe ngamaketane amabili. Wasembuza ukuthi wayengubani lokuthi wayoneni. **34** Abathile exukwini bamemeza lokhu, abanye bamemeza okunye, kwasekusithi ngoba umlawuli engalizwi iqiniso ngenxa yokuxokozela waselaya ukuthi uPhawuli kasiwe enkambeni yamabutho. **35** Esefikile ezinyathelweni zokuqansela endlini, abantu baphithizela ngamandla waze wathwalwa ngamabutho. **36** Ixuku elalilandela laphikelela limemeza lisithi, “Msusele amanqe!” **37** Amabutho esathi amnigenisa ngaphakathi, uPhawuli wacela kumlawuli wathi, “Ngingaba lelizwi lawe zokuqansela endlini wathulisa ixuku ngesandla. Kwathi bonke sebethule wakhulumu kubo ngesiHebheru wathi, **22** “Bazalwane labobaba, manje lalelani lizwe ukuzivikela kwami.” **2** Bathi bemuzwa ekhulumu kubo ngesiHebheru bathula zwi. UPhawuli wasesithi, **3** “Mina ngingumJuda owazalelwaa eThasasi eseSilisiya, ngomlayo wabokhokho, lami ngakhuthalela uNkulunkulu njengani lamuhlu. **4** Ngabahlukulu abalandeli bale iNdlela baze bafa, ngibopha abesilisa labesifazane ngibaphosela entolongweni, **5** into engafakazwa ngumphristi omkhulu kanye lenkundla. Ngaze ngathola izincwadi kubo zisya kubazalwane babo eDamaseko, ngaya khona ngifuna ukubalettha labobantu beyizibotshwa eJerusalema ukuthi bazojeziswa. **6** Kwathi sekungaba yimini enkulu sengisondela eDamaseko, masinyane kwaphazima ukukhanya kuvela walovo lalovo ezelwini kwangizingeleza. **7** Ngawela phansi, ngezwa ilizwi lisithi kimi, ‘Sawuli! Sawuli! Ungihlukuluzelani na?’ **8** Ngabuza ngathi, ‘Ungubani, Nkosi?’ Waphendula wathi, ‘Ngingujesu waseNazaretha omhlukuluzayo.’ **9** Ababengiphelekezelu bakubona ukukhanya, kodwa indoda efundisa abantu bonke ezindaweni zonke kabalizwanga ilizwi lalovo owayekhuluma lami. **10** Ngabuza ngathi, ‘Kumele ngenzeni Nkosi?’ INkosiyathi, ‘Phakama uye eDamaseko. Khonale uzatshewla konke osumiselwe ukuthi ukwenze.’ **11** Abapelekezelu bami bangihola ngesandla bangisa eDamaseko ngoba inkazimulo yokukhanya yayingenze ngaba ukuthi uPhawuli wayeze laye emagumeni ethempelini.) **12** Indoda eyayithiwa ngu-Ananiya yeza **13** ‘Walamwane Sawuli, bona njalo!’ Ngalesosikhathi yisiphofu. **14** Wasesithi, ‘UNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu usekukhethile ngahale ngazuza amandla okumbona. **15** Uzakuba ngufakazi wakhe ebantwini bonke ngalokho okubonileyo lokuzwileyo. **16** Pho usalinden? Sukuma ubhaphathizwe, ugeze izono zakho, ubiza ibizo lakhe.’ **17** Ngithe sengibuyile ejerusalem ngikhuleka ethempelini, ngafikelwa yisiyezipphupo, **18** ngabona iNkosi ikhulumu isithi kimi, ‘Phangisa! Suka masinyane ejerusalem ngoba kabayikubamukela ubufakazi bakho ngami.’ **19** Ngaphendula ngathi, ‘Nkosi, lababantu bayakwazi ukuthi nganginquama lamasinagogu ngibabophwa njalo ngibatshaya labo abakholwa kuwe. **20** Lalapho kuchithwa igazi lomfakazi wakho uStefane ngangimi khonapho ngivumelana labo njalo ngilinde izigqoko zalabo ababembulala.’ **21** na?’ Yena waphendula wathi, “Uyasikhuluma INkosi yasisithi kimi, ‘Hamba; ngizakuthumela kude kwabeZizwe.’” **22** Abantu bamlaleta uPhawuli sonke isikhathi, kodwa esetsho lokhu bavungama bamemeza bathi, “Kasuswe emhlabeni lo umuntu! Kamelanga waphendula wathi, “NgingumJuda waseThasasi eSilisiya, isakhamuzi sedolobho elihloniphekayo. Ngicela ukuthi kengikhulume labantu laba.” **23** Abethole imvumo kumlawuli, uPhawuli wema ezinyathelweni zokuqansela endlini wathulisa ixuku ngesandla. Kwathi bonke sebethule wakhulumu kubo ngesiHebheru wathi, **24** umlawuli abo, njalo bephosa uthuli emoyeni, **25** wamabutho walaya ukuthi uPhawuli kangeniswe enkambeni yamabutho. Wayala ukuthi atshaywe njalo abuzisiswe ukuthi kungani abantu bemvukela kanje. **26** Bathi sebemlalisa phansi ukuthi bambhaxabule bembophile, uPhawuli wathi kumphathi wekhulu owayemi khonapho, “Kusemthethweni yini ukuthi utshaye umuntu ongumRoma ongetheswanga cala na?” Umphathi wekhulu esekuzwile lokho wayabikela

umlawuli wamabutho wathi, "Usuzathini manje? lutho size simbulale uPhawuli. **15** Ngakho-ke lina Indoda le ingumRoma." **27** Umlawuli wamabutho leSanihadrini khalazani kumlawuli webutho ukuthi waya kuPhawuli wambuza wathi, "Ake ungitsheli, amlethe kini ngenhloso yokuthi lifuna ubufakazi kanti ungumRoma na?" Wathi, "Yebo, nginguye." **28** Umlawuli wamabutho wasesithi, "Mina ngahlawula imali ukuthi ngithole ilungelo lokuba ngumRoma." **29** Labo abasebelungele ukumbuzisisa bahle batshedela emuva masinyane. Umlawuli webutho ngokwakhe wethuka esenanzelela ukuthi wayebophe uPhawuli, umRoma, ngamaketane. **30** Ngosuku olulandelayo, njengoba umlawuli wamabutho wayefuna ukwazi isibili ukuthi kungani uPhawuli wayebekwa icala ngamaJuda, wamkhulula walaya khona." **19** Umlawuli wamthatha lowojaha, wambamba abaphristi abakhulu leSanihadrini yonke ukuthi ngesandala waya laye eceleni, wambuza wathi, "Kuyini bahlangane. Wasemletha uPhawuli wamisa phambi kwabo.

**23** UPhawuli wawujolozela umphakathi weSanihadrini wathi, "Bazalwane, sengiwugcwalisile umlandu wami kuNkulunkulu ngenhlizyo eqotho kuze kube lamuhla." **2** Umphristi omkhulu, u-Ananiya, kwamcunula lokhu, watshela labo ababemi eduze kukaPhawuli ukuthi bamukule umlomo. **3** UPhawuli wathi kuye, "UNKulunkulu uzakumukula, wena mduli oconjwe ngekalaga emhlophel! Lapha uhlalele ukungahlulela ngomthetho, ikanti wena ngokwakho uyaweqa umthetho ngokulaya ukuthi ngitshayew!" **4** Labo ababemi eduze kukaPhawuli bathi, "Ulesibindi sokuthuka umphristi omkhulu kaNkulunkulu wena?" **5** UPhawuli waphendula wathi, "Bazalwane, bengingazi ukuthi ungumphristi omkhulu; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: 'Ungakhulumi okubi ngombusi wabantu bakini.'" **6** UPhawuli wayesazi ukuthi abanye babe ngamaSadusi, abanye bengabaFarisi, wasememeza phakathi kweSanihadrini wathi, "Bazalwane, mina ngitungFarisi, indodana yomFarisi. Ngithonisewa ukuthi ngilethemba lokuvuka kwabafileyo." **7** Wathi ngokutsho lokhu, kwavuka umsindo phakathi kwabafarisi lamaSadusi, umphakathi wasudabukana phakathi. **8** (AmaSadusi athi kakulakuvuka ekufeni, lokuthi kakulazingilosil loba imimoya, kodwa abaFarisi bayakuvuma konke lokho ukuthi kukhona.) **9** Kwaba lokuxokozela okukhulu, kwathi abanye abafundisi bomthetho ababe ngabaFarisi basukuma bayidaza inkani. Bathi, "Kasiboni lutho olubi ngendoda le. Mhlawumbe umoya kumbe ingilosil ikuhulume kuye ke?" **10** Yavutha inkani umlawuli webutho waze wesaba ukuthi uPhawuli sebengamdbudabula. Waselaya amabutho ukuthi ahle amusue kubo ngamandla amlethe enkambeni yamabutho. **11** Ngobusuku obulandelayo iNkosi yema eduze kukaPhawuli yathi, "iba lesibindi! Njengoba usufakaze ngami ejerusalem, kusamele njalo uyofakaza eRoma." **12** Ngosuku olulandelayo amaJuda abumba icebo njalo enza isifungo sokuthi kawayikudla kumbe anathe engakbulali uPhawuli. **13** Kwakungamadoda edlula amatshumi amane ayehambisana lalelocebo. **14** Baya kubaphristi abakhulu labadala bathi, "Sesifunge ijoyi lokuthi kasiyikudla

yaya enkambeni yamabutho yayamtshela uPhawuli. **17** UPhawuli wasebiza omunye umphathi wekhulu wathi, "Hamba lejaha leli kumlawuli wamabutho; kukhona elifuna ukukutsho kuye." **18** Ngakho wasemusa kumlawuli. Umphathi wekhulu wathi, "Isibotshwa esinguPhawuli singibizile sangicela ukuthi ngilethe ijaha leli kwe ngoba kukhona elifuna ukukutshela wayebekwa icala ngamaJuda, wamkhulula walaya khona." **19** Umlawuli wamthatha lowojaha, wambamba ofuna ukungitshela khona?" **20** Wathi: "AmaJuda asevumelene ukuthi akucele wena ukuthi ulethe uPhawuli phambi kweSanihadrini kusasa ngenhloso yokuthi afuna ingcazelo epheleleyo mayelana laye. **21** Ungabavumeli ngoba abeqa amatshumi amane bawo bazamcathamela. Asenze isifungo sokuthi angadli njalo anganathi engakabulali uPhawuli. Kunje nje sebelungile, sebelindele imvumo yakho ngescicelo sabo." **22** Umlawuli wathi kahambe umfana, wamqonqosela wathi, "Ungatsheli muntu ukuthi usungazisile ngalokhu." **23** Wasebiza abaphathi bebutho ababili wabalaya wathi, "Lungisanixuku lamabutho anganakhulu amabili, abagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi aysiskhombisa labangamakhulu amabili abahlome ngemikhonto ukuthi baye eKhesariya lamuhla ebusuku ngehola lesithathu. **24** Lilungisele loPhawuli amabhiza ukuze asiwe kuMbusi uFelikhe evikelekile." **25** Wabhalo incwadi kanje: **26** Klawudiysi Lisiya, Kumhlekazi, uMbusi uFelikhe: Ngiyabingeleta. **27** Indoda le yabanjwa ngamaJuda, okwathi esezama ukuyibulala ngafika lamabutho ami sayilamulela ngoba ngasengizwile ukuthi ingumRoma. **28** Ngadinga ukwazi ukuthi ayesithi yonen, yikho ngayiletha phambi kweSanihadrini yavo. **29** Ngewza ukuthi icala layo laliphathelene lomlayo wawo, kodwa kwasweleka icala elingafanelu ukufa loba ukugwetselwa entolongweni. **30** Ngithe sengilunywe indlebe ngecebo lokuyibulala ngahle ngayedluliselu kuwe. Ngiphinde ngatshela omayimangalela ukuthi bazokwethula kuwe abamangalela ngakho. **31** Ngakho amabutho azilandela lezo ziqondiso amthatha uPhawuli ebusuku ayamfikisa e-Antiphatri. **32** Ngosuku olulandelayo amabutho amtsihiya leqembu labagade amabhiza ukuthi liqhubeke laye, bona babuyela enkambeni. **33** Kwathi abamabhiza sebefikile eKhesariya bayethula incwadi kumbusi loPhawuli laye bamnikela kuye. **34** Umbusi wayibala incwadi wambuza ukuthi wayedabuka kusiphi isifunda. Esezewile ukuthi wayengowesilisiya, **35** Wathi, "Icalalakho ngizalihlola nxa labo abakumangalelayo sebefikile lapha." Waselaya ukuthi uPhawuli agcinwe elindwe esigodlweni sikaHerodi.

**24** Ngemva kwensuku ezinhlanu umphristi omkhulu u-Ananiya wehlela eKhesariya labadala abathile kanye lomeli owayethiya nguThethula, bafika beneka

ukumangalela kwabo uPhawuli kumbusi. **2** UPhawuli esebiziwe, uThethula walethula icala kuFelikhe wathi: "Mhlekazi! Ngaphansi kombuso wakho sesikhelise isikhathi sokuthula eside, ikanti lombono wakho usulethe intuthuko kulesisizwe. **3** Yonke indawo, ngazozonke izindlala, mhlekazi omuhle Felikhe, siyakwamukela konke lokhu ngokubonga okukhulu. **4** Kodwa ukuthi ngingakuchitheli isikhathi, ngiyakucela ukuthi uke usizwe kancinyane esikutshoyo. **5** Indoda le siyifumane ukuthi iluhlupo, ivusa isiphithiphithi phakathi kwamajuda kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ingumholi wequla lamaNazarini **6** futhi yazama njalo ukungolisa ithempeli; yikho sayibamba. Sasifuna ukumahluropa ngokomlayo wethu. [ **7** Kodwa umlawuli uLisiya weza wazamthatha ngodlakela ezandleni zethu, wathi obamangaleloyo kabeze phambi kwakhe]. **8** Ngokumhlola wena ngokwakho uzalibona iqiniso ngazozonke lezizinto esimangalela ngazo." **9** Amajuda lawo ayingenela indaba eqinisa ukuthi lezizinto zaziliqiniso. **10** Kwathi umbusi esemphile ithuba lokuthi akhulume uPhawuli waphendula wathi: "Ngiyazi ukuthi usube ngumahluli walesisizwe okweminyaka eminengi; ngakho ngizivikela ngesibindi langentokozo. **11** Ungalithola iqiniso lokuthi kakudluli insuku ezilitshumi lambili ngyiile ejerusalemka ukuyakhonza. **12** Abangimangaleloyo kabazange bangifumane ngiphikisana lomuntu ethempelini, loba ngitshotshozena amaxuku emasinagogweni kumbe ngaphi edolobheni. **13** Bangezake balethe ubufakazi kuwe balezintzo abangimangalela ngazo. **14** Kodwa ngiyavuma ukuthi ngikhonza uNkulunkulu wabokhokho bethu, njengomlandeli weNdlela abayibiza ngokuthi ngumvukela. Ngiyakholwa konke okuvumelana loMlayo lokubhaliweyo kubaphrofethi, **15** njalo ngilethembu elifana lelamadoda la kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi kuzakuba lokuvuka kwabafileyo, abalungileyo lababi. **16** Ngakho ngiyazama kokuphela ukuba isazela sami sihlale sihlanzekile phambi kukaNkulunkulu laphambi kwabantu. **17** Ngemva kweminyaka eminengi ngingekho, ngeza ejerusalemka ukuletha izipho zabaswelayo ebantwini bakithi lokwethula iminikelo. **18** Ngangihlanzekile ngokomkhuba baze bangifumane ethempelini ngisenza lokhu. Kwakungelaxku labantu elalilami, kumbe ukuthi ngangiphazamisa ngokuthile. **19** Kodwa kukhona amajuda athile avela esifundeni sase-Ezhiya, okufanele ukuthi ngabe akhona lapha phambi kwakho, angethese icala nxa kukhona akusolayo ngami. **20** Kumbe wonala akhona kawachaze ukuthi licala bani alifumanayo kimi mhlazana ngimi eSanihedrini, **21** ngaphandle kwalokhu kodwa engakumemezayo ngimi phambi kwavo ukuthi: 'Kungenxa yokuvuka kwabafileyo okwenza ngithoniswe phambi kwenu lamuhlu.' **22** Ngakho uFelikhe, owayesazi kakhulu ngeNdlela walimisa icala. Wathi, "Kuzakuthi nxa uLisiya umlawuli angafika ngizaliquima icala lenu." **23** Walaya umphathi wekhulu ukuthi agcine uPhawuli elindwiye kodwa amvumele ukukhululeka okuthile kanye labangane bakhe ukuthi bamuphe lokho akuswelayo. **24** Ngemva kwensuku ezinengi uFelikhe

wafika lomkakhe uDrusila owaye ngumJudakazi. Wathi kakubizwe uPhawuli, wamlalela echaza ngokukholwa kuJesu Christu. **25** UPhawuli wathi esebalisa isikhulunga, langokuzithiba langokwahlulewa okuzayo uFelikhe wesaba wathi, "Sekwanele okwamanje! Usungahamba. Kungaze kulunge njalo ngizakubiza." **26** Yena wayecabanga ukuthi uPhawuli uzamupha imali yokumfumbathisa, yikho wayembiza futhifuthi ekhuluma laye. **27** Isidlule imiryaka emibili, uFelikhe walandelwa esikhundleni nguPhokhiyu Festasi, kodwa ngoba uFelikhe wayefuna ukuthabisa amajuda, watshiya uPhawuli eloekhu esentolongweni.

**25** Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu efikile esifundeni uFestasi, wasuka eKhesariya waya ejerusalemka **2** lapho abaphristi abakhulu labakhokheli bamaJuda bema phambi kwakhe beneka amacala kaPhawuli. **3** Bamcela ngokuphangisa uFestasi, ukuba abenzele umusa, abalethele uPhawuli ejerusalemka, ngoba babeceba ukumcathamelala bambulale endleleni. **4** UFestasi waphendula wathi, "UPhawuli uvalelwe eKhesariya, njalo mina ngokwami Ngiya khona masinyane. **5** Akuthi abanye abakhokheli bakini bahambe lami bafike bamethese amacala khonale, nxa kukhona akonileyo." **6** Esehlale insuku eziyisificaminwembili loba ezilitshumi labo, wehlela eKhesariya, kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo wangensis inkundla wathi kalethe uPhawuli phambi kwakhe. **7** Esefikile uPhawuli amajuda ayebyuile evela ejerusalemka ambuthanelo, ethula amacala amanengi esabekayo ngaye, kodwa engelabufakazi ngawo. **8** UPhawuli wasezivikela wathi, "Angenzanga lutho oluphikisa umlayo wamaJuda kumbe ukudumaza ithempeli, kumbe oluphikisa uKhesari." **9** UFestasi wayefuna ukwenzela amajuda umusa, wathi kuPhawuli, "Uyavuma na ukuya ejerusalemka ukuthi ngiyekuthonisela khona amacala la?" **10** Waphendula uPhawuli wathi, "Khathesi sengisiyakuma phambi kwenkundla kaKhesari, lapho engifanele ukuthonisela khona. Kangonanga lutho kumaja, njengoba lawe usazi kakuhle. **11** Kodwa, nxa ngilecala lokwenza loba yini efanele ukufa kangali ukubulawa. Kodwa nxa lawomacala engiwetheswa ngamajuda la engaqiniso, kakho olelungelo lokunginikela kuwo. Ngildululisesela kuKhesari!" **12** UFestasi esehlanganise amakhanda lomphakathi wakhe, wathi, "Usulidulisele kuKhesari. Uzakuya-ke kuKhesari!" **13** Sekuyizinsuku ezimbawla ngemva kwalokho iNkosi u-Agripha loBhenikhe bafika eKhesariya ukuyaqinisa ubudlelwano laye uFestasi. **14** Njengoba babezachitha insuku ezinengi khona, uFestasi wakhulumu leNkosi ngendaba kaPhawuli. Wathi, "Kulendoda lapha eyatshiywa nguFelikhe iyisibotshwa. **15** Ngathi ngisejerusalemka, abaphristi abakhulu labadala bamaJuda bayimangalela ngamacala athile, bacela ukuthi ibulawe. **16** Ngabatshela ukuthi kakusimkhuba wamaRoma ukunikela umuntu engakahlanganisa labamangaleli bakhe, waphiwa ithuba lokuzivikela kulawo macala abambeka wona. **17** Bathi sebefikile lapha

behamba lami, ngahle ngalingenisa icala, kodwa abafileyo na? **9** Lami ngokwami ngangizimisele ukuthi inkundla ngayihlanganisa ngosuku olulandelayo, ngenze yonke imizamo yokuphikisana lebizo likajesu ngathi indoda leyo kayingeniswe. **18** Sebephakamile waseNazaretha. **10** Lakanye yikho lokho engakwenzayo ukuba bakhulume, kabasambekanga lawomacala ejerusalema. Ngaphiwa amandla ngabaphristi abakhulu engangiwhakumbula. **19** Kodwa, kulezinto ezithile ngaphosela abanengi abangcwele entolongweni, ababephikisana ngazo laye mayelana lenkolo yabo kwathi ekubulaweni kwabo lami ngasekela ukubalahla. langenye indoda eyafayo ethiwa ngujesu, uPhawuli **11** Izikhathi ezinengi ngangihamba nginquma athi yena iyaphila. **20** Ngisuke ngadideka ukuthi lamasinagogu ngisithi kabajeziwe, ngazama njalo ngizicubungule njani izindaba ezinjalo; yikho ukubabamba ngamandla ukuthi bahlambaze ujesu. ngimbuzile ukuthi angavuma yini ukuya ejerusalema Ngathi ngihlanyiswa yikubazonda ngaya lakwamanye ayethonisawa khona ngamacala la. **21** Kuthe amadolobho asezizweni ukuyabahlukuluza khona. uPhawuli esethe ucela icala lakhe limiswe liyoqunyuwa **12** Kolunye uhampo lwami ngalubangisa eDamaseko nguMbusi oMkhulu, ngathi kagcinwe entolongweni ngilamandla lomlayo engawuphiwa ngabaphristi ngize ngimdlulisele kuKhesari.” **22** U-Agriphia abakhulu. **13** Kwathi sekungaba yimini enku wasesithi kuFestasi, “Ngifuna ukuthi kengiyizwe ngisendleleni Mhlekazi Agriphia, ngabona ukukhanya mina ngokwami indoda leyo.” Waphendula wathi, kuvela ezulwini, kukhazimula ukwedlula ilanga, “Uzayizwa kusasa.” **23** Kusisa u-Agriphia loBhenikhe bafika ngodumo olukhulu bangena emthethwandaba sawela phansi, ngezwa ilizwi lisithi kimi, ngesiHebheru, lezhkhulu zakhona ezaziwayo kanye labakhokheli ‘Sawuli, Sawuli unghijklukulzelani na? Kubuhlungu bedolobho. UFestasi wathi uPhawuli kalethwe. **24** kuwe ukukhahlela izinci.” **15** Ngasengibuza UFestasi wasesithi, “Nkosi Agriphia, lani lonke elikhona ngathi, ‘Ungubani, Nkosi?’ INkosi yaphendula lathi lapha, liyayibona indoda lel Sonke isizwe samajuda yathi, ‘Ngingujesu omhlukuluzayo. **16** Phakama ejerusalema lakhona lapha eKhesariya senza isikhala khathezi ume ngezinyawo zakho. Ngizibonise kuwe kimi bememeza ukuthi kayisafanelanga ukuthi ibe ukuthi ngikukhethe ukuba yinceku njalo ube ilokhu iphila. **25** Ngafumana ukuthi kwakungelalutho ngufakazi walokho osukubonile ngami, lalokho alwenzayo olufanele ukufa, kodwa ngenxa yokuthi engisazakutshengisa khona. **17** Ngizakuphephisa wacela ukudululiselwa kuMbusi oMkhulu, ngakhetha ebantwini bakini lakwabeZizwe. Ngikuthuma **18** ukuthi ukuthi ngimdlulisele eRoma. **26** Kodwa kakulalutho uvule amehlo abo, ubaphendule basuke ebumnyamene olubambekayo engizalulobel uMhlekazi ngaye. baye ekukhanyeni, njalo basuke emandleni kaSathane Ngakho sengimlethe lapha phambi kwenu lonke, baye kuNkulunkulu ukuze bermukele ukuthethelelwa ikakhulu phambi kwakho wena Nkosi Agriphia, ukuze kwezono lendawo phakathi kwalabo abangcweliswe kuthi ngemva kokumhlola hlezi ngithole ulutho ngokukholwa kimi.” **19** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Agriphia, engingaluloba. **27** Ngibona kungaba liphutha elikhulu ukuthumela isibotshwa ngingacacanga ngamacala esiwetheswayo.”

**26** U-Agriphia wasesithi kuPhawuli, “Ulemvumo yokuzikhulumela.” Ngakho uPhawuli wasephakamisa isandla sakhe waqalisa ukuzivikela, wathi, **2** “Nkosi Agriphia, ngizibona ngilenhlanhla ukuma phambi kwakho lamuha ngisethula ukuzivikela kwami kuwo wonke amacala engiwhetheswa ngamajuda, **3** ikakhulu njengoba wena uwazi amasiko amajuda kanye lokuphikisana kwavo. Ngakho ngiyakucela ukuthi ungilalele ngokubekezel. **4** Amajuda wonke ayayazi impilo engiyiphilleyo kusukela ebuntwaneni bami, ekuqaleni kokuphila kwami elizweni lakithi njalo laseJerusalema. **5** Sebengazi okwesikhathi eside njalo bangafakaza nxa bethanda, ukuthi ngenhlelo zenkolo yethu eqinileyo, ngangiphila ngingumFarisi. **6** Manje sekungenxa yethemba lami kulokho uNkulunkulu akuthembisa okhokho bethu okwenza ngithonisise lamuha. **7** Lesi yiso isithembiso esilindelwe yizizwana zakithi ezelitshumi lambili ukuthi zizasibona sigcialiseka zilokhu zimkhonza uNkulunkulu ngokutshiseka emini lebusuku. Mhlekazi, kungenxa yalo lelithemba engimangalewa lona ngamajuda. **8** Kungenzakala kanjani ukuthi phakathi kwenu kube yinto engakholekiyo ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabavusa

kuo ngikhululekile. Ngiyakholwa ukuthi kakukho lokukodwa kukho okuyeqileyo inkosi, ngoba kakwenziwanga ejikweni ngokucatshelana. **27** Nkosi Agriphia, uyabakholwa na abaphrofethi? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyabakholwa.” **28** U-Agriphia wasesithi kuPhawuli, “Kambe ucabanga ukuthi ngesikhatshana esifitshane

kangaka ungangiphendula ngibe ngumKhristu?" 29 lomoya; ngakho wasehlula sasesindenda nje UPhawuli waphendula wathi, "Singaba sisifitshane siwulandela. 16 Sathi lapho sidlula ekusithekeni loba sibeside, ngiyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu ukuthi kwasihlenge esincane esithiwa yiKhawuda, kwasekusala kakungabi nguwe kuhela kodwa bonke abangizwayo lokuthi simise kuhle isikepe sokuphephela siqonde. 17 lamuhla bangaba yilokho engiyikho khona, ngaphandle Kwathi amadoda esesidonsele phezulu emkhunjini, kwala amaketane." 30 Inkosi yaphakama kanye basebethandela izintambo bebopha umkhumbi lombusi loBhenike larabu ababehlezi labo. 31 ngokwalo ukuze uqine wonke. Bathi ngoba besesaba Baphuma endlini, bathi sebekhuluma bodwa, bathi, "Indoda le kakulalutho elwenzayo olufanele ukufa loba ukuvalewa entolongweni." 32 U-Agriphra wazindendela nje. 18 Isiphepho sasizinguza wathi kuFestasi, "Indoda le ibizakhululwa kube kabuhlungu kwaze kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo saqalisa ukujikela umthwalo olwandle. 19 Ngosuku lwesthathu baphosela phandle ngezabo izandla izintambo lezinye impahla zokuhambisa umkhumbi.

**27** Sekumisiwe ukuthi sizakuya e-Ithali, uPhawuli kanye lezinye izibotshwa banikelwa ezandleni zomphathi wekhulu owayethiwa nguJuliysi owaye ngoweButho leSikhosini. 2 Sagada umkhumbi e-Adramithiya owawusulungele ukuya emathewkwi asemakhunjini esifunda sase-Ezhya, sahle salungena ulwandle. Sasilo-Aristakhasi, owayesuka eThesalonika. 3 Kusisa sakhpukela eSidoni; uJuliysi watshengisa umusa kuPhawuli, wamvumela ukuthi aye kubangane bakhe bamenze lokho ayengabe ekuswela. 4 Sesisuka lapho saluqonda ulwandle njalo sagudla ethunzini laseSiphrasi ngoba ukuvunguza komoya kwakuphambana lathi. 5 Sathi sesiwele sadabula ulwandle olubanzi malungana lasokhunjini lweSilisia lePhamfiliya, sakhpukela eMira eseLikhiya. 6 Khonapho umphathi wekhulu wafumana umkhumbi wase-Alekizandriya uwelela e-Ithali, wasingenisa kuwo. 7 Sahamba sitotoba okwensuku ezinengi, sathwala nzima ukuyafika eKhiniyu. Kwathi ngoba umoya usivalela ukuthi sihambe ngendlela yethu, sawela sayagudla ethunzini laseKhrethe, malungana leSalimoni. 8 Sahamba siceza okhunjini kanzima, safika endaweni ethiwa kuseMathekumahle, eduze ledolobho laseLaseya. 9 Sasesilahlekelwe yisikhathi esinengi kakhulu, lokuhamba olwandle kwasekuyingozi kabi ngoba ngalesisikhathi kwasekungemva kwesikhathi sokuzila. Yikho uPhawuli wabaxwayisa wathi, 10 "Madoda, ngibona ukuthi uhambu lolu luzakuba lengozi lomonakalo omkhulu, kubhidlike umkhumbi lempahla, lempilo zethu lathi." 11 Kodwa umphathi wekhulu, esikhundleni sokulalela lokho okwakutshiwo nguPhawuli, walandela iseluleko somtshayeli womkhumbi kanye lomnikazi wawa. 12 Njengoba ithetu lalingelihle ukuthi simise khona ebusika, abanengi bakhetha ukuthi siqhubeke ngohambo, bethemba ukuthi sizafika eFenikhe simise khona ebusika lobo. Leli kwakulithetu eliseKhrethe, elalikhangele eningizimu yentshonalanga njalo lenyakatho yentshonalanga. 13 Kwathi ngokuphephetha komoya opholileyo waseningizimu, banakana ukuthi basebekutholile ababekudinga; ngakho bawukhulula umkhumbi wawela ugudle iKhrethe. 14 Masinyazana nje, umoya olamandla esivunguvungu owawuthiwa "yiNhlampumalanga" wavunguza usuka esihlengeni. 15 Umkhumbi watshaya yilesophepho wehluleka ukuoqondana

kwathu simise kuhle isikepe sokuphephela siqonde. 17 Kwathi amadoda esesidonsele phezulu emkhunjini, laseSithisi, behlisa iseyle bayekela umkhumbi lobe ukuvalewa entolongweni." 32 U-Agriphra wazindendela nje. 18 Isiphepho sasizinguza kabuhlungu kwaze kwathi ngosuku olulandelayo saqalisa ukujikela umthwalo olwandle. 19 Ngosuku lwesthathu baphosela phandle ngezabo izandla izintambo lezinye impahla zokuhambisa umkhumbi. 20 Kwathi sekuyizinsuku ezinengi singaliboni ilanga loba izinkanyeye, kodwa isiphepho silokhu sisidla ubhedu, saphelelwu lithemba lokuthi sizaphepho. 21 Amadoda ayesehlale isikhathi eside engadlanga, uPhawuli wasesima phambi kwabo, wathi, "Madoda, ngabe lingilale sangasuki eKhrethe; ngabe kalizifakanga phakathi kwale inhlekenhlele lokulahlekelwa lokhu. 22 Kodwa manje ngiyalikhuthaza ukuthi lime isibindi, ngoba kakukho lamunye wenu ozakufa; ngumkhumbi kuhela ozabhidlika. 23 Izolo ebusuku ingilosu kaNkulunkulu engingowakhe mina njalo lengimkhonzayo ime phambi kwami 24 yathi, 'Ungesabi, Phawuli. Kumele uyethoniswisa nguKhesari; njalo uNkulunkulu usebe lomusa wokukunika impilo zabo bonke owela labo.' 25 Ngakho manini isibindi, madoda, ngoba ngiyamthemba uNkulunkulu ukuthi kuzakwenzakala njengokungitshela kwakhe. 26 Kodwa phela sisezake sitshayekе phansi sikhaphazelwe esihlengeni esithile." 27 Ngobusuku betshumi lane sasilokhu siyaluziswa oLwandle Iwe-Adriyathi, lapho okwathi phakathi kobusuku abaqhube bomkhumbi bezwa kungathi basebesondela emhlabathini. 28 Baphosa izintambo zokulunganisa baftumana ukuthi amanzi ayezike okwezingalo ezilikhulu elilamatshumi amabili. Ngemva kwesikhatshana baphinda baziphosa njalo baftumana izingalo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye ukuzika. 29 Bathi ngoba besesaba ukuthi sasizasakazeka ematsheni basebesehlisa insika zokumisa umkhumbi ngemuva bekhaleda ukuthi kuse. 30 Abaqhubi bomkhumbi bazama ukunyena babaleke emkhunjini ngokwehlisela isikepe sokusinda olwandle bezenza abafuna ukuyakwehlisa ezinye insika ngaphambili komkhumbi. 31 UPhawuli wasesithi kumphathi wekhulu lasemabuthweni, "Nxa amadoda la engahlali emkhunjini, ngeke lisinde." 32 Ngakho amabutho asequma izintambo ezazibambe isikepe sokusinda asiyekela sayagxumukela emanzini. 33 Sekubanga emathathakusa, uPhawuli wabakhuthaza bonke ukuthi badle. Wathi, "Okwensuku ezilishumi lane eziduleyo belihlezi libambe amaphaphu enu; lisehuleka lokudla; kalizange lidle lutho. 34 Okwamanje ngilicela ukuthi lidle. Kumele lidle ukuze liphile. Kakho loyedwa wenu ozalahlekelwa lalunwele ekhanda lakhe." 35 Esekutshilo lokhu, wathatha isinkwa wabonga kuNkulunkulu

phambi kwabo bonke. Wasesihlephuna wadla. **36** Ngakusasa kwaphephetha umoya weningizimu, Bonke baqunga isibindi basebesidla labo. **37** Sisonke kwathi ngelanga elilandelayo sayafika ePhuthewoli. sasingabantu abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi **14** Lapho safumana abazalwane abasicela ukuthi ayisikhombisa lesithupha emkhunjini. **38** Bathi sihlale khona okweviki silabo. Sasesifika eRoma. sebedile basutha, baphungula ukusindwa komkhumbi **15** Abazalwane balapho basebezwile ukuthi siyeza, ngokuchithela amabele olwandle. **39** Kwathi sokusile ngakho bahamba baze bayafika eNkundleni yase-kabawunzelanga umhlabathi, kodwa babona itheku Aphiya laseziNkantini ezintathu besihlangabeza. Wathi elaligcwele itshebetshabe, basebezimisela ukuthi ebabona lababantu uPhawuli wabonga uNkulunkulu umkhumbi bayewurnisa khona nxa kuvuma. **40** njalo waqinisa. **16** Sithe sesifikile eRoma, uPhawuli Baquma insika bazitshiya zicwila olwandle, baphinda wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa, elindwe ngelilodwa banyomula lezintambo ezazibambe okokugwedisa. **17** Ngemva kwensuku ezintathu uPhawuli ibutho. Basebephakamisa iseiyili yaphambili beyiqondisa wabiza abakhokheli bamajuda. Bathi sebehlangene emoyeni, basebegonda ekhunjini. **41** Kodwa umkhumbi wathi kubo, "Bazalwane bami, loba ngingenzanga watshayelela esidulini setshebetshabe olwandle wahle lutho olubi ebantwini bakithi kumbe olwephula wabhajwa. Isihloko sawo sathi ngxi phansi asabe imikhuba yabokhokho bethu, ngabotshwa ejerusalem sisanyikinyeka, ingemuva yona yahlakaze itshaywa nganikelwa kwabaseRoma. **18** Wona esengihlolile ngamagagasi. **42** Amabutho asesithi kungcono afisa ukungikhulula ngoba ngangingelacala loba abulale izibotshwa ukuze kungabikhona esizantsheza elakuphi ukuganga okwakungafanela ukufa. **19** sibaleke. **43** Kodwa umphathi wekhulu wayefuna Kodwa kwathi ngoba amajuda ekwala lokho ngabona ukuvikela impilo kaPhawuli, yikho wabalela ukuthi sekufanele ukuthi ngikhala kuKhesari; kungayisiko bakwenze lokho abasebekumisile. Walaya labo ukuthi ngasengimangalela abantu bakithi. **20** ababelamandla okuntsheza ukuba bazithele olwandle bona kuqala baqonde emhlabathini. **44** Inengi Ngalesisizatho ngicelile ukuthi ngilibone, ngikhulume lalizandenda ngampulanka liye khona loba ngasiqa lani. Kungenxa yethemba lika-Israyeli okwenza bani somkhumbi. Ngale indlela wonke umuntu wafika emhlabathini ephephile.

## **28** Sathi sesiphephile safika emhlabathini, sezwa ukuthi isihlenge leso sasithiya yiMalitha. **2**

Abantu bakhona basiphatha ngomusa ongajayelekanga. Basemukela kuhle sonke, basibasela umlilo wekhanka ngoba izulu lalisina njalo kumakhaza. **3** UPhawuli watheza umnyaba wenkuni, wathi ebasela kwaphuma inhlanguana isixotshwa ngumlilo yahle yamthandela esandleni. **4** Abahlali besihlengeyi bathi bebona inyoka ilenga esandleni sakhe bakhulumisana besithi, "Indoda le iyisigebeng; ngoba loba isindile olwandle, unkulunkulukazi uKulunga kayivumelanga ukuthi iphile." **5** Kodwa uPhawuli wayithintitha inyoka wayilabhuhele emlilweni yena akaze alimala lakancane. **6** Abantu babelinde okwesikhathi eside bengaboni lutho olubi lusenzakala kuye, baguqula imicabango yabo basebesithi ungunkulunkulu. **7** Eduze kwalapho kwakulepulazi likaPhabhiliyasi, owayeyisikhulu esiphethe isihlenge. Wasemukela ngesihle emzini wakhe, wasihlalisa khona okwensuku ezintathu esiphethe kuhle. **8** Uyise wayegula elele phansi ephethwe luhuquho lesihudo. UPhawuli wayambona, kwathi esekhulekile, wambeka izandla wamsilisa. **9** Kwathi sekwenzakele lokhu, bonke abagulayo esihlengeyi beza basiliswa. **10** Basidumisa nezipho ezinengi, kwasekusithi sesilungela ukuwela basilungiselwa umphako owaneleyo. **11** Ngemva kwezinyanga ezintathu sangena olwandle sigade umkhumbi owawuchithe ubusika khona lapho. Wawungumkhumbi wase-Alekizandriya owawulophawu lwamakhanda amaphahlha abonkulunkulu uKhasto loPholukhi. **12** Sakhuphukela eSirakhusi sahlala khona okwensuku ezintathu. **13** Sesisuka lapho sawela sayafika eRegiyumi.

# KwabaseRoma

**1** UPhawuli, inceku kaKhristu uJesu, owabizelwa ukuba ngumpostoli njalo wahlukaniselwa ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, **2** ivangeli alithembisa ngaphambilini ngabaphrofethi bakhe emibhalweni engewe **3** mayelana leNdodana yakhe, yona okuthi ngokwemvelo yayo yoluntu yayiyinzalo kaDavida, **4** njalo ngoMoya wobungcwele yabonakalisa ngamandla ukuthi iyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngokuvuka kwayo kwabafileyo; uJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu. **5** Ngaye samukela umusa lobupostoli ukuba sinxusele abantu beZizwe bonke ekulaleleni okuza ngokukholwa ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **6** Lani futhi lingabanye babeZizweni ababizelwe ukuba babe ngabakajesu Khristu. **7** Kubo bonke abaseRoma abathandwa nguNkulunkulu njalo ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele bakhe: Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba laseNkosini ujesu Khristu kakube kini. **8** Kuqala ngibonga uNkulunkulu wami ngoJesu Khristu ngilibongela lani, ngoba ukukholwa kwenu kubikwa umhlaba wonke. **9** UNkulunkulu engimkhonza ngenhliziyo yami yonke ngokutshumayela ivangeli leNdodana yakhe, ungfakazi wami ekuthini ngilikhumbula kokuphela **10** emikhulekweni yami izikhathi zonke; njalo ngiyakhuleka khathesi ukuthi sengathi ekucineni ngentando kaNkulunkulu ngivulelwel indlela yokuza kini. **11** Ngiyafisa ukulibona ukuze ngilinike isipho somoya sokuliqinisa, **12** okuyikuthi ngokufananayo lina lami siqiniswe lukholo lomunye wethu. **13** Kangifuni ukuba lingaze lazi, bazalwane, ukuthi sengaceba kanengi ukuba ngize kini (kodwa ngisehuleka ukwenzanjalo kuze kube khathesi) ukuze ngibe lesivuno phakathi kwenu, njengalokhu engakwenzayo kwabanye abeZizweni. **14** Ngilomlandu kumaGrikhi lakwabangasiwo, kwabahlakaniphileyo labayiziwula. **15** Yikho-nje ngitshisekka ukutshumayela ivangeli lakini eliseRoma. **16** Kangilanhloni ngevangeli, ngoba lingamandla kaNkulunkulu okusindiswa kwabo bonke abakholwayo: kuqala amajuda, kulanlele abeZizwe. **17** Ngoba ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu kubonakalisa evangelini, ukulunga okungokukholwa kusukela ekuqaleni kusiya ekucineni, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Abalungileyo bazaphila ngokukholwa.” **18** Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyabonakalisa luvela ezulwini kulabo abangalunganga kanye lobubi babantu abancindezelza iqiniso ngobubi babo, **19** kalokho okungazakala ngoNkulunkulu kusobala kubo, ngoba uNkulunkulu ekwenze kwabasobala kubo. **20** Ngoba kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba isimo sikaNkulunkulu esingabonakaliyo, amandla akhe angapheliyo kanye lobuNkulunkulu bakhe, sekubonakele ngokusobala, kuzwisiseka ngokwenziweyo, ukuze abantu bangabi lasizatho sokuzigeza. (**aïdios g126**) **21** Ngoba lanxa uNkulunkulu babemazi, kabamdumisanga njengoNkulunkulu loba bambonge, kodwa imicabango yabo yaba yize lezinhliziyo zabo eziyiziwula zaba mnyama. **22** Lanxa bazenza

abahlakaniphileyo baba yizithutha **23** benana inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ongafiyi ngemfanekiso eyenziwa yafana labantu abalakho lezinonyi lezinyamazana kanye lezinakanazana ezihuquzelayo. **24** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wabanikela esonweni sezinkanuko zezinhliziyo zabo zobufebe ngokwenza imzimba yabo ihlazo phakathi kwabo. **25** Benana iqiniso likaNkulunkulu ngamanga, badumisa bekhonza izinto ezadalwayo kuloMdali odunyiwa kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (**aïön g165**) **26** Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu wabanikela ezinkanukweni ezilihla. Labesifazane bakibo benana imvelo yobudelwano bemacansini ngokungasikho kwemvelo. **27** Ngokufanayo abesilisa labo badela ukupathana kwemvelo labesifazane batshiseka ngokukhanukana. Abesilisa benza izzenzo ezilihla lamanye amadoda, bazilethela isijeziso esifanele ukuxhwala kwabo. **28** Phezu kwalokho, njengoba bengazange bacabange ukuthi kufanele bagcine ukumazi uNkulunkulu, wabanikela engqondweni yokuxhwala, ukuba benze okungamelanga kwensiwe. **29** Sebegcwele ngokonakala konke, ububi, ubuhaga kanye lokuxhwala. Bagcwele umhawu, lokubulala, lengxabano, lenkohlis o kanye lolunya. Bangabanyeyayo, **30** labahlebi, labazonda uNkulunkulu, lezihollo, labazigqajayo kanye labazikhukhumezayo; baqala izindlela zokwenza okubi; badelela abazali babo; **31** kabaqeditisi, kabathembekanga, kabalathando njalo kabalamusa. **32** Lanxa besazi isimiso esilungileyo sikaNkulunkulu sokuthi labo abenza izinto ezinje bafanele ukufa, kabaghubeke nje kuphela besenza zona kanye lezizinto, kodwa bayavumelana njalo lalabu abazenzayo.

**2** Ngakho-ke, kawulasizatho sokuzigeza wena owahlulela omunye, ngoba loba kungaphi owahlulela khona omunye, uyazigweba wena ngokwaho, ngoba wena owahlulelayo wenza izinto ezifanayo. **2** Siyakwazi ukuthi ukubahlulela kwakhe uNkulunkulu labo abenza izinto ezinje kweyame eqinisweni. **3** Ngakho lapho-ke, wena muntu nje, ubahlulela, kodwa usenza izinto ezifanayo, ucabanga ukuthi uzakubalekela ukwahluulela kukaNkulunkulu na? **4** Kumbe njalo weyisa ubukhulu bomusa wakhe, ukubekezelza kanye lesineke sakhe, ungananeleli ukuthi umusa kaNkulunkulu ujonge ukukusa ekuphendukeni na? **5** Kodwa ngenxa yobuqhelo bakho lenhliziyo yakho engaphendukiyo, uziqoqela ulaka oluzakuhlupha ngosuku lolaka lukaNkulunkulu, lapho okuzabonakalisa khona ukwahluulela kwakhe okulungileyo. **6** UNkulunkulu “uzakupha umvuzo emuntwini munye ngamunye ngokuhambelana lalokho akwenzileyo.” **7** Kulabo abaphikelela besenza okuhle bedinga inkazimulo, udumo kanye lokungabhubhi, uzakubanika ukuphila okulaphakade. (**aïönios g166**) **8** Kodwa labo abazinqinekelayo labala iqiniso balandele ububi, kuzakuba lolaka lokuthukuthela. **9** Kuzakuba lokuhlupheka losizi emuntwini wonke owenza okubi, kuqala kumJuda kulandele koweZizweni, **10** kodwa inkazimulo, udumo kanye lokuthula kuye wonke owenza okulungileyo, kuqala kumJuda kulandele

koweZizweni. **11** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kalabandlululo. komuntu.) **6** Ngempela akunjalo. Aluba kwakunjalo, **12** Bonke abenza isono ngaphandle komthetho uNkulunkulu ubengawahlulela kanjani umhlaba na? **7** bazabhubha ngaphandle komthetho, njalo bonke abenza isono ngaphansi komthetho bazakwahlulewa Omunye angaphikisa athi, “Nxa amanga ami ekhulisa ubuqotho bukaNkulunkulu ngalokho andise udumo ngomthetho. **13** Ngoba akusilabo abezwa umthetho Iwakhe, kungani lokhe ngilahlwa njengesoni na?” **8** abalungileyo emehlwensi kaNkulunkulu, kodwa yilabo Kungani singathi njengoba sigconwa kuthiwa sitsho abalalela umthetho okuzathiwa balungile. **14** njalo futhi abanye bathi “Kasenzeni okubi ukuze kuvele (Ngempela, nxa abeZizwe, abangelawo umthetho, okulungileyo na?” Ukulahlwa kwabo kufanele. **9** Pho besenza ngokwemvelo izinto ezifunwa ngumthetho, sizaphetha ngokuthini na? Kambe sesingcono na? bangumthetho bona ngokwabo, lanxa bengelawo Hatshi akunjalo! Sesitshilo ukuthi umJuda loweZizwe umthetho, **15** njengoba bebonakalisa ukuthi okufunwa bangokufanayo ngaphansi kwamandla esono. **10** ngumthetho kulotshiwe ezinhliyweni zabo, azazel Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Kakho olungileyo, zabo ziyafakaza, imicabango yabo ibasola iphindie kakho loyedwa; **11** kakho ozwisisayo, kakho odinga ibavikele.) **16** Lokhu kuzakwenzakala ngosuku uNkulunkulu. **12** Bonke baphambukile, bonke kabasasizi uNkulunkulu azakwahlulela imfhilo zabantu ngojesu ngalutho; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho loyedwa.” Khristu, njengokutsho kwevngeli lami. **17** Khathesi- **13** “Imiphimbo yabo ingamangcwaba avulekileyo; ke wena, nxa uzibiza ngokuthi ungumJuda; nxa inlimi zabo zisebenza ukukohlisa.” “Ubuhlungu uthembe umthetho njalo uzincoma ngobudlelwane bezinhlangwana busezindebene zabo.” **14** “Imilomo bakho loNkulunkulu; **18** nxa uyazi intando yabo igcwele ukuthuka lentukuthelo.” **15** “Inyawo yakhe njalo uvumela okuhle ngoba ufundiswe zabo zilesiqubu ekuchitheni igazi; **16** incithakalo ngumthetho; **19** nxa ukholwa ukuthi ungumkhokheli losizi kuphawula izindlela zabo, **17** indlela yokuthula weziphofu, ukukhanya kwalabo abasemnyameni, **20** kabayazi.” **18** “Ukumesaba uNkulunkulu akukho umeluleki wezithutha, lomfundisi wezingane, ngoba emehlwensi abo.” **19** Siyakwazi ukuthi loba kuyini kwezomthetho uhlanganisa ulwazi leqiniso, **21** ngakho okutshivo ngumthetho, ukutsho kulabu abangaphansi wena ofundisa abanye, kambe lawe kawuzifundisi komthetho, ukute imilomo yonke ithuliswe lomhlaba na? Wena otshumayela ngokungebi, uyeba na? **22** wonke ube lomilandu kuNkulunkulu. **20** Ngakho-Wena othi abantu bangafebi, uyafeba na? Wena ke, kakho okuzathiwa ulungile emehlwensi akhe owenyanya izithombe, uyawaphanga amathempeli ngokugcina umthetho; kodwa ngomthetho siba lakho na? **23** Wena ozincoma ngomthetho, uNkulunkulu uyamdelela ngokwephula umthetho na? **24** Njengoba kuNkulunkulu, ngaphandle komthetho, sekwazisiwe, kulotshiwe ukuthi, “Ibizo likaNkulunkulu lihlanjaziwe njalo kwafakazelwa nguMthetho labaphrefethi. **22** phakathi kwabeZizwe ngenxa yakho.” **25** Ukusoka KuUlunga lokhu okuvela kuNkulunkulu kufika kubo kuligugu nxa ugcina umthetho, kodwa nxa usephula bonke abakhola kuJesu Khristu. Akulamehluko umthetho, usufana lokuthi kawusokanga. **26** Nxa phakathi komJuda loweZizwe, **23** ngoba bonke bonile labo abangasokanga begcina imfanelo zomthetho, njalo bayasilela enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu, **24** kabayikukhangelwa njengabasokileyo na? **27** Lowo njalo bakhululwa ngomusa wakhe kudlula ngensindiso ongasokanga ngokwenyama, kodwa elalela umthetho, eyeza ngoKhristu ujesu. **25** UNkulunkulu wambeka uzakulahlha wena, okuthi lanxa ulomlayo olotshiweyo njengomhlatshelo wenhlawulo, ngokukholwa egazini njalo usokile, ungumephuli womthetho. **28** Umuntu lakhe. Wenza lokhu ukuze abonakalise ukulunga kasumJuda nxa enguye emehlwensi kuphela, loba kwakhe, ngoba ngokubekezela kwakhe wayekela esokile emehlwensi lenyameni kuphela. **29** Hatshi, izono ezenziwe ngaphambilini kungekho kujezisa, umuntu ungumJuda nxa enguye ngaphakathi, lokusoka **26** wakwenzela ukubonakalisa ukulunga kwakhe yikusoka kwenhliyizo, ngoMoya, hatshi ngomlayo. ngealesisikhathi, ukuze abe ngolungileyo njalo onguye obenza babe ngabalungileyo labo abakhola kuJesu. **27** Pho kungaphi ukuzincoma? Kutshiywe ngaphandle, Ngasimiso bani na? Esokugcina umthetho na? Hatshi, kodwa ngesokukholwa. **28** Ngoba siyaqinisa ukuthi umuntu ulungiswa yikukholwa langaphandle kokugcina umthetho. **29** UNkulunkulu unguNkulunkulu warnJuda kuphela na? KasuNkulunkulu wabeZizwe njalo na? Yebo, ungowabeZizwe futhi, **30** njengoba uNkulunkulu emunye kuphela, ozalungisa abasokileyo ngokukholwa labangasokanga ngalokho kukholwa okufanayo. **31** Pho, siyawuchitha umthetho ngalokho kukholwa na? Hatshi, akunjalo! Kodwa, okuyikho yikuthi umthetho siywasekela.

**3** Pho yibungcono bani obukhona ekubeni ngumJuda, loba ligugu bani elikhona ekusokeni na? **2** Kukhulu ngezindlela zonke. Okukualqa amaJuda aphathiswe wona kanye amazwi kaNkulunkulu. **3** Kuba njanzi nxa abanye babo babengathembekang? Ukgathembeki kwabo kungachitha ukuthembeka kukaNkulunkulu na? **4** Akunjalo! UNkulunkulu kabe qotho, umuntu wonke abe ngumqambi wamanga. Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ukuze ubonakalise ukuthi uqondile lapho ukhulum, njalo unqobe lapho usahlulela.” **5** Kodwa nxa ukungalungi kwethu kusenza ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kucace kakhulu, thina sizakuthini na? UNkulunkulu kalunganga ngokwehlisela ulaka Iwakhe phezu kwethu na? (Mina ngikhuluma njengokubona

**4** Pho sizakuthi kuyini u-Abhraham, ukhokho wethu, akufumanayo ngokwenyama kule indaba na? **2** Nxa, ngempela, u-Abhraham walungisiswa

ngemisebenzi, wayelakho okokuzincoma ngakho, 5 Ngakho-ke, njengoba silungisiswe ngokukholwa, kodwa hatshi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Kanje silokuthula kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu ujesu umbhalo uthini na? Uthi, "U-Abrahama wakholwa Khristu, 2 esifinyele ngaye umusa esimi kuwo uNkulunkulu, njalo kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga." khathesi ngokukholwa. Njalo siyathokoza ngethembra 4 Nxa umuntu esezena, umholo wakhe kawubalwa enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu. 3 Akunjalo kuphela, kuye njengesipho, kodwa njengomlandu. 5 kodwa siyathokoza njalo ezinhluphekweni zethu, ngoba ikanti emuntwini ongasebenziyo kodwa ethembra siyakwazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kudala ukuqinisel; 4 uNkulunkulu owenza ababi balunge, ukukholwa kwakhe ukuqinisel, ubantu; lobuntu, ithembra. 5 Njalo ithembra kubalwa njengokulunga. 6 UDavida utsho okufanayo kalisidanisi, ngoba uNkulunkulu usethululele uthando lapho ekhuluma ngokubuseka komuntu uNkulunkulu lakahne ezinhliziyeni zethu ngoMoya onGcwele, ambalela ukulunga ngaphandle kwemisebenzi, esithi: asinike yena. 6 Liyabona, ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, lapho 7 "Babusingwi labo oziphambeko zabo zithethelwe, ozono zabo zisibekelwe. 8 Ubusingwi lowo ongasoze kuNkulunkulu. 7 Kulivelakanancane ukuthi umuntu afele abalelw isono sakhe yiNkosi." 9 Ukubuseka umuntu olunglelo, lanxa kungaba lolesibindi sokufela lokhu ngokwabasokileyo kuphela, kumbe njalo umuntu olunglelo. 8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu ubonakalisa lakwabangasokanga na? Kade sisithi ukukholwa uthando lwakhe kithi ngalokhu: Siseseyizoni, uKhristu kuka-Abrahama kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga. 10 wasifela. 9 Njengoba khathesi sesilungisiswe ligazi Kwabalelw kusiphi isimo na? Kwakungemva kokuba lakhe, pho sizasindiswa kakhulu kangakanani olakeni esesokile, loba ngaphambilini na? 11 Wamukela lukankulunkulu ngaye! 10 Ngoba ngesikhathi isibonaliso sokusoka, uphawu lokulunga abalalo sisaseyizitha zikaNkulunkulu, sabuyiselwa kuye ngokulunga engakasoki. Ngakho-ke, unguyise wabo ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe, kuzakuba kukhulu bonke abakholwayo, kodwa bengasokanga, ukuze kangakanani, sesibuyiselwe, sahlengwa ngokuphila ukulunga kubalelw kubo. 12 Njalo unguyise kwakhe! 11 Lokhu akunjalo nje kuphela, kodwa wabasokileyo futhi, abangasokanga rije kuphela, kodwa abahamba ezinyathelweni zokholo ubaba u-Abrahama ayelalo engakasoki. 13 Akuzanga ngomthetho ukuthi u-Abrahama lenzalo yakhe amukele isithembiso sokuthi uzakuba yindlalifa yomhlaba, kodwa kweza ngokulunga okuza ngokukholwa. 14 Ngoba nxa labo abaphila ngomthetho bezindlalifa, ukukholwa kakulasizo lesithembiso siyize, 15 ngoba umthetho uletha ulaka. 16 Ngakho, isithembiso siza ngokukholwa, ukuze sifike ngomusa njalo siqiniseke kuyo yonke inzalo ka-Abrahama, hatshi kulabo abangabomthetho kuphela, kodwa njalo lakulabo abangabokholo luka-Abrahama. 17 Njengoba kulotshiwe sifike ngomusa njalo siqiniseke kuyo yonke inzalo ka-Abrahama, hatshi kulabo abangabomthetho kuphela, kodwa njalo lakulabo abangabokholo luka-Abrahama. 18 Kungekho themba, u-Abrahama ngethembra wakholwa waba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi." umusa kaNkulunkulu kanye lesipho eseza ngomusa Ungubaba emehlweni kaNkulunkulu akholwa kuye, walowomuntu oyedwa, ujesu Khristu, kwaphuphuma yena onika abafileyo ukuphila njalo enze izinto kakhulu okungakanani kwabanengi! 16 Njalo, isipho ebezingeckho zibe khona. 18 Kungekho themba, u-Abrahama ngethembra wakholwa waba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi, njengoba kwakutshivo kuye ukuthi, "Izakuba njalo inzalo yakho." 19 Engekethisanga ekukholweni kwakhe, wamelana lobugotho bokuthi umzimba wakhe wawusufana lofileyo, njengoba wyeseleminyaka ephosa ibe likhulu ubudala kanye lokuthi isibeletho sikaSara laso sasesifile. 20 Waqiniswa ekukholweni kwakhe, wapha udumo kuNkulunkulu, ngokupheleleyo ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayelamandla okwenza lokho ayekuthembisile. 22 kwaba yikulahlwa kwabantu bonke, ngokunjalo Yikho-nje "kwabalelw kuye njengokulunga." 23 isenzo sokulunga esisodwa saletha ukulungisiswa. Amazwi athi "kwabalelw kuye" kawalotshelwanga yena yedwa, 24 kodwa lathi futhi, uNkulunkulu kwalowomuntu oyedwa abanengi baba yizoni, azabalela ukulunga kwethu, thina esikholwa kuye, yena owawusa ujesu iNkosi yethu kwabafileyo. 25 abanengi bazakwensiwa abalungileyo. 20 Umthetho Wanikelwa ekufeni ngenxa yezono zethu njalo wavuselwa ekuphili ukuze silungisiswe.

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**6** Ngakho, sizakuthini na? Sizaqhube ka sisenza isono ukule umusa wande na? **2** Akunjalo! Safa ngenxa yesono; pho singaphila kanjani kuso futhi na? **3** Kumbe njalo kalazi yini ukuthi sonke thina esabphathizelwa kujesu Khristu sabhaphathizelwa ekufeni kwakhe na? **4** Ngakho sangcwatshwa laye ngokubhaphathizelwa ekufeni, ukuze kuthi njengoba uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo ngobukhosu bukaYise, lathi siphile ukuphila okutsha. **5** Nxa sihlanganiswe laye kanje ekufeni kwakhe, ngempela sizahlanganiswe laye futhi ekuvukeni kwakhe. **6** Ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi ubuntu bethu obudala babethelwa laye ukuze umzimba wesono ulahlwe, khona singezukuba yizigqili zesono futhi, **7** ngoba lowo osefile usekhululwe esonweni. **8** Nxa safu loKhristu, siyakholwa ukuthi sizaphila laye.

**9** Ngoba siyazi ukuthi njengoba uKhristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, angeke afe futhi; ukufa akuselawo amandla phezu kwakhe. **10** Ukuwa akufayo wakufela bonke kanye ngenxa yesono; kodwa ukuphila akuphilayo, ukuphilela uNkulunkulu. **11** Ngokufanayo, zibaleni njengabafileyo esonweni, kodwa abaphilayo kuNkulunkulu ngoKhristu ujesu. **12** Ngakho lingavumeli isono ukuba sibuse imizimba yenu efayo ukuba livumele izinkanuko zaso ezimbi. **13** Linganikeli izitho zemizimba yenu esonweni njengezikhali zobubi, kodwa zinikeleni kuNkulunkulu njengabavuswe kwabafileyo balettha ekuphileni; linikele izitho zemizimba yenu kuye njengezikhali zokulunga. **14** Ngoba isono kasiyikuba ngumbusi wenu, ngoba lina kalikho ngaphansi komthetho, kodwa ngaphansi komusa. **15** Pho-ke, sizakwenza isono ngoba kasikho ngaphansi komthetho, kodwa ngaphansi komusa na? Akunjalo! **16** Kalazi yini ukuthi nxa lzinikela komunye umuntu ukuba njengezigqili ezilaleyo, liyizigqili kulowo elimlaleloyo, langabe liyizigqili zesono, okuholela ekufeni, lobu ezokulalela, okuholela ekulungeni na? **17** Kodwa-ke, kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngokuthi lanxa laliyizigqili zesono, layilalela ngezinhliziyo ezipheleleyo indlela yemfundiso elabekwa kuyo. **18** Lakhululwa esonweni laselisiba yizigqili zokulunga. **19** Lokhu ngikubeka ngamazwi abantu ngoba libuthakathaka ngokwemvelo yobuntu benu. Njengoba lalinikela izitho zemizimba yenu njengezigqili emanyaleni lekuxhwaleni okwandayo, ngakho khathesi zinikeleni njengezigqili ekulungeni okuholela ebungcweleni. **20** Lapho laliyizigqili zesono, lalikhululekile emandleni okulunga. **21** Ngumvuzo bani elawutholayo ngalesosikhathi ezintweni eseliyangeka ngazo khathesi? Lezozinto ziphetha ngokufa! **22** Kodwa njengoba khathesi selikhululwe esonweni laba yizigqili kuNkulunkulu, umvuzo eliwutholayo uholela ebungcweleni, lesiphethe yikuphila okungapheliyo. (aiōnios g166) **23** Ngoba inhlawulo yesono yikufa, kodwa isipho sikaNkulunkulu siyikuphila okungapheliyo kujesu Khristu iNkosi yethu. (aiōnios g166)

**7** Kalazi yini bazalwane, ngoba ngikhuluma ebantwini abawaziyo umthetho, ukuthi umthetho ulamandla phezu komuntu nxa esaphila kuphela na? **2** Njengesibonelo, ngomthetho owesifazane owendileyo ubotshelwa kumkakhe nxa esaphila, kodwa umkakhe angafa, uyakhululwa emthethweni wokuthathana. **3** Kungakho-ke, angendela kwene indoda umkakhe esaphila uthiwa yisifebe. Kodwa umkakhe angafa, uyakhululwa kulowomthetho angabi yisifebe, lanxa esesendela kwene indoda. **4** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, lani lafela emthethweni ngomzimba kaKhristu, ukuze libe ngabomunye, kuye owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sithele izithelo kuNkulunkulu. **5** Ngoba sisabuswa yimvelo elesono, izinkanuko zesono ezavuswa ngumthetho zazisebenza emzimbeni yethu, okwenza sathelela ukufa izithelo. **6** Kodwa khathesi, ngokufela kulokho okwake kwasibopha, sesikhululiwe emthethweni ukuze sikhonze ngendlela entsha yoMoya hatshi ngendlela endala yezimiso ezilotshiwayo. **7** Ngakho sizakuthini na? Umthetho uyisona na? Ngempela kawusiso! Ngeqiniso mina ngangingasoze ngazi ukuthi isono siyini kungesiwo umthetho. Ngoba ngangringayikwazi ukuthi ukuhawukela ngempela kuyini aluba umthetho ungatshongo ukuthi, “Ungahawukeli.” **8** Kodwa isono, sathatha ithuba elalethwa ngumlayo, saveza kimi inhlobo zonke zenkanuko yokuhawukela. Ngoba ngaphandle komthetho, isono sifile. **9** Mina ngake ngaphila ngaphandle komthetho; kodwa kwathi ekufikeni komlayo, isono savuka saphila, mina ngafa. **10** Ngathola ukuthi umlayo lowo owawuhlose ukuletha ukuphila waletha ukufa. **11** Ngoba isono sathatha ithuba elalethwa ngumlayo, sangikhohlisa, kwathi ngomthetho sangibulala. **12** Ngakho-ke, umthetho uncwele, lomlayo uncwele, ulungile njalo muhle. **13** Kanti lokho okuhle kube yikufa kimi na? Akunjalo! Kodwa ukuze isono sibonakale siyisono, saletha ukufa kimi ngalokho okwakukuhle, ukuze kuthi ngomlayo isono sibe yisono esipheleleyo. **14** Siyakwazi ukuthi umthetho ungokomoya; kodwa mina ngingowenyma, ngathengiswa esonweni njengesigqili. **15** Engikwenzayo angikuzwisi. Ngoba lokho engifuna ukukwenza angikweni, kodwa lokho engikuzondayo ngiyakwenza. **16** Ngakho nxa ngisensa lokho engingafuni kukwenza, ngiyavuma ukuthi umthetho ulungile. **17** Njengoba kunje, akuseyimi uqobo okwenzayo, kodwa isono esihlala kimi. **18** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi akulalutho oluhle oluhlala kimi, okutsho imvelo yami elesono. Ngoba ngilesifiso sokwenza okuhle, kodwa aningeke ngikufeze. **19** Ngoba engikwenzayo akusikho okuhle engifuna ukukwenza; hatshi, okubi engingafuniyo ukukwenza, lokhu ngiqhubeka ngikwenza. **20** Nxa ngisensa engingafuni kukwenza, akuseyimi okwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi esikwenzayo. **21** Ngakho ngithola umthetho lo usebenza ukuthi: Lapho ngifuna ukwenza okuhle, okubi kulami khonapho. **22** Ngoba ebuntwini bami bangaphakathi ngiyathokoza ngomthetho kaNkulunkulu; **23** kodwa ngibona omunye umthetho usebenza ezithwени zami, usilwa

lomthetho wengqondo yami ungenza ngibe yisibotshwa lokuthi indalo yona ngokwayo izakhululwa ebugqilini somthetho wesono osebenzayo ezithweni zami. bokonakala ilethwe enkululekweni elenkazimulo **24** Yeka isinothongwana esengiyiso sona. Ngubani ozangihlenga kulo umzimba wokufa? **25** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngojesu Christu iNkosi yethu! Ngakho-ke, mina engqondweni yami ngiyisigqili somthetho kaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngokwemvelo yami yesono ngiyisigqili somthetho wesono.

**8** Ngakho, khathesi akusekho ukulahlwa kulabo abakuKhristu uJesu, **2** ngoba ngokKhristu uJesu umthetho woMoya wokuphila wangikhulula emthethweni wesono lokufa. **3** Ngoba lokho umthetho owawungelamandla okukwenza ngoba waxegiswa yimvelo elesono, uNkulunkulu wakwenza ngokuthuma iNdodana yakhe ngesimo somuntu olesono ukuba ibe ngumnikelo wesono. Ngakho isono yasilahla emuntwini olesono, **4** ukuze izimiso ezlungileyo zomthetho zipheleliswe kithi, thina esingaphili ngokwemvelo yesono, kodwa ngokoMoya. **5** Labo abaphila ngokwemvelo yesono ingqondo zabo zigxile kulokho okufiswa yileyomvelo, kodwa labo abaphila ngokwakoMoya ingqondo zabo zigxile kulokho okufiswa nguMoya. **6** Ingqondo yomuntu olesono yikufa, kodwa ingqondo ebuswa nguMoya yikuphila lokuthula; **7** ingqondo yimvelo yesono iyamzonda uNkulunkulu. Kayiwuvumi umthetho kaNkulunkulu, njalo ayingeke yenze njalo. **8** Labo ababuswa yimvelo yesono abangeke bamthokozise uNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa lina kalibuswa yimvelo yesono, kodwa nguMoya, nxa uMoya kaNkulunkulu ehlala kini. Njalo nxa umuntu engelaye uMoya kaKhristu, kasuye kaKhristu. **10** Kodwa nxa uKhristu ekini, umzimba wenu ufile ngenxa yesono, kodwa umoya wenu uyaphila ngenxa yokulunga. **11** Njalo nxa uMoya walovo owavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa uKhristu kwabafileyo, imizimba yenu efayo uzayinika ukuphila ngoMoya wakhe ohlala kini. **12** Ngakho-ke, basalwane, silomlandu, kodwa kawungabi yimvelo yesono ukuba siphile ngokwawo. **13** Ngoba nxa liphilä ngokwemvelo yesono, lizakufa; kodwa nxa kungoMoya libulala izenzo ezimbi zomzimba, lizaphila, **14** ngoba labo abakhokhelwa nguMoya kaNkulunkulu bangamadodana kaNkulunkulu. **15** Ngoba kalamukelanga umoya olenza libe yizigqili, ukuze liphilä ngokwesaba, kodwa lamukela uMoya wobundodana. Njalo siyamemeza ngawo sithi, "Abha, Baba." **16** UMoya uqobo uyafakaza lomoya wethu ukuthi thina singabntwana bakaNkulunkulu. **17** Ngakho, nxa singabntwana, sizindalifa, izindalifa zikaNkulunkulu lezindalifa kanye lokhristu, nxa sihlanganyela laye impela ezinhluphekwi zakhe ukuze sihlanganyele laye njalo enkazimulweni yakhe. **18** Ngikhulwa ukuthi inhlupheko zethu zakhathesi kazifanelanga ukulinganiswa lenkazimulo ezabonakaliswa kithi. **19** Indalo ilindile ngokulangazelela okukhulu ukuba abantwana bakaNkulunkulu babonakaliswe. **20** Ngoba indalo ihlezi ihlkululuzekile, kungasintando yayo, kodwa kungentando yalowo oyihlkululuzayo, ngethemba **21** lokuthi indalo yona ngokwayo izakhululwa ebugqilini yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. **22** Siyakwazi ukuthi indalo yonke ibubula njengosebuhlungwini bokuhelelwa kuze kube khathesi. **23** Akunjalo kuphela, kodwa lati uqobo esilezithelo zakuqala zikaMoya, siyabubula ngaphakathi silindile ngokutshiseka ukwamukelwa njengamadodana, ukuhlengwa mewizimba yethu. **24** Ngoba ngalelitembha sasindisa. Kodwa ithemba elibonakalayo kalisilothemba. Ngubani othembia lokho avele eselakho na? **25** Kodwa nxa sithembia lokho esingakabi lakho, siyakulindela ngokubekezel. **26** Ngokufananayo, uMoya uyasisiza ebuthakathakeni bethu. Kasikwazi okumele sikukhulekele, kodwa uMoya uqobo uyasinhusela ububula okungeke kuchazwe ngamazwi. **27** Njalo yena lowo ohlola inhliziyi zethu uyayazi ingqondo kaMoya, ngoba uMoya uyabanxusela abangcwele ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu. **28** Njalo siyakwazi ukuthi ezintweni zonke uNkulunkulu usebenzela okuhle kulabo abamthandayo, ababizwe ngokwenjongo yakhe. **29** Ngoba labo uNkulunkulu abazi ngaphambilini wabamisela ukuba babe lesimo esifana leseNdodana yakhe, ukuze abe lizibulo phakathi kwabazalwane abanengi. **30** Labo abamiselayo, wababiza; labo ababizayo, wabenza balunga; labo abenza balunga, wabanika inkazimulo. **31** Phosizakuthini ngalokhu na? Nxa uNkulunkulu elathi ngubani ongamelana lati na? **32** Yena ongayigodlanga iNdodana yakhe, kodwa wayinikelela thina sonke, angayekela kanjani ukusipha ngesihle izinto zonke kanye layo na? **33** Ngubani ozababeka icala labo abakhethwe nguNkulunkulu na? NguNkulunkulu olungisayo. **34** Ungubani lowo olahlayo? UKhristu Jesu owafayo, okudlula lokho, owavuswayo waphila, usesandleni sokunene sikaNkulunkulu njalo laye uyasinhusela. **35** Ngubani ozasehlukanisa lothando lukaKhristu na? Yikuhlupheka kumbe ukudubeka loba ukuhlukuluzwa kumbe indlla loba ukuhamba ze loba ingozi kumbe inkemba na? **36** Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngenxa yakho, sikhangelane lokufa ilanga lonke; sithathwa njengezimvu ezizahlatshwa." **37** Hatshi, kuzozonke lezizinto singaphezu kokuba ngabangqobi ngaye owasithandayo. **38** Ngoba ngiyakholwa ukuthi loba yikufa kumbe ukuphila, loba yizingilosu kumbe amadimoni, loba khathesi kumbe isikhathi esizayo, loba kungamandla bani, **39** loba kuyikuphakama kumbe ukuzika, loba olunye ulutho kukho konke okudaliwego, akuyikusehlukanisa lothando lukaNkulunkulu olukuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu.

**9** Ngikhuluma iqiniso ngikuKhristu, kangiqambi manga, isazelä sami siyakufakaza lokhu ngoMoya oNgcele, **2** Ngilosizi olukhulu lobuhlungu obungapheliyo enhliziyeni yami. **3** Ngoba ngangifisa ukuba ngabe mina uqobo ngiyaqalekiswa ngisuswe kuKhristu ngenxa yabazalwane bami, labo abohlanga lwami ngokwenyama, **4** abantu bako-Israyeli. Okwabo yikwamukelwa njengamadodana, ngeyabo inkazimulo

kaNkulunkulu, lesivumelwano, lokwamukela umthetho, lenkonzo yasethempelini kanye lezithembiso. **5** ngo-Israyeli esithi: "Lanxa inani labako-Israyeli lenkonzo yasethempelini kanye lezithembiso. **5** linjengetshebetshabe ngasolwandle, kuzasindiswa insalela kuphela. **28** Ngoba iNkosi izasifeza isigwebo sayo emhlabeni ngesiqubu langokuphelelisa." **29** Kunjengoba u-Isaya watsho mandulo ukuthi: "Aluba iNkosi uSomandla wayengasitshiyelanga inzalo, sasizakuba njengeSodoma, sasizafana leGomora." **30** Pho sizakuthini na? Sithi abeZizweni bonke abangabantwana baka-Abrahama. Kodwa-ke, abangakudinganga ukulunga, sebekutholile, ukulunga "Isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka." **8** Ngamanye amazwi, akusibantwana benyama abangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngabantwana besithembiso ababalwa njengenzalo ka-Abrahama. **9** Ngoba isithembiso satshiwo kanje: "Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngizaphenduka, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana." **10** Akusilokho kuphela, kodwa abantwana bakaRabheka bazalwa sikhathi sinye ngubaba wethu u-Isaka. **11** Kodwa amaphahlala engakazalwa loba ukwenza ulutho oluhle kumbe olubi, ukuba inhloso kaNkulunkulu yokukhetha iqhubek; **12** hatshi ngemisebenzi kodwa ngaye obizayo, watshelwa ukuthi, "Omdala uzakhonza omncinyane." **13** Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, "UJakhobe ngamthanda, kodwa u-Esawu ngamzonda." **14** Pho sizakuthini na? UNkulunkulu kalunganga na? Akunjalo! **15** Ngoba uthi kuMosi: "Ngizakuba lesihawu kulowo englesihawu kuye, njalo ngizakuba lozwelo kulowo englozwelo kuye." **16** Ngakho-ke, akuyi ngesifiso somuntu loba umzamo wakhe, kodwa ngesihawu sikaNkulunkulu. **17** Ngoba umbhalo uthi kuFaro, "Ngakuphakamisela injongo yonale kanye, ukuze ngibonakalise amandla ami kuwe lokuthi ibizo lami litshunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke." **18** Ngakho uNkulunkulu ulesihawu kulowo athanda ukuba lesihawu kuye, njalo umeenza abe lukhuni lowo athanda ukumenza abe lukhuni. **19** Omunye wenu uzakuthi kimi: "Pho kungani uNkulunkulu esisola? Ngoba ngubani ongamelana lentando yakhe na?" **20** Kodwa ungubani wena, unguantu, ukuba uphendule uNkulunkulu na? Kambe okubunjiveyo kungatsho yini kulowo owakubumbayo kuthi, "Kungani wangenza ngabanje na?" **21** Umbumbi kalalo yini ilungelo lokuba ngengxene yebumba efanayo enze okunye okubunjiveyo okomsebenzi omuhle lokomsebenzi ojayeylekileyo na? **22** Kwakungaba njani-ke nxa uNkulunkulu wakhetha ukutshengisa ukubekela okukhulu ezidalweni zentukuthelo yakhe ezazimiselwe ukubhujiswa etshegisa ulaka Iwakhe lokwenza amandla akhe aziwe. **23** Kube kunjani nxa wenza lokhu ukuze enze ubuhle benkazimulo yakhe bazakale ezintweni zesihawu sakhe, azilungisela inkazimulo ngaphambilini, **24** kanye lathi asibizayo, hatshi kumajuda kuphela, kodwa lakwabeZizweni? **25** Njengoba esitsho kuHosiya ukuthi: "Ngizababiza ngokuthi 'ngabantu bami,' labo Abangasibantu bami; njalo ngizambiza 'sithandwa sami,' lowo ongasiso isithandwa sami," **26** njalo, "Kuzakwenzakala ukuba kuyo kanye indawo lapho okwathitha kubo, 'Kalisibo bantu bami,' bazabizwa ngokuthi 'ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo.'" **27** U-Isaya uyamemezelza ngo-Israyeli esithi: "Lanxa inani labako-Israyeli lenkonzo yasethempelini kanye lezithembiso. **5** linjengetshebetshabe ngasolwandle, kuzasindiswa insalela kuphela. **28** Ngoba iNkosi izasifeza isigwebo sayo emhlabeni ngesiqubu langokuphelelisa." **29** Kunjengoba u-Isaya watsho mandulo ukuthi: "Aluba iNkosi uSomandla wayengasitshiyelanga inzalo, sasizakuba njengeSodoma, sasizafana leGomora." **30** Pho sizakuthini na? Sithi abeZizweni bonke abangabantwana baka-Abrahama. Kodwa-ke, abangakudinganga ukulunga, sebekutholile, ukulunga "Isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka." **8** Ngamanye amazwi, akusibantwana benyama abangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngabantwana besithembiso ababalwa njengenzalo ka-Abrahama. **9** Ngoba isithembiso satshiwo kanje: "Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo ngizaphenduka, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana." **10** Akusilokho kuphela, kodwa abantwana bakaRabheka bazalwa sikhathi sinye ngubaba wethu u-Isaka. **11** Kodwa amaphahlala engakazalwa loba ukwenza ulutho oluhle kumbe olubi, ukuba inhloso kaNkulunkulu yokukhetha iqhubek; **12** hatshi ngemisebenzi kodwa ngaye obizayo, watshelwa ukuthi, "Omdala uzakhonza omncinyane." **13** Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, "Khangelan, ngibeka eziyoni ilitshe elikhubekisa abantu ledwala elibeniza bawe, njalo lowo okholwa kuye kazukuyangiswa."

**10** Bazalwane, isifiso senhliziyo yami lomkhuleko wami kuNkulunkulu ngabako-Israyeli yikuba basindiswe. **2** Ngoba ngingafakaza ngabo ukuthi batshisekela uNkulunkulu, kodwa ukutshiseka kwabo akugxilanga ekwazini. **3** Njengoba ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu bengakwazanga bafuna ukumisa okwabo, kabavumanga ukuzibeka ngaphansi kokulunga kukaNkulunkulu. **4** UKristu uysiphetho somthetho ukuze kube lokulunga kubo bonke abakholwayo. **5** UMosi ukuchaza ngale indlela ukulunga okungomthetho: "Umuntu owenza izinto lezi uzaphila ngazo." **6** Kodwa ukulunga okungokukholwa kuthi: "Ungabokutsho enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi, 'Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezelwini na?'" (okuyikuthi, ukwehlisa uKhristu) **7** "loba, 'Ngubani ozakwehlela ekuzikeni kolwandle na?'" (okuyikuthi, ukuvusa uKhristu kwabafileyo). (**Abyssos g12**) **8** Kodwa kuthini na? "Ilizwi liseduze lawe, lisemlonyen'i wakho lasenlhiliyweni yakho," lokho yikuthi, ilizwi lokukholwa esilitshumayelayo: **9** nxa uvuma ngomlomo wakho usithi, "UJesu uyiNkosi," njalo ukholwa enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, uzasindiswa. **10** Ngoba ukholwa ngenhliziyo yakho njalo ulungiswa ngayo, njalo kungomlomo wakho ovuma ngawo usindiswe. **11** Njengoba uMbhalo usithi, "Loba ngubani okholwa kuye akayikuyangiswa." **12** Ngoba kawukho umahluko phakathi komJuda loweZizwe, iNkosi yinye iyiNkosi yabo bonke njalo iyababusisa kakhulu bonke abakhuleka kuyo, **13** ngoba, "Wonke obiza ibizo likaThixo uzasindiswa." **14** Pho, bangakhuleka kanjani kulowo abangakholwa kuye? Njalo bangakholwa njani kulowo abangakaze bezwe ngaye na? Njalo bangewza njani kungekho otshumayela kubo na? **15** Njalo bangatshumayela njani ngaphandle kokuba bethunyiwe na? Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi, "Yeka ubuhle bezinyawo zalabo abaletha izindaba ezinhle!" **16** Kodwa akusibonke abako-Israyeli abazamukelayo izindaba ezinhle. Ngoba u-Isaya uthi, "Nkosi, ngubani olkholiweyo ilizwi lethu na?" **17** Ngakho-ke, ukukholwa kuvela ekuzweni ilizwi, lelizwi lizwakala ngelizwi likaKhristu. **18** Kodwa ngiyabuza ngithi: Kabezwanga na? Impela bezwa ukuthi: "Ilizwi labo liphumile laya

kuwo wonke umhlaba, amazwi abo emikhawulweni yomhlaba.” **19** Ngiyabuza njalo ngithi: U-Israyeli kaqedisisanga na? Kuqala uMosi uthi, “Mina ngizalenza libe lomona kulabo abangasiso sizwe; ngizalenza lithukuthelele isizwe esingelakho ukupqedisisa.” **20** Lo-Isaya ukhuluma ngesibindi uthi, “Ngatholwa yilabo ababengangidingi; ngazibonakalisa kulabo abangangicelanga.” **21** Kodwa mayelana lo-Israyeli uthi, “Ilanga lonke ngelulele izandla zami ebantwini abangalaleliyo labayiziqhola futhi.”

**11** Lapho-ke ngiyabuza ngithi: Kanti uNkulunkulu wabalahlha yini abantu bakhe? Hatshi akunjalo! Mina uqobo ngingum’Israyeli inzalo ka-Abhraham, owestiwana sikaBhenjamini. **2** UNkulunkulu kabalahlanga abantu bakhe abazi kuqala. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi uMbhalo uthini esahlukwaneni ngo-Elija, ukuthi wakhala njani kuNkulunkulu esola u-Israyeli esithi: **3** “Nkosi, bababulele abaphrefethi bakho, badiliza lama-alithare akho; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo bafuna ukungibulala?” **4** Impendulo kaNkulunkulu kuye yathini na? Yathi, “Ngizigodlele mina ngokwami abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa abangamkhothamelanga uBhali.” **5** Ngakho futhi, ngalesisikhathi kulensalela ezakhethwa ngomusa. **6** Njalo nxa kungomusa, ngakho akuseyikho ngemisebenzi; nxa kwakunjalo, umusa wawungeke ubu usaba ngumusa. **7** Pho-ke? Lokho u-Israyeli akufuna ngokuzimisela kakuzuzanga, kodwa abakhethiweyo bakuthola. Abanye baba luhkuni, **8** njengoba kolutshiwe ukuthi: “UNkulunkulu wabanika umoya wokozela, lamehlo ukuze bangaboni, lendebe ukuze bangewza, kuze kube lamhla.” **9** Njalo uDavida uthi: “Sengathi itafula yabo ingaba ngumjibila lesifu, isikhubekiso kanye lesijeziso kubo. **10** Sengathi amehlo abo angafiphala ukuze bangaboni, lamaqolo abo akhokhobe kokuphela.” **11** Ngiyabuza njalo ngithi: Kambe bangabe bakhubeka bawa okungangokuthi kakuselakuphepha na? Akunjalo! Kodwa ngenxa yesiphambeko sabo, ukusindiswa sekufikile kwabeZizwe ukuba kwenze u-Israyeli abe lomona. **12** Kodwa nxa isiphambeko sabo sisitsho inotho emhlabeni, lencithakalo yabo isitsho inotho kwabeZizwe, inkulu kangakanani inotho elethwa yikuphelela kwabo! **13** Ngikhuluma lani lina abeZizwe. Njengoba ngingumpostoli wabezizwe, ngikhulisa inkonzo yami **14** ngethembia lokuthi mhlawumbe ngingavusa umona ebantwini bakithi ngisilise abanye babo. **15** Ngoba nxa ukulahlwa kwabo kuyikubuyisana komhlaba, ukwamukelwa kwabo kuzakuba yini na ngaphandle kokuphila okuvela kwabafileyo? **16** Nxa ingxene yenhlama enikelwe njengezithelo zakuqala ingcwele, injalo yonke enye; nxa impande zingcwele, zinjalo lezingatsha. **17** Nxa ezinye ingatsha zephulwe, njalo wena, lanxa ulihlumela lom’oliva weganga, usuxhunyelelw phakathi kwezinye njalo usuhihanganya le emhluzini okhulisayo ovela empandeni zom’oliva, **18** ungazincomi ngalezongatsha. Nxa ukwenza, cabanga ngalokhu: Impande kakusuwe oyithwalayo, kodwa impande yiyo ekuthweleyo. **19** Lapho-ke lina lizakuthi, “Ingatsha zephulwa ukuze

mina ngixhunyelelw.” **20** Yebo. Kodwa zephulwa ngenxa yokungakholwa, kodwa lina limi ngokukholwa. Lingazikhukhumezi, kodwa yesabani. **21** Ngoba nxa uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga ingatsha zemvelo, lani kasoze aliyekele. **22** Ngakho cabangani ngesisa njalo lobuluhkuni bukaNkulunkulu: ubuluhkuni kulabo abawayo, kodwa isisa kini, nxa liqhubeke esiseni sakhe. Kungenjalo, lani lizaqunywa. **23** Njalo nxa bengaphikeleli ngokungakholwa, bazaxhunyelelw, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyelenisa ukubaxhumele futhi. **24** Phezu kwalokho, nxa laqliqunywe esihlahleni som’oliva weganga ngemvelo, kwathi ngokuphabene lemvelo laxhunyelelw esihlahleni se-oliva esilinywayo, pho kuzakuba lula kakhulu okunjani kulezi, ingatsha zemvelo, ukuba zixhunyelelw esihlahleni sazo se-oliva. **25** Bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi lingaze lazi ngale imfihlakalo, ukuze lingazikhukhumezi: U-Israyeli useyibonile ingxene yokuba luhkuni inani elipheleleyo labeZizwe lize lingene. **26** Ngokunjalo u-Israyeli wonke uzasindiswa, njengoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: “Umkhululi uzafika eZiyoni: uzasusa kujakhobe ukungakholwa. **27** Lesi yisivumelwano sami labo lapho ngizisusa izono zabo.” **28** Mayelana levangeli, bayizitha ngenxa yenu; kodwa mayelana lokukhetha, bayathandwa ngenxa yabokhokho, **29** ngoba izipho zikaNkulunkulu lokubiza kwakhe agukuguleki. **30** Njengoba lina elake ladelela uNkulunkulu khathesi selamukele umusa ngenxa yokudelela kwabo, **31** ngokunjalo labo, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu kini, kabasaleli ukuze labo khathesi bamukele umusa. **32** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ubophele abantu bonke ekudeleleni ukuze abe lomusa kubo bonke. (**eleēse g1653**) **33** Yeka ukuzika kwenotho yenhlakanipho kanye lokwazi kukaNkulunkulu! Yeka ukwahlulela kwakhe okungeke kuhlolwe, kanye lezindlela zakhe ezingeke zilandelwe! **34** “Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo yeNkosi na? Loba owake waba ngumcebisi wayo na?” **35** “Ngubani owake wanika uNkulunkulu ulutho ukuba uNkulunkulu aluhlawule na?” **36** Ngoba izinto zonke zivelwa kuye langaye njalo futhi zikuye. Udumo kalube kuye kuze kuge laphakadel! Ameni. (**aiōn g165**)

**12** Ngakho-ke, ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu, ukuba linikele imizimba yenu njengemihlatshelo ephilayo, engcwele lemthokozisayo uNkulunkulu, okuyikuhonzha kwenu ngomoya. **2** Lingavumi futhi ukulingisa umhlabalo, kodwa liguqlulwe ingqondo zenu zibe zintsha. Lapho-ke lizakwenelisa ukuhlolola lokwamukela lokho okuyintando kaNkulunkulu, intando yakhe elungileyo, ethokozisayo lepholeleyo. (**aiōn g165**) **3** Ngoba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo ngithi kini lonke: Lingacabangi ngokuzazisa kakhulu ukwedlula okufaneleyo, kodwa lizicabangele ngokuqonda, ngokuhambelana lesilinganiso sokukholwa uNkulunkulu aliphe khona. **4** Njengalokhu omunye lomunye wethu elomzimba owoawa olezitho ezinengi, njalo izitho lezi zonke kazanzi msebenzi munye, **5** Ngokunjalo kuKhristu thina abanengi sibumba umzimba owoawa, njalo ilunga



ukuba lokho wenaocabanga ukuthi kuhle kuthiwe likaNkulunkulu ukuze abeZizwe babe ngumnikelo kubi. **17** Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba owamukelekayo kuNkulunkulu, ongcweliswe nguMoya yokudla lokunatha, kodwa ngowokulunga, lokuthula oNgcwele. **17** Ngakho ngiyaziqhenya kuKhristu ujesu kanye lokuthokoza kuMoya oNgcwele, **18** ngoba emsebenzini wami kuNkulunkulu. **18** Kangiyikuba lowo okhonza uKhristu ngale indlela uthokozisa lesibindi sokukhuluma ngolunye ulutho ngaphandle uNkulunkulu abukwe langabantu. **19** Ngakho kwalokho uKhristu asekufefe ngami ekukhokheleni kasenzeni imizamo yonke yokwenza okusilethela abeZizwe ukuba balalele uNkulunkulu ngalokhu ukuthula lokusizana ekuphilisaneni koluntu. **20** engakutshoyo lengakwenzayo, **19** ngamandla Ungachithi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokudla. ezbionakaliso lezimangaliso, langamandla kaMoya Ukudla konke kuhlanzekile, kodwa kubi ukuthi kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho indlela yonke kusukela umuntu adle ulutho olwenza omunye akhubeve. **21** Kungcono ukungadili inyama lokunganathi iwayin loba ukungenzi lutho oluzawisa umfowenu. **22** kuyisifiso sami ukutshumayela ivangeli lapho uKhristu ayengaziwa khona, ukuze ngingakhi phezu kwesisekelo somunye. **21** Ikanti kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Lubo abangatshelwanga ngaye bazabona, labalo abangakezwa bazaqedisisa." **22** Yikho-nje kade ngixakeka ekubeni ngize kini. **23** Kodwa khathesi njengoba kungaselandawo engingasebenza kuyo kulezizigaba, njalo njengoba bengifisa okweminyaka eminengi ukulibona, **24** ngiceba ukwenzanjalo lapho sengisia eSpeyini. Ngithemba ngizalibona ngisedlula lokuba lingisize ngohambo lwami lokuya khonale, emva kokuba sengithokoze ukuba lani okwesikhhatshana. **25** Kodwa khathesi ngisendleleni yokuya ejerusalem emsebenzini wabantu beNkosi khonale. **26** Ngoba abeMasedoniya labe-Akhayiya kwabathokozisa ukusiza abayanga phakathi kwabantu beNkosi ejerusalem. **27** Kwabathokozisa ukwenza lokho, njalo impela balomlandu walokho kubo. Ngoba nxa abeZizwe bahlanganyela ezibusisweni zakomoya zamaJuda, balomlandu kumajuda wokuhlanganyela lawo ezibusisweni zokwenyama. **28** Ngakho emva kokuqeda umsebenzi lo, njalo sengibe leqiniso ukuthi sebesamukele isithelo lesi, ngizakuya eSpeyini njalo ngilethekelele ohanjeni lwami. **29** Ngiyakwazi ukuthi lapho ngisiza kini, ngizakuza ngilesibusiso esigcweleyo sikaKhristu. **30** Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngeNkosi yethu ujesu Khristu langothando lukaMoya, ukuba lihlanguyele lami ekutshikatshikeni kwami ngokungikhulekela kuNkulunkulu. **31** Khulekelani ukuba nigliengwe kwabangakhulwayo ejudiya lokuthi umsebenzi wami ejerusalem wamukelele ebantwini beNkosi khonale, **32** ukuze ngize kini gentokozo kuthi ngentando kaNkulunkulu ngivuselele kanye lani. **33** UNkulunkulu wokuthula kabe lani lonke. Ameni.

**15** Thina esilamandla sifanele ukubekezelela ukwehluleka kwababuthakathaka, hatshi ukuba sizithokozise. **2** Lowo larollo wethu kumele athokozise umakhelwane wakhe ngokuhle kuye, ukuze amakhe. **3** Ngoba loKhristu kazithokozisanga, kodwa njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ukuthuka kwalabo abalithukayo kwehlele phezu kwami." **4** Ngoba konke okwalotshwa kudala kwalotshelwa ukusifundisa, ukuze kuthi ngokubekezelala langokukhuthazwa yimibhalo sibe lethembala. **5** Sengathi uNkulunkulu onika ukubekezelala lenkuthazo angalipha umoya wokumanyana phakathi kwenu lapho lilingisa uKhristu Jesu, **6** ukuze kuthi Nganhiliziyonye langomlomo munye lidumise uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu ujesu Khristu. **7** Ngakho yamukelani omunye lomunye njengalokhu uKhristu walamukela, ukuze kudunyiswe uNkulunkulu. **8** Ngoba ngiyalazisa ukuthi uKhristu waba yinceku yamajuda emele iqiniso likaNkulunkulu, ukuba aqinise izithembiso ezenziva kubokhokho, **9** ukuze abezizwe badumise uNkulunkulu ngenxa yomusa wakhe, njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngenxa yalesizatho ngizakudumisa phakathi kwabeZizwe, ngizahlabela amahubo ebizweni lakho." **10** Njalo, kuthi, "Thokozani, lina beZizwe, labantu bakhe." **11** Njalo, "Dumisani iNkosi, lonke lina beZizwe, lihlabelele indumiso kuyo, lonke lina bantu." **12** Njalo, u-Isaya uthi, "Impande kajese izavela, lowo ozavuka ukuba abuse izizwe; abeZizwe bazathembela kuye." **13** Sengathi uNkulunkulu wethembala angaligcwala ngentokozo enku langokuthula ekumethembeni kwenu, ukuze libe lethembala elikhaphakayo ngamandla kaMoya oNgcwele. **14** Mina ngokwami ngiyakholwa bazalwane bami, ukuthi lina ngokwenu ligcwela ukulunga, lilokwazi okupheleleyo njalo liyenelisa ukufundisana. **15** Ngilobele ngesibindi mayelana leminye imicijo, njengokungathi ngilikumbuza yona futhi, ngenxa yomusa uNkulunkulu angiphe wona **16** ukuba yisikhonzi sikaKhristu ujesu kwabeZizwe ngilomlandu wobuphristi wokutshumayela ivangeli

**16** Ngimethula kini udadewethu uFebhi, isikhonkizazi sebandla eKhenkireya. **2** Ngiyalicela ukuba limamukele eNkosini ngendlela efanele abangcwale njalo limsize ngakho konke angakuswela kini, ngoba laye ubelosizo olukhulu ebantwini abanengi, lakimi. **3** Bingelelani uPhrisila lo-Akhwila, abayizisebenzi kanye lami kuKhristu uJesu. **4** Babeka impilo yabo engozini ngenxa yami. Akusimi kuphela, kodwa wonke amabandla abeZizwe ayababonga kakhulu. **5** Bingelelani lebandla elihlanganelu endlini yabo. Bingelelani umngane wami othandekayo u-Ephenethasi, owaba ngowokuqala

ukuphendukela kuKhristu esiqintini sase-Ezhiya.  
**6** Bingelani uMariya ovalisebenza kanzima. **7** Bingelani u-Andronikhasi loJuniyasi, izihlobo zami ezazisentolongweni kanye lami. Badumile phakathi kwabapostoli, njalo babekuKhristu mina ngingakabi khona. **8** Bingelani u-Ampiliyathasi, engimthandayo eNkosini. **9** Bingelani u-Abhanusi, oyisisebenzi kanye lathi kuKhristu, lomngane wami othandekayo uStakhisi. **10** Bingelani u-Aphele, owahlolwayo wamukelwa kuKhristu. Bingelani labo abangabendlu ka-Aristobhulasi. **11** Bingelani uHerodiyoni, isihlobo sami. Bingelani labo abasemzini kaNakhisu abaseNkosini. **12** Bingelani uTrayifina loTrifosa, abesifazane labo abasebenza kakhulu eNkosini. Bingelani umngane wami othandekayo, uPhesi, omunye owesifazane osesebenze kakhulukazi eNkosini. **13** Bingelani uRufasi, okhethiweyo eNkosini, lonina, obengumama lakimi. **14** Bingelani u-Asinkrithasi, loFilegoni, loHemesi, loPhathirobhasi, uHemasi kanye labazalwane abalabo. **15** Bingelani uFilologu, loJuliya, loNerusi lodadewabo, kanye lo-Olimpasi labo bonke abangcwele abalabo. **16** Bingelanani ngokwangana okungcwele. Wonke amabandla kaKhristu ayalibingeleta. **17** Ngijalincenga, bazalwane, ukuba libaqaphele labo abadala ukwehlukana bebeka izikhubekiso endleleni yenu, okuphambene lemfundiso elayifundayo. Baxwayeni. **18** Ngoba abantu abanjalo kabakhonzi Nkosi yethu uKhristu, kodwa izinkanuko zabo. Ngenkulomo emnandi langobuqili bakhohlisa ingqondo zabantu abayiziphukuphuku. **19** Abantu bonke sebezwile ngokulalela kwenu, ngakho ngilokuthokoza okukhulu ngani; kodwa ngifuna ukuba lihlakaniphele okuhle, njalo libemsulwa kokubi. **20** UNkulunkulu wokuthula uzamchoboza masinyane uSathane ngaphansi kwezinyawo zenu. Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu kawube lani. **21** UThimothi, engisebenza laye, uyalibingeleta, loLukhiyu, loJasoni kanye loSosiphatha, izihlobo zami. **22** Mina Thethiyasi, engilobe incwadi le, ngijalibingeleta eNkosini. **23** UGaiyasi, osiphatho sakhe esihle siyangijabulisa mina kanye lebandla lonke lapha, uyalibingeleta. U-Erastu, ongumqondisi wemisebenzi yabantu bonke wedolobho, lomzalwane wethu uKhwathu bayalibingeleta. [ **24** Sengathi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ungaba lani lonke. Ameni.] **25** Kuye olamandla okuliqinisa ngevangelii lami langentshumayelo kajesu Khristu, mayelana lokwambulwa kwemfihlakalo eyayifihlakale okweminyakanyaka eyedlulayo, (**aiōnios g166**) **26** kodwa khathesi yambulwe yaziswa ngemibhalo yabaphrofethi ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu waphakade, ukuze abaZizwe bonke bamblalele ngokukholwa, (**aiōnios g166**) **27** kuNkulunkulu onguye yedwa olenhlakaniph, udumo kalube kuye ingunaphakade ngoJesu Khristu! Ameni. (**aiōn g165**)

# 1 KwabaseKhorinte

**1** UPhawuli, obizelwe ukuba ngumpostoli kajesu Khristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, kanye lomzalwane wethu uSosithene. **2** Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte, kulabo abangcweliswe kuJesu Khristu babizelwa ukuba ngabangcwеле bakhe kanye labo bonke abasezindaweni zonke abakhuleka ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, iNkosi yabo leyethu: **3** Umusa lokuthula okuveila kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosi uJesu Khristu kakube kini. **4** Ngiblezi ngimbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu wami ngani, ngenxa yomusa wakhe eliwuphiweyo kuJesu Khristu. **5** Ngoba kuye linothiswe ngezindlela zonke, ekukhulumeni kwenu konke lasekwazini konke, **6** ngoba ubufakazi bethu ngoKhristu baqiniswa kini. **7** Ngakho kalisileti lakuSiphi isipho somoya lapho lilindele ngokutshiseka ukuba iNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ibonakaliswe. **8** Izaligcina liqinile kuze kube sekupheleni ukuze lingabi lasici ngosuku lweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **9** UNKulunkulu olibizele ekuhlanganyeleni leNdodana yakhe uJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu, uthembike. **10** Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, ukuba lonke livumelane ukuze kungabi lokwehlukana phakathi kwenu kanye lokuthi libe ngabamanyenyo engqondweni lasemcabangwemi. **11** Bazalwane bam, abanye abendlu yakoKlowe bangitshole ukuthi kulezingxabano phakathi kwenu. **12** Engikutshoyo yilokhu: Omunye wenu uthi, “Mina ngilandela uPhawuli”; omunye uthi, “Mina ngilandela u-Apholo”; omunye uthi, “Mina ngilandela uKhefasi”; omunye laye uthi, “Mina ngilandela uKhristu.” **13** Kambe uKhristu wehlukene na? UPhawuli wake wabethelwu ngenxa yenu na? Labhaphathizwa ngebizo likaPhawuli na? **14** Ngibonga uNkulunkulu ngokuthi kangibhaphathizanga lamunye wenu ngaphandle kukaKhrispasi loGaiyisi, **15** ngakho kakho ongathi labhaphathizwa ngebizo lami. **16** (Yebo ngabaphathiza abendlu KaStefane, ngaphandle kwalokho angikhumbili ngibhaphathiza omunye.) **17** Ngoba uKhristu kangithumanga ukuba ngibhaphathize kodwa ukuba ngitshumayele ivangeli, hatshi ngamazwi enhlakaniphoy yabantu, funa isiphambano silahkelwe ngamandla aso. **18** Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano liyibuthutha kulabo ababhubhayo, kodwa kithi abasindisiweyo lingamandla kaNkulunkulu. **19** Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Ngizachitha inhlakaniphoy yabahlakaniphileyo; ukwazi kwezati ngizakunqunda.” **20** Ungaphi umuntu ohlakaniphileyo na? Singaphi isifundiswa somthetho na? Singaphi isazi salesisikhathi na? UNKulunkulu kenzanga ukuhlakaniphya kwasemhlabeni kwaba yibuthutha na? (**aiōn g165**) **21** Ngoba ekuhlakanipheni kukaNkulunkulu, umhlabu ngokuhlakaniphya kwabo kawumazanga, uNkulunkulu wathokoza ngobuthutha balokho okwatshunayelwayo ukuze kusindise abakholwayo. **22** Amajuda afuna izibonakalo lezimangaliso lamaGrikhi adinga ukuhlakaniphya, **23**

kodwa thina sitshumayela uKhristu owabethelwayo: isikhubekiso kumajuda lobuthutha kwabeZizwe, **24** kodwa kulabo ababizwe nguNkulunkulu, amajuda lamaGrikhi, uKhristu ungamandla lokuhlananipa kukaNkulunkulu. **25** Ngoba ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu buhlakaniphile kulokuhlananipa komuntu, lobuthakathaka bukaNkulunkulu bulamandla kulamandla omuntu. **26** Bazalwane, khumbulani ngalokho elaliyikho ekubizweni kwenu. Kababanengi phakathi kwenu ababehlakaniphile ngesilinganiso sabantu; kababanengi ababelamandla; kababanengi ababezalwa yizikhulu. **27** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhetha izinto zasemhlabeni eziyizithutha ukuba ayangise izihlananiph; uNkulunkulu wakhetha izinto zasemhlabeni ezibuthakathaka ukuba ayangise abalamandla. **28** Wakhetha izinto zalo umhlabu eziphansi lezinto ezyisekayo kanye lezinto ezingekho ukuba achithe okukhona, **29** ukuze kungabi lamuntu ozazincoma phambi kwakhe. **30** Ngenxa yakhe lina likuKhristu uJesu, yena osebe yikuuhlakaniphya okuveila kuNkulunkulu esenzela thina, okuyikulunga kwethu, ubungcwеле lokusindiswa. **31** Ngakho-ke, njengoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: “Lowo ozincomayo kazincome eNkosi.”

**2** Ekufikeni kwami kini bazalwane, kangifikanga lobugabazi bokukhuluma kumbe ukuhlakaniphya okukhulu lapho ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi ngoNkulunkulu. **2** Ngoba ngazimisela ukungazi lutho ngiseselani ngaphandle kukaJesu Khristu yena owabethelwayo. **3** Ngafika kini ngibuthakathaka, ngisesaba njalo ngithuthumela kakhulu. **4** Ilizwi lami lentshumayelo yami akubanga ngamazwi okuhlakaniphya lahugayo, kodwa kubonakalisa amandla kaMoya, **5** ukuze ukukholwa kwenu kungeyami ekuhlakanipheni kwabantu, kodwa emandleni kaNkulunkulu. **6** Kodwa siyalikhuluma ilizwi lokuhlananiphya kulabo asebekhulile, belo kungasikho kuhlananiphya kwalesisikhathi loba okwababusi balesisikhathi, asebezakuba yize. (**aiōn g165**) **7** Hatshi, sikhuluma ngokuhlakaniphya kukaNkulunkulu okufihlakeleyo, ukuhlakaniphya obekukade uNkulunkulu akumisela inkazimulo yethu isikhathi singakaqalisi. (**aiōn g165**) **8** Kakho kubabusi balesisikhathi owakuzwisisayo ngoba aluba kwakube njalo, babengasoze bayibetheli iNkosi yenkazimulo. (**aiōn g165**) **9** Kodwa kunjengoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: “Akulalihlo eselibonile, akulandlebe esizwile; njalo akulangqondo yomuntu esicabangile ngalokho uNkulunkulu akulungisele labo abamthandayo,” **10** kodwa uNkulunkulu ukuvezile kithi ngoMoya. UMoya uyazihlolisa izinto zonke, kanye lezinto ezikileyo zikaNkulunkulu. **11** Kambe ngubani phakathi kwabantu oyaziyo imicabango yomuntu ngaphandle komoya walowomuntu ongaphathizwa kwakhe na? Ngokufanayo, kakho oyaziyo imicabango kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaMoya kaNkulunkulu. **12** Kasamukelanga umoya wasemhlabeni, kodwa uMoya ovela kuNkulunkulu ukuze siqedisise ngalokho uNkulunkulu asiphe khona

ngesihle. **13** Lokhu yikho esikukhulumayo, hatshi kuletshiwe ukuthi: “Ubamba abahlakaniphileyo ngamazwi esawafundiswa yikuuhlanipha kwabantu ebuqilini babo,” **20** lokuthi, “UTHixo uyakwazi kodwa ngamazwi esawafundiswa nguMoya. **14** ukuthi imicabango yabahlakaniphileyo iyize nje.” **21** Umuntu ongelaMoya kazamukeli izinto ezivela kuMoya Ngakho, Akungabikhona ukuzincoma ngabathungameli kaNkulunkulu ngoba kuye ziyibuthutha njalo angeke abangabantu. Izinto zonke ngezenu, **22** loba aziqedise ngoba zibonakaliswa ngomoya. **15** Umuntu nguPhawuli kumbe u-Apholo loba ukhefasi kumbe womoya uyazahlulela izinto zonke kodwa yena umhlaba loba ukuphila kumbe ukufa loba kukhathesi ngokwakhe akukho muntu ongamahlulela, **16** ngoba, kumbe kwelizayo, konke ngokwenu, **23** njalo lina “Ngubani owake wayazi ingqondo yeNkosi ukuba lingabakaKhristu, loKhristu ungokaNkulunkulu. ayeluleke na?” Kodwa thina silengqondo kaKhristu.

**3** Bazalwane, ngangingeke ngikhulume lani njengabaphila ngomoya, kodwa njengabomhlaba, insane nje kuKhristu. **2** Ngalinika uchago, hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo, ngoba lalingakakulungeli. Impela liloLoku lingakakulungeli. **3** LiloLoku lingabomhlaba, Kalokho njengoba kulomona lokuxabana phakathi kwenu, kambe kalisibo bomhlaba na? Kalenzi lokho kakungenzi ngingabi lacala. INkosi yiyo njengabantu nje na? **4** Ngoba nxa omunye esithi, engahlulelayo. **5** Ngakho-ke, lingahluleli lutho isikhathi “Mina ngilandela uPhawuli,” omunye laye athi, “Mina ngilandela u-Apholo,” kambe kalisibantu nje na? **5** Kanti u-Apholo uvele uyini na? LoPhawuli uyini na? Bazinceku nje kuphela lina elakholwa ngazo, njengoba iNkosi imisele omunye lomunye umsebenzi wakhe. **6** Mina ngahlanyela inhlanyelo, u-Apholo wayithelela, kodwa nguNkulunkulu owayikhulisylo. **7** Ngakho lowo ohlanyelayo, loba othelelayo, akasilutho, kodwa nguNkulunkulu kuphela owenza izinto zikhule. **8** Umuntu ohlanyelayo lomuntu othelelayo banhosonye, njalo lowo lalovo uzanikwa umvuzo wakhe njengokusebenza kwakhe. **9** Ngoba thina siyizisbenzi emsebenzini kaNkulunkulu; lina liyinsimu kaNkulunkulu, isakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu. **10** Ngomusa uNkulunkulu angipha wona, ngabeka isisekelo njengencitshi yomakhi, njalo abanye bakha phezu kwaso. Kodwa omunye lomunye kumele ananzelelo ukuthi wakha njani. **11** Ngoba kakho ongabeka esiney isisekelo ngaphandle kwaleso esivele sesibekiwe, esingujesu Khristu. **12** Nxa umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo ngegolide, ngesiliva, ngamatshe adulayo, ngezigodo, ngotshani loba ngamahlanga, **13** umsebenzi wakhe uzabonakaliswa unjalo, ngoba usuku luzawubeka ekukhanyeni. Uzavezwu obala ngomililo, njalo umililo uzahlola umsebenzi womuntu ngamunye ukuthi unjani. **14** Nxa lokho okwakhiweyo kuzasala kukhona, umakhi uzakwamukela umvuzo wakhe. **15** Kodwa nxa kusitsha kuphele du, umakhi uzalahlekewa kodwa yena ngokwakhe uzaphepha, loba nje kunjengomuntu ophunyuka edabula phakathi kwamalangabi. **16** Kanti kalazi yini ukuthi lina ngokwenu lithempeli likaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi uMoya kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi kwenu? **17** Nxa umuntu echitha ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, unKkulunkulu uzamchitha ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele njalo lina lonke liyilelothempeli. **18** Lingazikhohli. Nxa omunye wenu ecabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile ngokwesilinganiso salesisikhathi kabe yisithutha ukuze ahlakaniphe, (**aiōn g165**) **19** Ngoba ukuhlakanipha kwalo umhlaba kuyibuthutha phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Njengoba

**4** Ngakho abantu kumele basibone njengezisbenzi zikaKhristu lanjengalabo abagciniswe izinto ezifhlakeleyo zikaNkulunkulu. **2** Kuyadingeka ukuthi labo abagcinisiweyo babonakalise ukuthi bathembekile. **3** Kanginaki kakhulu nxa ngahlulelw yini loba omunye umthethwandaba wabantu; impela, kangizahluleli lami. **4** Isazela sami simsulwa, kodwa lokho kakungenzi ngingabi lacala. INkosi yiyo esimisiweyo singakafiki; manini iNkosi ize ifike. Yona izakubeka ekukhanyeni okufihlw emnyameni, njalo izavizeva obala injongo zezinhlizyo zabantu. Ngalesosikhathi omunye lomunye uzakwamukela ukubongwa kwakhe kuNkulunkulu. **6** Bazalwane, izinto lezi ngizisbenzisile kimi laku-Apholo genxa yenu ukuze lifunde kithi okutshiyo yisitsho esithi, “Lingenzi okudlula okulotshiweyo.” Lapho-ke, kalyikuziggaja ngomunye umuntu komunye. **7** Kambe ngubani olenza lehluke omunye komunye na? Kuyini elilakho elingakwamukelanga na? Njalo nxa lakwamukela, pho kungani lizincoma kungathi alikwamukelanga? **8** Livele selilakho konke elikufunay! Selinothile! Selibe ngamakhos, njalo ngaphandle kwethu! Yeka ukufisa kwami ukuthi ngabe laba ngamakhos ukuze lathi sibe ngamakhos kanye lani! **9** Ngoba kini kukhanya angathi thina abapostoli uNkulunkulu usibeke embukisweni ekucineni kodwendwe, njengalabo abagwetshelwe ukufa enkundleni. Senziwe umbukiso emhlabeni wonke, ezingilosini kanye lasebantwini. **10** Thina siyizithutha ngenxa kaKhristu, kodwa lina lihlakaniphe kangaka kuKhristu! Thina sibuthakathaka lina lilamandla! Liyahlonitswhwa, thina siyadelelwa. **11** Kuze kube yilesisikhathi, siyalamba njalo some, simanikiniki, siyahkuluzwa ngolunya, kasilamakhaya. **12** Sisebenza nzima ngezandla zethu. Nxa siqalekiswa, thina siyabusisa; lapho sihlkuluzwa, thina siyaqinisela; **13** lapho sinyeywa, siphendula kuhle. Kuze kube yilesisikhathi sesibe ngamanyala omhlaba, izibi zomhlaba. **14** Kangilobi lokhu ukuba ngiliyangise kodwa ukulixwayisa njengabantwabami abathandekayo. **15** Lanxa lilabondli abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi kuKhristu, kalilabo oyihlo abanengi, ngoba kujesu Khristu ngaba nguyihlo ngevangeli. **16** Ngakho ngiyalicela ukuba lenze njengami. **17** Ngenxa yalesisizatho, ngilithumela uThimothi, indodana yami ethandekayo, ethembekileyo eNkosini. Uzalikhumbuza indlela yokuphila kwami kujesu Khristu, evumelana lalokho kuyibuthutha phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Njengoba wonke. **18** Abanye benu sebezikhukhumeza, kungazathi

kangizi kini. **19** Kodwa ngizakuza kini masinyane, lokhu ukuthi impela kulokumangalelana phakathi nxa iNkosi ithanda, njalo lapho-ke angizukudinga kwenu kutsho ukuba selehlulwe ngokupheleleyo. kuphela ukwazi ukuthi lababantu abazikhukhumezayo bakhulumani, kodwa ukuba balamandla anjani. **20** Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawusindaba yokukhuluma kodwa eyamandla. **21** Likhetha kuphi? Ngize kini lomqwayi wokuliqondisa, kumbe ngothando kanye lomoya othobekileyo na?

**5** Kuyabikwa impela ukuthi kulokuhlobonga phakathi kwenu njalo obohlobo olungenzakaliyo laphakathi kwabangakholyo: Umuntu uthatha umkayise. **2** Njalo lina liyazigqaja! Kwakungamelanga libe buhlungu kakhulu yini limsuse enhlanganweni yenu umuntu owenze lokhu na? **3** Lanxa mina ngingekho mathupha, ngilani emoyeni. Njengomunye olani endaweni enje, sengimahlulele lowo owenze lokhu ebizweni lenkosi yethu ujesu. **4** Lapho libuthene ebizweni lenkosi yethu ujesu ngilani ngomoaya, lamandla enkosi yethu ujesu akhona, **5** umuntu lo mnikeleli kuSathane ukuze umzimba wakhe wesono uchithwe lomoya wakhe usindisive ngosuku lweNkosi. **6** Ukuzincoma kwenu akulunganga. Kalikwazi yini ukuthi imvubelo encane ibilisa inhlama yonke? **7** Susani imvubelo endala ukuze libe yinhlama entsha engelamvubelo, njengoba linjalo impela. Ngoba uKhristu, iwundlu lethu lePhasika, lihlatshiwe. **8** Ngakho, kasigcineni uMkhosi, hatshi kulemvubelo endala, imvubelo yenzondo lobubi, kodwa lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa sobuqotho leqiniso. **9** Ngalilobelwa encwadini yami ukuba lingahlanganyeli labantu abayizixhwalu ngobufube, **10** ngingatsho abantu bakulo umhlaba abagangileyo, loba abayizihwaba lamaqili, loba abakhonza izithombe. Nxa kunjalo kuzamele liwtushiye umhlaba lo. **11** Kodwa khathesi ngalilobelwa ukuba lingahlanganyeli lomuntu ozibiza ngokuthi ngumzalwane, kodwa exwahlile, eysisifebe, isihwaba, umkhonzi wezithombe loba onyeyayo, isidakwa loba iqili. Umuntu onjalo lingalokothi lidle laye. **12** Kungumlandu wami na ukuba ngahlulele abangaphandle kwebandal? Akumelanga lahlulele labo abaphakathi na? **13** UNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela labo abangaphandle. “Mxitsheni umuntu omubi phakathi kwenu.”

**6** Nxa owakini elombango lomunye uyahamba ayemangalela kwabangakholyo endaweni yokuya kwabakholyo na? **2** Kalazi yini ukuthi abantu bakaNkulunkulu bazakwahlulela umhlaba na? Nxa lizakwahlulela umhlaba, kalenelisi ukwahlulela amacala amancane na? **3** Kalazi yini ukuthi sizakwahlulela izingilos? Pho sizakwehlulwa yini ukwahlulela izindaba zalimpilo! **4** Ngakho-ke, nxa lilembango yezindaba ezinje, lidinga ukwahlulela ngabantu abalempilo ezisolekayo ebandleni na? **5** Ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni. Kungenzakala yini ukuthi akulamuntu phakathi kwenu ohlakaniphe okwaneleyo ukuba ahlulele umbango phakathi kwabazalwane na? **6** Kodwa esikhundleni salokho, omunye umzalwane uya emthethweni ukuyamangalela omunye, njalo lokhu ekwenza phambi kwabangakholyo! **7** Khona

lokhu ukuthi impela kulokumangalelana phakathi nxa iNkosi ithanda, njalo lapho-ke angizukudinga kwenu kutsho ukuba selehlulwe ngokupheleleyo. Kakungcono yini ukwamukela ukoniwa? Kakungcono yini ukwamukela ukuqilibezelwa? **8** Esikhundleni salokho, lina ngokwenu liyaqilibezelwa njalo lone, futhi lokhu likwenza kubazalwane benu. **9**

Kalazi yini ukuthi abonayo kabayikuba zindalifa zombuso kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa. Akulazifibe iziphalingo loba abakhonza izithombe kumbe iziphalingo loba izitabane **10** kumbe amasela loba izihwabu kumbe izidakwa loba abaneyeyo kumbe amaqlili azakudla ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **11** Njalo lokho yikho abanye benu ababeyikho. Kodwa selageziswa, selangcweliswa, selalungiswa ngebizo leNkosi ujesu Khristu langoMoya kaNkulunkulu wethu. **12** Lithi “Ngilelengelo lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusikho konke okusizayo. “Ngilelengelo lokwenza loba yini” kodwa angiyikubuswa lutho. **13** Lithi “Ukudla kwesisu lesisu sokudla, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili.” Umzimba kawusiwokuhlobonga, kodwa ngoweNkosi, leNkosi ngeyomzimba. **14** Ngamandla akhe uNkulunkulu wayivusa kwabafileyo iNkosi, lathi futhi uzasivusa. **15** Kalazi yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho zikaKhristu uqobo na? Kambe ngingathatha izitho zikaKhristu ngizihlanganise lesiphingi na? Hatshi! **16** Kalazi yini ukuthi lowo ozihlanganise lesiphingi uba munye laso emzimbeni? Ngoba kuthiwa, “Lubo ababili bazakuba nyamanye.” **17** Kodwa lowo ozihlanganisa leNkosi munye layo emoyeni. **18** Balekelani ukuhlobonga. Zonke ezinye izono umuntu azenzayo zingaphandle komzimba wakhe, kodwa lowo owenza isono sobufube wenza isono emzimbeni wakhe. **19** Kalazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu ulithempeli likaMoya oNgcwele, ophakathi kwenu, elamukela kuNkulunkulu na? Kalisibo benu, **20** lathengwa ngentengo. Ngakho-ke, dumisani uNkulunkulu ngemizimba yenu.

**7** Mayelana lezindaba elaloba ngazo: “Kuhle ukuba indoda ingabi lobudelwano bemacansini lowesifazane.” **2** Kodwa njengoba kulokuhlobonga okungaka, indoda yinye kumele ibe lobudelwano bemacansini lomkayo, lomfazi munye abe lendoda yakhe. **3** Indoda kumele igcwaliise umlandu wayo wokuthathana kumkayo, kuge njalo lomfazi endodenai yakhe. **4** Umfazi kalamandla ngomzimba wakhe kodwa uwunikela kumkakhe. Ngokufanayo, lendoda kayilamandla ngomzimba wayo kodwa iwunikela kumkayo. **5** Lingancitshani ngaphandle kokuba kungokuvumelana njalo okwesikhathshana, ukuze lizinikele ekukhulekeni. Libuye lihlangane futhi ukuze uSathane angalilingi ngenxa yokusilela kokuzithiba kwenu. **6** Lokhu ngukutsho njengokuvumela, hatshi njengomlayo. **7** Sengathi ngabe lonke linjengami. Kodwa umuntu ngamunye ulesipho sakhe esivelka kuNkulunkulu, omunye ulalesi isipho, omunye laye ualesiyana. **8** Kwabangendanga labafelokazi ngithi: Kuhle kubo ukuba bahlale bengendanga, njengami. **9** Kodwa nxa bengeke bazithiba, kabende, ngoba ukwenda kungcono kulokutshiseka ngokufisa. **10**

Abathatheneyo ngibapha umlayo lo (hatshi mina, kodwa iNkosi); Umfazi akumelanga ehlukane lendoda yakhe. **11** Kodwa nxa ekwenzile, kahlale engendanga loba abuyisane lendoda yakhe. Lendoda akumelanga imlahle umkayo. **12** Kwabanye ngithi (mina, hatshi iNkosi); Nxa umzalwane elomfazi ongasilokholwa kodwa evuma ukuhlala laye, akumelanga amlahle. **13** Njalo nxa owesifazane elendoda engakholwayo umkakhe. **14** kini, hatshi ukulivimbela. Ngifuna ukuba liphile Ngoba indoda engakholwayo isingcweliswe ngomkayo, ngendlela eqondileyo ngokuzinikela okupheleleyo lomfazi ongakholwayo usengcweliswe ngendoda eNkosini. **15** Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi uziphattha yakhe ekholwayo. Kungenjalo ngabeabantwana benu bangcolile, kodwa okwamanje bangcwele. **16** Wazi njani, mafazi, mhlawumbe uzasindisa indoda yakho? Loba, wazi nxa ongakholwayo etshya, myekeleni enze njalo. **17** Lanxa kunjalo, lowo lalowo ekuphileni kumele agcine leyondawo iNkosi emuphe yona njalo abizelwe kuyo nguNkulunkulu. Lo ngumlayo engiwubeka emabandleni wonke. **18** Indoda yayivele isisokile ekubizweni kwayo na? Kayingabi ngengasokanga. Indoda yayingasokanga ekubizweni kwayo na? Akumelanga isokwe. **19** Ukusoka lokungasoka konke kuyize. Ukugcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu yikho okuqakathekileyo. **20** Lowo lajalo kahlale kulesosimo ayekuso ekubizweni kwakhe nguNkulunkulu. **21** Wawayisigqili na ekubizweni kwakho? Kakungakukhathazi, lanxa ungathola ukukhululeka kwakho, yenza njalo. **22** Ngoba lowo owayeyisigqili ekubizweni kwakhe yiNkosi, ungokhululekile weNkosi; ngokufanayo, lowo owayekhululekile ekubizweni kwakhe uyisigqili sikaKhristu. **23** Lathengwa ngentengo; kalingabi yizigqili zabantu. **24** Bazalwane, umuntu munye ngamunye, njengolomlandu kuNkulunkulu, kumele ahlale ekulesosimo uNkulunkulu ambizela kuso. **25** Mayelana lezintombi ezicgcweleyo: Kangilamlayo ovela eNkosini, kodwa ngahlulela njengothembekileyo ngomusa weNkosi. **26** Ngenxa yokukhathazeza kwakhathesi, ngicabanga ukuthi kuhle kini ukuba lihlale linjengoba linjalo. **27** Uthethe na? Ungadingi ukwehlukana. Kawuthathanga na? Ungathathi. **28** Kodwa nxa uthatha, kawenzanga sono njalo nxa intombi egcweleyo isenda kayonanga. Kodwa labo abathathanayo bazabona inhlupho ezinengi kulokhukuphila, njalo ngifuna ukuliphephisa kulokhu. **29** Engikutshoyo, bazalwane, yikuthi isikhathi sifitshane. Kusukela khathesi kusiya phambili labo abalabafazi kabaphile kungathi kabalabo: **30** labo abakhalayo, kube sengathi kabakhali; labathokozayo babe njengabangathokoziyo; labo abathenga ulutho, kube sengathi kalusilo lwabo ukuba balugcine; **31** labo abasebenzisa izinto zasemhlabeni, kube sengathi kabathathhekanga kuzo. Ngoba umhlaba lo kulesisimo sawo sakathesi uyedlula. **32** Ngifuna ukuba linganqineki. Umuntu ongathathanga unqinekela izindaba zeNkosi, ukuba angayithokozisa kanjani iNkosi.

**33** Kodwa umuntu othethayo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani umkakhe, **34** lezifiso zakhe zehlukene phakathi. Umfazi ongendanga loba intombi egcweleyo inqinekela izindaba zeNkosi: Isifiso sayo yikuzinikela eNkosini ngakho kokubili umzimba lomoya. Kodwa umfazi owendileyo unqinekela izindaba zalo umhlaba, ukuba angamthokozisa kanjani **35** Ngitsho lokhu ukuba kube lusizo ivuma ukuhlala laye, akumelanga ayilahle. **36** Nxa umuntu ecabanga ukuthi uziphattha ngokungafanelanga entombini egcweleyo athandana layo, esilokhu isiba ndala, njalo esizwa kusithi kufanele atathethe, kenze njengokuthanda kwakhe. Kenzi sono. Kumele bathathane. **37** Kodwa umuntu osenze isinqumo kabotshelwanga phakathi komumo onje; uNkulunkulu engqondweni yakhe engancindezelwanga kodwa usibizele ukuhlala ngokuthula. **38** Ngakho-ke, lowo othatha intombi egcweleyo wenza okuqondileyo, kodwa lowo ongayithathiyo wenza okungcono kakhulu. **39** Oweisifazane ubotshelwe endodeni yakhe nxa isaphila. Kodwa indoda yakhe ingafa, ukhululekile ukwendela kwenye ayithandayo, kodwa kumele ibe seNkosini. **40** Ngokubona kwami, uyathokoza kakhulu nxa ehlala enjalo, njalo niyjakholwa ukuthi ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

**8** Mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi ukuthi sonke silowlazi. Ulwazi luyakhukhumeza, kodwa uthando luyakha. **2** Umuntuocabanga ukuthi wazi ulutho kakazi lutho njengoba efanele ukwazi. **3** Kodwa umuntu othanda uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uyamazi lowomuntu. **4** Ngakho-ke, mayelana lokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni: Siyakwazi ukuthi “Isithombe kasisilutho emhlabeni” kanye lokuthi “UNKulunkulu munye kuphela kakho omunye.” **5** Ngoba lanxa kulabonkulunkulu abatshiwyo, langabe ezulwini loba emhlabeni (njengoba impela kulabonkulunkulu abanengi lamakhosii amanengi), **6** kodwa kithi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa kuphela, uYise, okwavela kuye izinto zonke njalo okunguye esimpophileyo; njalo kuleNkosi eyodwa kuphela, uJesu Khristu, izinto zonke zeza ngaye njalo esiphila ngaye. **7** Kodwa akusimuntu wonke okwaziyo lokhu. Abanye abantu balokhu bejaye izithombe kuze kuthi lapho besidla ukudla okunjalo, bacabange ukuthi kunikelwe esithombeni njalo njengoba isazela sabo sibuthakathaka, siyangcoliswa. **8** Kodwa ukudla akusisondezi eduzane loNkulunkulu; kasilahlekela yilutho nxa singadli, njalo kasizuzi lutho nxa sisidla. **9** Kodwa qaphelani ukuba ukusebenza kwamalungelo enu akubi yisikhubekiso kwababuthakathaka. **10** Ngoba nxa umuntu olesazel a esibuthakathaka ebona lina elilalolulwazi lisidla ethempelini lesithombe, kambe kazukuba lesibindi sokudla okunikelwe ezithombeni na? **11** Ngakho umzalwane lo, uKhristu amfelayo, uchithwa yikwazi kwenu. **12** Nxa lisenza isono kubazalwane benu kanje lilimaza isazela sabo esibuthakathaka, lenza isono kuKhristu. **13** Ngakho-

ke, nxa engikudlayo kusenza umzalwane wami awele esonweni, angiyikudla inyama futhi, ukuze ngingamwisi. (aiōn g165)

**9** Kangikhululekanga na? Kangisumpostoli na?

Kanje kangimbonanga uJesu iNkosi yethu na? Kalisizithelo zomsebenzi wami eNkosini na? 2 Lanxa ngingasuye umpostoli kwabanye, impela nginguye kini! Ngoba lina liluphawu lobupostoli bami eNkosini.

**3** Lokhu kuyisivikelo sami kulabo abazangahlulela.

**4** Kasilalungelo lokudla lokunatha na? 5 Kambe silelungelo bani lokuthatha owesifazane okholwayo owendileyo sihambe laye njengokwenziwa ngabanye abapostoli labafowabo beNkosi kanye loKhefasi na?

**6** Kumbe yimi lobhanabhasi kuphela esingelalo ilungelo lokusebenzela impilo? 7 Ngubani osebenza njengebutho ngendaleko zakhe na? Ngubani olima isivini angadli izithelo zaso na? Ngubani ovelusa umhlambi anganathi uchago Iwalo na? 8 Lokhu ngikutsho ngokwenggondo yabantu na? Umthetho kawutsho okufanayo na? 9 Ngoba kulotshiwe emthethweni kaMosi ukuthi: "Inkabi ungayifaki isayeke nxa ibhula amabele." UNkulunkulu ukhathazeka ngenkabi na?

**10** Impela uyasikhulumela lokhu; akunjalo na? Yebo, lokhu kwalotshelwa thina, ngoba nxa umlimi elima lobhulayo ebhula kumele benzenjalo belethemba lokwabelana isivuno. 11 Nxa sahlanyela inhlaneyo yakomoya kini, kambe kunengi kakhulu yini nxa sivuna isivuno sempahla kini na? 12 Nxa abanye belaleli ilungelo losizo oluvela kini, thina akumelanga sibe lalo kakhulu na? Kodwa thina kasilisebenzisanga ilungelo leli. Esikhundleni salokho sibekezelele konke kulokuthi sivimbe ivangeli likaKhristu. 13 Kalazi yini ukuthi abasebenza ethempelini bathola ukudla kwabo ethempelini, lokuthi labo abakhonza e-alithareni babelana lokho okunikelwe e-alithareni na?

**14** Ngokufanayo iNkosi ilaye ukuthi labo abatshumayela ivangeli kumele bathole ukuphila kwabo evangeli. 15 Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga lalinye lala amalungelo. Njalo kangilobi lokhu ngethembra lokuthi lizangenzela izinto ezirnjalo. Ngingakhetha ukufa kulokuthi umuntu angemuke ukuzincoma lokhu. 16 Ikanti lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli, angingeke ngizincome ngoba kumele ngitshumayele!

Maye kimi nxa ngingatshumayeli ivangeli! 17 Nxa ngitshumayela ngokuzithandela, ngithola umvuzo; nxa ngingazithandeli, ngifeza umlandu obekwe kimi.

**18** Pho umvuzo wami uyini na? Uyilokhu nje: ukuthi lapho ngitshumayela ivangeli, ngilitshumayela kungekho mbadalo, kalokho ngingasebenzisi malungelo ami ekulitshumayeleni. 19 Lanxa ngikhululekile ngingasuye womunye umuntu, ngizenza isigqili kusenzenka. 20 Kumajuda ngaba njengomJuda, ukuba ngizuze amajuda. Kulabo abangaphansi komthetho ngaba njengongaphansi komthetho (lanxa nje mina ngingekho ngaphansi komthetho), ukuba ngizuze labo abangaphansi komthetho. 21 Kulabo

ngingaphansi komthetho kaKhristu), ukuba ngizuze labo abangelamthetho. 22 Kwababuthakathaka ngababuthakathaka, ukuba ngizuze ababuthakathaka. Sengibe yizinto zonke ebantwini bonke ukuze kuthi ngazozonke izindlela ezingenzakala ngisilise abanye.

**23** Ngenza konke lokhu ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze lami ngihlanganye ezbibusiweni zalo. 24 Kalazi yini ukuthi emncintisaneni wokugijima abagijimi bayagijima bonke, kodwa ngoyedwa kuphela othola umvuzo? Gijimani ngendlela ezakwenza ukuthi lithole umvuzo. 25 Umuntu wonke orcintisyazo emidlalweni uba sekufundisweni okulukhuni. Bakwenzela ukuzuwa umqhele wamaluba ongasoze uhlale isikhathi eside, kodwa thina sikwenzela ukuba sithole umqhele ozahlala ukhona kuze kube laphakade. 26 Ngakho

kangigijimi njengomuntu ogijima engahlose lutho; kangilwi njengomuntu obindana lomoya. 27 Hatshi, ngitshaya umzimba wami ngiwenze isigqili sami ukuze kuthi lapho sengitshumayele kwabanye, mina uqobo ngingemukwa ilungelo lokuthola umvuzo.

**10** Ngoba, bazalwane, kangifuni ukuthi lingalazi iqiniso lokuthi okhokho babengaphansi kweyezi kanye lokuthi bonke badabula phakathi kolwandle.

**2** Bonke babhaphathizelwa kuMosi eyezini kanye lasolwandle. 3 Bonke badla kudla kune komoya 4

banatha okunathwayo kune komoya, ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya elalihamba labo, njalo lelodwala lalinguKhristu. 5 Kodwa uNkulunkulu kathokozanga

ngenengi labo, ngakho imizimba yabo yahlakazwa enkangala. 6 Lezizinto zenzakala njengezibonoelo, ukuba zisinqabele ekubekeni inhliziyi zethu ezintweni

ezimbi njengalokhu abakwenzayo. 7 Lingakhonzi izithombe, njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo; njengoba

kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Abantu bahlala phansi badla, banatha, basukuma bagida." 8 Akumelanga sihlobonge

njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, njalo ngosuku olulodwa kwafa abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. 9 Akumelanga silinge uKhristu njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, babulawa zinyoka.

**10** Lingakhononi, njengokwenziwa ngabanye babo, babulawa yingilosu ebhubhisayo. 11 Izinto lezi zenzakala

kithi, osekufike kubo ukugcwalisika kwezikathhi. (aiōn g165) 12 Ngakho nxa licabanga ukuthi limi liqinile, qaphelani ukuba lingawi. 13 Akulazilingo

ezilehleleyo ngaphandle kokwejayelekileyo ebantwini. Njalo uNkulunkulu uthembekile; akayikuvumela ukuba

lilingwe ngokwedula lokho elingakumela. Kodwa lapho lilingwa, uzalinika indlela yokuphunyuka ukuze limelane lakho. 14 Ngakho-ke, bangane bami abathandekayo, balekelani ukukhonza izithombe.

**15** Ngikhuluma labantu abalengqondo; zenzeleni esenu isinqumo ngalokho engikutshoyo. 16 Konje inkezo yokubonga esiyibongelayo kayisikuhlanganyela egazini likaKhristu na? Lesinkwa esisihlephunayo kasisisoskuhlanganyela emzimbeni kaKhristu na?

**17** Njengoba kulesinkwa sinye, thina abanengi, abangelamthetho ngaba njengongelamthetho (lanxa singumzimba munye, ngoba sonke sihlanganyela

ningakhululekanga emthethweni kaNkulunkulu lesosinkwa sinye. 18 Khumbulani abantu bako-

Israyeli: Kakusikho yini ukuthi labo abadla imihlatshelo balokuhlanganyela e-alitharenipha na? **19** Pho ngitsho owesifazane wavela endodenipha, ngokunjalo indoda ukuthi umhlatshelo onikelwe esithombeni uyilutho, layo izalwa ngowesifazane. Kodwa izinto zonke zivela loba ukuthi isithombe siyilutho na? **20** Hatshi, kodwa kuNkulunkulu. **13** Zahluleleni ngokwenu: Kulungile yini imihlatshelo yabangakholwayo inikelwa emadimonini ukuba owesifazane akhuleke kuNkulunkulu ikhanda hatshi kuNkulunkulu, njalo kangifuni ukuba libe lakhe lingembozwanga? **14** Imvelo yezinto uqobo ngabahlanganyela lamadimoni. **21** Kalingeke linathe kayilifundisi yini ukuba nxa owesilisa elenwele inkezo yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni njalo, alingeke ezinde, kulihlazo kuye, **15** kodwa owesifazane nxa libe lokuhlanganyela etafuleni yeNkosi lasetafuleni elenwele ezinde, kuludumo lwakhe? Ngoba waphiwa yamadimoni. **22** Sizama ukuvusa umona weNkosi inwele ezinde njengesimbozo. **16** Nxa umuntu na? Kambe silamandla kulayo na? **23** “Ngilelungelo efuna ukuba lenkani ngalokho, kasilawo omunye lokwenza loba yini,” kodwa akusizinto zonke ezilosizo. **17** Kuziqondiso ezilandelayo angilincomi, ngoba zonke ezakhayo. **24** Akulamuntu omele azidingle imihlangano yenu yenza ububi obunengi kubobuhle. okuhle, kodwa okuhle kwabanye. **25** Dlanini konke **18** Okokuqala, ngizwa kuthiwa nxa libuthene okuthengiswa lapho okuthengiswa khona inyama njengebandla, kulokwahlukana phakathi kwenu, njalo kungekho kubuza imibuzzo yesazela, **26** ngoba, ngiphosa ngikholtse. **19** Akuthandabuzeki ukuthi “Umhlaba ngokaThixo, lakho konke okukuwo.” **27** kufanele kube lokungavumelani phakathi kwenu Nxa omunye wabangakholwayo elibizela ukudla njalo ukuba kubonakale ukuthi yibaphi abenu abamukelwe lifuna ukuhamba, dlanini loba kuyini okubekwe nguNkulunkulu. **20** Lapho libuthene, akusiSidlo seNkosi phambi kwenu kungekho kubuza imibuzzo yesazela. **21** ngoba ekudleni kwenu, lowo lalowo wenu **28** Kodwa nxa omunye esithi kini, “Lokhu kunikelwe uyaqhubeke engamelelanga omunye. Omunye usala njengomhlatshelo,” lokho-ke lingakudli, ngenxa elambile, omunye adakwe. **22** Kanti kalilamakhaya yomuntu lowo olitsheleleyo langenxa yesazela, **29** yini okudlela lokunathela kuwo? Kumbe liyaleyisa yini ngitsho isazela salowomuntu, hatshi esenu. Kungani ibandla likaNkulunkulu lidumaza lalabo abangelalutho ukukhululeka kwami kumele kuhahlulele ngesazela somunye na? **30** Nxa ngihlanganyela ekudleni yalokhu na? Impela hatshi! **23** Ngoba eNkosini ngokubonga, kungani ngsisola ngolutho engilubongela ngamukela lokho lami engakudlulisela kini ukuthi: iNkosi na? **31** Ngakho ingabe liyadla kumbe liyanatha, INkosi ujesu, ngalobobusuku eyanikelwa ngabo, loba kuyikuphi elikwenzayo, kwenzeleni udumo yathatha isinkwa, **24** kwathi isibongile, yashlephuna lukaNkulunkulu. **32** Lingakhubekeki muntu, loba yathi, “Lokhu kungumzimba wami, ongownu; yenzani kungamajuda, amaGrikhi loba ibandla likaNkulunkulu, lokhu njengesikhumbuzzo sami.” **25** Ngokunjalo, **33** lalapho ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu bonke emva kokudla yathatha inkezo, yathi, “Inkezo le ngezindlela zonke. Ngoba kangidingi okuhle kwami, iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini lami; yenzani lokhu izikhathi zonke lapho liyinatha, njengesikhumbuzzo sami.” **26** Ngoba lapho lisidla isinkwa lesi linatha lenkezo le, litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ibuye.

**11** Landelani isibonele sami, njengalokhu lami ngilandela isibonele sikaKhristu. **2** Ngayilibonga ngokungikhumbula ezintwenti zonke langokubambelela emfundisewi njengokuyethula kwami kini. **3** Kodwa ngifuna ukuba likwazi ukuthi inhloko yamadoda wonke nguKhristu, lenhloko yowesifazane yindoda, lenhloko kaKhristu nguNkulunkulu. **4** Yonke indoda ekhuleka loba iphrofite ikhanda layo limboziwe ihlayaza ikhanda layo. **5** Lowesifazane wonke okhuleka loba aphrofite ikhanda lakhe lingembzwanga uhlawayaza ikhanda lakhe, kufana lokuthi ikhanda lakhe liphuciwe. **6** Nxa owesifazane engambozi ikhanda lakhe, angagela inwele zakhe; kodwa nxa kulihlazo ukuthi owesifazane agele loba aphuce inwele zakhe, kumele alimboze ikhanda lakhe. **7** Indoda akumelanga imboze ikhanda layo, ngoba ingumfanekiso lodumo lukaNkulunkulu kodwa owesifazane uludumo lwendoda. **8** Ngoba indoda kayivelanga kowesifazane kodwa owesifazane wavela endodenipha **9** njalo indoda kayidalelwanga owesifazane kodwa owesifazane wadalelwanga indoda. **10** Ngakho-ke, njalo ngenxa yezingilosu, owesifazane kumele abe lophawu Iwamandla ekhanda lakhe. **11** Kodwa eNkosini, owesifazane weyeme endodenipha,

lendoda yeyeme kowesifazane. **12** Ngoba njengoba umzimba kaKhristu udla anathe ukwahluwelwa kwakhe. **30** Yikho-nje abanengi phakathi kwenu bebuthakathath begula, njalo labanye benu sebele. **31** Kodwa nxa sizahlulela kasiyikwahlulewa. **32** Lapho sisahlulelwuyaNkosi, siyajeziwa ukuze singalahlwa lomzhlabo. **33** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, nxa libuthene ukuba lidle, kumele lidle ndawonye. **34** Nxa omunye elambile, kabokudla ekhaya, ukuze kuthi lapho selibuthene kungabi lokwahlulewa. Ekufikeni kwami ngizaliphazeyine iziqondiso.

**12** Mayelana lezipho zikamoya, bazalwane, kangifuni ukuba lingaze lazi. **2** Liyakwazi ukuthi ngesikhathi lingakabi ngabakholwayo, ngezinye indlela laholelwanya njalo ledukiselwa ezithombeni ezyizimungulu. **3** Ngakho ngiyalitshela ukuthi kakho okhuluma ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu othi, “Ujesu kathukwe,” njalo

kakho ongathi, "Ujesu yiNkosi," ngaphandle kokuba kungoMoya oNgcwele. **4** Kulenhlobo ezechlukeneyo zezipho zikamoya kodwa uMoya munye. **5** Kulezindlela ezechlukeneyo zokukhonza, kodwa iNkosi yinye. **6** Kulezindlela ezechlukeneyo zokukhonza kodwa uNkulunkulu munye njalo uzisebenza zonke ebantwini bonke. **7** Emuntwini ngamunye ukubonakalisa kukaMoya kwenzelwa ukusiza umuntu wonke. **8** Omunye ngoMoya uphiwa amandla okukhuluma ngokuhlananipa, omunye amandla okukhuluma ngokwazi ngaye uMoya munye lowo, **9** omunye uphiwa ukukholwa ngoMoya munye lowo, omunye uphiwa izipho zokusilisa ngawona lowo Moya munye, **10** omunye uphiwa amandla okwenza izimangaliso, omunye uphiwa ukuphrofitha, omunye uphiwa amandla okuhlola omoya, omunye njalo aphiwe ukuchasisa izindimi. **11** Konke lokhu kungumsebenzi kaMoya munye, njalo ukupha umuntu ngamunye, njengokuthanda kwake. **12** Umzimba munye lanxa ubunjwe ngezitho ezinengi; njalo lanxa izitho zawo zonke zinengi, zibumba umzimba owodwa. Kunjalo ngoKhristu. **13** Ngoba sonke sabhaphathizwa ngoMoya munye kulowomzimba munye, loba singamajuda kumbe abeZizwe, izigili loba abakhululekileyo, sonke saphiya uMoya munye ukuba siwunathe. **14** Umzimba kawenziwanga ngesitho esisodwa kodwa ezinengi. **15** Nxa unyawo lungathi, "Njengoba ningasisandla, kangisingxenyen yomzimba," ngalesosizatho alungeke lwekele ukuba yingxene yomzimba. **16** Njalo nxa indlebe ingathi, "Njengoba ngingasilihlo, kangisingxenyen yomzimba," ngalesosizatho ayingeke yekele ukuba yingxene yomzimba. **17** Aluba umzimba wonke wawulilhlo, pho ukuzwa kwakuzakuba ngaphi na? Aluba umzimba wonke wawuyindlebe, pho kwakuzanukwa ngani na? **18** Kodwa okuyikho yikuthi uNkulunkulu wabeka izitho zomzimba, zonke, njengayefune ukuba zibe yikho khona. **19** Aluba zonke zaziyisitho sinye, pho umzimba wawuzakuba ngaphi na? **20** Njengoba kunjalo, kulezitho ezinengi, kodwa umzimba munye. **21** Ililho alingeke lithi esandleni, "Kangikudingi!" Lekhanda alingeke lithi enyaweni, "Kangikudingi!" **22** Kodwa, lezozitho zomzimba ezikhanya zibuthakathaka ziyingeke, **23** lezitho thina escabanga ukuthi kazihlonipheki kakhulu siziphatha ngokuhloniphakuthize. **24** Izitho ezihloniphisayo siziphatha ngokuhloniphakakhulu. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wahlanganisa izitho zomzimba njalo usenike udumo olukhulu kulezozitho ezazingelalo, **25** ukuze kungabi lokwehlukana emzimbeni, kodwa ukuba izitho zawo zibe lokuzwelana okufananayo. **26** Nxa esinye isitho sibongwa, izitho zonke zithokoza laso. **27** Lina lingumzimba kaKhristu njalo omunye lomunye wenu uyingxene yawo. **28** Ebandaleni uNkulunkulu wabeka abapostoli kuqala kulabo bonke, okwesibili abaphrofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, kwaba labenza izimangaliso, lalabo abalezipho zokusilisa, abalezokusiza abanye, abalezipho zokuthungamela, kanye lalabo abakhuluma inhlobo zezindimi ezechlukeneyo. **29** Bonke bangabapostoli na?

Bonke bangabaphrofethi na? Bonke bangabafundisi na? Bonke bayazenza izimangaliso na? **30** Bonke balezipho zokusilisa na? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi na? Bonke bayachasisa na? **31** Kodwa zifuneni ngokutshiseka izipho ezinkulu. Khathesi-ke ngizalitshengisa indlela eyiyo enhle kakhulu.

**13** Loba ngikhuluma ngendimi zabantu lezezingilos, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, ngiyinsimbi nje ekhalayo loba izenge elincencethayo. **2** Loba ngilesipho sokuphrofitha, ngingaqedisa imfihlakalo zonke kanye lokwazi konke, njalo nxa ngilokukholwa okungasusa izintaba, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangisilutho. **3** Loba nginganika abayanga konke engilakho nginikele lomzimba wami emalangabini, kodwa ngingelalo uthando, kangizizi lutho. **4** Uthando luyabekezelu, uthando lulomusa. Kalulamona, kaluzincomi, kaluziqqaji. **5** Kalusisosiqholo, kaluzifuneli okwalo, kaluphangisi ukuthukuthela, kalubambeli zikhwili. **6** Uthando kaluthokozeli okubi, kodwa luthokozela iqiniso. **7** Luhlezi luvikela, luhlezi lukholwa, luhlezi lusethemba, luhlezi lubekezela. **8** Uthando kalupheli. Kodwa lapho okuleziphrofethi khona, zizaphela, lapho okulezindimi khona, zizathuliswa; lapho okulokwazi khona, kuzakwedlu. **9** Ngoba sazi ingxene, njalo siphrofitha ingxene, **10** kodwa lapho ukuphelela kufika, ukungapeheleli kuyanyamatala. **11** Ngisesengumntwana, ngakhuluma njengomntwana, ngacabanga njengomntwana, nganakana njengomntwana. Sengiyindoda, ngaziyekela izindlela zobuntwana. **12** Khathesi sibona kalufifi esibukweni; sizabuye sibone ubuso ngobuso. Khathesi ngazi ingxene; ngizabuye ngazi okupheleleyo, njengoba lami ngisaziwa ngokupheleleyo. **13** Okuthathu lokhu kuma kunjalo: ukukholwa, ithembalothando. Kodwa okukhulu kwalokhu luthando.

**14** Landelani indlela yothando lizifune ngokutshiseka izipho zikamoya ikakhulu isipho sokuphrofitha. **2** Ngoba okhuluma ngendimi kakhuluma ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu. Impela kakho obezwayo, bakhuluma imfihlakalo ngoMoya. **3** Kodwa umuntu wonke ophrofithayo ukhuluma ebantwini ukuba abaqinise, abakhuthaze njalo abaduduze. **4** Lowo okhuluma ngolimi oluthile uyzakha kodwa lowo ophrofithayo wakha ibandla. **5** Ngifisa ukuba lonke likhulume ngendimi kodwa ikakhulu ukuba liphrofitho. Ophrofithayo mkhulu kualolo okhuluma ngendimi, ngaphandle kokuba echasisa, ukuze ibandla lakkhe. **6** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, nxa ngifika kini ngikhulume ngendimi, ngilosizo bani kini, ngaphandle kokuba ngililethele ukwambulwa okuthile loba ukwazi loba isiprophethi kumbe imfundiso, na? **7** Lezintzo ezingaphiliyo ezenza umsindo njengomhubhe loba ichacho, umuntu angalazi njani iculo elikhaliwayo ngaphandle kokuba kulomahluko empawini zomculo? **8** Njalo nxa icilongo lisitsho umbiko ongacacanga, ngubani ozalungela impi na? **9** Kunjalo-ke lakini. Nxa lingakhulumi amazwi azwakalayo ngolimi lwenu, umuntu uzakwazi njani elikutshoy? Lizakuba

likhuluma lomoya nje. **10** Akuthandabuzwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu kasuye Nkulunkulu wengxabangxoza kulenhlobonhlobo zezindimi emhlabeni kodwa kodwa ungowokuthula. Njengasemabandleni wonke zonke zilomutsho. **11** Nxa ngingakuzwa okutshivo abantu beNkosi. **34** Abesifazane kumele bathule ngomunye, ngingowezizweni kulowo okhulumayo, laye emabandleni. Kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma kodwa ngowezizweni kimi. **12** Kunjalo-ke lakini. Njengoba kumele bazithobe njengokutsho komthetho. **35** Nxa litshisekela izipho zikamoya, zamani ukwenza okuhle befuna ukubuza ngolutho oluthile, kumele babuze kakhulu ngezipho ezakha ibandla. **13** Ngakho-ke, omkabo emakhaya ngoba kulisilazo ukuthi owestifazane umuntu okhuluma ngendimi kumele akhulekele aklumule ebandleni. **36** Konje ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ukuba achasise lokho akutshoyo. **14** Ngoba nxa lavela kini na? Kumbe lafika kini kuphela? **37** Nxa ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami uyakhuleka kodwa ingqondo yami kayilazithelo. **15** Pho ngenzeni na? Kumbe lafika kini kuphela? **38** Nxa Ngizakhuleka ngomoya wami njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo yami; ngizahlabela ngomoya wami njalo ngizahlabela langengqondo yami. **16** Nxa libonga uNkulunkulu ngomoya wenu, angatsho kanjani ozithola esephakathi kwalabo abangawisisiyo ukuthi, "Ameni" ekubongeni kwenu, yena engakwazi elikutshoyo na?

**17** Lingabe libonga kuhle sibili kodwa omunye umuntu kabusekanga. **18** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu ngoba mina ngikhuluma ngendimi ukudlula lina lonke. **19** Kodwa ebandleni ngithanda ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu azwakalayo ngifundisa abanye kulamazwi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngendimi. **20** Bazalwane, yekelani ukucabanga njengabantwana. Mayelana lobubi, wobani zingane kodwa ekucabangeni kwenu wobani ngabada. **21** Emthethweni kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Ngabantu bezindimi ezingaziwayo langezindebe zabezizweni ngizakhuluma lababantu, kodwa loba kunjalo kabayungikulalela, kutsho iNkosi." **22** Ngakho-ke, izindimi ziysisbonakaliso, hatshi kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwabangakholwayo; kodwa ukuphrofitha ngokwabakholwayo hatshi abangakholwayo. **23** Ngakho nxa ibandla lonke libuthene umuntu wonke akhulume ngendimi, kuthi abanye abangezwayo loba abangakholwayo bangene, kambe kabazukuthi ingqondo zenu ziphambene na? **24** Kodwa nxa ongakholwayo loba omunye ongaqedisiyo engena lapho abantu bonke bephrofitha, uzavunyiswa yibo bonke ukuthi uyisoni njalo ahlulelw yibo bonke, **25** lezimfiho zenhliziyo yakhe zizavezwu obala. Ngakho uzakhothama phansi akhonze uNkulunkulu esithi, "UNkulunkulu impela uphakathi kwenu!" **26** Pho sizakuthini, bazalwane? Lapho libuthana ndawonye, umuntu wonke ulehubo loba ilizwi lokufundisa, lokwambula, lezindimi, loba ukuchasisa. Konke lokhu kumele kwensiwe ukuze ibandla lakheke. **27** Nxa omunye ekhuluma ngendimi, ababili loba kungabangadlu abathathu, kumele kukhulume oyedwa ngasikhathi sinye, njalo omunye kumele achasise. **28** Nxa kungelamchasisi, okhulumayo kumele athule ebandleni, azikhulumele yedwa, kuye lakuNkulunkulu. **29** Kumele kukhulume abaphrofethi ababili loba abathathu, kuthi abanye bakuhlolisise ngokunanzelela okutshiwoyo. **30** Njalo nxa ukwambulewa kufika komunye ohlezi phansi, okhulume kuqala kumele athule. **31** Ngoba lonke lingaphrofitha lintshintshana ukuze umuntu wonke afundiswe njalo akhuthazwe. **32** Imimoya yabaphrofethi iphatshwa ngabaphrofethi. **33** Ngoba

kuhle. **15** Bazalwane, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza ngevangeli engalitshumayela kini, elalamukelayo njalo eselimi ngalo. **2** Ngalelivangeli liyasindiswa, nxa libambelela elizwini engalitshumayela kini. Nxa kungenjalo, selikholwe ize. **3** Ngoba engakwamukelayo lami ngakudlulisel kini njengokuqakathethe kakhulu: ukuthi uKhristu wafela izono zethu mayelana lemibhalo, **4** lokuthi wangcwatshwa, lokuthi wavuswa kwabafleyo ngosuku lwesthathu njengokutsho kwemibhalo, **5** kanye lokuthi wabonakala kuKhefasi, wasebonakala kwabalitshumi lambili. **6** Emva kwalokho wabonakala kubazalwane abadlula amakhulu amahlanu sikhathi sinye, inengi labo lilokhu lisaphila, lanxa abanye sebalala. **7** Wabuya wabonakala kujakhobe, wasebonakala kubapostoli bonike, **8** kwathi ekucineni wabonakala kimi futhi, njengalowo ozelwe ngendlela engajayelekanga. **9** Ngoba mina ngingomncane kubapostoli njalo kangifanelanga lokuthiwa ngingumpostoli ngoba ngahlukuluza ibandla likaNkulunkulu. **10** Kodwa ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu ngyiyoloku engiyikho njalo umusa wakhe kawubanga yize kimi. Hatshi, mina ngasebenza kakhulu kulabo bonke, kungayisimi belo kodwa kungumusa kaNkulunkulu owawukimi. **11** Ngakho langabe kwakuyimi loba kuyibo, lokhu yikho esikutshumayelayo njalo lokhu yikho elakukholwayo. **12** Kodwa nxa kutshunyayelwa ukuthi uKhristu wavuswa kwabafleyo, pho bangakutsho kanjani abanye benu ukuthi akukho ukuvuka kwabafleyo na? **13** Nxa kungekho ukuvuka kwabafleyo, loKhristu kavuswanga phela. **14** Njalo nxa uKhristu engavuswanga, ukutshumayela kwethu akusizi lutho njalo lunjalo lokholo lwenu. **15** Phezu kwalokho, singatholakala singofakazi bamanga ngoNkulunkulu ngoba sifakaze ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi wavusa uKhristu kwabafleyo. Kodwa kamvusanga nxa ngempela abafleyo bengayi kuvuswa. **16** Nxa abafleyo bengayi kuvuswa, ngakho loKhristu kavuswanga. **17** Nxa uKhristu engavuswanga kwabafleyo ukholo lwenu luyize; lilokhu lisezonweni zenu. **18** Lalabo abafa bekuKhristu balahlekile phela. **19** Nxa sithembe kuKhristu kulokhukuphila kuphela, sizazwelwa usizi kakhulu kulabantu bonke. **20** Kodwa

ngempela uKhristu wawuswa kwabafileyo, izithelo zakuqala zalabo asebelele. **21** Ngoba njengoba ukufa kweza ngomuntu, ukuvuka kwabafileyo lakho kuza ngomuntu. **22** Ngoba njengoba ku-Adamu bonke besifa, ngokunjalo kuKhristu bonke bazaphiliswa. **23** Kodwa yilovo lalovo ngethuba lakhe: UKhristu, oyizithelo zakuqala; kuzakuthi ekubuyeni kwakhe, kuvuke labo abangabakhe. **24** Lapho-ke isiphetho sizafika esenikela umbuso kaNkulunkulu uBaba emva kokuba esechiphe imibuso yonke, ubukhosu kanye lamandla. **25** Ngoba kumele abuse uNkulunkulu aze azibeka zonke izitha zakhe ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe. **26** Isitha sokucina esizachithwa, yikufa. **27** Ngoba uNkulunkulu “usebeke izinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.” Kodwa nxa kuthiwa “izinto zonke” sezibekwe ngaphansi kwakhe, kusobala ukuthi lokhu akugoqeli uNkulunkulu yena ngokwakhe, owabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kukaKhristu. **28** Lapho esekwenzile lokhu, iNdodana uqobo izakuba ngaphansi kwakhe yena owabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, ukuze uNkulunkulu abe yikho konke, kukho konke. **29** Nxa kungelakuvuka ekufeni, pho bazakwenzani labo ababhaphathizelwe abafileyo na? Nxa abafileyo bengavuswa, pho kungani abantu bebhaphathizwa ngenxa yabo na? **30** Thina-ke, sizifakelani engozini isikhathi sonke na? **31** Mina ngifa nsuku zonke, ngitsho khonokho bazalwane, ngeqiniso engiziqhenga ngalo ngani kuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu. **32** Nxa ngalwa lezilo zeganga e-Efesu ngenxa yabantu, ngazuzani na? Nxa abafileyo bengavuswa, “Kasidleni sinathe, ngoba kusasa sizakufa.” **33** Lingedukiswa: “Abangane ababi bayasona isimilo esihle.” **34** Khumbulani ngengqondo zenu njengokumele likwenze, licine ukwenza izono; ngoba kulabanye abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu, ngitsho lokhu ukuze libelenhloni. **35** Kodwa omunye angabuza athi, “Abafileyo bavuswa njani na? Bazabuya belemizimba enjani na?” **36** Yeka ubuwula! Elikuhlanyelayo akuphili ngaphandle kokuba kufe. **37** Lapho lihlanyela, kalihlanyeli umzimba ozakuba khona kodwa inhlanyelo nje, mhlawumbe eyenggoloyi loba okunge lakho. **38** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uyinika umzimba njengokuthanda kwakhe njalo uhlolo ngalunye lwenhlanyelo ulunika umzimba walo. **39** Inyama yonke kayifanani: Abantu balohlobo lunye lwenyama, izinyamazana zilolunye, izinyoni olunye lenhlanzu olunye. **40** Njalo kulezidalwa zasezulwini lezidalwa zasemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo yezidalwa zasezulwini ingolunye uhlolo, lenkazimulo yezidalwa zasemhlabeni ingolunye. **41** Ilanga lololunye uhlolo lwenkazimulo, inyanga olunye lezinkanyezi olunye; njalo inkanyezi iyehluka kwenye inkanyezi ngokukhazimula. **42** Kuzakuba njalo-ke ngokuvuka kwabafileyo. Umzimba ohlanyelwayo uyabola, uvuswa ungasaboli; **43** uhlanyelwa useyisawa, uvuswe ngenkazimulo; uhlanyelwa ubuthakathaka, **44** uvuswe usungumzimba olamandla. Nxa kulomzimba wemvelo, ukhona njalo lomzimba womoya. **45** Ngakho kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Umuntu wakuqala u-Adamu waba yisidalwa esiphilayo”; kodwa u-Adamu wokucina waba ngumoya ophilisayo. **46** Owomoya kafikanga kuqala, kodwa owemvelo, emva kwalokho kwafika owomoya. **47** Umuntu wakuqala wayenziwe ngothuli lomhlabathi; umuntu wesibili wavela ezulwini. **48** Njengoba wayenjalo umuntu wasemhlabeni, banjalo lalabo abangabomhlaba; njalo njengoba enjalo umuntu ovela ezulwini, banjalo labo abangabasezulwini. **49** Njalo njengoba silesimo somuntu wasemhlabeni, ngokunjalo sizakuba lesimo somuntu ovela ezulwini. **50** Bazalwane, ngithi kini inyama legazi akungeke kudle ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu, lokubolayo akulidi ilifa lokungaboliyo. **51** Lalelani, ngilitshela imfihlakalo: Kasiyikuwa sonke, kodwa sonke sizaguqulwa, **52** ngesikhatshana, ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ngecilongo lokucina. Ngoba icilongo lizakhala, abafileyo bazavuswa bengabolanga, njalo sizaguqulwa. **53** Ngoba okubolayo kumele kuzigqokise ngokungaboliyo, lokufayo ngokungafiyo. **54** Nxa okubolayo sekugqokiswe okungaboliyo, lokufayo okungafiyo, kuzagcqwaliseka isitsho esilotshiweyo esithi: “Ukufa kuginyiwe ekunqobeni.” **55** “Kungaphi, we kufa, ukunqoba kwakho? Lungaphi udonsi lwakho, we kufa?” (**Hadēs g86**) **56** Udonsi lokufa yisono, lamandla esono ngumthetho. **57** Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu! Uyasinika ukunqoba ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **58** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami abathandekayo, manini liqine. Akungabi Lalutho olulinyikinyayo. Zinikeleni ngokupheleleyo emsebenzini weNkosi izikhathi zonke ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ukusebenza kwenu eNkosisi akusilo ize.

**16** Mayelana lomnikelo onikelelwa abantu bakaNkulunkulu: Yenzani lokhu engatshela amabandla aseGalathiya ukuba akwenze. **2** Ngosoku lwakuqala maviki wonke, yilovo lalovo wenu kabeke eceleni imali ethile kusiya mayelana leholo lakhe, ayigcine, ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami kungabi lokoqoqo okwenzizwayo. **3** Ngakho-ke, ekufikeni kwami ngizabapha izincwadi zokubaveza lababantu elibakhethileyo ngibathume eJerusalem lesipho senu. **4** Kungabonakala kufanele ukuba ngihambe labo, bazangiphelekezelu. **5** Sengidlule eMasedonya ngizakuwa kini, ngoba ngizadlula eMasedonya. **6** Mhlawumbe ngizahlala lani okwesikhatshana, mhlawumbe ubusika bonke, ukuze lingisize orhanjweni lwami, ezindaweni zonke engiya kuzo. **7** Kangifisi ukulibona khathesi ngilethekelela okwesikhatshana nje; ngithembu ngizahlala lani okwesikhatthi esithile, nxa iNkosi ivuma. **8** Kodwa ngizahlala e-Efesu kuze kufike iPhentekhosti, **9** ngoba ngivulelwe umnyango omkhulu womsebenzi ophumelelayo, njalo banengi abangiphikisayo. **10** UThimothi angafika, libone ukuthi akulalutho alwesabayo eseselani ngoba uqhubeka ngomsebenzi weNkosi njengami. **11** Ngakho akungabi lomuntu owallayo ukumamukela. Medluliseni ngokuthula ukuze abuye kimi. Ngimlindele kanye labazalwane. **12** Mayelana lomzalwane wethu u-Apholo: Ngamncenga kakihlu ukuba eze kini labazalwane. Ubengafisi ukuhamba khathesi kodwa uzahamba lapho eselethuba. **13** Lindani; qinani ekukholweni

kwenu; libe ngabantu abalesibindi, wobani lamandla.  
**14** Yenzani konke ngothando. **15** Liyakwazi ukuthi abendlu KaStefane baba ngamakholwa akuqala e-Akhayiya njalo sebazinikela emsebenzini wabantu beNkosi. Ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, **16** ukuba lizinikele kwabanjengalaba lakubo bonke abahlanganyela emsebenzini basebenze khona. **17** Ngathokoza ekufikeni kukaStefane loFothunathu kanye lo-Akhayikhu ngoba balethe obekusilela kuvela kini. **18** Ngoba bavuselela umoya wami kanye lowenu. Abantu abanjalo bafanele ukuqakathekiswa. **19** Amabandla asesifundeni sase-Ezhiya ayalibingeleta. U-Akhwila loPhrisila ngokuthokoza eNkosini bayalibingeleta kakhulu, lenza njalo lebandla elihlanganelia endlini yabo. **20** Bonke abazalwane abalapha bayalibingeleta. Bingeleanani ngokwangana okungcwele. **21** Mina, Phawuli, ngiloba ukubingeleta lokhu ngesami isandla. **22** Nxu umuntu engayithandi iNkosi, kehlelwe yisithuko. Woza, awu Nkosi! **23** Umusa weNkosi uJesu kawube lani. **24** Uthando lwami kini lonke kuKhristu uJesu. Ameni.

## 2 Kwabasekhorinte

**1** UPPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu. Ebandleni likaNkulunkulu eKhorinte, kanye lakubangcwele bonke kulolonke elase-Akhayiya: **2** Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini. **3** Makabongwe uNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, uBaba wesihawu loNkulunkulu wenduduzo yonke, **4** osiduduzayo kuzozonke inhlupheko zethu ukuze lathi siduduze abasekuhluphekeni ngenduduze esiduduzwe ngayo nguNkulunkulu. **5** Njengoba inhlupheko zikaKhristu zigelezela ekuphileni kwethu, ngakho ngokunjalo futhi induduze yethu iyaphuphuma ngoKhristu. **6** Nxa sihlupheka, kungenxa yenduduze lokusindiswa kwenu; nxa sidudekile, kungenxa yokududuza kwenu okulenza liqinisele ekubekezelene zona lezo zinhlupheko ezisihluphayo. **7** Ithemba lethu ngani liqinile ngoba siyakwazi ukuthi njengoba lahlanganya ekuhluphekeni kwethu, ngokunjalo liyahlanganyaela ekududuza kwethu. **8** Kasithandi, bazalwane, ukuba libe ngabangaziyoo ngobunzima esabuwayo esabelweni sase-Ezhiya. Sasilocuncindezeleka okukhulu, okungapezu kwamandla ethu okuqinisela, saze saphellewa lalithemba lokuphila. **9** Impela isigwebo sokufa sasizwa ezinhliziyeni zethu. Kodwa lokhu kwenzakala ukuze singazithembu thina ngokwethu kodwa uNkulunkulu, ovusa abafileyo. **10** Wasihlenga engozini ebulalayo, njalo uzasikhulula. Ithemba lethu silibeke kuye ukuba uzaqhube ka esihlenga, **11** lapho lisiziza ngemikhuleko yenu. Abanengi bazasibongela ngomusa omangalisayo esiwuphiweyo kuyimpendulo yemikhuleko yabangeni. **12** Thina sizincoma ngokuthi izazela zethu ziyaafakaza ukuthi siziphathe kuhle emhlaben, ikakhulu phakathi kobudlelwano bethu lani, ngobungcwele langobuqotho obuvela kuNkulunkulu. Lokhu kasikwenzanga sigxile ekuhlakanipheni kwasemhlaben, kodwa ngomusa kaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngoba kasilobeloi ngolutho elingeke lilubale loba liluqedisise. Njalo ngiyathemba ukuthi, **14** njengoba seliqedisisa okunye ngathi, lizaqedisisa ngokupheleleyo lizincome ngathi njengoba lathi sizincoma ngani ngosuku lweNkosi uJesu. **15** Ngoba ngangilethembu kulokhu, ngangifuna ukwethekelela lina kuqala ukuze lisizakale kabilo. **16** Ngangifuna ukulethekelala ekuyeni kwami eMasedoniya, ngedlule kini futhi sengivela eMasedoniya, beselingithumake ejudiya. **17** Ngakunakana ngingabaza yini lokhu? Kumbe ngenza amalungiselelo ami ngendela yasemhlabeni okokuthi ngasikhathi sinye ngithi, "Yebo, yebo," ngibuye ngithi, "Hatshi, hatshi," na? **18** Kodwa ngeqiriso njengoba uNkulunkulu ethembekile, ilizwi lethu kini kalisikuthi "Yebo," lokuthi, "Hatshi." **19** Ngoba iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uJesu Khristu, eyatshunayelwa kini yimi, uSayilasi kanye loThimothi, yayingasi "Yebo" lo "Hatshi," kodwa kuyo kokuphela kwakungu "Yebo." **20** Ngoba

lanxa zizinengi kangakanani izithembiso uNkulunkulu azenzileyo zingu "Yebo" kuKhristu. Ngakho ngaye ibizo elithi "Ameni" litshiwo yithi sidumisa uNkulunkulu. **21** Njalo nguNkulunkulu owenza thina kanye lani siqine kuKhristu. Wasigcoba, **22** wasibeka uphawu lwakhe lokuba ngabakhe, wabeka loMoya wakhe ezinhliziyeni zethu njengesibambiso, esipha isiqiniseko sokuzayo. **23** Ngibiza uNkulunkulu njengomfakazi wami ukuthi kangibuya eKhorinte ukuze ngingalikhathazi. **24** Akusikuthi silibamba ngamandala ekukholweni kwenu kodwa sisebenza lani ukuze lithokoze, ngoba liqiniswa lukholo.

**2** Ngakho ngenza isinqumo engqondweni yami ukuba ngingenzi olunye uhambo olubuhlungu lokuza kini. **2** Ngoba nxa ngilibangela usizi, ngubani omunye ozangithokozisa ngaphandle kwenu lina esengilibangele usizi? **3** Ngaloba ngokunjalo ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami ngingadanisa yilabo obekumele bangithokozise. Ngalethembra lonke, ukuba lonke lizathokozza kanye lami. **4** Ngoba ngalilobelwa ngokukhathazeka okukhulu lobuhlungu benhliziyo njalo langezinyembezi ezinengi, hatshi ukuba ngilizwise ubuhlungu kodwa ukuba ngilazise ngokuzika kothando lwami kini. **5** Nxa kukhona obange usizi, kalubanganga kimi kangako, kodwa ngenye indlela ulubange kini lonke, ukuze kungedulisi amalawulo. **6** Isijeziso asinikwe ngabanengi simlingene. **7** Esikhundleni salokhu, kumele limthetheleni njalo limduduze, ukuze angagajewa lusizi olukhulu. **8** Ngakho ngyialincenga ukuba liluqinise futhi uthando lwenu kuye. **9** Isizatho sokulilobelwa kwakuyikuba ngibone ukuthi lingamelana lobunzima njalo lilalele ezintweni zonke. **10** Nxa lithetheleni omunye umuntu, lami ngyiamthetheleni. Njalo lokho esengikuthetheleni, nxa kwakukhona okwakumele kuthetheleni, ngithetheleni phambi kukaKhristu ngenxa yenu, **11** ukuze uSathane angasiqilibezi. Ngoba amacebo akhe siyawaya. **12** Ekyueni kwami eTrowasi ukuyatshumayela ivangeli likaKhristu njalo ngathola ukuthi iNkosi yayingivulele umnyango, **13** ngangilokhe ngingelakho ukuthula emoyeni wami ngoba ngingamtholanga umzalwane wami uThithi khonale. Ngakho ngavalelisa ngasengisedlulela eMasedoniya. **14** Kodwa-ke, kabongwe uNkulunkulu, yena osikhokhelela kokuphela ngingabathunjiiyeo ekunqobeni kukaKhristu njalo esenza sithele iphunga eliminandi lokumazi ezindaweni zonke. **15** Ngoba kuNkulunkulu siliphunga eliminandi likaKhristu phakathi kwalabo abasindiswayo lalabo ababhubhayo. **16** Komunye siliphunga elibi lokufa; komunye siliphunga eliminandi lokuphila. Ngubani olingene umsebenzi lo na? **17** Thina kasihambi sithengisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngingabamengi. Kodwa kuKhristu siyakhulumpha phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngobuqotho, njengabantu abathunyewe nguNkulunkulu.

**3** Kanti sesiqala futhi ukuzethula na? Kumbe njengabanye abantu kumele sibe lezincwadi zokusikhulumela kini kumbe ezivela kini na? **2** Lina

ngokwenu liyizincwadi zethu ezibhalwe ezinhliziyweni ukubonakalisa ukuthi amandla amakhulukazi la avela zethu, ezaziwayo lezifundwa ngumuntu wonke. **3** kuNkulunkulu hatshi kithi. **8** Sincindezelwe kalukhuni Liyabonakalisa ukuba liyincwadi evela kuKhristu, enhlangothini zonke kodwa kasifihlizeki; sididekile isithelo sokutshumayela kwethu, engabhalwanga nge- kodwa kasilahlanga ithemb; **9** siyahkuluzwa inki kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, hatshi kodwa kasidelwanga; sitshayelelwaphansi kodwa ezibhebhedwini zamatshe kodwa ezibhebhedwini kasibhujiswanga. **10** Sikuthwele njalonje emzimbeni zeinhliziyozabantu. **4** Ithembelijengaleli ngelethu yethu ukufa kukajesu, ukuze ukuphila kukajesu lakho ngoKhristu phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Kungayisikho kubonakaliske emzimbeni yethu. **11** Ngoba thina ukuthi siyenelisa ukwahlulela konke esikwenzayo abaphilayo sihlezi sinikelwa ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, kodwa ukwenelisa kwethu kuvela kuNkulunkulu. ukuze ukuphila kwakhe kubonakaliske emzimbeni **6** Usiphe amandla okuba zincuke zesivumelwano yethu efayo. **12** Ngakho ukufa kuyasebenza kithi esitsha, kungayisiso sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba okulotshiweyo kuyabulala kodwa uMoya uletha ukuphila. **7** Nxa imfundiso eyaletha ukufa eyayibhalwe Ngalowomoya wokukholwa lathi siyakholwa, yingakho ngamabala elitsheni, yeza lenkazimulo, ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli kokuphela ubuso bukaMosi engenxa yenkaZimulo yabo, lanxa nje yayisiphala, **8** kambe imfundiso kaMoya kayiyikuba lenkazimulo enkulu na? **9** Nxa imfundiso elahlatabantu ilenkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yemfundiso eletha ukulunga. **10** Ngoba okwakulenkaZimulo khathesi akuselayo inkazimulo kuqathaniswa lenkazimulo enkulu. **11** Njalo nxa okwakufiphala kwaletsha inkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yalokho okungulaphakade! **12** Ngakho, njengoba silethembelinje, silesibindi. **13** Thina kasinjengomo siowamboza ubuso bakhe ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli lapho inkazimulo yayisiphala. **14** Kodwa ingqondo zabo zathundubezwa, ngoba kuze kube lamhla lesobesoso sisala sikhona lapho isivumelwano esidala sibalwa. Kasisuswanga ngoba sisuswa ngoKhristu kuphela. **15** Langalolosuku nxa kubalwa umlayo kaMosi, isembeso sembesa inhliyizo zabo. **16** Kodwa nxa umuntu ephendukela eNkosini, "isembeso siyasuswa." **17** INKosi inguMoya njalo lapho okuloMoya weNkosi khona, kulokukhululeka. **18** Njalo thina, sonke esibonakalisa inkazimulo yeNkosi ngobuso obungembeswanga, siguquelela ekufananenilayo ngenkaZimulo ekhula kokuphela, evela eNkosini, enguMoya.

**4** Ngakho, njengoba ngomusa kaNkulunkulu silale imfundiso, kasiphelelwolithemb. **2** Kodwa-ke sizilahlile izindlela zangasese lezilahlazo; kasisebenzisi buqili loba ukuhlanekela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. Kodwa ngokubeka iqiniso obala, sizinkela kumembezwomuntu wonke phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Lanxa ivangeli lethu lembesiwe, lembeswe kulaboo ababhubhayo. **4** Unkulunkulu walesiskithatiusephumputhekise ingqondo zabangakholwayo, ukuze bangakuboni ukukhanya kwevangeli lenkazimulo kaKhristu, ongumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. **(aiōnios g165)** **5** Ngoba kasizitshumayeli thina ngokwethu, kodwa uJesu Khristu njengeNkosi, njalo thina njengezinckenu zenu ngenxa kajesu. **6** Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi, "Ukukhanya kakube khona kini futhi kodwa silinika ithuba lokuba lizigqajemnyamieni," wenza ukukhanya kwakhe kwakhanya inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukajesu Khristu. **7** Kodwa inotho le silayo ezimbizeni zebumba kwethu uNkulunkulu; nxa siphelele engqondweni, ukubonakalisa ukuthi amandla amakhulukazi la avela zethu, enhlangothini zonke kodwa kasifihlizeki; sididekile isithelo sokutshumayela kwethu, engabhalwanga nge- kodwa kasilahlanga ithemb; **9** siyahkuluzwa inki kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, hatshi kodwa kasidelwanga; sitshayelelwaphansi kodwa ezibhebhedwini zamatshe kodwa ezibhebhedwini kasibhujiswanga. **10** Sikuthwele njalonje emzimbeni zeinhliziyozabantu. **4** Ithembelijengaleli ngelethu yethu ukufa kukajesu, ukuze ukuphila kukajesu lakho ngoKhristu phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **5** Kungayisikho kubonakaliske emzimbeni yethu. **11** Ngoba thina ukuthi siyenelisa ukwahlulela konke esikwenzayo abaphilayo sihlezi sinikelwa ekufeni ngenxa kaJesu, kodwa ukwenelisa kwethu kuvela kuNkulunkulu. ukuze ukuphila kwakhe kubonakaliske emzimbeni **6** Usiphe amandla okuba zincuke zesivumelwano yethu efayo. **12** Ngakho ukufa kuyasebenza kithi esitsha, kungayisiso sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba okulotshiweyo kuyabulala kodwa uMoya uletha ukuphila. **7** Nxa imfundiso eyaletha ukufa eyayibhalwe Ngalowomoya wokukholwa lathi siyakholwa, yingakho ngamabala elitsheni, yeza lenkazimulo, ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli kokuphela ubuso bukaMosi engenxa yenkaZimulo yabo, lanxa nje yayisiphala, **8** kambe imfundiso kaMoya kayiyikuba lenkazimulo enkulu na? **9** Nxa imfundiso elahlatabantu ilenkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yemfundiso eletha ukulunga. **10** Ngoba okwakulenkaZimulo khathesi akuselayo inkazimulo kuqathaniswa lenkazimulo enkulu. **11** Njalo nxa okwakufiphala kwaletsha inkazimulo, pho inkulu kangakanani inkazimulo yalokho okungulaphakade! **12** Ngakho, njengoba silethembelinje, silesibindi. **13** Thina kasinjengomo siowamboza ubuso bakhe ukuze abako-Israyeli bangabukhangeli lapho inkazimulo yayisiphala. **14** Kodwa ingqondo zabo zathundubezwa, ngoba kuze kube lamhla lesobesoso sisala sikhona lapho isivumelwano esidala sibalwa. Kasisuswanga ngoba sisuswa ngoKhristu kuphela. **15** Langalolosuku nxa kubalwa umlayo kaMosi, isembeso sembesa inhliyizo zabo. **16** Kodwa nxa umuntu ephendukela eNkosini, "isembeso siyasuswa." **17** INKosi inguMoya njalo lapho okuloMoya weNkosi khona, kulokukhululeka. **18** Njalo thina, sonke esibonakalisa inkazimulo yeNkosi ngobuso obungembeswanga, siguquelela ekufananenilayo ngenkaZimulo ekhula kokuphela, evela eNkosini, enguMoya.

**5** Siyakwazi ukuthi nxa ithente lethu lasemhlabenilidilizwa, silesakhiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu yaphakade ezelwini, engakhiwanga ngezandla zabantu. **(aiōnios g166)** **18** Ngakho amehlo ethu kasiwakhangelisangakukubonakalayo, kodwa kokungabonakaliyo, ngoba okubonakalayo kuyedlula, kodwa okungabonakaliyo kuyahlala laphakade. **(aiōnios g166)**

**5** Siyakwazi ukuthi nxa ithente lethu lasemhlabenilidilizwa, silesakhiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu, indlu yaphakade ezelwini, engakhiwanga ngezandla zabantu. **(aiōnios g166)** **2** Okwakhathesi siyabubula, sifisa ukwembeswa ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini, **3** ngoba nxa sesembesi kasiyikutholakala sinquu. **4** Ngoba nxa sisesekuleli ithente, siyabubula njalo siyasindwa ngoba kasifisi ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa ngekhaya lethu lasezulwini ukuze okufayo kuginyewe yikuphila. **5** UNkulunkulu nguye owasidala ngenxa yale injongo njalo wasinika uMoya njengesibambiso, eqinisa okuzayo. **6** Ngakho sihlezi silethembanjalo siyakwazi ukuthi nxa sisesekhaya emzimbeni, sikhathshana leNkosi. **7** Ngoba siphila ngokukholwa hatshi ngokubona. **8** Ngithi silethembanjalo ngingakhetha ukuba khatshana lomzimba ngisekhaya kanye leNkosi. **9** Ngakho sikwenza kube yinjongo yethu ukuyithokozisa, langabe sisekhaya emzimbeni loba kude lawo. **10** Ngoba sonke kumele sime phambikiweshlalo sokwahlulela sikaKhristu ukuze lowalalowo amukele okumfaneleyo, okwezinto azenzayo esemzimbeni, langabe ngezinhlale loba ezmibi. **11** Ngakho njengoba sikwazi ukuthi ukwesaba iNkosi kuyini, siyazama ukubapengengabantu. Lokhu thina esiyikho kusobala kuNkulunkulu njalo ngithembangokubonakalayo endaweni yalokho okusenhliziyweni. **13** Nxa sesiphambene ingqondo, kungenxa yokwenzela

senzela lina. **14** Ngoba uthando lukaKhristu luyasifuqa, bona babengabantu bami.” **17** Ngakho, “phumanu ngoba siyakholwa ukuba oyedwa wafela bonke, kubo lehlukane labo, kutsho iNkosi. Lingathinti lutho olungcolileyo, mina ngizalemukela.” **18** Njalo, “mina, ngizakuba nguYihlo, lina lizakuba ngamadodana lamadodakazi ami, kutsho iNkosi uSomandla.”

**7** Njengoba silezithembiso lezi, basalwane abathandekayo, kasizihlambululeni ezintweni zonke ezingcolisa umzimba lomoya, siphelelise ubungcwele ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu. **2** Sivuleleni inhliziyo zenu. Kasonelanga muntu, kasixhwalisanga muntu, kasenzanga nzuko ngomuntu. **3** Kangitsho lokhu ukuba ngililahle; ngitshilo ngaphambilini ukuthi likhona ezinhliziywensi zethu okungenza siphile kumbe sife lani. **4** Ngilethemba elikhulu ngani; ngiyazigqaja kakhulu ngani. Ngiduduzekile kakhulu; kuizononke inhlupho zethu intokoza yami kayilamikhawulo.

**5** Ngoba ekufikeni kwethu eMasedoniya, umzimba wethu lo wawungelakuphumula kodwa sasikhathazwa ezindaweni zonke, ingxabano ngaphandle, lokwesaba ngaphakathi. **6** Kodwa uNkulunkulu oduduwa abadanileyo wasiduduwa ngokufika kukaThithu,

**7** kungayisikho ngokufika kwakhe nje kuphela kodwa langokumduduza kwenu. Wasitshela ngokungikhumbula kwenu, usizi lwenu olukhulu, lokutshiseka kwenu likhathazeka ngami, ukuthokoza kwami kwaze kwaba kuhkhulu kakhulu. **8** Lanxa ngalibangela usizi ngencwadi yami, angizisoli ngayo. Lanxa ngazisola ngayo, ngiyabona ukuba incwadi yami yalikhuba, kodwa okwesikhathhana nje, **9** ikanti khathesi ngiyathokoza, hatshi ngoba ladaniswa kodwa ngoba usizi lwenu lwalenza laphenduka. Ngoba laba lisizi njengokujonga kukaNkulunkulu njalo thina kasizange sililimaze langayiphi indlela. **10** Usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu luletha ukuphenduka okuholela ekusindisweni kungatshiyi nsolo, kodwa usizi Iwasemhlabeni luletha ukufa. **11** Khangelani ukuba usizi lokwesaba uNkulunkulu lolu selufezeni kini: ukutshisekala okungaka, lokufisa okungaka ukuba lizigeze, lentukuthelo engaka, lokwethuka okungaka ekuboneni ukulunga kusenziwa. Kukho konke libonakalise ukuthi lina limsulwa kule indaba.

**12** Ngakho lanxa ngalilobelwa, ngangingajonganga ownayo loba lowo ownelwayo kodwa ukuba phambi kukaNkulunkulu lizibonele ngokwenu ukuthi lizimisele kangakanani kithi. **13** Konke lokhu thina kuyasikhuthaza. Phezu kokukhuthazwa kwethu, sijabuliswa ikakhulu yikubona uThithu ethokoza ngoba lonke lasiza ngokwenza ukuthi umoya wakhe ube lokuthula. **14** Ngangizincomile kuye ngani njalo kalingiyangsanga. Kodwa njengoba konke esakutshoyo kini kwakuliqiniso, ngakho ukuzincomala kwethu kuThithu ngani lakkho kubonakale kuliqiniso. **15** Njalo ukulithanda kwakhe kuhkhulu kakhulu lapho ekhumbula ukuthi lonke lalilalela, limamukela ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela. **16** Ngiyathokoza ngoba ngilethemba elipeleleleyo ngani.

**8** Bazalwane, sithanda ukuba lazi ngomusa uNkulunkulu awunike amabandla aseMasedoniya.

**2** Ekulingweni kwawo okunzima kakhulu lokuthokoza kwawo okukhulu kanye lobuyanga bawo bokucina kugcwele ukuphana okumangalisayo.

**3** Ngoba ngiyafakaza ukuthi anikela okunengi njengayengakwanelisa, kanye lokudlula amandla awo. Bona ngokwabo, **4** basincenga ngokuphangisa ukuba babe lethuba lokuhlanganyela kulokhukusebenzela abantu beNkosi. **5** Kabenzanga njengesasikulindele kodwa bazinikela eNkosini kuqala, muva bazinikela kithi kuvumelana lentando kaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngakho-ke, samcenga uThithu, njengoba wayeseqalisile ngaphambilini, ukuba lawo awuqede umsebenzi womusa lo kini. **7** Kodwa njengoba lisenza kuhle ezintweni zonke, ekukholweni, ekukhulumeni, ekwazini, ekuzimiseleni okupheleleyo kanye lakukho ukusithanda kwenu, bonani ukuthi liyaqhubeuka futhi kulumusa wokuphana. **8** Angilibekeli mlayo kodwa ngifuna ukuhlolola ubuqotho bothando lwenu ngokuluqathanisa lokuzimisela kwabanye. **9** Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi yethu ujesu Khristu ukuthi lanxa wayenothile kodwa waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze kuthi ngobuyanga bakhe lina liniothe. **10** Njalo nansi iseluleko sami mayelana lalokho okuhle kakhulu kini kule indaba: Nyakenye libe ngabokuqala kungayisikho ekupheni nje kuphela kodwa lekubeni lesifiso sokwenza njalo. **11** Khathesi-ke uqediseni umsebenzi ukuze ukutshiseka kokufuna kwenu ukwenza kungalingana lokuwuqeda kwenu, kusiya ngalokho elilakho. **12** Ngoba nxa isifiso sikhona, isipho siyamukeleka kusiya ngalokho umuntu alakho hatshi ngalokho angelakho. **13** Isifiso sethu akusikuthi abanye bakhululwe lina lilokhu lincindezelekile kodwa ukuba kube lokulingana. **14** Ngenala yenu yalesiskathi lizabanika abakuswelayo, ukuze kuthi labo ngenala yabo baliphe elikuswelayo. Lapho-ke kuzakuba lokulingana, **15** njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Lowo owabutha okunengi kabanga lokunengi kakhulu, lalowo owabutha okulutshwana kabanga lokulutshwana kakhulu." **16** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu owabeka enhliziyeweni kaThithu ukukhathazeka kunya engilakho ngani. **17** Ngoba uThithu kamukelanga isicelo sethu nje kuphela kodwa uyeza kini ngokutshiseka okukhulu njalo ngokuzithuma kwakhe. **18** Njalo kanye laye sit huma umzalwane obatshazwa ngamabandla wonke ngenxa yomsebenzi wakhe wokutshumayela ivangeli. **19** Phezu kwalokho, wakhethwa ngamabandla ukuba asiphelekezele sithele umnikelo esiwuphetheyo ukuze sidumise iNkosi uqobo lokuba sibonakalise ukutshisekela kwethu ukusiza. **20** Sifuna ukuxwaya insolo ngendlela esiphatha ngayo lesisipho sokuphana.

**21** Ngoba siyalwisa kakhulu ukuba senze okulungileyo, kungasikho emehlwani eNkosi kuphela, kodwa lasemehlwani abantu. **22** Phezu kwalokho, sit huma kanye labo umzalwane wethu ohlezi ebonakalisa kithi ngezindlela ezinengi ukuthi ukhuthele, ikakhulu khathesi ngenxa yethembala lakhe elikhulu kini. **23** UThithu yena-ke ungholanganyela lami loyisisebenzi kanye lami phakathi kwenu; abazalwane bethu bona-ke bangabameli bamabandla lodumo kuKhristu.

**24** Ngakho-ke, tshengisani abantu laba ubufakazi bothando lwenu kanye lesisusa sokuzigqaja kwethu ngani, ukuze amabandla wonke alubone.

**9** Akudingeki ukuba ngililobele mayelana lalokhukusebenzela abantu beNkosi. **2** Ngoba ngiyakwazi ukutshisekela kwenu ukuba lisize njalo kade ngizincoma ngakho kwabaseMasedoniya, ngebatsheka ukuthi kusukela nyakenye lina e-Akhayiya belizimisele ukumikela; njalo ukutshiseka kwenu kukhuthaze inengi labo ukuba baphathise. **3** Kodwa ngithuma abazalwane ukuze ukuzincoma kwethu ngani ngale indaba kungabi yize kodwa ukuba libe ngabalungiseleleyo, njengoba ngatsho ukuthi lizakuba lilungisele. **4** Ngoba nxa abanye baseMasedoniya besiza lami, bengathola lingalungiselanga, singayangeka ngokulethemba ebelsilakho. **5** Ngakho ngibone kufanele ukukhuthaza abazalwane ukuba balethekelele mandulo baqedise amalungiselelo esipho esihle elasithembisa sona. Ngalesosikhathi sizakuba sesilungile njengesipho esihle hatshi esinikelwe ngomona. **6** Khumbulanli loku: Lovo ohlanyela okunengi uvuna okunengi. **7** Umuntu ngamunyane kanike lokho amise ukukunikela enhliziyeweni yakhe, kungabi ngokudonda loba ukubanjawo ngamandla ngoba uNkulunkulu uthanda onikela ngokuthokoza. **8** Njalo uNkulunkulu ulamandla okwenza umusa wande kini ukuze kuthi ezintweni zonke ngezikathi zonke, lilakho konke elikuswelayo, lizakuba lokunengi kuyo yonke imisebenzi emihle. **9** Njengoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Uchithele izipho zakhe kubayanga ezindaweni zonke; ukulunga kwakhe kumi laphakade." (aiōn g165) **10** Lovo onika umhlanyeli inhlanyelo lesinkwa sokudla uzanika njalo aqhelise isiphala senu senhlanyelo, andise lesivuno sokulunga kwenu. **11** Lizanothiswa ngezindlela zonke ukuze liphane ngezikathi zonke, kuthi ngathi ukupha kwenu kuletha ukubongwa kukaNkulunkulu. **12** Umsebenzi lo eliwenzayo kawuqedu zinswelo zabantu bakaNkulunkulu kuphela kodwa ugcwele amazwi amanengi okubonga uNkulunkulu. **13** Ngenxa yomsebenzi eselizibonakalise ngawo, abantu bazandumisa uNkulunkulu ngenxa yokulalela lokuvuma kwenu ivangeli likaKhristu, kanye lomusa wenu ekwabelananeni labo kanye labanye futhi. **14** Ekulikhulekeleni kwabo, inhliyo zabo zizakuba kini ngenxa yomusa ongelamkhawulo uNkulunkulu alinike wona. **15** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesipho esingekte sichazwe.

**10** Ngenxa yokuthobeka lobumnene bukaKhristu ngiyalincenga, mina Phawuli "owethukayo" nxa ngilani ubuso ngobuso kodwa ngilesibindi nxa ngikude! **2** Ngiyalicela ukuthi ekufikeni kwami kungaze kwadingeka ukuba ngize ngibe lesibindi njengalokhu engikhangelele ukuba laso mayelana labanye abantu abacabanga ukuthi siphila ngokwezinganiso zomhlaba lo. **3** Ngoba lanxa sihlala emhlabeni, kasilwi mpi njengokwenzwa ngumhlaba. **4** Izikhali esilwa ngazo akusizo zikhali zasemhlabeni. Kodwa zilamandla kaNkulunkulu okudiliza izinqaba. **5** Sichitha inkani

lokuzazisa konke okuzibekayo kumelane lokwazi ngilisebenzele. **9** Njalo lalapho ngikini kulolutho uNkulunkulu njalo siyayithumba yonke imicabango engangilufuna, kangibanga ngumthwalo lakubani ukuba siyenze ibe ngemlaleloyo uKhristu. **6** ngoba abazalwane ababesuka eMasedoniya bangipa Njalo sizakuba silungele ukujezisa zonke izenzo engangikuswela. Ngizithibile ekubenitumgumthwalo zokungalaleli nxa ukulalela kwenu kungaphelela. **7** kini langayiphi indlela njalo ngizaqhubeke ngisensa Lina likhangela kuphela lokho okubonakalayo. Nxa njalo. **10** Ngeqiniso elinjengoba iqiniso likaKhristu umuntu ekholwa ukuthi ungoakaKhristu, kakhumbulokho ukuthi lathi singabakaKhristu njengaye. **8** ozangalisa ukuzincoma kwami lokhu. **11** Kungani Ngoba lanxa ngizincoma kancane ngamandla iNkosi na? Ngoba angilithandi na? UNkulunkulu uyakwazi eyasinkina wona ukuba lakkhiwe kulokuba lichithwe, ukuthi ngiyalithanda! **12** Njalo ngizaqhubeke ngisensa angiyikuyangeka ngakho. **9** Kangifuni ukuba kubelokhu engikwenzayo ukume amacebo alabo abafuna sengathi ngiyalethusela ngezincwadi zami. **10** ithuba lokuba bakhangelwe njengabalingana lathi Ngoba abanye bathi, “Izincwadi zakhe zilesisindo ezintweni abazincoma ngazo abe liputha. **13** Ngoba lomfutho kodwa yena uqobo ueyiseka lakukhulumayo abantu abanjalo bangabapostoli bamanga, izisebenzi kufana leze.” **11** Abantu abanjalo kumele bakwazi ezikhohlisayo, ezienza abapostoli bakaKhristu. **14** ukuthi lokho okukhanya siyikho ezincwadini zethu nxa singekho, sizakuba yikho kanye ngezenzo zethu nxa sesikhona. **12** Kasenelisi ukuzilinganisa loba ukuziqathanisa labanye abazibabazayo. Nxa bezilinganisa bona ngokwabo babuye baqizqathanise bona ngokwabo, kabahlakaniphanga. **13** Kodwa Kodwa nxa lisenza njalo, ngamukelani ngendlela thina kasizincomi kudlule imikhawulo efaneleyo. elingamukela ngayo isithutha ukuze ngizincome Kodwa ukuzincoma kwethu sikukhawulisa ebangeni kancane. **17** Ngakoloku kuzincoma kwami ngesibindi, uNkulunkulu asibekile lona, ibanga elifikayo lakini. angikhulumi njengeNkosi kodwa njengesithutha. **18** **14** Kasedlulisi malawulo ekuzincomeni kwethu, Njengoba abanengi bezincoma ngendlela eyenziwa njengokuba kungenzakala lapho kungabekwana kasizanga ngumhlaba, lami-ke ngizazincoma. **19** Labekezelela kini, ngoba safinyelela ukuzafika kini levangeli izithutha ngentokoza ngoba lihlakaniphake kangaka! **20** likaKhristu. **15** Njalo kasedluli mikhawulo yethu Ngeqiniso, lina libekezelela loba ngubani oligilazayo ngokuzincoma ngomsebenzi owenziwe ngabanye. loba ethola inzuzo ngani loba ezisiza ngani loba kuqhubeke kukhula, indawo yethu yokusebenza **21** Ngivuma ngilenhloni ukuthi thina sasibuthakathaka phakathi kwenu izaqhela kakhulu, **16** sitshumayele kakhulu kulokho! Lokho omunye umuntu angaba ivangeli ezigabenitumgumthwalo ngilisebenzele. **22** BangamaHebheru na? Lami nginguye. Bangama-Israyeli na? Lami nginguye. Bayinzalo ka-Abhrahamma na? Lami ngiyivo. **23** Bazinceku zikaKhristu na? (Sengiphambene ingqondo ukuba ngikhulume kanje.) Mina ngedlula lokho. Sengisibenzenzima, ngibe sentolongweni kanengi, ngabhabaxabulwa kakhulukazi, ngabekwa engozini yokufa njalonjalo. **24** Kahlanu ngatshaywa ngamajuda imvivinya ezingamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye. **25** Kathathu ngatshaywa ngemiqwayi, kanye ngatshaywa ngamatshe, ngafewla ngumkhumbi kathathu, ngachitha ubusuku losuku ngindenda olwandle, **26** kade ngihlezi ngingohambayo njalonje. Ngike ngaba sezingozi zemifula, ezingozini zezigebenga, ezingozini zabantu bakithi, ezingozini zabeZizweni, ezingozini edolobheni, ezingozini emaphandleni, ezingozini elwandle; lasezingozini zabazalwane bamanga. **27** Ngasebenza nzima, ngatshikatshika njalo kanengi ngingalali; ngezwa indlala lokoma, ngaswela lokudla kanengi; ngagodola njalo ngahamba nqunu. **28** Langaphandle kwezinye zonke izinto; ngibhekane lokuncindezelwa yikukhathazeka kwami ngamabandla wonke. **29** Ngubani obuthakathaka, mina ngingabuzwa lobo buthakathaka na? Ngubani oholelwae esonweni, ngingatshi ngaphakathi kwami na? **30** Nxa kumele

**11** Ngithembala lizabekezelela okuncane kobuthutha bami; kodwa livele selikwenza lokho. **2** Mina ngilobukhwele ngani ngobukhwele bokukholwa. Ngathembisa ukulendisela endodeni eyodwa, uKhristu, ukuze ngilethule kuyo liyintombi egcweleyo. **3** Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi njengo-Eva owakhohliswa yibuqili benyoka, ingqondo zenu zingaphanjalwakancane ekuzinikeleni kwenu kuKhristu okuqotholokungelasici. **4** Ngoba nxa umuntu angafika kini atshumayele ujesu ongasuye esamtshumayelayoutina, loba nxa lisamukela umoya ohlukene lalowo elawamukelayo, loba ivangeli elehlukileyo kulelo elalivumayo, likubekezelele lula kakhulu. **5** Kodwa kangicabangi ukuthi ngiyeyiseka okokucina kulabob“bapostoli abapezulu.” **6** Ngingaba yisikhulumi esingafundiswanga kodwa ulwazi ngilalo. Lokhu sesikwenze kwacaca ngokupheleleyo kini ngezindlela zonke. **7** Kambe kwakuyisono yini ukuba ngizehlise ukuze ngiliphakamise ngokutshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kungekho mbadalona? **8** Ngaphanga amanyi amabandla ngokwamukela usizo kuwo ukuze

ngizincome, ngizazincoma ngezinto ezibonakalisa ubuthakathaka bami. **31** UNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi uJesu, ozadunyiswa okungulaphakade, uyakwazi ukuthi kangiqambi manga. (**aiōn g165**) **32** EDamaseko umbusi ongaphansi kweNkosi u-Aretha walaya ukuba idolobho laseDamaseko lilindwe ukuze ngibotshwe. **33** Kodwa ngehliswa ngesilulu ewindini elalisemndluni, ngaphunyuka ezandleni zakhe.

**12** Kumele ngiqhubeke ngizincoma. Lanxa kungelalutho oluzuzwayo, mina ngizaghube ka ngemibono langezambulo eziwele eNkosini. **2** Mina ngazi umuntu okuKhristu okwathi ngeminyaka elitshumi lane eyedululayo wathathwa wasiwa ezelwini lesithathu. Langabe kwakuphakathi komzimba loba ngaphandle komzimba kangikwazi, kwazi uNkulunkulu. **3** Mina ngazi ukuthi umuntu lo loba phakathi komzimba kumbe ngaphandle komzimba, kangikwazi, kodwa uNkulunkulu uyazi, **4** wahlwithwa wasiwa epharadise.

Wezwa izinto ezingakhulumekyo, izinto umuntu angavunyelwa ukuzitsho. **5** Ngazincoma ngomuntu onjalo, kodwa mina angiyukuzincoma, ngaphandle kwangobuthakathaka bami. **6** Lanxa ngingakhetha ukuzincoma, ngiyabe ngingesisithutha ngoba ngiyabe ngikhuluma iqiniso. Kodwa ngiyazibamba ukuze kungabikhona ozacabanga okunengi ngami kulalokho okufanele engikwenzayo loba engikutshoyo. **7** Ukuze ngenqabele ukuzikhukhumeza ngenxa yalezimbulo ezinkulu kakhulukazi, ngahlatshwa ngameva emzimbeni wami, ayisithunya sikaSathane, ukuba angihluphe. **8** Ngalabhela eNkosini kathathu ukuba iwasuse kimi. **9** Kodwa yathi kimi, “Umusa wami ukwanele ngoba amandla ami apheleliwa ebuthakathakeni.” Ngakho ngizazincoma kakhulu-ke ngokuthokoza ngobuthakathaka bami, ukuze amandla kaKhristu ahiale phezu kwami. **10** Yikho-nje, ngenxa kaKhristu, ngithokozela ubuthakathaka, izithuko, inhlupho, ukuhlukuluzwa lokukhathazeka. Ngoba nxa ngibuthakathaka, kulapho-ke ngilamandla. **11** Sengenze ubuthutha, kodwa yini elingeningise kubo. Kade kufanele nginconywe yini ngoba kangiphansi okukucina “kubapostoli abaphewulu,” lanxa nje ngingasilutho. **12** Izinto ezipawula umpostoli zigquela izibonakaliso, izimanga kanye lezimangaliso ezenziwa phakathi kwenu ngokubekezelu okukhulu. **13** Laliphansi okunjani kulamanye amabandla, ngaphandle kokuthi angizange ngibe ngumthwalo kini. Ngithethelani kulothu! **14** Khathesi sengilungele ukuba ngilethekelele okwesithathu njalo angiyikuba ngumthwalo kini ngoba engikufunayo akusimpahla yenu kodwa lina. Ikanti belo abantwana akumelanga banakekele abazali babo kodwa abazali yibo okumele banakekele abantwabobo. **15** Ngakho ngizathokozela kakhulu ukuchitha konke engilakho ngenxa yenu lamii futhi ngiziniikele. Ngingalithanda kakhulu, lina lizangithanda kancane na? **16** Loba kunjalo, mina angibanga ngumthwalo kini. Kodwa mina njengomuntu ohlakaniphileyo, ngalibamba ngobuqili! **17** Ngaliqilibeza yini ngomunye wabantu engabathuma kini na? **18** Ngacela

uThithu ukuba eze kini njalo ngathuma lomzalwane wethu kunye laye. UTithu kazange aliqilibeze, walilibeza na? Kasisebenzanga ngamoya munye salandela indlela yinje na? **19** Isikhathi sonke lesi kade licabanga ukuthi besizivikela kini na? Kade sikhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu njengabakuKhristu; njalo konke esikwenzayo, bazalwane abathandekayo, ngokokuqinisa. **20** Ngoba ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni kwami angiyikulifa liyilokho engifuna libe yikho, mhlawumbe lani lingangifumanu ngiyilokho elifuna ngibe yikho. Ngiyesaba ukuthi kungaba khona ukuxabana, umona, ukuthukuthela, imibango, isinyeyo, ukuhleba, ukuzikhukhumeza kanye lokuphithizela. **21** Ngiyesaba ukuthi ekufikeni kwami futhi uNkulunkulu wami uzangithoba phambi kwenu njalo ngizakuba lusizi ngabanengi abenze izono ngaphambilini njalo bengaphendukanga kulokho kungcola, isono sokufeba kanye lamanyala abangena kuwo.

**13** Ukuza kwami kini lokhu kuzakuba ngokwesithathu. “Izindaba zonke kumele ziqiniswe yibufakazi babantu ababili loba abathathu.” **2** Ngavela ngalixwayisa lapho ngilani okwesibili. Ngiyakuphinda njalo ngingekho: Ekubuyeni kwami futhi angiyikubayekela labo abenza izono ngaphambilini loba nguphi wabanye, **3** njengoba lifuna ubufakazi bokuthi uKhristu ukhuluma ngami. Yena kabuthakathaka ekuliphatheni kwakhe kodwa ulamandla phakathi kwenu. **4** Ngoba ngeqiniso, wabethelwa ebuthakathakeni, ikanti uyaphila ngamandla kaNkulunkulu. Ngokufanayo, sibuthakathaka kuye, ikanti ngamandla kaNkulunkulu sizaphila laye ukuba silisebenzele. **5** Zihloleni ukuba libone ingabe lisekukholweni, zihloleni. Kaliboni yini ukuthi uKhristu ujesu uphakathi kwenu, ngaphandle rje kokuba lehluleke ekuhlolweni? **6** Ngithemba ukuba lizafumana ukuthi thina kasisibo abehlulekileyo ekuhlolweni. **7** Siyahuleka kuNkulunkulu ukuba lingensi lutho olubi. Kungayisikho ukuba abantu babone ukuthi sifanele kodwa ukuba lina lenze okulungileyo lanxa singakhanya singabehlulekileyo. **8** Ngoba asingeke senze lutho oluphambene leqiniso kodwa olweqiniso kuphela. **9** Siyathokoza lapho singabe sibuthakathaka kodwa lina linqinile njalo umkhuleko wethu ngowokuba lipheleliswe. **10** Yikho-nje ngiloba izinto lezi ngingekho ukuze kuthi ekufikeni kwami ningabi lukhuni ekusebenziseni kwami amandla, amandla okulakha engiwaphiwe yiNkosi hatshi ukulidiliza. **11** Okokucina, bazalwane, salani kuhle. Funani ukuphelela, lilalele isicelo sami, libe ngqondo yinye, lihlae ngokuthula. UNkulunkulu wothando lokuthula uzakuba lani. **12** Bingelelanani ngokwangana okungcwele. **13** Abantu bakaNkulunkulu bonke bayalibingeleta. **14** Sengathi umusa weNkosi ujesu Khristu, uthando lukaNkulunkulu lokuhlanganyela kukaMoya oNgewe kungaba lani lonke.

# KwabaseGalathiya

**1** UPhawuli umpostoli ongathunywanga evela ebantwini loba ngumuntu, kodwa ngeJesus Kristu loNkulunkulu uBaba, owamvusayo kwabafileyo, **2** labo bonke abazalwane abalami. Emabandleni aseGalathiya: **3** Umusa lokuthula akube kini kuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini ujesu Kristu, **4** owazinikela ngenxa yezonzo zethu ukuthi asihlenga kulesisikhathi esibi, ngenxa yentando kaNkulunkulu uBaba wethu, (aiōn g165) **5** uduomo kalube kuye kuze kube laphakade. Ameni. (aiōn g165) **6** Ngiyamangala ukuthi limdeli masinya kangaka lowo owalibiza ngomusa kaKhristu njalo liphendukela evangeli elehlukileyo, **7** elingasivangeli langempela ngitsho. Kusobala abanye abantu bayaliphambanisa njalo bazama ukungcolisa ivangeli likaKhristu. **8** Kodwa lanxa thina loba ingilosu evela ezulwini ingatshumayela elinye ivangeli ngaphandle kwalelo esalitshumayela kini, kasilahlwe kuze kube nini lanini! **9** Njengoba sesivele sitshilo, lakhathesi ngiyatsho futhi ngithi: Lanxa kungaba ngubani otshumayela kini elinye ivangeli ngaphandle kwalelo elalamukelayo, kaqalekiswe nguNkulunkulu! **10** Kambe sengizama ukuzuza ukwanukelwa ngabantu loba nguNkulunkulu na? Kumbe njalo ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu na? Aluba lokhe ngizama ukuthokozisa abantu, bengayikuba yinceku kaKhristu. **11** Ngithanda ukuthi lazi bazalwane, ukuthi ivangeli engalitshumayelayo kalivelu ebantwini. **12** Kangilamukelanga emuntwini njalo kangilifundiswanga; kodwa ngalamukela ngokwambulewa ngugesu Kristu. **13** Selizwile ngokuhamba kwami kwakuqala enkolweni yesijuda, ukuthi ngalihlkululuza ngaliphatha ngochuku ibandla likaNkulunkulu njalo ngazama lokulichitha. **14** Ngangisiya phambiliswala ngokholo lwestijuda ukwedulwa amajuda amanengi ayintanga yami njalo ngangitshisekela imikhuba yabokhokho bami kakhulu. **15** Kodwa kwathi uNkulunkulu owangiphawula ngisesesisiswini sikamama engibiza ngomusa wakhe, wathokoza **16** ukuthi aveze inDodana yakhe kimi, ukuze ngitshumayele phakathi kwabeZizwe, kangibuzanga muntu. **17** Angizange ngije ejerusalemka ukuyabona labo ababengabapostoli ngingakabi nguye, kodwa ngahle ngaya e-Arabhiya. Emva kwalokho ngabuyela eDamaseko. **18** Emva kweminyaka emithathu, ngaya ejerusalemka ukuze ngijayelane loKhefasi, ngahlala laye insuku ezilitshumi lanhlulu. **19** Kangibonanga lamunye wabanye abapostoli ngaphandle kukajahobe umfowabo weNkosi kuphela. **20** Ngikugcizelela kini lokhu phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuthi lokhu engililobelwa khona akusimanga. **21** Ngasengisuka ngaya e-Asiriya kanye laseSiliSiya. **22** Mina ngokwami ngangingaziwa emabandleni aseJudiya akuKhristu. **23** Ayesizwa umbiko nje kuphela usithi: "Umuntu owayesihlukulu kuqala khathesi useshutshumayela ukholo ake wazama ukuluchitha." **24** Amdumisa uNkulunkulu ngenxa yami.

**2** Emva kweminyaka elitshumi lane ngaya ejerusalemka futhi, ngalesisikhathi ngangiloBhanabhasi. Ngathatha loThithu futhi. **2** Ngaya khona njengokwambulewa ngethula phambi kwabo ivangeli engilitshumayela kwabeZizwenu. Kodwa lokhu ngakwenza ngasese kulabo ababekhanya bengabakhokheli. Ngangifuna ukuba lesiqiniseko sokuthi angigijimeli ize. **3** Ikanti loThithu owayelami kazange abanjwe ngamandla ukuba asoke lanxa wayengumGrikhi. **4** Indaba le yavela ngoba abanye abazalwane bamanga basebengene phakathi kwethu ukuba bahlole ukukhuleuka esilokhu kuKhristu ujesu ukuze basenene izigqili. **5** Kasibavumelanga lakancane ukuze iqiniso levangeli lihlale likhona kini. **6** Labo ababeqakathekiswa, loba beyilokho ababeyikho khona akwenzi mahluko kimi; uNkulunkulu kahluleli ngokubonakala ngaphandle, labobantu kabengezanga lutho elizwini lami. **7** Esikhundleni salokho babona ukuthi ngangiphiwe umsebenzi wokutshumayela ivangeli kwabeZizwenu njengoPhethro owaphiwa umsebenzi wokutshumayela ivangeli kwabasokiweyo. **8** Ngoba uNkulunkulu, owayesebenza kuPhethro njengompstoli kwabasokiweyo, wayesebenza kimi futhi ekutshumayeleni kwami njengompstoli kwabeZizwenu. **9** Ujakhobe, loKhefasi kanye loJohane, abadume njengensika, banika mina loBhanabhasi ilungelo lokuhlanganya labo lapho sebebene umusa engawuphiwayo. Bavuma ukuthi siye kwabeZizwenu, bona baye kwabasokiweyo. **10** Abakucelayo kuphela nje yikuthi siqhubeke sikhumbula abayanga, yona kanye into engangitshisekela ukuyenza. **11** Ekuifikeni kukaKhefasi e-Antiyokhi ngamphikisa sikhanglene ngoba wayesoleka. **12** Ngaphambilini kwafika abantu abathile bevela kujakhobe owayevame ukudla labeZizwenu. Kodwa sebefikile waqalisa ukuhlehlala emuva, wazehluwanisa labeZizwenu ngoba wayesesaba ababengabeqembu lokusoka. **13** Amany amajuda lawo ahlanganya laye kulkukuzenzisa kwakhe, kwaze kwathi ngenxa yokuzenzisa kwawo uBhanabhasi waholelwu ekulahlekeni. **14** Kwathi lapho ngibona ukuba babengenzi oktuhambelana leqiniso levangeli, ngathi kuKhefasi phambi kwabo bonke, "Wena ungumJuda kodwa uphila njengoveZizwenu hatshi njengomJuda. Pho kwenzenka njani ukuba ubambe ngamandla abeZizwenu ukuba balandele imikhuba yamajuda na?" **15** Thina esingamajuda ngokuzalwa hatshi 'izoni zeZizwenu' **16** siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu kalungisiswa yikugcina umthetho kodwa yikuholwa kuJesus Kristu. Ngakho-ke, lathi futhi, sibeke ukukholwa kwethu kuKhristu ujesu ukuba silungiswe yikuholwa kuKhristu hatshi ngokugcina umthetho ngoba kakho ozalungisiswa ngokugcina umthetho. **17** Kodwa nxa sisafuna ukulungisiswa kuKhristu, kube sokubonakala ukuthi thina ngokwethu siyizoni, lokho kutsho ukuthi uKhristu usekela isono na? Akunjalo lakancane! **18** Nxa ngikwakha kutsha lokho engakudilizayo, ngibonakalisa ukuthi ngiyisaphulamthetho. **19** Ngoba ngomthetho ngafa emthethweni ukuze ngiphilele

uNkulunkulu. **20** Sengibethelwe kanye loKhristu, eyayitshiwo yisithembiso. Umthetho wenziwa akuseyimi engiphilayo, kodwa uKhristu uphila wasebenza ngezingilos i lomeli. **20** Kodwa umeli phakathi kwami. Ukuphila engikuphila emzimbeni, kameli icele elilodwa; kodwa uNkulunkulu munye. **21** ngikuphila ngokukholwa eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu, Kambe ngalokho umthetho uphambene lezhithembiso eyangithandayo njalo yazinikela ngenxa yami. **21** zikaNkulunkulu na? Akunjalo lakancane! Ngoba nxa Kangiwudeli umusa kaNkulunkulu ngoba nxa ukulunga kuzuzwa ngomthetho, uKhristu watela ize.”

**3** Lina maGalathiya ayizithutha! Ngubani olioyileyo? Phambi kwamehlo enu ujesu Khristu wabonakaliswa obala ebethelwe. **2** Mina ngifuna ukwazi into eyodwa nje kini: UMoya lamamukela ngokugcina umthetho loba ngokukholwa lokho elakuzwayo na? **3** Kanti liyizithutha kangaka? Emva kokuqalisa ngoMoya, khathesi selizama ukuzuza ukuphelela ngemizamo yabantu na? **4** Kanti lihlupheke kangaka lihluphekela ize na, nxa impela kwakungokweze? **5** Kanti uNkulunkulu ulinika uMoya wakhe abuye enze izimangaliso phakathi kwenu ngoba ligcina umthetho loba ngoba likholwa lokho elakuzwayo na? **6** Khumbulan u-Abhraham: “Wamkholwa uNkulunkulu, kwabalelwu kuye njengokulunga.” **7** Ngakho zwisisani ukuthi labo abakhholwayo bangabantwana baka-Abhraham. **8** Umbhalo wabona ngaphambili ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayezalungisa abeZizweni ngokukholwa, wahle wamemezela ivangeli ngaphambili ku-Abhraham esithi: “Zonke izizwe zizabusiswa ngawe.” **9** Ngakho labo abalokholo babusiswa kanye lo-Abhraham, umuntu wokholo. **10** Bonke abathembe umthetho bangaphansi kwesiqalekiso ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu wonke ongaqhubezi esenza konke okulotshwe eNcwadini yoMthetho.” **11** Kusobala ukuthi akakho olungisiswa ngomthetho phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngoba, “Abalungleyo bazaphila ngokukholwa.” **12** Umthetho kaweyamanga ekukholweni; kodwa, “Umuntu owenza izinto lezi uzaphila ngazo.” **13** UKhristu wasihlenga esiqalekisweni somthetho ngokuba yisiqalekiso ngenxa yethu, ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu wonke olengiswa esihlahleni.” **14** Wasihlenga ukuze isibusiso esaphiwa u-Abhraham sifike kwabeZizweni ngoKhristu ujesu, ukuze samukele isithembiso sikaMoya ngokukholwa. **15** Bazalwane, ake ngithathe isibonele sokuphila kwansukuzonke. Njengoba engekho ongabeka eceleni loba engeze kusivumelwano sabantu esenziwe ngemfanelo, kunjalo-ke lakule indaba. **16** Izithembiso zatshiwo ku-Abhraham lakunzalo yakhe. Umbhalo kawuthi “kwabenzalo,” usitsho abantu abanengi, kodwa uthi, “lakunzalo yakho,” usitsho umuntu oyedwa, lowo kunguKhristu. **17** Engikutshoyo yilokhu: Umthetho owabekwa eminyakeni engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu muva, kawusibeki eceleni isivumelwano esamiswa ngaphambili nguNkulunkulu ngalokho wesule isithembiso. **18** Ngoba nxa ilifa leyame emthethweni, ngalokho kaliseyamanga esithembisweni; kodwa uNkulunkulu ngomusa wakhe, walinika u-Abhraham a gesithembiso. **19** Pho, yayiyini-ke injongo yomthetho? Wengezelewa ngenxa yeziphambeko kwaze kwafika iNzalo

impela kwakuzavela ngomthetho. **22** Kodwa umbhalo uvalele konke ngaphansi kwesono, ukwenzela ukuthi okwakuthenjisiwe, kuphiwa ngokukholwa ujesu Khristu, sокungaphiwa labo abakhholwayo. **23** Ukholo lolu lungakabi khona sasiyizibotshwa zomthetho, sivalelwu ukholo olwaluzakuza luze lubonakaliswe. **24** Ngakho umthetho waphiwa amandla okusiholela kuKhristu ukuba silungisiswe ngokukholwa. **25** Khathesi-ke njengoba ukholo selukhona, kasikho ngaphansi kwamandla omthetho. **26** Lonke lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngokukholwa kuKhristu ujesu **27** ngoba lonke lina elabphathizelwa kuKhristu selizembathise ngoKhristu. **28** AkulamJuda laba oweZizweni, isiqqili loba okhululekileyo, owesilisa loba owesifazane, ngoba lonke limunye kuKhristu ujesu. **29** Nxa lingabakaKhristu, ngalokho liyinzalo ka-Abhraham, lezindalifa njengokutsho kwesithembiso.

**4** Engikutshoyo yikuthi nxa indlalifa isesengumntwana, kayehlukananga lesiqqili lanxa nje ingumnikazi welifa lonke. **2** Ingaphansi kwabaphathi lababambeli kuze kufike isikhathi esabekwa nguyise. **3** Ngokunjalo lathi ngesikhathi sesengabantwana sasiyizigqili ngaphansi kwempi yemimoya yalumhlabo. **4** Kodwa kwathi lapho isikhathi sesifike ngokupheleleyo, uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe, yazalwa ngowesifazane, izalwa ngaphansi komthetho, **5** ukuba ihlenge abangaphansi komthetho, ukuze sithole amalungelo apheleleyo amadodana atholakeleyo. **6** Njengokuba lingamadodana, uNkulunkulu wathumela uMoya wenDodana yakhe enhliziyweni zenu, omemezayo usithi, “Abha, Baba.” **7** Ngakho kawuseyiso isiqqili kodwa indodana kaNkulunkulu; njalo njengoba usuyindodana, uNkulunkulu usekwenze waba yindalifa futhi. **8** Ekuqaleni, lingakamazi uNkulunkulu laliyizigqili zalabo abangayisibo onkulunkulu ngemvelo. **9** Kodwa khathesi uNkulunkulu selimazi, loba ngithi uNkulunkulu uselazi, pho kungani libuyela emuva empini yemimoya yalumhlabo ebuthakathaka leyize na? Liyafisa ukuthi ligqilazwe yiyo njalo na? **10** Lina ligcina insuku ezithile lezinyanga, izikhathi zomnyaka kanye leminya! **11** Ngiyalesabela, ukuthi ngenye indlela sengichithe imizamo yami kini. **12** Ngiyalincenga bazalwane, wobani njengami, ngoba lami ngaba njengani. Kalingenzelanga lutho olubi. **13** Njengoba lisazi, ngatshumayela ivangeli kini kuqala ngenxa yomkhuhanle. **14** Lanxa isimo somzimba wami sasiyisilingo kini, kalizange lingeyise kumbe lingihleke. Kodwa langamukela sengathi ngangiyigilos i kaNkulunkulu, sengathi nganginguKhristu ujesu yena ngokwakhe. **15** Intokozo yenu yonke isiyengaphi na? Ngingafakaza ukuthi aluba lalingenzanjalo, lalingakopola amehlo enu linginike wona. **16** Khathesi

sengibe yisitha senu ngokulitshela iqiniso na? **17** ngokusoka, pho kungani ngilokhu ngihlukuluzwa? Labobantu batshisekela ukulenza abazalwane babo, Nxa kunjalo isikhube kiso sesiphambano sesisusiwe. **12** kodwa hatshi ngobuhle. Abakufumayo yikulehlukanisa lathi ukuze litshisekele bona. **18** Utukhiseka kulungile nxa injongo inhle, lokuba kuge njalo kokuphela, hatshi kuphela nxa ngilani. **19** Bantwabami abathandekayo, lina engilomhelo ngani futhi uKhristu aze abunjwe phakathi kwenu, **20** ngiyafisa kakhulu ukuba lani khathesi ngigujule isimo sami, ngoba ngikhathazekile ngani! **21** Ngitshelan lina elifuna ukuba ngaphansi komthetho, kalikwazi yini ukuthi umthetho uthini? **22** Ngoba kuletshiwe ukuthi u-Abhrahamaya wayelamadodana amabili, enye ingeyesiqilikazi lenye ingeyewesifazane okhululekileyo. **23** Indodana yakhe yesigqilikazi yatalwa ngokwenyama; kodwa indodana yakhe yowesifazane okhululekileyo yatalwa kulandela isithembiso. **24** Izinto lezi zingathathwa sivele eNtabeni yeSinayi e-Arabhiya njalo sizala ukungezwani lokungavumelani **21** lomhawu; ukudakwa abantwana abazakuba yizigqili: Lo nguHagari. **25** lokuzitika ngamanyala kanye lokunye okunjalo. UHagari umele iNtaba yeSinayi e-Arabhiya njalo Ngiyalixwayisa, njengoba lami ngaphila phakathi uhambelana ledolobho lakhathesi elejerusalema, kwakho ukuthi abaphila kanje kabaykulidla ilifa ngoba lisebugqilini kanye labantwana balo. **26** Kodwa ijerusalema ephezulu ikhululekile, njalo ingumama wethu. **27** Ngoba kuletshiwe ukuthi: “Thokoza mfazi oyinyumba, wena ongazange uzale umntwana; umemeze ngenjabulo ukhale kakkuhlu, wena ongakaze banengi kulabalowo olendoda.” **28** Ngakho lina kwayo kanye lezinkanuko. **29** Njengoba siphila basalwane, njengo-Isaka, lingabantwana besithembiso.

Kunjalo lakkhathesi. **30** Kodwa umbhalo uthini na? Uthi: “Susa isigqilikazi lendodana yaso, ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi kayiyikwabelana ilifa lendodana yowesifazane okhululekileyo.” **31** Ngakho, bazalwane, thina kasisibo bantwana besigqilikazi, kodwa abowesifazane okhululekileyo.

## **5** UKhristu wasikhululeka ukuthi sibe lenkululeko.

Ngakho manini liqine, lingavumi ukuthi libotshelwe futhi ejogeni lobugqili. **2** Qaphelani amazwi ami! Mina Phawuli, ngiyalitshela ukuthi lingavuma ukusoka, uKhristu kayikuba lusizo kini. **3** Njalo ngiyaqinisa ebantwini bonke abavumayo ukusoka ukuthi balomlandu wokulalela umthetho wonke. **4** Lina elizama ukulungisiswa ngomthetho selehlukaniswe loKhristu; selehlukane lomusa. **5** Kodwa ngokukholwa sihlowa nguMoya silindele ithembala lokulunga ngokutshiseka. **6** Ngoba kuKhristu uJesu ukusoka loba ukungasoki akulasizo. Into kuphela eyijo eqakathekileyo yikukholwa okuzibonakalisa ngothando. **7** Kade lihamba kuhle. Ngubani olikhuphe ekulandeleni iqiniso na? **8** Ukuncenga okunjalo kakuveli kulowo olibizayo. **9** “Imvubelo encinyazana ibilisa inhlama yonke.” **10** Ngiyathemba eNkosini ukuthi kaliyikwamukela omunye umnakano. Lowo olibeka phakathi kwenyakanya ukazavisa, loba engubani. **11** Bazalwane, nxa ngisatshumayela

Nxa kunjalo isikhube kiso sesiphambano sesisusiwe. **12** Labo abahluphayo, ngifisa ukuthi ngabe bayaqhubeka bazithene! **13** Lina bazalwane bami, labizelwa ukuthi likhululeke. Kodwa lingasebenzisi inkululeko yenu ukuthokozisa inyama; kodwa sizanani omunye lomunye lizehlisa ngothando. **14** Umthetho wonke uhlanganiswa ngumlayo owodwa othi: “Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda.” **15** Nxa liqhube ka lilimana lokudlanana, qaphelani hlezli liqedane du. **16** Ngakho ngithi philani ngoMoya, kaliyikuthokozisa izinkanuko zenu zenyama. **17** Ngoba imvelo yesono ikanuka okuphambene loMoya, loMoya ufunu okuphambene lemvelo yesono. Kuyaphikisana ukuze lingenzilelikuthandayo. **18** Kodwa nxa likhokhelwa nguMoya, inzondo lokuxabana, umona lentukuthelo, lobuhwaba, sivele lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **19** Izenzo zenyama luthando, lokuthokoza, lokuthula, lokubekezelwa, njengomzekeliso; ngoba abesifazane ababili bamele lokuxhwala; **20** ukukhonza izithombe lobuthakathi; izivumelwano ezimbili. Esinye isivumelwano inzondo lokuxabana, umona lentukuthelo, lobuhwaba, sivele lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **21** Kodwa izithelo zikaMoya lomusa, lokulunga, lokuthembeka, **23** lobummene kanye lokuzithiba. Ezintweni ezinje akulamthetho. **24** Labo abangabakaKhristu uJesu sebayibethela uhelelwu; ngoba abantwana bomfazi olahliweyo esiphambanweni imvelo yabo yesono lokufuthuka Kasingazikhukhumezi, singaqlani kumben senzelane umona.

**6** Bazalwane, nxa umuntu ethunjwe yisono esithile lina eliphila ngokoMoya kumele limbuyise kakuhle. Kodwa lizinanzelele ukuthi lani futhi lingalingwa. **2** Thwalani imithwalo yomunye lomunye, ngalokho lizagcwaliswa umthetho kaKhristu. **3** Nxa umuntu ezitshaya ulutho yena engasilutho, uyazikhohliswa. **4** Umuntu munye ngamunye kahlole izenzo zakhe. Ngalokho angaziqhenya, kungekho ukuziqathanisa lomunye, **5** ngoba lowo lalowo kumele athwale umthwalo wakhe. **6** Loba ngubani othola ukufundiswa ngelizwi umele abelane zonke izinto ezinhle lalowo omfundisayo. **7** Lingakhohliswa: UNkulunkulu kahleka. Umuntu uvuna lokho akuhlanelayo. **8** Lowo ohlanyela ukuthokozisa inyama yakhe, kuleyonyama uzavuna ukuchitheka; lowo ohlanyela ukuthokozisa uMoya, kuMoya uzavuna ukuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **9** Kasingadinwa yikwenza okuhle ngoba ngesikhathi esifaneleyo sizavuna isivuno nxa singadeli. **10** Ngakho-ke, njengokuba silethuba kasenzeni okulungileyo ebantwini bonke ikakhulu kulabo abangabemuli yabakholwayo. **11** Khangelani ukuthi makhulu kanganani amabala engiwasebenzisayo lapho ngililobelwa ngesami isandla! **12** Labo abafuna ukubukwa enyameni bazama ukulincindezela ukuba ukuhlukuluzelwa isiphambano sikaKhristu kuphela.

**13** Lalabo abasokileyo kabawulaleli umthetho kodwa bafuna ukuba lisoke ukuze bazincome ngemizimba yenu. **14** Mina kangingazincomi lanini ngaphandle kwangesiphambano seNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, umhlaba wonke owabethelwa ngaso kimi, lami njalo emhlabeni. **15** Ukusoka loba ukungasoki akutsho lutho; okuqakathhekileyo yikudalwa kutsha. **16** Ukuthula lesihawu kubo bonke abalandela umthetho lo, kanye laku-Israyeli kaNkulunkulu. **17** Okokucina, akungabi lamuntu ongibangela uhlupho, ngoba emzimbeni wami ngilempawu zikajesu. **18** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wenu bazalwane. Ameni.

# Kwabase-Efesu

**1** UPPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, Lakwabangcwele bakaNkulunkulu abase-Efesu, abathembekileyo kuKhristu uJesu: **2** Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini. **3** Udomo kalube kuNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, osibusise ebukhosini basezulwini ngezibusiso zonke zakomoya kuKhristu. **4** Ngoba wasikhetha umhlabu ungakadalwa ukuthi sibe ngcwele lokuthi singabi lasici ebusweni bakhe. Ngothando **5** wasimisela ukuba senziwe amadodana akhe ngoJesu Khristu, ngokwentokozo yakhe kanye lentando yakhe, **6** ukuze kudunyiswe umusa wakhe omangalisayo asiphe wona ngesihle kuLowo amthandayo. **7** Kuye silokuhlengwa ngegazi lakhe lokuthethelwelwa kwezono ngokwenotho yomusa kaNkulunkulu **8** awuthululele phezu kwethu ngenhlakanipho yonke langokuqedisisa. **9** Wasazisa imfihlakalo yentando yakhe mayelana lentoekoza yakhe elungileyo ayiceba kuKhristu, **10** ukuba kuhlanganiswe ndawonye zonke izinto eziszulwini lasemhlabeni ngaphansi kwenhloko yinye enguKhristu. **11** Sakhethwa kuye, simiselwe lokho ngokwecebo lakhe yena osebenza izinto zonke ngokuvumelana lenjongo yentando yakhe, **12** ukuze kuthi thina esaba ngabokuqala ukubeka ithemba lethu kuKhristu sibe ngabokubonga udumo Iwakhe. **13** Lani labalwa kanye loKhristu lapho selizwe ilizwi leqiniso, levangeli lokusindiswa kwenu. Selikholwe kuye, labekwa uphawu, uMoya oNgcwele owathenjiswayo, **14** oyisibambiso esiyisiqiniso selifa lethu kuze kufike ukuhlengwa kwalabo abangabakaNkulunkulu ukuba kudunyiswe udumo Iwakhe. **15** Ngenxa yalokhu, sekulokhu ngezwa ngokukholwa kwenu eNkosini uJesu kanye lothando lwenu kubo bonke abantu bakaNkulunkulu abangcwele, **16** angikaze ngiyekele ukulibongela lokulikhumbula emikhulekweni yami. **17** Ngiyaqhubeka ngicela ukuba uNkulunkulu weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, uYise oyinkazimulo, alinike uMoya wokuhlakaniphola kwambuleluwa ukuze limazi ngcono. **18** Ngikhulekela njalo lokuthi amehilo ezinhliziyo zenu akhanyiselwe ukuze lilazi ithemba alibizela kulo, inotho yelifa lakhe elimangalisayo kwabangcwele, **19** lamandla akhe amakhulu angelakulinganiswa kithi thina esikhulwayo. Amandla lawo afana lokusebenza kwamandla akhe amakhulu **20** awasebenzisa evusa uKhristu kwabafleyo, emhlalisa esandleni sakhe sokunene ebukhosini basezulwini **21** phezu kokubusa konke lobukhos, amandla kanye lombuso, lamabizo wonke angatshiwo, kungayisikho kwalesikhathi kuphela kodwa lakuleso esizayo. **(aiōn g165)** **22** UNkulunkulu wabeka izinto zonke ngaphansi kweziriyawo zakhe wamkhetha ukuba abe yinhloko yezinto zonke zebandla, **23** lona elingumzimba wakhe, ukuphelela kwakhe yena opehelelisa izinto zonke ngezindlela zonke.

**2** Lina lalifile eziphambekweni lasezonweni zenu, **2** elaliphila kuzo ngesikhathi lisalandela izindlela

zalo umhlabu lezombusi wombuso wasemoyeni, umoya osebenzayo lakkhathesi kulabo abangalaleliyo. **(aiōn g165)** **3** Lathi sonke sake saphila phakathi kwabo ekuqaleni, sithokozisa izinkanuko zemvelo yethu yesono, silandela lezifiso kanye lemicabango yazo. Njengabanye, ngokwemvelo sasifanele ulaka. **4** Kodwa ngenxa yothando Iwakhe olukhulu kithi, uNkulunkulu olesihawu esikhulu, **5** wasenza saba ngabaphilayo loKhristu lanxa sasifile eziphambekweni, ngomusa selisindisiwe. **6** UNkulunkulu wasivusa ekufeni kanye loKhristu wasihlalisa laye ebukhosini basezulwini kuKhristu uJesu **7** ukuze kuthi ezikhathini ezizayo atshengise inotho yomusa wakhe engeke ilinganiswe, ebalulwe yibubele bakhe kithi kuKhristu uJesu. **(aiōn g165)** **8** Ngoba ngomusa lisindisiwe, kungokukholwa njalo lokhu akuveli kini, kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu, **9** hatshi ngemisebenzi, ukuze kungabi lozazincoma. **10** Ngoba siyibuciko bukaNkulunkulu, sidalelwé kuKhristu uJesu ukuba senze imisebenzi emihle, uNkulunkulu ayilungisa ngaphambilu ukuba siyenze. **11** Ngakho, khumbulani ukuthi kuqala lina elingabeZizweni ngokuzalwa njalo elibizwa ngokuthi "ngabangasokanga" yilabo abazibiza ngokuthi "ngabokosuka" (lokho okwenziswa emzimbeni ngezandala zabantu), **12** khumbulani ukuthi ngalesosikhathi lalehlukene loKhristu, lingabalelwé enzalweni yako-Israyeli njalo lingabecizweni kusivumelwano sesithembiso, lingelatembha njalo lingelaye uNkulunkulu emhlabeni. **13** Kodwa khatthesi kuKhristu uJesu lina elake laba khatshana le selisondezwe eduzane ngegazi likaKhristu. **14** Ngoba yena uqobo uyikuthula kwethu, yena owenza ababili baba munye, wadiliza uthango olungunduli wobutha owehlukanisayo, **15** ngokuchitha emzimbeni wakhe umthetho lemilayo yawo kanye lezimiso. Injongo yakhe yayingeyokudala phakathi kwakhe umuntu oyedwa njalo omutsha ngabantu ababili, ngalokho enze ukuthula, **16** kuthi kulo umzimba munye kube lokubuyisana kwayo yomibili kuNkulunkulu ngesiphambano, achitha ngaso ubutha bayo. **17** Weza wazatshumayela ukuthula kini elalikhathshana lokuthula kulabo ababeseduza. **18** Ngoba ngaye sobabili siyafinyelela kuYise ngoMoya munye. **19** Ngalokho-ke, kaliseyibo bezizweni lezihambi, kodwa seliyinzo yakithi labantu bakaNkulunkulu, kanye lamalunga abendlu kaNkulunkulu, **20** lakhelwe phezu kwesisekelo sabapostoli labaphrofethi, uKhristu uJesu yena uqobo eyilitshe elikhulu lekhoneni. **21** Indlu yonke ihlanganiswelwe kuye njalo ikhula ukuze ibe lithempeli elingcwele eNkosini. **22** Lani futhi lakhelwa ndawonye kuye ukuze libe yindawo yokuhlala uNkulunkulu ahlala kuyo ngoMoya wakhe.

**3** Ngenxa yalesisizatho, mina Phawuli, isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu ngenxa yenu lina bantu beZizweni. **2** Ngeqiniso selizwile ngokuphathwa komusa kaNkulunkulu engawuphiwayo ngenxa yenu, **3** ukuthi ngazisiba imfihlakalo ngokwambuleluwa njengoba sengabhala ngamafitshane. **4** Nxa

libala lokhu lizenelisa ukuzwisia umbono wami ngemfihlakalo kaKhristu, 5 engazange yatziswe abantu kwezinye izizukulwane njengoba khathesi isivezi nguMoya kubapostoli abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu lakubaphrofethi. 6 Imfihlakalo le iyikuthi nevangeli abeZizweni bazindalifa bekanye labako-Israyeli, amalunga omzimba munye ndawonye, labahlanganyeli kuso isithembiso kuKhristu ujesu. 7 Mina ngaba yenkonzo, yincek yevangeli leli ngesipho somusa kaNkulunkulu engasiphiwa ngokusebenza kwamandla akhe. 8 Lanxa ngimncane labancane bonke babantu bakaNkulunkulu, umusa lo ngawunika: ukuba ngtishumayele kwabeZizweni inotho kaKhristu engacubungulekiyo, 9 njalo ngikubebe obala ukupatha kwami imfihlakalo le eyayifihliwe okweminyaka eminengi eyeddlulayo kuNkulunkulu, owadala izinto zonke. (aiōn g165) 10 Injongo yakhe yayiyikuthi ibandla lazise ababus leziphathamandla zemibuso yasezulwini ngenhlakaniph emangalisayo kaNkulunkulu, 11 ngokwenhlosa yakhe engulaphakade ayifeza kuKhristu ujesu iNkosi yethu. (aiōn g165) 12 Kuye langokukholwa kuye singasondela kuNkulunkulu ngokukhululeka langesibindi. 13 Ngakho, ngiyalicela ukuba lingalahli ithembia ngenxa yokulihluphekela kwami, okuluduma kini. 14 Ngenxa yaloku ngiyaguqa phambi kukaBaba, 15 lapho yonke imuli yamakhola asezulwini lasemlabeni ethola khona ibizo layo. 16 Ngikhulekela ukuthi ngenotho yobukhosi bakhe aliqinise ngamandla ngoMoya wakhe ezinhliyiwensi zenu 17 ukuze uKhristu ahiale ezinhliyiwensi zenu ngokukholwa. Ngikhulekela ukuba ligxile njalo liqine othandweni, 18 libe lamandla kanye labangcwele beNkosi bonke ukuba ligedisse ububanzi lobude lokujula kanye lokuzika kothando lukaKhristu, 19 lokuba lilwazi uthando lolu oludlula ukwazi ukuze ligcwaliswe ngesilinganiso sokugcwa okupheleleyo kukaNkulunkulu. 20 Ngakho-ke, kuye lowo oyenza okukhulu kakhulu kulalokho esikucelayo kumbe esikucabangayo, ngokwamandla akhe asebenza phakathi kwethu, 21 udumo kalube kuye ebandleni lakuKhristu ujesu kuzizukulwane zonke kuze kube nini laninil Ameni. (aiōn g165)

4 Njengesibotshwa seNkosi, ngiyalincenga ukuba liphile impilo efanele ubizo elalwamukelayo. 2 Wobani ngabathobekileyo labammene ngokupheleleyo; bekezelani, libekezelane omunye komunye ethandweni. 3 Zamani ngamandla wonke ukugcina ukumanyana kukaMoya ngesibopho sokuthula. 4 Kulomzimba munye loMoya munye; njengaloku labizelwa ethembeni linye ekubizwenu kweni, 5 iNkosi yinye, lokholo lunye, ubhaphathizo lunye; 6 uNkulunkulu munye uYise wabo bonke, ophezu kwabo bonke njalo okubo bonke. 7 Kodwa yilowo lalovo wethu waphiwa umusa ngokwaba kukaKhristu. 8 Yikho-nje umbhalo usithi: "Ekwenyukeleni kwakhe phezelu, wahola abathunjiewo abanengi njalo wanika izipho ebantwini bakhe." 9 (Ukuthi "wenyuka" kutshoni ngaphandle kokuthi njalo wehlela lezigabenzi zangaphansi komhlaba na? 10 Yena lowo owehlela phansi nguye kanye owenyukela phezulu kakhulu kulamazulu wonke ukuze agcwale izindawo zonke emhlabeni lasezulwini.) 11 UKhristu nguye owanika abanye ukuba babe ngabapostoli, abanye babe ngabaphrofethi, abanye babe ngabavangeli, abanye babe ngabaphathi labanye babe ngabafundisi, 12 ukuba balungisele abantu bakaNkulunkulu imisebenzi sonke size sifinyele ekumanyaneni, ekukholweni ngokupheleleyo, sithole isilinganiso sokuphelela okufunyanwa kuKhristu. 14 Ngakho kasisayikuba zingane, siphoswa emuva laphambili ngamagagasi, siphetsuhlu lapha lalaphaya yimimoya yonke yemfundiso kanye lokuhlakaniph lobuqili babantu ngamazwi abo enkohliso. 15 Kodwa-ke, sikhuluma iqiniso ngothando, sizakhula ezintweni zonke kuye yena oyiNhloko, yena enguKhristu. 16 Kusukela kuye umzimba wonke ohlanganiswe wabanjaniswa yimisipha yonke ewusekelayo uyakhula uzakhe ngothando, isitho sinye ngasinye sisenza umsebenzi waso. 17 Ngakho-ke, ngilitshela lokhu, ngikugcizelela eNkosini, ukuba akumelanga liphile njengabeZizweni emicabangweni yabo eyize. 18 Kubamnyama ekuqedisisi kwabo njalo behlukene lokuphila kukaNkulunkulu ngenxa yokungazi kwabo okungenxa yobulukhuni bezinhliyio lasemlabeni zabo. 19 Sebelahlekewel negunembeza wonke, sebezinkile ekuthokoziseni inyama ukuze benze inhlobo zonke zokuxhwala, inkanuko iqhubeka ifuna okunengi. 20 Kodwa lina uKhristu kalimazanga ngaleyondela. 21 Impela lezwa njalo lafundiswa ngokweqiniso elikuJesu. 22 Lafundiswa mayelana lendlela yenu yakuqala yokuphila ukuba lilahle uqobo lwenu oludala, olonakalisa yizinkanuko zalo zenkohliso; 23 ukuba lenziwe libe batsha esimeni sengqondo zenu; 24 lifake uqobo lomzimba olutsha, oludalelwukuba njengoNkulunkulu ekulungeni okuqotho lobungcwele. 25 Ngakho-ke, yilowo lalovo wenu kumele alahle amanga akhulume iqiniso kumakhelwane wakhe ngoba sonke siyizitho zomzimba munye. 26 "Ekuthukutheleni kwenu lingoni": Ilanga kalingatshoni lilokhu lithukuthеле 27 njalo lingamniki indawo yokugxila uSathane. 28 Lovo obekade entshontsha kangantshontshi futhi kodwa kumele asebenze, enze ulutho oluhle ngezandla zakhe ukuze abe langakwabela abaswelayo. 29 Akungabi lenkulomo embi ephuma emilonyeni yenu kodwa okusizayo ekwakheni abanye ngokwezinswelo zabo, ukuba kusize labo abalalelayo. 30 Njalo lingamdaubkisi uMoya oNgewe kaNkulunkulu elabekwa ngaye uphawu lwelanga lokuhlengwa. 31 Susani yonke inzondo, ulaka lokuthukuthela, ingxabano lesinyeyo, kanye lobubi bonke. 32 Wobani lomusa kanye lozwelo komunye lomunye wenu njalo lithethelelane njengalokhu uNkulunkulu walithethelela ngoKhristu.

5 Ngakho-ke, wobani ngabalingiseli bakaNkulunkulu njengabantwana abathandwa kakhulu 2 liphile impilo yothando, njengaloku uKhristu wasithanda wazinikela ngenxa yethu njengomnikelo olephunga

elimnandi lomhlatshelo kaNkulunkulu. **3** Kodwa phakathi kwenu Akungabikhona umthonselanyana wokuhlobonga loba uhlolo luphi lokungcola kumbe ubuhwaba ngoba lezizinto kazifanelanga ebantwini abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu. **4** Njalo akumelanga kube lenhlamba lenkulomo zobuthutha loba ubuphoxo khona okuyizinto ezingafanelanga kodwa kakube lokubonga. **5** Ngoba kuliqiniso ukuthi: Akulamuntu oyisixhвали, ongocileyo loba oyisihwaba, umuntu onjalo ukhonza izithombe, olelifa embusweni kaKhristu lokaNkulunkulu. **6** Lingavumi ukukohliswa ngumuntu ngamazwi ayize ngoba ngenxa yezinto ezinje ulaka lukaNkulunkulu lwehlela phezu kwalabo abangalaleliyo. **7** Ngakho lingahlanganyeli labo. **8** Ngoba lake laba yibumnyama kodwa khathesi selyikukhanya eNkosini. Philani njengabantwana bokukhanya **9** (ngoba izithelo zokukhanya zikhona kubo bonke ubuhle lokulunga kanye leqiniso) **10** lidinge okuthokozisa iNkosi. **11** Lingahlanganyeli ezenzweni zobumnyama ezingelazithelo kodwa zichayeni sobala. **12** Ngoba kulihlazo lokukutsho nje okwensiya yizigangi ensitha. **13** Kodwa konke okuvezwe obala yikukhanya kuyabonakala, **14** ngoba yikukhanya okwenza izinto zonke zibonakale. Yikho-nje kuthiwa: “Phaphama, wena oleleyo, vuka kwabafleyo, uKhristu uzakhanya kuwe.” **15** Ngakho-ke, qaphelani kakhulu ukuba liphila njani, kungabi njengezithutha kodwa njengabahlakaniphleyo, **16** liwasebenzise ngokupheleleyo amatuba wonke ngoba insuku zimbi. **17** Ngakho-ke, lingabi yiwiula kodwa qedisisani ukuthi intando kaThixo iyini. **18** Lingadakwa liwayini okuthungamela ekoneni. Kodwa gcwaliswani ngoMoya, **19** likhulumisana omunye komunye ngamahubo, amaculo kanye lezingoma zakoMoya. Hlabelani lenzele iNkosi imiculo ezinhliyiweni zenu **20** limbonge kokuphela uNkulunkulu uBaba kukho konke, ngebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **21** Zehliseni omunye komunye lihlonipha uKhristu. **22** Bafazi, zehliseni kubomkenu njengaseNkosini. **23** Ngoba indoda yinhloko yomfazi njengoKhristu eyinhloko yebandla elinguzimba wakhe, yena onguMsindisi walo. **24** Ngakho njengebandla lizehlisa kuKhristu ngokunjalo abesifazane kumele bazejhulse kubomkabo ezintwени zonke. **25** Madoda thandani omkenu njengoKhristu owothanda ibandla wazinikela ngenxa yalo **26** ukuba alenze libengcwele, elihlambulula ngokuligezisa ngamanzi esebeenzisa ilizwi, **27** kanye lokulethula kuye njengebandla elilenkazimulo, elingelasici loba ukuba mxhiliane kumbe esinye nje isici kodwa lingcwele njalo lingelacala. **28** Ngokunjalo, amadoda kumele athande omkawo njengemizimba yawo. Lowo othanda umkakhe uyazithanda yena ngokwakhe. **29** Belo, kakho owe wazonda umzimba wakhe kodwa uwunika ukudla awulondoloze njengokwensiwa nguKhristu ebandeni, **30** ngoba thina siyizitho zomzimba wakhe. **31** “Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina ihlanganiswe lomkayo njalo ababili laba bazakuba nyamanye.” **32** Le yimfihlakalo enkulu kodwa mina ngikhuluma ngoKhristu lebandla. **33** Kodwa omunye

lomunye wenu laye kathande umkakhe njengoba ezithanda, lomfazi kumele ahloniphe indoda yakhe.

**6** Bantwana lalelani abazali benu eNkosini ngoba lokhu kulungile. **2** “Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko,” okungumlayo wakuqala olesithembiso, **3** “ukuze kukulungele lokuba ube lempilo ende emhlabeni.” **4** Bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu kodwa bondleni ngokufundisa langokulaya kweNkosi. **5** Zisebenzi, lalelani amakhosi enu asemhlabeni ngenhlonipho langokwesaba, langobuqotho benhliziyo, ngendlela elingalalela ngayo uKhristu. **6** Lingawalaleli ukuba liwathokozise nje kuphela nxo elikhangele kodwa njengezisebenzi zikaKhristu, lisenza intando kaNkulunkulu kuvela ezinhliyiweni zenu. **7** Sebenzani ngenhliyizo yonke kube sengathi lisebenzela iNkosi hatshi abantu **8** ngoba liyawazi ukuthi iNkosi izakupha umuntu wonke umvuzo ngenxa yokuhle awkewenzayo loba eysisigqili kumbe ekhululekile. **9** Lani makhosи phathani iziggili zenu ngendlela efanayo. Lingazisongeli njengoba likwazi ukuthi lowo oyiNkosi yazo leyenu usezulwini njalo akukho ubandlululo kuye. **10** Ekucineni, qinani eNkosini lasemandleni ayo amakhulu. **11** Fakani isihlangu esipheleleyo sikaNkulunkulu ukuze lenelise ukumelana lamacebo kaSathane. **12** Ngoba casilwi lenyama legazi kodwa silwa lababusi, lemibuso kanye lamandla omhlabalo ogcwele ubumnyama, silwe njalo lamabutho emimoya emibi emibusweni yasemazulwini. (aiōn 9:165) **13** Ngakho-ke, fakani isihlangu esipheleleyo sikaNkulunkulu ukuze kuthi lapho usuku lobubi lufika libe lamandla okuma kuthi lalapho selenze konke, lime. **14** Manini liqine, ibhanti leqiniso libotshelwe ngensimbi ezinkalweni zenu, lesihlangu sasesifubeni sokulunga sisendaweni yaso, **15** lezinyawo zenu zigqokiswe zalungiselelwа ngokuvela evangelini lokuthula. **16** Phezu kwakho konke lokhu, thathani ihawni lokukholwa acitatscha ngalo yonke imitshoko yomubi evuthayo. **17** Thathani ingowane yokusindiswa lenkemba kaMoya eyilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **18** Khulekani ngoMoya ezikhathini zonke ngezinhlobo zonke zemikhuleko lezicelo. Lilalokhu emicabangweni, qaphelani liqhubeke kokuphela libakhulekela bonke abantu beNkosi abangcwele. **19** Lami lingikhulekele ukuba kokuphela lapho ngivula umlomo wami, ngiphiwe amazwi ukuze ngitshumayele ngesibindi imfihlakalo yevangeli, **20** engingumeli walo ngibotshwe ngamaketane. Khulekani ukuba ngilitshumayele ngesibindi njengokumele ngikwenze. **21** UThikhikhasi umzalwane othandekayo loyinceku ethembekileyo eNkosini uzalitshela konke ukuze lani lazi ukuba nginjani kanye lengikwenzayo. **22** Ngimthuma kini ngenjongo yokuthi likwazi ukuthi sinjani lokuthi alikhuthaze. **23** Ukuthula kakube kubazalwane, lothando lokukholwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu uYise laseNkosini uJesu Khristu. **24** Umusa kawube kubo bonke abayithandayo iNkosi yethu ujesu Khristu ngothando olungapheliyo.

# KwabaseFiliphi

**1** UPhawuli loThimothi, inceku zikaKhristu ujesu, Lakubo bonke abangwele kuKhristu ujesu eFiliphi kanye lababoni labadikoni: **2** Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini ujesu Khristu kakube kini. **3** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami izikhathi sonke lapho ngilikhumbula. **4** Emikhulekweni yami yonke ngilikhulekela lonke, nighlezi ngikhuleka ngokuthokoza **5** ngenxa yokuhlanganyela kwenu evangeli kusukela ngosuku lwakuqala kuze kuge khathesi, **6** ngilethemba lokuthi lowo owaqalisa umsebenzi omuhle kini uzawuqhubeekisa phambili kuze kuge lusuku lukaKhristu ujesu. **7** Kuqondile ukuthi ngicabange ngokunjalo ngenxa yenu lonke, njengoba ngilani enhliziyweni yami njalo lanxa ngibotshiwe kumbe ngivikela ivangeli loba ngiliqinisa, lonke lihlanganyela lami emuseni kaNkulunkulu. **8** UNkulunkulu angafakaza ukuthi lonke ngilifiseliangothando lukaKhristu ujesu. **9** Umkhuleko wami ngowokuthi uthando lwenu lwande kokuphela ekwazini lasekuzikeni kokuqedisa **10** ukuze lenelise ukubona okuhle njalo lihlambuluke lingabi lasici kuze kuge lusuku lukaKhristu, **11** ligcwele izithelo zokulunga ezibuya ngojesu Khristu ekudunyisweni lasekubongweni kukaNkulunkulu. **12** Bazalwane, ngifuna ukuba lazi ukuthi okwenzakale kimi kusizile impela ekuqhubelekiseni ivangeli phambili. **13** Ngalokho, sekube sobala kubo bonke abalindi besigodlo lakwabanye bonke ukuthi ngibotshelwe uKhristu. **14** Ngenxa yokubotshwa kwami, abazalwane abanengi sebelethemba eNkosini njalo sebelesibindi esikhulu sokutshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu bengelakwesaba. **15** Kuliqiniso ukuthi abanye batshumayela uKhristu ngenxa yomona lombango kodwa abanye ngenxa yesifiso esihle. **16** Laba benza lokhu ngothando bekwazi ukuthi ngifakhe ephezelu kakhulu, wamnika ibizo elingaphezu lapha ukuba ngivikele ivangeli. **17** Abakuqala kwamabizo wonke, **10** ukuba amadolo wonke batshumayela ngoKhristu ngokuzikhukhumeza, bengeqotho, becabanga ukuthi bangangidalela uhlupho kanye langaphansi komhlaba, **11** lezindimi zonke ngisekubotshweni. **18** Kodwa-ke, kusizani pho? Inte eqakathekileyo yikuthi ngezindlela zonke, ingabe kuyinjongo engalunganga loba eyeqiniso, uKhristu uyatshunyayelwa. Njalo ngenxa yalokhu mina ngiyathokoza. Yebo, ngizaqhubecka ngithokoza, **19** ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu langosizo lukaMoya kajesu Khristu, okwenzakale kimi kuzaletha ukukhululwa kwami. **20** Ngokutshiseka ngilindele njalo ngithembu ukuthi angiyikuyangeka langayiphi indlela, kodwa ngizakuba lesibindi esaneleyo ukuze kuthi khathesi njengenjwayelo uKhristu uzakudunyiswa emzimbeni wami, loba ngokuphila kumbe ngokufa. **21** Ngoba kimi, ukuphila kunguKhristu lokufa kuyinzu. **22** Nxa ngingaqhubeka ngiphila emzimbeni, lokhu kuzakutsho umsebenzi olezhithelo kimi. Kodwa-ke, kuyini engizakukhetha? Angazi! **23** Ngiphakathi kwakho kokubili: Ngifisa ukusuka ngibe loKhristu, **24** Kodwa kuyasweleka kakhulu

kini ukuba ngibe ngilokhu ngiphila kulumzimba. **25** Sengikholwe lokhu, ngyakwazi ukuthi ngizakuba khona, njalo ngizaqhubecka ngilani lonke ngenxa yokuthuthuka kwenu lokuthokoza ekukholweni, **26** ukuze kuthi ngokuba lani kwami futhi, ukuthokoza kwenu kuKhristu ujesu kuzakwanda ngenxa yami. **27** Loba kusenzakalani, lina ziphathe ni ngendlela efanele ivangeli likaKhristu. Ngakho, langabe ngyieza ukuzalibona loba ngizwe nje kuphela ngani ngingekho, ngizakwazi ukuba liqinile ngaMoya munye, lilwela ukhulo lwevangeli njengomuntu munye, **28** kungekho kwethuswa langayiphi indlela yilabo abaliphikisayo. Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso kubo ukuthi bazachithwa, kodwa lina lizasindiswa nguNkulunkulu. **29** Ngoba kunikelwe kini ngenxa kaKhristu kungasikukholwa kuye kuphela, kodwa lokumhluphekela, **30** njengoba liliwisa hlupho lunye elabona ngilalo, lakkathesi liyeza ukuba ngilokhu ngilalo.

**2** Nxa kukhona okukhuthazayo ngokuhlangana loKhristu, nxa kulendudu evela ethandweni lwakhe, nxa kulobudelwano loMoya, nxa kulozwelo lesihawu, **2** phelisanli intokozo yami ngokuba ngqondo nye, litholando lunye, limunye emoyeni njalo linjongo yinye. **3** Lingensi lutho ngokuzikhukhumeza loba ukuziphakamisa okuyize. Kodwa ngokuthobeka khangelani abanye njengabangcono kulani **4** lingazikhathaleli izifiso zenu lodwa kodwa likhathalele lezifiso zabanye. **5** Ekuphilisaneni kwenu, isimo sengqondo yenu kumele sifanane lesikaKhristu ujesu, **6** Yena okwathi ngemvelo enguNkulunkulu, kacabanganga ukulingana lonkulunkulu kuyilutho olungafinyelewa, **7** kodwa wazithoba, wathatha isimo senceku, yena elesimo somuntu. **8** Wathi ebunjwe wabonakala njengomuntu, wazehlisa walalela kwaze kwaba sekufeni, ukufa kwasesiphambanweni! **9** kodwa abanye ngenxa yesifiso esihle. **10** Laba Ngakho-ke, uNkulunkulu wampifikamisela endaweni benza lokhu ngothando bekwazi ukuthi ngifakhe ephezelu kakhulu, wamnika ibizo elingaphezu lapha ukuba ngivikele ivangeli. **11** ukuba amadolo wonke ague ebizweni likaJesu, ezelwini lasemhlabeni bengqotho, becabanga ukuthi bangangidalela uhlupho kanye langaphansi komhlaba, **12** lezindimi zonke ngisekubotshweni. **13** Ngakho-ke, lisebenzela ukusindiswa kwenu ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela **14** yenzani konke kungela kusola kodwa ikakhulu nxa ngingekho, qhubekani lisebenzela ukusindiswa kwenu ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela **15** ukuze libe ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangelasici labahlambulileyo, abamsulwa phakathi kwesizukulwane esonakeleyo lesixhwalileyo, lina elicwebezela phakathi kwaso liletha ukukhanya emhlabeni **16** ligagadlela ilizwi lokuphila. Ngalokho ngizazincoma ngosuku lukaKhristu ukuthi kangigijimelanga kumbe ngasebenzela ize. **17** Kodwa lanxa ngithululwa njengomnikelo wokunathwa phezu okungcono kakhulu; **18** Kodwa kuyasweleka kakhulu komhlatsihelo lenkonzo evela ekukholweni kwenu,

ngiyathaba ngithokoza lani lonke. **18** Ngakho-ke, Akusikuthi sengikuzuzile konke lokhu loba ukuthi lani njalo thabani lithokoze lami. **19** Ngiyethembra sengiphelelisiwe kodwa ngilwisa ukuba ngibambe eNkosini ujesu ukuba ngizathuma uThimothi kini masinyane ukuba lami ngithokoze lapho ngisamukela izindaba ngani. **20** Kangilaye omunye onjengaye, othakazelela inhlalakahle yenu ngobuqotho. **21** Ngoba abantu bonke bazifunela okwabo, hatshi okukajesu Khristu. **22** Kodwa lina liyawazi ukuthi uThimothi usezifakazole ngoba njengendodana eloyise usesebenze lami emsebenzini wevangeli. **23** Ngakho-ke, ngithembra ngizamthuma masinyane lapho sengibonile ukuba izinto zingihambela njani. **24** Njalo ngiyathembra eNkosini ukuthi lami uqobo ngizakuza masinyane. **25** Kodwa ngibona kufanele ukuthi ngimthume kini futhi u-Ephafroditusi, umzalwane wami, obambisanе lami umsebenzi lolibutho kanye lami, oyisithunyu senu futhi, elamthumayo ukuthi angisize ngendingeko zami. **26** Ngoba uyalilangatha lonke njalo ukhathazekile njengoba lezwa ukuthi wayegula. **27** Ngempela wayegula njalo waphose wafa. Kodwa uNkulunkulu waba lesihawu kuye, kungayisikhо kuye kuphela kodwa lakimi ukuba angiphephise osizini phezu kosizi. **28** Ngakho-ke, ngitshisekela kakhulu ukumthuma ukuze kuthi lapho limbona futhi lithokoze lami ngikhathazeke okunganeno. **29** Mamukeleni eNkosini ngokuthokoza okukhulu njalo libahloniphe abantu abanjengaye **30** ngoba waphosa wafela umsebenzi kakristu, wafaka impilo yakhe engozini ukuze angiphe usizo elingangiphanga lona.

### **3** Okukicina, bazalwane, thokozani eNkosini!

Akusihlupo kimi ukulilobelа ngezinto ezifanayo futhi ngoba lokho kuyisivikelo kini. **2** Qaphelani izinja lezo, abantu labo abenza okubi lalabo abalimaza umzimba. **3** Ngoba thina yithi abokusokwa, thina esikhonza uNkulunkulu ngoMoya wakhe, esiziqhenya ngoKhristu ujesu njalo esingabeki ithembä kokwenyama **4** lanxa nje mina ngokwami ngilezizatho zethembä elinjalo. Nxa kulumuntu ocabanga ukuthi ulezizatho zokuthembä okwenyama, mina ngilezinengi: **5** ngasokwa ngosoku lwasificaminwembili, ngingowako Israyeli, owesizwana sakobhenjamini, umHebheru wamaHebheru; ngokomthetho, ngingumFarisi; **6** ngokutshiseka, ngahlukuluza ibandla; ngokulunga okugxile emthethweni, angilacala. **7** Kodwa loba kuyini okwakuyinzuko kimi khathesi ngikubala njengokulahlekelwa ngenxa kaKhristu. **8** Phezu kwalokho, konke ngikubona kuyize lapho kulinganiswa lobukhulu obumangalisayo bokwazi uKhristu Jesu iNkosi yami esengilahlekelwe yizinto zonke ngenxa yakhe. Ngikubona kuyimfucuza ukuze ngizuze uKhristu **9** njalo ngitholakale kuye, ngingelakulunga okungokwami okuvelela emthethweni, kodwa lokho kungenxa yokukholwa kuKhristu, ukulunga okuvele kuNkulunkulu njalo okungokukholwa. **10** Ngifuna ukumazi uKhristu lamandla okuvuka kwakhe ekufeni lobudlelwano bokuhlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, ngibe njengaye ekufeni, **11** ukuze ngenye indlela, ngithole ukuvuka kwabafileyo. **12**

**4** Ngakho-ke bazalwane bami, lina engilithandayo lengilikhumbulayo, liyintokoza yami lomqhele wami, kumele liqine kanjalo eNkosini bangane abathandekayo! **2** Ngiyamncenga uYuwodiya loSintikhe ukuba bavumelane eNkosini. **3** Ngiyakucela mhlobo wami oqotho, siza abesifazane labo abasebenza lami kanzima ngenxa yevangeli, kanye loKlementi labanye engisebenza labo, abalamabizo abo asencwadini yokuphila. **4** Thokozani eNkosini kokuphela. Ngiyatsho futhi ngithi: Thokozani! **5** Ukhthobeka kwenu kakubonakale kubo bonke. INkosi isiseduze. **6** Lingakhathazeki kodwa ngazo zonke izikhathi bikani izicelo zenu kuNkulunkulu ngokukhuleka, ngokuncenga langokubonga. **7** Ukhthula kukaNkulunkulu okudlula ukuqedisisa konke kuzabusa inhliyizo zenu lezingqondo zenu kuKhristu uJesu. **8** Okukicina bazalwane, konke okuliqiniso, lokulesithunzi, lokulungileyo, lokuhlambulukileyo, lokuhle, lokubukekayo, nxa ulutho luluhle kakhulu loba lubongeka, cabangani ngezinto ezinje. **9** Loba kuyini elikufundileyo loba elikwamukeyeo loba elikuzwileyo kuvela kimi, loba elikubonileyo kimi, kwenzeni. UNkulunkulu wokuthula uzakuba lani. **10** Ngiyathokoza kakhulu eNkosini ngokuthi khathesi selize lavuselela ukungikhathalela kwenu. Impela kade likhathazeka kodwa lingelalo ithuba lokukubonakalisa. **11** Kangitsho lokhu ngenxa yokuthi ngyiaswela ngoba sangafunda ukwaneliseka kuyo yonke imimo. **12** Ngiyakwazi ukuba ukuswela kuyini njalo ngiyakwazi ukuba kuyini ukuba lokunengi. Sangafunda imfhilo yokwaneliseka kuzozonke izimo, langabe ngyiasutha loba ngilambilе, loba ngilokunengi kumbe ngiswela. **13** Ngingazenza zonke izinto ngaye

onginika amandla. **14** Kodwa kwakukuhle ukuthi lihlanganyele lami ekuhluphekeni kwami. **15** Phezu kwalokho, lina bantu baseFiliphi liyakwazi ukuthi ensukwini elaqala ngazo ukwazi ivangeli ngesikhathi ngisuka eMasedoniya, akukho lalinye ibandla elahlanganyela lami endabeni yokupha lokwamukela ngaphandle kwenu kuphela; **16** ngoba langesikhathi ngiseThesalonika langithumela usizo kanengi lapho ngidinda uncedo. **17** Akusikuthi ngifuna isipho kodwa ngifuna okuzakuba yinzuko kini. **18** Sengamukele umvuzo ogcweleyo lodlulisileyo; ngiphiwe okwaneleyo njengoba khathesi sengamukele ku-Ephafrodithusi izipho elazithumelayo. Zingumnikelو wephunga elimnandi, umhlatshelo owamukelekayo lothokozisa uNkulunkulu. **19** UNkulunkulu wami uzakugcwala konke ukuswela kwenu ngenkazimulo yenotho yakhe kuKhristu uJesu. **20** Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu uBaba kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (**aiōn g165**) **21** Bingelelani bonke abangcwele abakuKhristu. Abazalwane abalami bayalibingelela. **22** Abangcwele bonke bayalibingelela, ikakhulu labo abangabendlu kaKhesari. **23** Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wenu.

# KwabaseKholose

**1** UPhawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu, **2** Lakubazalwane abangcwele labathembekileyo kuKhristu abaseKholose: Umusa lokuthula kakube kini vuvela uNkulunkulu uBaba wethu. **3** Sihlezi simbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu, uBaba weNkosi yethu ujesu Khristu, nxa silikhulekela, **4** ngoba sizwile ngokukholwa kwenu kuKhristu ujesu langothando elithanda ngalo abangcwele bonke. **5** Uukukholwa lothando okuvela ethembeni eligincelwe lina ezulwini, eselevwa ngalo elizwini leqiniso, elilivangeli **6** eselifikile kini. Emhlabeni wonke ivangeli leli lithela izithelo njalo liyakhula njengebelikwenza phakathi kwenu kusukela ngelanga elalizwa ngalo lawuqedisisa umusa kaNkulunkulu ngawo wonke amaquiniso alo. **7** Lalifundiswa ngu-Ephafrasi oyinceku ethandekayo, ongumfundisi othembekileyo kaKhristu emele thina, **8** owasitshela ngothando lwenu kuMoya. **9** Ngenxa yaloku, kusukela mhla sisizwa ngani kasizange siyekole ukulikhulekela sicela uNkulunkulu ukuthi aligcwaliise ngokwazi intando yakhe ngakho konke ukuhlakanipha koMoya kanye lokuqedisisa. **10** Sikhulekela ukuba liphile impilo efanele iNkosi lokuba liyithokozise negezindlela zonke, lithole izithelo kuyo yonke imisebenzi emihle, ukwazi kwenu uNkulunkulu kukhule, **11** liqiniswa ngamandla wonke mayelana lamandla akhe amangalisayo ukuze libe lokubezelza kanye lesineke esikhulu, kuthi njalo ngokuthokoza **12** limbonge ngentokozo uYise owalenza lafanela ukuhlanganyela elifeni labangcwele bakhe embusweni wokukhanya. **13** Ngoba wasihlenga embusweni wobumnyama wasiletha embusweni weNdodana yakhe ayithandayo, **14** okukuyo ukuhlengwa kwethu lokuthelelwa kwezono. **15** indodana ingumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu ongabonakaliyo, izibulo kukho konke okwadalloway. **16** Ngoba izinto zonke zadalwa ngayo: izinto ezsizulwini lezisemhlaben, eziponakalayo lezingabonakaliyo loba kuyizihlalo zobukhosu kumbe amandla loba ababusu kumbe abaphathi; izinto zonke zadalwa ngayo zidalelw yona. **17** Yona iphambi kwezinto zonke njalo kuyo izinto zonke zibambene. **18** Iyinhloko yomzimba okulibandla; iyikuqala lezibulo elivelu kwabafleyo ukuze yona ibe ngeyokuqala ezintweni zonke. **19** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wathokoza ukuba ukuphelela kwakhe kube kuyo **20** lokuthi ngayo abuyisane lezinto zonke, loba kuyizinto ezsizemhlabeni kumbe izinto ezsizulwini ngokwenza ukuthula ngegazi layo elachithwa esiphambanweni. **21** Lina lake laba ngabehlukanloNkulunkulu, liyizitha ezingondweni zenu ngenxa yokuziphatha kwenu okubi. **22** Kodwa khathesi uselibuyisile ngomzimba kaKhristu uqobo lwawo ngokufa ukuze alethule lingcwele ebusweni bakhe, lingelasici njalo limsulwa. **23** Nxa liqhubeka ngokukholwa kwenu ligxile njalo liqinile, lingasuki ethembeni eliliphiwa ngevangeli. Leli yilo ivangeli elalizwayo eselitshunayelwe kuzozonke izidalwa

ngaphansi kwezelu, mina Phawuli esengibe yinceku yalo. **24** Khathesi ngiyathokoza ngokulihluphekela kwami njalo ngiyagcwalisu emzimbeni okuloku kusasilela mayelana lezhnlupheko zikaKhristu ngenxa yomzimba wakhe olibandla. **25** Sengaba yinceku yalo ngomsebenzi uNkulunkulu anginika wona ukuba ngililethele iliziwi likaNkulunkulu liphelele, **26** ebelyimfihlakalo ebifihlakale okweminyakanyaka le lezizukulwane ezeduleyo kodwa khathesi isibekwe obala kwabangcwele beNkosi. (aiōn g165) **27** UNkulunkulu wathanda ukubazisa phakathi kwabeZizweni inotho emangalisayo yemfihlakalo le, enguKhristu phakathi kwenu, ithembu lenkazimulo. **28** Sitshumayela yena, seulseke njalo sifundise abantu bonke ngenhlakanipho yonke ukuze bonke sibalethe kuKhristu bepehele. **29** Ngisebenza nzima ukuba lokhu kufezeke, ngilwisa ngawo wonke amandla uKhristu asebenza ngawo phakathi kwami.

**2** Ngifuna ukuba lazi ukuthi ngilizamela kakhulu okunganani lina labaselodikheya, kanye labo bonke abangakangiboni mathupha. **2** Injongo yami yikuthi bakhuthazeke ezinhliziyeni njalo bamanyane ethandweni ukuze babe len thoegcwelyo yokuqedisisa okupheleleyo, ukuze bayazi imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu kubalisa uKhristu, **3** okufihlwe kuye yonke ingcebo yokuhlakanipha lokwazi. **4** Ngilitshela lokhu ukuze kungabikhona olikhohlisayo ngamazwi amandi. **5** Ngoba lanxa ngingekho kini ngomzimba ngilani ngomoya njalo ngithokozela ukubona ubuntu benu lokuqina kokholo lwenu kuKhristu. **6** Ngakho-ke, njengoba uKhristu Jesu lamamukela njengeNkosi, qhubekani liphila kuye, **7** ligxile njalo lakkhelwe kuye, liqine ekukholweni njengokufundisawa kwenu, liphuphuma ngokubonga. **8** Qaphelani kungabikhona olithumbayo ngenhlakanipho eyize lekhohlisayo, eyeyame emdabukweni wabantu lakuzeimiso zemvelo yakulo umhlabu kungesikho kuKhristu. **9** Ngoba bonike ubu uNkulunkulu buhlezi kuKhristu ngesimo somzimba **10** njalo lina lilakho lokhu kuphelela kuKhristu oyinhloko yamandla wonke kanye lokubesa konke. **11** Lasokelwa kuye ngokususwa kwemvelo yenu yesono, kungayisikho ngokusoka okwenzewi ngezandalza zabantu kodwa ngokulahla umzimba wenyama, lokhu kuyikusoka okwenzewi nguKhristu **12** ngokungcwatshwa laye ngobaphathizo labuye lavuswa kanye laye ngokukholwa kwenu ermandleni kaNkulunkulu owamvusa kwabafleyo. **13** Ngesikhathi filefie ezonweni zenu lokungasoki kwemvelo yenu yesono, uNkulunkulu walenza laba ngabaphilay kanye loKhristu. Wasithethelwa zonke izono zethu **14** ngokwesula yonke imithetho elotshiweyo lezimiso zayo eyayimelane lathi njalo isivimbela. Wayisusa, wayibethela esiphambanweni. **15** Kwathi eselahlise imibuso lababusi izikhali, wenza umbukiso oyinhlekisa ngabo, wabanqoba ngesiphambano. **16** Ngakho-ke, lingavumeli umuntu elahlulela ngalokho elikudlayo loba elikunathayo loba ngokuphathele lomkhosi wokholo, ukuthokozela ukuthwasa kwenyanga loba

usuku lweSabatha. **17** Lezizinto ziyisithunzi nje sezinto loba ngesenso, konke kwenzeni ngebizo leNkosi ezazizakuza kodwa ubuqotho butholakala kuKhristu. uJesu, libonge uNkulunkulu uYise ngaye. **18** Bafazi, **19** Lingavumeli umuntu othokozisa yikuzithoba zehliseni kubomkenu njengokufanele eNkosini. **19** kwamanga lokukhonza izingilosil eliphuthisa umvuzo Madoda, thandani omkenu njalo lingabi lesihluku wenu. Umuntu onjalo ubalisa ngokupheleleyo konke kubo. **20** Bantwana, lalelani abazali benu ezintwensi akubonileyo, kuthi ingqondo yakhe engayisiyo yomoya zonke ngoba lokhu kuyayithokozisa iNkosi. **21** imkhukhumeze ngemicabango eyize. **19** Usehlukane Bazali, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu hlezil enhloko yomzimba wonke wona ohlanganiswa badumazeke. **22** Ziggili, lalelani amakhosi enu ndawonye yimisipha lemithambo, okhula ngokuthanda omhlaba ezintwensi zonke; likwenze hatshi ngoba kukaNkulunkulu. **20** Njengoba lafa loKhristu elikhangele loba ukuthi alithande kodwa ngobuqotho ezimisweni zalo umhlaba, kungani liphila sengathi bezinhliziyo langokuhlonipha iNkosi. **23** Konke lilo loko lingabawo, lizibeka ngaphansi kwemithetho yayo yokuthi, **21** "Ungabambi! Uganambithi! Ungathinti!"? **22** Konke lokhu kumiselwe ukuedwa lisazi ukuthi lizathola ilifa eNkosini njengomvuzo. yikusetsenziswa ngoba kweyame phezu kwemilayo YiNkosi uKhristu elimkhonzayo. **25** Loba ngubani yabantu lemfundiso yabo. **23** Impela izimiso oyenza okubi uzaphindisela ngobubi bakhe njalo ezinje zibonakala njengenhlakaniph, ngenkonzo yazo yokuzenzela, ukuzithoba kwamanga lokupaththa umzimba kabuhlungu kodwa kazilalo usizo lokuzithiba ezinkanukweni zomzimba.

**3** Ngakho-ke njengoba livuswe kanye loKhristu, bekani inhliziyo zenu ezintwensi eziphezelu lapho uKhristu ahlezi khona esandleni soku nene sikaNkulunkulu. **2** Bekani ingqondo zenu ezintwensi eziphezelu hatshi ezintwensi zasemhlabeni. **3** Ngoba lafa, ukuphila kwenet khatthesi kufihlw loKhristu kuNkulunkulu. **4** Lapho uKhristu oyikuphila kwenu, ebonakala, lani futhi lizabonakala laye enkazimulweni. **5** Ngakho-ke, kubulalen konke okungokwemvelo yenu yasemhlabeni: okubalisa ukuhlobonga, ukungcola, inkanuko, izifiso ezimbi, ubuhwaba lokukhonza izithombe. **6** Ngenxa yalezizinto, ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luya. **7** Lalijayele ukuhamba kulezizindlela empilweni elake layiphila. **8** Kodwa khatthesi zilahleni zonke izinto ezinjengalezi: ulaka, ukuthukuthela, inzindo, ukunyea lenkulumo ebolileyo. **9** Lingaqambelan amanga njengoba selihlubule uqobo lwenu oludala lezenzo zalo **10** lembatha uqobo lwenu olutsha olwenziva lube lutsha ekwazini ngomfanekiso kaMdali walo. **11** Lapha akula oweZizwe loba umjuda, osokileyo loba ongasokanga, iqaba, umSikhethiya, isigqili loba okhululekileyo kodwa uKhristu uyikho konke njalo ukubo bonke. **12** Ngakho, njengabantu bakaNkulunkulu abakhethiweyo, abangcwele labathandwa kakhulu, zembeseni ngesihawu, umusa, ukuzithoba, ubumnene kanye lokubekezel. **13** Bekezelelanani, liththelelana loba kuyinsolo bani omunye angaba layo ngomunye. Thethhelelana njengoba iNkosi yaliththelelana. **14** Phezu kwakho konke lokhu yembathani uthando olukubophela ndawonye konke lokhu, kube yikumanyana okupheleleyo. **15** Ukuthula kukaKhristu kakubuse ezinhliziwensi zenu ngoba njengezitho zomzimba munye labizelwa ukuthula. Njalo bongani. **16** Ilizwi likaKhristu kalihlale phakathi kwenu ngokupheleleyo lapho lifundisana njalo liselulekana ngenhlakaniph, ngamahubo, amaculo kanye lezingoma zakoMoya, lihlabelele lilokubonga uNkulunkulu ezinhliziwensi zenu. **17** Njalo kukho konke elikhenzayo, ngelizwi

**4** Makhos, nikani iziqgili zenu okulungileyo lokufaneleyo ngoba liyawazi ukuthi lani lileNkosi ezulwini. **2** Zinikeleni ekukhulekeni ngokuqaphela langokubonga. **3** Lisikhulekele lathi futhi ukuba uNkulunkulu avulele ilizwi lethu umnyango ukute sitshumayele imfihlakalo kaKhristu engayibotshelwayo. **4** Khulekelani ukuba ngiyitshumayele ngokucaca okufanele ngikwenze. **5** Hlakaniphani kulokho elikhenzayo kwabangaphandle lisebenzisa amathuba wonke ngokugcweleyo. **6** Ingxoxo yenu kayihlale igcwele umusa, ifakwe itswayi ukuze likwazi ukuphendula umuntu wonke. **7** UThikhikhasi uzalitshela izindaba zonke ngami. Ungumzalwane othandekayo, umfundisi othembekileyo loyinceku eNkosini. **8** Ngimthuma kini ngenjongo enxwanele ukuthi lazi ngomumo wethu lokuthi akhuthaze inhliziyo zenu. **9** Ubuya lo-Onesimasi, umzalwane wethu othembekileyo lothandekayo njalo ongomunye wenu. Bazalitshela konke okwenzakala lapha. **10** U-Aristakhasi engibotshwe laye loMakho umzawakhe kaBhanabhasi bayalibingelela. (Selamukela iziqondiso ngaye; angabuya kini limamukele.) **11** Ujesu othiwa nguJustusi laye uyalibingelela. Laba yibo kuphela abangamaJuda kulabo engisebenzela umbuso kaNkulunkulu labo njalo sebebonakalise ukuthi bayindudu zo kimi. **12** U-Ephafrasi ongomunye wenu lenceku kaKhristu ujesu uyalibingelela. Uhlezi elikhulekela kakhulu ukuba liqine kuyo yonke intando kaNkulunkulu liphelele njalo lithembile. **13** Ngiyamfakazelukuthi uyalisebenzela kakhulu lina qaya lalabo abaseLodikheya leHiyerapholisi. **14** Umgane wethu othandekayo uLukha ongudokotela, loDemasi bayalibingelela. **15** Ngibingelelani abazalwane abaseLodikheya loNimfa kanye lebandla endlini yakhe. **16** Emva kokuba incwadi le seliyifundelwe, bonani ukuthi iyafundwa lasebandleni laseLodikheya lokuthi lani libale incwadi evela eLodikheya. **17** Tshelani u-Akhiphasi lithi: "Bona ukuba uyawuqeda umsebenzi owamukele eNkosini." **18** Mina Phawuli, ngiloba ukuvalelisa lokhu ngesami isandla. Khumbulanii ukubotshwa kwami. Umusa kawube lani.

# KwabaseThesalonika

**1** UPhawuli, uSayilasi kanye loThimothi, Lebandleni labaseThesalonika abakuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini ujesu Khristu: Umusa lokuthula kakube kini. **2** Sihlala silibongela lonke kuNkulunkulu njalo silibeka emikhulekweni yethu. **3** Siyawukhumbula kokuphela phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu uBaba umsebenzi wenu ongenxa yokukholwa lokusebenza kwenu okufuqwa luthando kanye lokubekezelu kwenu okuqiniswa yikwethemba eNkosini uJesu Khristu. **4** Bazalwane abathandwa nguNkulunkulu, siyakwazi ukuthi ulikhethile **5** ngoba ivangeli lethu lafika kini hatshi ngamazwi nje kuphela kodwa langamandla loMoya oNgcwele kanye lokukholwa okujulileyo. Liyakwazi ukuba sahlala njani phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu. **6** Lina laba ngabasingisayo thina kanye leNkosi ngoba lalamukela ilizwi esikhathini esinzima ngokuthokoza okuvela kuMoya oNgcwele. **7** Ngakho-ke, laba yisiboneku wo won amakholwa eMasedoniya kanye le-Akhayiya. **8** Ilizwi leNkosi lezwakala livela kini hatshi eMasedoniya lase-Akhayiya kuphela kodwa ukukholwa kwenu kuNkulunkulu sekusaziwa ezindaweni zonke. Ngakho-ke, akudingeki ukuba sikhulumia ngakho **9** ngoba bona ngokwabo bayabika ukuthi lasamukela njani. Bayatsho ngokuphendukela kwenu kuNkulunkulu lidela ukukhonza izithombe ukuba likhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo loqotho **10** lilindele leNdodana yakhe evela euzlwini, ayivusayo kwabafileyo, uJesu osihlenga elakeni oluzayo.

**2** Liyakwazi bazalwane ukuthi ukuza kwethu kini akubanga liphutha. **2** Sike sahlupheka ngaphambili njalo sathukwa eFiliphi njengoba lisazi kodwa ngosizo lukaNkulunkulu wethu saba lesibindi sokulitsheha ivangeli lakhe lanxa nje kwakulobunzima obukhulu. **3** Ngoba isicelo esisenzayo kasiveli ekuphosiseni loba enjongweni engcolileyo njalo kasizami kulikhohlsa. **4** Kodwa sikhuluma njengabantu abavunywe nguNkulunkulu ukuba siphathiswe ivangeli. Kasizami kuthokozisa abantu kodwa uNkulunkulu, yena ohlola inhlizyo zethu. **5** Liyakwazi ukuthi kasizange sisebenzise inkohliso loba isisitho ukuba sifihle ubuhwaba njalo uNkulunkulu ungufakazi wethu. **6** Kasifuni dumo oluvale ebantwini loba kini kumbe omunye laye. Njengabapostoli bakaKhristu sasingaba ngumthwalo kini **7** kodwa saba mnene kini njengomama esondila abantwana bakhe abancinyane. **8** Salithanda kakhulu, sathokoza ukuhlanganyela lani kungayisikho evangelinu likaNkulunkulu kuphela kodwa lasekuphileni kwethu ngoba lina laselithandeka kakhulu kithi. **9** Impela liyakhumbula bazalwane, ukusebenza nzima lokuhlupheka kwethu; sasebenza ebusuku lemini ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakubani lapho sitshumayela ivangeli likaNkulunkulu kini. **10** Lingofakazi kanye loNkulunkulu bukuthi sasingcwele, silungile njalo singasoleki phakathi kwenu lina

elalikholwa. **11** Ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ngamunye wenu saliphatha njengobaba ephatha abantwana bakhe, **12** siliqinisa, siliduduza kanye lokulikhuthaza ukuthi liphile impilo efanele uNkulunkulu yena olizibela embusweni wakhe lasenkasizmulweni. **13**

Njalo uNkulunkulu siyambonga kokuphela ngoba ekwamukeleni kwenu ilizwi likaNkulunkulu elalizwa ngathi, lalamukela hatshi njengelizwi labantu kodwa njengoba linjalo impela, ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, elisebenzayo kini lina abakholwayo. **14** Ngoba lina bazalwane laba ngabalingisi bamabandla kaNkulunkulu ejudiya akuKhristu uJesu; abantu belizwé lakini balihluphela izinto ezifana lalezoo amabandla lawo azihlutshewla ngamAJuda, **15** abulala iNkosi uJesu labaphrofethi, thina asixotsha. Ayamdbukisa uNkulunkulu njalo ayizitha zabantu bonke **16** ekuzameni kwavo ukusinqabela ukukhuluma labeZizweni ukuba basindiswe. Ngalokho-ke, bandisa izono zabo kakhulu. Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu seluze lwehlela phezu kwabo. **17** Kodwa-ke, bazalwane, ekuhlukanisweni kwethu kini okwesikhatshana (uqobo lwethu, hatshi umcabango), kwathi ngokulangazelela okukhulu senza imizamo yonke ukuba silibone. **18** Ngoba sasisifuna ukuzza kini, impela mina Phawuli ngazama kanengi kodwa uSathane wasivimbela. **19** Ngoba liyini ithemba lethu, intokozo yethu loba umqhele esizazincoma ngawo phambi kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu ekufikeni kwakhe na? Akusini na? **20** Ngempela lina liludumo lwethu lentokozo yethu.

**3** Ngakho-ke, kwathi singasenelisi ukukumela sabona kungcono ukuba sisale sodwa e-Athene. **2** Sathuma uThimothi ongumzalwane wethu lesisebenzi kanye lathi kuNkulunkulu ekutshumayeleni ivangeli likaKhristu, ukuliqinisa lokulikhuthaza ekukholwenei kwenu **3** ukuze angabikhona ongayikuhaliseka ngenxa yalezilingo. Liyakwazi kakuhle ukuthi samiselwa zona. **4** Ngeqiniso, siseselani sasilhala silitsheha ukuthi sizahlukuluzwa. Kwabanjalo njengoba lisazi kakuhle. **5** Ngenxa yalokhu, kwathi ngingsaselisi ukukumela ngathumela ukuba ngazi ngokholo lwenu. Ngangisesaba ukuthi engxene umlingi uselingile lemizamo yethu kayisisanga. **6** Kodwa uThimothi usanda kufika kithi khathesi evela kini njalo ulethe izindaba ezinhle ngokholo lwenu kanye lothando lwenu. Usitshele ukuthi lihlala lilemikhumbulo emihle ngathi kanye lokuthi lifisa ukusibona njengoba lathi sifisa ukulibona. **7** Ngakho basalwane, kulolonke usizi lwethu kanye lokuhlukuluzwa kwethu, sakuthazeka ngani ngenxa yokukholwa kwenu. **8** Ngoba khathesi sesiphila ngempela, njengoba liqinile eNkosini. **9** Singalibongela njani ngokwaneleyo kuNkulunkulu sibuyisela yonke intokozo esilayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu ngenxa yenu na? **10** Ebusuku lemini siyakhuleka ngokuzimisa ukuba silibone futhi silinike okusilelayo ekukholwenei kwenu. **11** Sengathi uNkulunkulu wethu loBaba uqobo kanye leNkosi yethu uJesu angasivulela indlela yokuza kini. **12** Sengathi iNkosi ingandisa uthando lwenu kuthi olomunye lomunye

luphumelele komunye kanye lasemuntwini wonke njengokwenziwa ngolwethu kini. **13** Kaziqinise inhлизио zenu ukuze lingasoleki njalo libengcwele phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu loBaba ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu ujesu labangcwele bayo bonke.

**4** Okokicina bazalwane, salifundisa ukuba liphile njani ukuze limthokozise uNkulunkulu njengoba impela liphila. Siyalicela njalo silincenga ngeNkosi uJesu ukuba lokhu likwenze kokuphela. **2** Liyayazi imilayo esalinika yona ngokulaya kweNkosi ujesu. **3** Kuyintando kaNkulunkulu ukuba libengcwele: ukuba lixwaye ukuhlobonga; **4** ukuba omunye lomunye wenu afunde ukuthiba umzimba wakhe ngendlela engcwele lehloniphekayo **5** hatshi ngomfutho wenkanuko njengabesziveni abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu. **6** Njalo kulokhu akukho okumele onele umzalwane wakhe kumbe amzuzele khonapho ekuthini ngumzalwane. INkosi izabajezisa bonke abenza izono ezinje njengoba sesavela salitshela njalo salixwayisa ngazo. **7** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasibizelanga ukuba sibe ngabangcolileyo kodwa ukuba siphile impilo engcwele. **8** Ngakho-ke, lowo owalayo umlayo lo kalimuntu kodwa uNkulunkulu, yena olinika uMoya wakhe oNgcwele. **9** Mayelana lothando lobuzalwane, akudingeki ukuba sililobele ngoba lina uqobo lafundiswa nguNkulunkulu ukuba lithandane. **10** Njalo ngempela, liyabathanda abazalwane bonke kulolonke elaseMasedoniya. Kodwa siyalincenga bazalwane ukuthi lenzenjalo kokuphela. **11** Akube yisifiso senu ukuphila impilo yokuthula lokukhathalela umsebenzi wenu kanye lokusebenza ngezandla zenu njengoba salitshela **12** ukuze ukuphila kwenu kwansukuzorke kubukwe ngabangaphandle njalo lingathembeli komunye umuntu. **13** Bazalwane, kasifuni ukuba libe ngabangaziyo ngalabo abalalayo loba lidabuke njengabanye abantu abangelalo ithembala. **14** Siyaholwa ukuthi ujesu wafa wabuya wavuka njalo ngalokho siyaholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu uzabavusa kanye lojesu labo asebelele kuye. **15** Ngelizwi leNkosi siyalitshela ukuthi thina esisaphila, esasalayo iNkosi ize ifike, kasiyikubaqalela impela labo asebelele. **16** Ngoba iNkosi uqobo izakwehla ivela ezelwini ngelizwi elikhulu, ngelizwi lengilosи enkuI langokumemeza kwecilongo likaNkulunkulu, kuthi abafileyo kuKhristu bavuke kuqala. **17** Emva kwalokho, thina esisaphila njalo sisele sizahlithwa kanye labo emayezini ukuba sihlangabeze iNkosi emoyeni. Ngakho sizahlala leNkosi kuze kube nininini. **18** Ngakho-ke, khuthazanani ngala amazwi.

**5** Bazalwane, mayelana lezikathi lezinsuku akudingeki ukuba sililobele **2** ngoba likwazi kahle ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luzafika njengesela ebusuku. **3** Abantu besathi, "Ukuthula lokuvikeleka," incithakalo izakwehlela phezu kwabo ngokujuma njengomhelo kowesifazane ozithweleyo njalo kabayikuphunyuka. **4** Kodwa lina bazalwane, kalikho emnyameni ukuba lolusuku lulijume njengesela. **5** Lonke lingamadodana okukhanya lamadodana emini. Kasisibo bobusuku loba abobumnyama. **6** Ngakho-ke, kasingafani

labanye abaleleyo kodwa kasiphaphameni njalo sizithibe. **7** Ngoba labo abalalayo balala ebusuku, lababo abadakwayo badakwa ebusuku. **8** Kodwa njengoba singabemini, kasizithiben, sembathe ukukholwa lothando njengesihlangu sesifuba, lethemba lokusindiswa njengengowane. **9** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasimiselanga ulaka kodwa ukuba sithole ukusindiswa ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **10** Wasifela ukuze loba sikhangele kumbe silele, siphile laye. **11** Ngakho-ke, qinisanani njalo lakhane njengoba likwenza. **12** Siyalicela bazalwane, ukuba libahloniphe labo abasebenza nzima phakathi kwenu, abalikhathaleloyo eNkosini njalo beliqondisa futhi. **13** Bahlonipheni kakhulu ngothando ngenxa yomsebenzi wabo. Hlalisanani ngokuthula. **14** Njalo siyalincenga bazalwane, baxwayiseni labo abangamavila, likhuthaze abadele inhliziyo, lisize ababuthakathaka njalo libekezelele umuntu wonke. **15** Qaphelani kungabikhona ophindisela okubi ngokubi kodwa lihlale lizama ukwenzelana okuhle kanye lakwabanye abantu. **16** Thokozani kokuphela, **17** likhuleke kokuphela **18** njalo libonge konke okulehleloyo ngoba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu ngani kuKhristu ujesu. **19** Lingawucitshi umlilo kaMoya; **20** lingazeyisi iziphrofethi **21** kodwa zihloleni zonke; libambelele kokulungileyo, **22** lixwaye konke okubi. **23** Sengathi uNkulunkulu uqobo, uNkulunkulu wokuthula angalenza libengcwele ngokupheleleyo. Sengathi umoya wenu wonke lomphefumulo kanye lomzimba kungalondolozwa kungelasici ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **24** Lowo olibizayo uthembekile njalo uzakukwenza lokho. **25** Lisikhulekele bazalwane. **26** Bingelelani abazalwane bonke ngokwangana okungcwele. **27** Ngiyalilaya phambi kweNkosi ukuba incwadi le ibabelwe abazalwane bonke. **28** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lani.

## KwabaseThesalonika

**1** UPhawuli, loSayilasi kanye loThimothi, Lebandleni leThesalonika kuNkulunkulu uBaba laseNkosini uJesu Khristu: **2** Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu kakube kini. **3** Kumele sibonge uNkulunkulu kokuphela ngenxa yenu bazalwane njengoba kufanele ngoba ukholo lwenu luhkula kokuphela lothando elilalo komunye lomunye wenu luyanda. **4** Ngakho-ke, phakathi kwamabandla kaNkulunkulu thina siyazincoma ngokuqiniselisa kwenu lokukholwa phakathi kwakho konke lokhu ukuhlukuluzwa kanye lokuhlupheka elikubekezelelayo. **5** Konke lokhu kuyibufakazi bokuthi ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu kulungile njalo lizabalwa njengabafanele umbuso kaNkulunkulu eliwhuluphekelayo. **6** UNkulunkulu ulungle: Uzaphindisela inhlupho kulabo abalihluphayo, **7** alinike kanye lathi ukuhlaliseka lina elihltshwayo. Lokhu kuzakwenzakala lapho iNkosu uJesu isibonakaliswa ezulwini phakathi komilo ovuthayo ilezingilos zayo ezelamandla. **8** Izabajezisa labo abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu labangalilaleliyo ivangeli leNkosu yethu uJesu. **9** Bazajeziswa ngokubhujiswa okulaphakade, bavalelwé ngaphandle kobukhona beNkosu lasenkazimulweni yamandla ayo (**aiōnios g166**) **10** ngosuku ezafika ngalo ukuba idunyiswe ngabantu bayo abangcwele lokuba ibatshazwe phakathi kwabo bonke abakholtwayo. Lokhu kugoqela lani ngoba labukholwa ubufakazi bethu kini. **11** Nxa sikhumbula lokhu, sihlala silikhulekela kokuphela ukuthi uNkulunkulu wethu alibale njengabafanele ukubizwa nguye njalo kuthi ngamandla akhe afeze injongo yenu elungileyo lakho konke ukwenza kwenu okuthunganyelwa yikukholwa kwenu. **12** Sikhulekela lokhu ukuze ibizo leNkosu yethu uJesu lidunyiswe kini, lani kuyo, ngokomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu loweNkosu uJesu Khristu.

**2** Mayelana loka kweNkosu yethu uJesu Khristu lokubuthana kwethu kuyo, siyalicela bazalwane **2** ukuthi lingaphangi likhathazeke kumbe lethuswe ngeyinye imfundiso loba isiphrofethi kumbe ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni loba incwadi okungathiya ivela kithi kuthiwa usuku lwenKosi selufikile. **3** Lingavumeli muntu elikhohlisa langayiphi indlela ngoba lolosuku kaluyikufika umvukela uze wenzakale, lomuntu ongelamthetho abonakaliswe yena omiselwe ukubhujiswa. **4** Uzaphikisa, azikhukhumeze ezintweni zonke ezibiza uNkulunkulu loba ezikhonzwayo, aze azihlalise ethempelinlikaNkulunkulu, amemezele ukuthi yena unguNkulunkulu. **5** Kalisakhumbuli yini ukuthi ngisesekini ngangijayele ukulitshela izinto lezi? **6** Khathesi selikwazi okumvimbelayo ukuze abonakaliswe ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. **7** Ngoba amandla afihlakeleyo okungabi lamthetho

asesebenza kodwa lowo owavimbelayo khathesi uzaqhubeka esenza njalo aze asuswe endleleni.

**8** Lapho-ke, lowo ongelamthetho uzabonakaliswa, lowo iNkosu uJesu ezamchitha ngomoya womlomo wayo, imqede ngenkazimulo yokufika kwayo. **9** Ukuifa kwalowo ongelamthetho kuzakuya ngendlela yemisebenzi kaSathane. Uzasebenzisa inhlubo zonke zukubonakalisa amandla ngezibonakaliso lezimanga zamanga **10** kanye lezinhlobo zonke zobubi ukoholisa ababhubuya. Babhubua ngoba bala ukuthanda iqiniso ukuba basindiswe. **11** Ngenxa yalokhu, uNkulunkulu ubehlisela inkohliso elamandla ukuba bakholwe amanga **12** ukuze balahlwé bonke abangalikholtwangwa iqiniso kodwa bathokoziswa yibubi. **13** Kodwa kufanele sibonge uNkulunkulu kokuphela ngenxa yenu, bazalwane abathandwa yiNkosu, ngoba uNkulunkulu walikhetha kusukela ekuqaleni ukuba lisindiswe ngomsebenzi ongcwele kaMoya langokukholwa eqinisweni. **14** Walibizela kulosku ngevangeli lethu ukuze lihlanganyele enkazimulweni yeNkosu yethu uJesu Khristu. **15** Ngakho-ke bazalwane, qinani libambelele ezifundweni esalinika zona, kungaba ngelizwi lomlomo loba ngencqwadi. **16** Sengathi iNkosu yethu uJesu Khristu ugobo kanye loNkulunkulu uBaba wasithandayo kwathi ngomusa wakhe wasinika indudu engapheliyo lethembala elihle (**aiōnios g166**) **17** angakhuthaza inhliziyo zenu njalo aliquinise kuzozonke izenzo ezinhle lasemazwini amahle.

**3** Okokucina bazalwane, sikhulekeleni ukuba ilizwi leNkosu liqhubeka ngokuphangisa njalo lihlomitshwe njengalokhu okwenzeka kini. **2** Khulekani njalo ukuba sikhululwe ebantwini abaxhwalileyo lababi ngoba akusimutu wonke okholwayo. **3** Kodwa iNkosu ithembekile, izaliqinisa ilivikele komubi. **4** Silethembala eNkosini ukuba lenza izinto esalilaya zona njalo lizaqhubeka lienza. **5** Sengathi iNkosu ingaqondisa inhliziyo zenu ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu lasekubekzeleni kukaKhristu. **6** Ebizweni leNkosu uJesu Khristu, siyalilaya bazalwane ukuba libaxwaye bonke abazalwane abangamavila, abangaphili ngokwemfundiso elayamukela kithi. **7** Ngoba lina ngokwenu liyawazi ukuba kufanele lisilandele njani isibonelo sethu. Sasingavilaphi lapho siseselani **8** njalo kasidlanga kudla komuntu singakuhlawuelanga. Kodwa sasebenza ebusuku leminni, sisebenza nzima njalo sitshikatshika ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakubani phakathi kwenu. **9** Lokhu sakwenza kungayisikho ukuthi kasilalungelo losizo olurjalo kodwa ukuba sizenze sibe yisibonelo kini ukuba lisilandele. **10** Ngoba langesikhathi silani salinika umlayo othi: “Nxa umuntu engafuni ukusebenza, kangadli.” **11** Sizwa kuthiwa abanye phakathi kwenu bayavilapha. Kabzeni lutho, bangenela izindlaba zabanye. **12** Ebizweni leNkosu uJesu Khristu, siyalabaya njalo sibakhuthaza abantu abanjalo ukuba bazimisele, basebenze ukudla abakudlayo. **13** Lina bazalwane, lingadinya yikwenza okuhle. **14** Qaphelani iloba ngubani ongalaleli imilayo yethu ekule incwadi. Lingadlelani laye ukuze ayangeke. **15** Lingamthathi

njengesitha kodwa mxwayiseni njengomzalwane. **16**  
Sengathi iNkosi yokuthula uqobo ingalinika ukuthula  
ngezikathathi zonke njalo ngezindlela zonke. INkosi  
kayibe lani lonke. **17** Mina Phawuli ngiloba ukuvalelisa  
lokhu ngesami isandla, okuyilo uphawu oluphawulayo  
kuzozonke izincwadi zami. Ngiloba kanje. **18** Umusa  
weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu kawube lani lonke.

# 1 KuThimothi

**1** Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu ujesu ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu lokukaKhristu uJesu ithembu lethu, **2** KuThimothi indodana yami eqotho ekukholweni ngithi: Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu ujesu iNkosi yethu kakube kuwe. **3** Njengoba ngakukhuthaza ekuyени kwami eMasedoniya, hlala khonapho e-Efesu ukuze ulaye abantu abathile ukuba bangafundisi imfundiso yamanga futhi **4** loba ukuchitha isikhathi ngezinganekwane langezimbali zensendo ezingapheliyo. Lokhu kubanga ukuphikisana hatshi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu wokukholwa. **5** Inhloso yalo umlayo luthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe, lesazela esihle lokholo oluqotho. **6** Abanye sebedukile kulokhu baphendukela ekukhulumeni okuyize. **7** Bafuna ukuba ngabafundisi bomthetho kodwa kabakwazi abakhulumma ngakho loba lokhu abakuqinisa kangaka ngesibindi. **8** Siyakwazi ukuthi umthetho ulungile nxa umuntu ewusebenzisa kuhle. **9** Siyakwazi lokuthi umthetho kawenzelwanga abantu abalungileyo kodwa wenzelwa abeqa imithetho labahlamuki, abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu labayizoni, abangalunganga labangakholwayo; wenzelwa ababulala oyise labonina, lababulali, **10** lezifebe, izitabane, abathengisa iziqqili labaqamba amanga kanye labafakazela amanga kanye lokunye okuphambene lemfundiso eqotho **11** evumelana levangeli elilenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu obusisekileyo, enginika lona. **12** Ngiyambonga uKhristu ujesu iNkosi yethu onginike amandla, wangibona ngithembekile njalo wangibeka emsebenzinji wakhe. **13** Lanxa ngake ngaba ngumhlambazi, lomhlukuluzi, lesidlwangudlwangu, ngenzelwa isihawu ngoba ngakwenza ngokungazi langokungakholwa. **14** Umusa weNkosi wathululelwu phezu kwami ngokwanda okukhulu, ndawonye lokukholwa kanye lothando olukuKhristu ujesu. **15** Nansi isitsho esiqotho esifanele ukwamukelwa esithi: UKhristu ujesu weza emhlabeni ukuba asindise izoni, mina ngingesibi kakhulu kulazo. **16** Kodwa ngenxa yalesosizatho ngenzelwa isihawu ukuze kuthi ngami isoni esibi kakhulu ujesu Khristu abonakalise ukubekezelwa kwakhe okungelamkhawulo njengesiboneko kulabo abakholwa kuye bamukele lokuphila okungapheliyo. (**aiōnios g166**) **17** Manje kuyo iNkosi yaphakade engafiyo, engabonakaliyo, uNkulunkulu yedwa, udumo lenkazimulo akube kuye kuze kuge nini lanini. Ameni. (**aiōn g165**) **18** Thimothi ndodana yami, ngikunika umlayo lo ekulondolozeni iziphrefethi ezake zensiwa ngawe ukuze uthi ngokuzikhumbula ulwe ukulwa okuhle, **19** ubambelele ekukholweni lesazelni esihle. Abarye bakkwalile lokhu, ngakho-ke, babhidliza ukukholwala kwabo. **20** Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi lo-Alekizanda esengibanikele kuSathane ukuba bafundiswe ukungahlambazi uNkulunkulu.

**2** Ngakho-ke, phezu kwakho konke ngiyakhuthaza ukuba izicelo, lemikhuleko, lokukhulekela abanye kanye lokubonga kwenzelwe abantu bonke, **2** amakhosi labo bonke abaphethe amandla ukume sihlale ngokuthula empilweni enhle kukho konke ukumesaba uNkulunkulu lobungcwele. **3** Lokhu kuhle njalo kuyamthokozisa uNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu **4** ofuna ukuba abantu bonke basindiswe njalo balazi iqiniso. **5** Ngoba uNkulunkulu munye njalo lomeli munye phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu, umuntu uKhristu Jesu, **6** owazinikela njengenhlawulo yabantu bonke, ubufakazi obanikwa ngesikhathi sabo esifaneleyo. **7** Ngenxa yalokhu mina ngakhethela ukuba ngumanduleli lompostoli njalo ngikhuluma iqiniso kangiqambi manga kanye lomfundisi wokholo oluqotho kwabeZizweni. **8** Ngakho ngifuna amadoda ezindaweni zonke aphakamise izandla zavo ezingcwele ekhuleka kungela kuthukuthela kumbe ukuphikisana. **9** Ngifuna ukuba abesifazane bagqoke ngokuzothileyo, okuhle lokufaneleyo, kungabi ngenwele ezelukiwego loba igolide loba amangqongqo loba iziqqoko ezidulayo **10** kodwa ngezenzo ezinhle ezifanele abesifazane abathi bayamkhonza uNkulunkulu. **11** Owesifazane kumele afunde ethule langokuzithoba okupheleleyo. **12** Kangivumeli ukuba owesifazane afundise loba ukuba lamandla phezu kowesilisa; kumele athule. **13** Ngoba u-Adamu wabunjwa kuqala; kwalandela u-Eva. **14** Njalo u-Adamu kasuye owakhohliswayo; ngowesifazane owakhohliswayo wasesiba yisoni. **15** Kodwa abesifazane bazasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana nxa beqhubeke ngokukholwa, ngothando kanye lobungcwele ngokufaneleyo.

**3** Nansi isitsho esiqotho esithi: Lovo ofuna ukuba ngumthungameli ufisa umsebenzi olesithunzi. **2** Umhungameli akumelanga abengosolekayo njalo kumele abeyindoda elomfazi oyedwa, ezithibayo, elamandla okuzibamba, ehloniphekayo, ephatha kuhle izihambi, eyenelisa ukufundisa, **3** engayiso sidakwa, engeladlakela kodwa emmene, engathandi ingxabano, engathandi imali. **4** Kayibe ngephatha kuhle umuzi wayo njalo ibone ukuba abantwana bayo bayayilalela ngenhloniphoe faneleyo. **5** (Nxa umuntu engakwazi ukuphatha umuzi wakhe angaliphatha njani ibandla likaNkulunkulu na?) **6** Akumelanga kube ngosanda kuphenduka hlez azikhukhumeze abe ngaphansi kokwahluwelwa kunye loSathane. **7** Njalo kumele abe ngodume ngokuhle kwabangaphandle ukuze angaweli ehlazweni lasemjibileni kaSathane. **8** Ngokunjalo, amadikoni lawo kumele cube ngabantu abahloniphekayo, abaqotho, abanganathi iwayini elinengi, abangadingi inzuzzo ngobuqili. **9** Kumele babambelele eqinisweni elizikileyo kanye laskekukholweni ngesazela esihlanzekileyo. **10** Kumele baqale bahlolwe; nxa kungekho luthu olubi ngabo, kabasebenze rijengamadikoni. **11** Ngokunjalo, labomkabo kumele babe ngabesifazane abahloniphekayo, abangahlebiyo kodwa abazithibayo labathembekileyo ezintweni zonke. **12** Umdikoni kabe lomfazi oyedwa kuphela njalo ophatha kuhle

abantwana bakhe kanye labendlu yakhe. **13** Labo ngokuhlambuluka okupheleleyo. **3** Woba lonanzelelo abasebenze kuhle bazuza isithunzi lesithembiso olufaneleyo kubafelokazi abaswelayo kakhulu. **4** Kodwa esikhulu ekukholweni kwabo kuKhristu uJesu. **14** Lanxa ngikhangalele tkuza kuwe masinyane, ngikulobelwa iziqondiso lezi ukuze kuthi **15** nxa ngibambeka, ukwazi ukuthi abantu kumele baziphathethe njani abazali babo labazali babazali babo ngoba lokhu endlini kaNkulunkulu elibandla likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika lesisekelo seqiniso. **16** Kungekho kuthandabuza imfihlakalo yokwesaba uNkulunkulu inkulu: Wabonakalisa emzimbeni, wafakazelwa nguMoya, wabonwa yizingilos, watshunyayelwa phakathi kwezizwe, umhlabwa wakholwa kuye, wenyukiselwa phezulu ngenkazimulo.

**4** Umoya utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi ngezikathathi zokucina abanye bazalahla ukukholwa balandele imimoya ekhohlisayo lezinto ezifundiswa ngamadimoni. **2** Ukfundisa okunjalo kuza labaqambi bamanga abangabazenzisi abalezazela ezingathi zahaqazwa ngensimbi etshisayo. **3** Balela abantu ukuba bathathane njalo babalaye ukuba bazile ukudla okuthize, uNkulunkulu akudalela ukuthi kwamukelwe ngokubonga yilabo abakholwayo labalaziyo iqiniso. **4** Ngoba konke uNkulunkulu akudalayo kulungile njalo akulalutho okumele lulahlwe nxa lusamukelwa ngokubonga **5** ngoba kungcweliwe yilizwi likaNkulunkulu lomkhuleko. **6** Nxa lezintzo uziphawula kubazalwane, uzakuba ngumfundisi omuhle kaKhristu uJesu, owondliwe phakathi kwamaqiniso okukholwa lemfundiso enhle oyilandelayo. **7** Ungazinaki izinganekwane ezikhohlakeleyo kanye lezindaba eziyize kodwa wena zifundise ukumeseba uNkulunkulu. **8** Ngoba imisebenzi yokuqinisa umzimba ilosizo oluthile kodwa ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kulosizo ezintweni zonke, kulesithembiso ekuphileni kwakhathesi lasekuphileni okuzayo. **9** Lesi yisitshe esiqotho okumele samukelwe ngokupheleleyo **10** njalo lokhu siyakusebenzela sikutshikatshikele ngoba ithemba lethu silibeke kuNkulunkulu ophilayo, onguMsindisi wabantu bonke, ikakhulu ovalabo abakholwayo. **11** Layo njalo ufundise ngalezintzo. **12** Ungavumeli mutu ukuba akweyise ngenxa yokuthi usasemutsha kodwa woba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo ngokukhuluma, ngokuphila, ngothando, ngokukholwa kanye langokuhlambuluka. **13** Zinikele ekufundeleni uzuu imibhalo, ekutshumayeleni kanye lasekufundiseni ngize ngifike. **14** Ungasideli isipho sakho owasiphiwa ngelizwi lesiphofethi ngesikhathi ibandla labadala libeka izandla zalo phezu kwakho. **15** Khuthalela izinto lezi; zinikele ngokupheleleyo kuzo ukuze umuntu wonke abone ukqhubeke kwakho. **16** Qaphela kakhulu ukuphila kwakho kanye lemfundiso. Bambelela kuzo ngoba nxa userenza njalo uzazisindisa wena ngokwakho kanye labakuzwayo.

**5** Ungamkhuzi ngolaka umuntu omdala kodwa mncenge ngokungathhi nguyihlo. Amajaha aphathe njengabafowenu, **2** abesifazane abadala njengonyoko, abesifazane abatsha njengodadewenu

ngokuhlambuluka okupheleleyo. **3** Woba lonanzelelo nxa umfelokazi elabantwana kumbe abazuku, kumele bafunde kuqala kulakho konke ukusebenzisa ukholo lwabo ngokukhathalela abendlu yakwabo langokusiza kuyamthokozisa uNkulunkulu. **5** Umfelokazi oswelayo kakhulu njalo eseleyedwa ubeka ithemba lakhe uNkulunkulu njalo uqhubeke ebusuku lemin ekhuleka ecela usizo kuNkulunkulu. **6** Kodwa umfelokazi ophilela intokozo ufile lanxa esaphila. **7** Banike labo abantu izeluleko lezi ukuze angabikhona ongasoleka. **8** Nxa umuntu enganakekeli izihlobo zakhe ikakhulu abendlu yakwabo, usesulahlie ukholo lwakhe njalo mubi kakhulu kulongakholwayo. **9** Akulamfelokazi ozabekwa eluhlwin iwbafelokazi ngaphandle kokuba eselemiyaka edlula engamatshumi ayisithupha, obengokade ethembekile kumkakhe **10** njalo edumile ngezenzo zakhe ezinhle, ezinjengokondla abantwana, lokuphatha kuhle izihambi, lokugezisa inyawo zabangewe, lokusiza abahluphekayo kanye lokuzinikela kuzozonke izenzo ezinhle. **11** Abafelokazi abasesebatsha ungababeki eluhlwin olunjalo. Ngoba lapho izinkanuko zabo zomzimba sezikhulela ukuzinikela kwabo kuKhristu bafuna ukwenda. **12** Ngalokho-ke, bazilethela ukwahlulelw phezu kwabo ngoba bephule isithembiso sabo sokuqala. **13** Langaphandle kwalokho, basuka babe lomkhuba wokuvilapha batshone benquema ngemizi. Njalo kababi ngamavila nje kuphela koduma bangabaneyeyayo labathandi bezindaba zabanye besitsho izinto okungafanelanga bazitsho. **14** Ngakho, abafelokazi abasesebatsha ngibacebisa ukuba bende, babelabantwana, baphathe izindlu zabo njalo banganiki isitha ithuba lokuba kuge lokuhleba. **15** Abanye bavele sebedukile balandela uSathane. **16** Nxa umuntu okholwayo elabafelokazi emzini wakhe, kumele abasize hatshi ukuyekela besinda ibandla ukuze ibandla lisize abafelokazi abaswela kakhulu. **17** Abadala abaqhuba kuhle imisebenzi yebandla bafanele ukuhlonitshwa okuphindiweyo ikakhulu labo abasebenza ukutshumayela lokufundisa. **18** Ngoba umbhalo uthi: “Inkabi ungayifaki isayeye nxa ibhula amabele,” njalo uthi, “Isisebenzi sifanele umhlo waso.” **19** Ungalamukeli icala eletheswa umuntu omdala ngaphandle kokuba limangalwa ngabafakazi ababili loba abathathu. **20** Abenza izono kumele bakhuzwe phambi kwabantu ukuze labanye baxwayiseke. **21** Ngiyakulaya phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu lezingilos ezhkhethiweyo ukuba ugcine iziqondiso lezi kungekho bandlululo njalo ungenzi lutho ngokukhetha. **22** Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla emuntwini njalo ungahlanganyeli ezonweni zabanye. Zigcine uhlambulukile. **23** Yekela ukunatha amanzi kuphela kodwa sebenzisa lewayini elincinyane ngenxa yesitus sakho lokuhlala kwakho ugula. **24** Izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zifika endaweni yokwahlulela kuqala kulab; kodwa abanye ezabo izono zilandela ngemva

kwabo. **25** Ngokufanayo, izenzo ezinhle zisobala njalo lalezoo ezingenjalo azingeke zihlale zifihiliwe.

**6** Bonke abangaphansi kwejogwe lobuggili kumele bakhangele amakhosi abo ngokuthi afanele ukuhlonitshwa ukuze ibizo likaNkulunkulu kanye lokufundisa kwethu kungadunyazwa. **2** Labo abalamakhosi akholwayo kabangabadeleli ngoba angabazalwane. Kodwa kabawasebenzele ngcono kakhulu ngoba labo abasizakala ngokubasebenzela kwabo ngabakhholwayo labathandekayo kubo. Lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise njalo uzigcizele. **3** Nxa umuntu efundisa imfundiso yamanga njalo engawuvumi umlayo oqotho weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu lemfundiso yokwesaba uNkulunkulu, **4** uyazikhukhumeza njalo akulalutho aluzwisisayo. Ulezifiso ezimbi enkanini lasekuphikisaneni ngamazwi okudala umona, lombango, lezinkulomo ezilimazayo, ukucabangelana okubi **5** kanye lokuxabana kokuphela kwabantu abalengqondo ezixhwalileyo, asebalahlekelwa liqiniso labacabanga ukuthi ukulalela uNkulunkulu kuyindlela yokuzuza imali. **6** Kodwake, ukulalela uNkulunkulu ngokusuthiseka kuyinzozo enkulu. **7** Ngoba akulalutho esalulethayo emhlabeni njalo akulalutho esingasuka lalo kuwo. **8** Kodwa nxa silokudla lezigqoko kumele sisuthiseke ngalokho. **9** Abantu abafuna ukunotha bawela ezilingweni lasemijibileni lasezinkanukweni ezinengi zobuthutha ezilimazayo leziwisela abantu ekufeni lasekubhujisweni. **10** Ngoba ukuthanda imali kuyimpande yezinhlobo zonke zobubi. Abanye abantu ngokutshisekela imali baphambuka ekukholweni bazibangele insizi ezinengi. **11** Kodwa wena muntu kaNkulunkulu, kubalekele konke lokhu ufune ukulunga lokulalela uNkulunkulu, lokukholwa, lothando, lokubekezela kanye lobumnene. **12** Ilwa ukulwa okuhle kokukholwa. Bambelela ekuphileni okulaphakade owabizelwa kukho ekuvumeni kwakho okuhle owakwenza kulabafakazi abanengi. (*aiōnios g166*) **13** Phambi kukaNkulunkulu onika izinto zonke ukuphila laphambi kukaKhristu ujesu owhathi efakaza phambi kukaPhontiyasi Philathu wenza ukuvuma okuhle, ngiyakulaya **14** ukuba ugcine umlayo lo kungelasici loba ukusoleka kuze kube sekubonakaleni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu, **15** okuzalethwa nguNkulunkulu ngesikhathi sakhe, uNkulunkulu obusisekileyo njalo ongyue uMbusi kuphela, iNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, **16** ongyue kuphela ongafiylo lohlala ekukhanyeni okungafinyelelekiyo, okungekho owake wambona loba ongambona. Uduimo lamandla akube kuye kuze kube laphakade. Ameni. (*aiōnios g166*) **17** Balaye labo abanothileyo kulo umhlaba wakhathesi ukuba bangazikhukhumezi loba babeke ithembala enothwemi engathermekanga kodwa ukuba babeke ithembala labo kuNkulunkulu osinika kakhulu konke okwentokozo yethu. (*aiōn g165*) **18** Balaye ukuba benze okuhle, bande ngezenzo ezinhle, baphane njalo bathande ukwaba okungokwabo. **19** Ngalokhuke, bazazibekela inotho njengesisekelo esiqinileyo

sesizukulwane esizayo ukuze babambe ukuphila okuyikuphila okuqotho. **20** Thimothi, londoloza lokho okuphathisiwego. Xwaya inkulumo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu, lemibono ephikisana leqiniso ebizwa ngokuthi lulwazi, **21** njalo abanye sebekuvumile, bathi ngokwenza njalo baphambuka ekukholweni. Umusa kawube kuwe.

## 2 KuThimothi

**1** Mina Phawuli, umpostoli kaKhristu uJesu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, mayelana lesithembiso sokuphila okukuKhristu uJesu, **2** KuThimothi, indodana yami ethandekayo ngithi: Umusa lesihawu kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu uJesu iNkosi yethu. **3** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu engimkhonzayo njengokwenziwa ngokhokho bami ngesazela esimsulwa lapho ngikukhumbula kokuphela emikhulekweni yami ebusuku lemini. **4** Lapho ngikhumbula inyembezi zakho, ngifisa ukukubona ukuze ngibe lokuthokoza okukhulu. **5** Ngikhunjuzwu ngokukholwa kwakho okuqotho okwaqala kugogo wakho uLoyisi lakunyoko uYunisi njalo ngiyathemba ukuba khathesi kakhona lakuwe futhi. **6** Ngenxa yalokhu ngiyakukhumbuza ukuba sihlale sivutha isipho sikaNkulunkulu owasamukela ngokubekwa kwezandla zami phezu kwakho. **7** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasiphanga umoya wobugwala kodwa umoya wamandla, lowothondo kanye lowokuzithiba. **8** Ngakho-ke, ungabi lenhloni ukufakaza ngeNkosi yethu loba ube lenhloni ngami isibotshwa sayo. Kodwa hlanganyela lami ekuhluphekeleni ivangeli ngamandla kaNkulunkulu **9** owasisindisy, wasibizela ekuphileni okungcwele kungayisikho kuthi kakhona esakwenzayo kodwa ngenxa yenjongo yakhe langomusa wakhe. Umusa lo sawunikwa ngoKhristu uJesu ngaphambi kokuqala kwasikhathi (**aiōnios g166**) **10** kodwa khathesi usubonakaliswe ngokubonakala koMsindisi wethu uKhristu Jesu, osechithe ukufa walettha ekukhanyeni ukuphila lokungafi ngevangelii. **11** Njalo ivangeli leli mina ngabekwa ukuba yisithunyuwa lompostoli kanye lomfundisi walo. **12** Yikho-nje nighlupheka njengoba nginje. Kodwa kangilanhloni ngoba ngiyamazi engikhola kuye njalo ngiyakhola ukuthi ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke kuye ngalolosuku. **13** Lokho owakuzwa ngami kugcine njengesiboneko semfundiso epheloley, ngokukholwa langothando kuKhristu ujesu. **14** Londoloza isibambiso osiphathisiweyo usilondoloze ngosizo lukaMoya oNgewe ohlala phakathi kwethu. **15** Uyakwazi ukuthi abantu bonke esabelweni sase-Ezhiya sebangidela, kubalwa loFigelusi kanye loHemogenesi. **16** Sengathi iNkosi ingaba lomusa kwabendlu ka-Onesiforosi ngoba wayehlala engivuselela njalo wayengelanhloni ngezibopho zami. **17** Kodwa kwathi eseRoma wangidinga kakhulu waze wangithola. **18** Sengathi iNkosi ingenza ukuba athole umusa eNkosini ngalolosuku! Uyakwazi kakuhle ukuba wangisiza ngezindlela ezinengi kangakanani e-Efesu.

**2** Ngakho-ke, wena ndodana yami, qina emuseni okuKhristu ujesu. **2** Izinto owangizwa ngizitsho phambi kwabafakazi abanengi ziphathise abantu abathembekileyo abazafanelu ukuba labo bafundise abanye. **3** Hlanganyelana lathi ebunzimeni njengebutho likaKhristu uJesu elifaneleyo. **4** Kakho osebenza njengebutho ongenela ezindabeni zabangasibo bebutho

kodwa ufuna ukuthokozisa umlawuli wakhe. **5** Ngokufanayo, nxa umuntu encintisa njengomdlali kawutholi umqhele wokunkqoba ngaphandle kokuba encintisa ngokusemthethweni. **6** Umlimi osebenza kakhulu kumele kube nguye oqala ukuthola isabelo sezilimo. **7** Nakana ngalokho engikutshoyo ngoba iNkosi izakupha umbono kukho konke lokhu. **8** Khumbula uJesu Khristu owavuka kwabafileyo, wadabuka kuDavid. Leli yilo ivangeli lami **9** engilihlphekelayo ngize ngibotshwe ngamaketane njengesigangi. Kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga. **10** Ngakho-ke, ngibekezelela konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo ukuze labo bazuze ukusindiswa okukuKhristu uJesu lenkazimulo engapheliyo. (**aiōnios g166**) **11** Nansi isitsho esiqotho: Nxa safa laye sizaphila laye futhi; **12** nxa sibekezelu sizabusa laye futhi. Nxa simphika, laye futhi uzasiphika; **13** nxa singelalo ithemba yena uzaqhubeka ethembekile, ngoba angeke azidele. **14** Qhubeka ubakhumbuza abantu bakaNkulunkulu ngalezizinto. Baxwayise phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngokuxabana ngamazwi; akulasizo, kuchitha labo abalaleyo. **15** Yenza ubungcono bakho ukuba uzethule kuNkulunkulu njengohloliweyo, isisebenzi esingadingi ukuba sibe lenhloni njalo esiliphatha kuhle ilizwi leqiniso. **16** Xwaya inkulomo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu ngoba abazikholisayo baqhubeka kokuphela besiba ngabangamesabijo uNkulunkulu. **17** Imfundiso yabo izaghela njengesilonda esibhibhidlayo. Phakathi kwabo kuloHimeniyasi lofilethosi, **18** abaphambukayo eqinisweni. Bathi ukuvuka kwabafileyo sekwenzakala njalo bachitha ukukholwa kwabanye. **19** Noma kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu esiqinileyo sigxilile, sibekwe uphawu lombhalo othi: “UTHixo uyabazi labo abangabakhe,” lokuthi, “Bonke abalivumayo ibizo likaThixo kumele badele ububi.” **20** Endlini enkulukazi akulazitsha zegolide lezesiliwa nje kuphela kodwa lezezigodo kanye lezebumba; ezinye ngezemisebenzi encomekayo njalo ezinye ngezokusebenzia nje. **21** Nxa umuntu ezhilambulula kokulihlazo, uzasetshenziswa emisebenzini encomekayo, angcweliswe, abe luncedo eNkosini yakhe njalo elungele ukwenza loba yiwpumi umsebenzi omuhle. **22** Xwaya izinkanuko ezimbi zubitsha ufune ukulunga, lokukholwa, lothando kanye lokuthula, ukanye lalabo abakhuleka eNkosini ngezinhliziyo ezhimhlophe. **23** Xwaya ukuphikisana kobuthutha lobuwula ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi kudala ingxabano. **24** Inceku yenKosi kumele ixwaye ingxabano; kodwa kumele ibe lomusa ebantwini bonke, yenelise ukufundisa, ingabi lenzondo. **25** Abaphikisayo kumele belulekwe kuhle, ngethembala lokuthi uNkulunkulu uzabaguqula inhliziyo baholelw ekwazini iqiniso **26** lokuthi baphaphame, baphunyuke emjibileni kaSathane obathumbele ukuba benze intando yakhe.

**3** Kodwa nanzelela lokhu: Ensukwini zokucina kuzakuba lezikhati ezzinzima. **2** Abantu bazakuba ngabazithandayo, labathanda imali, labazikhukhumezayo, labaziggajayo, labathukayo, labangalaleli abazali babo,

labangabongiyo, labangcolileyo, **3** labangelathando, kubo bonke abatshisekela ukubonakala kwayo. **9** Zama labangathetheleliyo, labahlebayo, labangazikhuziyo, ngamandla akho wonke ukuba uze kimi ngokuphangisa labaleshluku, labangakuthandiyo okuhle, **4** **10** ngoba uDemasi ngenxa yokuthi ubethanda umhlaba labalamacebo amabi, labacaphuka ngeze, lo, usengibalekele waya eThesalonika. UKhrisensi labaziphakamisayo, labathanda injabulo kulokuthanda useye eGalathiya, uThithu waya eDalmathiya. (**aīōn g165**) **11** ULukha nguye kuphela olami. Thatha uMakho kodwa belandula amandla okukholwa. Ungahlanganyeli ubuye laye ngoba ulusizo kakhulu enkonzweni yami. **12** labo. **6** Yibo laba abanyenyela emakhaya bazuze amandla phezu kwabesifazane ababuthakathaka, ubuye lejazi engalitshiya kuKhaphusi eTrowasi abasindwa yizono njalo bebuswa zinhlobo zonke lengwalo zami ikakhulu leziyana ezemibhalo elotshwe zezinkanuko ezimbi, **7** behlezzi befunda kodwa ezikhumbeni. **14** U-Alekizanda umkhandi wensimbi besehluleka ukufinyelela elwazini lweqiniso. **8** wenza okubi kakhulu kimi. INKosi izaphindisela NjengoJanesi loJambiresi abaphikisa uMosi, ngokunjalo kuye lokhu akwenzileyo. **15** Lawe futhi kumele abantu laba baphikisa iqiniso. Abantu bengqondo umqaphele ngoba ilizwi lethu waliphikisa kakhulu. **16** ezonakeleyo, abalahliwego ngokokholo. **9** Kodwa Ekuvizikeleni kwami kwakuqala kakho owangisekelayo kabayikufika ndawo ngoba rijengokwalawo madoda, kodwa abantu bonke bangihlamukela. Kabangabi ubuthutha babo buzakuba sobala ebantwini bonke. **10** lamlandu ngalokho. **17** Kodwa iNKosi yema phansi Kodwa wena wazi konke ngemfundiso yami, lempilo kwami yangipha amandla ukuze kuthi ngami ilizwi yami, lenjongo yami, lokukholwa, lokubekezela, litshunyayelwe ngokupheleleyo njalo labeZizweni lothando, lokuqinisela, **11** lokuhlukuluzwa, inhlupheko bonke balizwe. Ngempela ngasindiswa emlonyeni zonke engahlangana lazo e-Antiyohki, lase-Ikhoniyanu, laseListra kanye lokuhlukuluzeka engangena phakathi kwakho. Kodwa iNKosi yangihlenga kukho konke lokhu. **12** Ngempela umuntu wonke othanda ukuphila impilo yokulalela uNkulunkulu kuKhristu uJesu uzahlukuluzwa, **13** kukanti abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazakonakala ngokudlulisyayo, bekhholsi labo bekhholsiwa. **14** Kodwa wena qhubeka ngalokho okufundileyo njalo wakukholwa ngoba uyabazi labo okufundie kubo, **15** lokuthi kusukela ebuntwaneni wayazi njani imibhalo eNgcwele engakwenza uhlakaniphele ukusindiswa ngokukholwa kuKhristu uJesu. **16** IMibhalo yonke yaphefumulewa nguNkulunkulu njalo ilosizo ekufundiseni, lokukhuza, lokuqondisa, lokufundisa ngokulunga, **17** ukuze umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayilungisele ngokupheleleyo yonke imisebenzi emihle.

**4** Phambi kukaNkulunkulu loKhristu uJesu ozathonisisa abaphilayo labafileyo njalo mayelana lokubonakala kwakhe kanye lombuso wakhe ngikuniqa lumlayo: **2** Tshumayela iLizwi; lungiselela isikhathi esifaneleyo lesikhathi esingafanelanga; lungisa, ukhuze njalo ukhuthaze ngokubekezelela okukhulu langokulaya ngokunanzelela. **3** Ngoba isikhathi sizafika lapho abantu abangayikuyivuma khona imfundiso eqotho. Kodwa ukuze basuthise izinkanuko zabo, bazaziqoqela abafundisi abanengi ukuba batsho lokho indlebe zabo ezilumela ukukuzwa. **4** Indlebe zabo bazazisusa eqinisweni baphambukele ezinganekwaneni. **5** Kodwa wena lulamisa iKhanda kuzozonke izehlakalo, ubekezele ebunzimeni, wenze umsebenzi womvangeli, uyifeze yonke imisebenzi yenkonzo yakho. **6** Ngoba mina sengilungele ukuthululwa njengomnikelo onathwayo njalo lesikhathi sokusuka kwami sesifikile. **7** Ngilwile ukulwa okuhle, sengiliqedile ibanga lami lokukholwa ngikulondolozile. **8** Khathesi ngigcinelwe umqhele wokulunga iNKosi uMahluleli olungileyo ezanginika wona ngalelolanga njalo kungayisimi kuphela kodwa

# KuThithusi

**1** Mina Phawuli inceku kaNkulunkulu lompostoli kajesu Khristu wokukholwa kwabakhethiwayo bakaNkulunkulu lokwazi iqiniso eliholela ekwesabeni uNkulunkulu, **2** ukukholwa lokwazi okweyame ethembeni lokuphila okulaphakade okwathenjiswa ekudatshulweni komhlaba nguNkulunkulu (**aiōnios g166**) **3** njalo ngesikhathi sakhe esimisiweyo wabonakalisa ilizwi lakhe ngentshumayelo engayiphathiswa ngomlayo kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, **4** KuThithu indodana yami ngokukholwa kwethu sonke ngithi: Umusa lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakuKhristu ujesu uMsindisi wethu. **5** Engakutshiyela khona eKhetre yikuthi uqondise lokho okwasala kungaphelanga njalo ubeke abadala bebandla emizini yonke njengokukulaya kwami. **6** Umdala webandla kumele abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi oyedwa, indoda elabantwana abakholwayo njalo abangelacala lobudlwangudlwangu loba ukwedeleta. **7** Njengoba umthungameli ephathiswe umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, kumele angabi lasici, angazikhukhumezi, ongazondi masinyane, ongasisosidakwa, ongathandi ukulwa, ongadingi inuzuo ngobuqili. **8** Kodwa kumele abe ngophatha kuhle izihambi, othanda okuhle, ozikhuzayo, oqondileyo, ongcwele lozithibayo. **9** Kumele abambelele elizwini eliqotho njengokufundiswa kwalo ukuze akhuthaze abanye ngemfundiso eqotho njalo amelane lalabo abayiphikisayo. **10** Ngoba banengi abantu abahlamukayo, abakhulumayo nje kanye labakhohlisi ikakhulu abeqembu lokusoka. **11** Kumele bathuliswe ngoba bachitha imizi epheleleyo ngokufundisa izinto okungamelanga bazifundise besenzela ukuthola inuzuo ngobuqili lenkohlliso. **12** Omunye wabaphrofethi babo wathi, "AbaseKhetre ngabantu bamanga, izilo ezimbi, izihwaba ezingamavila." **13** Ubufakazi lobu buliqiniso. Ngakho-ke, bakhuze ngamandla ukuze baqine ekukholweni **14** bangalaleli izinganekwane zamajuda loba imilayo yalabo abadela iqiniso. **15** Kwabahlambulukileyo izinto zonke zihlambulukile kodwa kulabu abaxhwalileyo njalo bengakholwa akulalutho oluhlambulukileyo. Ngempela, ingqondo lezazel zabo konke kuxhwalile. **16** Bathi uNkulunkulu bayamazi kodwa ngezenzo zabo bayamphika. Bayenyanyeka, bayadelela njalo kabafanelanga ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle.

**2** Kumele ufundise okuvumelana lemfundiso eqotho. **2** Fundisa amadoda amadala ukuzithiba, afanele ukuhlonitshwa, azikhuze, njalo aqine ekukholweni, ethandweni kanye lasekubekezeleni. **3** Ngokunjalo, fundisa abesifazane abadala ukuba babe ngabahloniphayo ekuphileni kwabo, bangabi ngabahlebayo kumbe ababuswa liwayini kodwa ukuba bafundise okulungileyo. **4** Ngakho-ke, bangafundisa abesifazane abatsha ukuba bathande omkabo labantwana babo **5** ukuba bazikhuze njalo bahlambuluke, lokuba bakhuthale emakhaya, lokuba lomusa, lokuba bazejhise ngaphansi kwabomkabo

ukuze kungabikhona ogcna ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngokunjalo, khuthaza abesilisa abatsha ukuba bazikhuze. **7** Kukho konke babekele isibonelo ngokwenza okuhle. Ekufundiseni kwakho tshengisa ubuqotho lokuzimisela **8** kanye lokukhuluma okulengqondo okungeke kusolwe ukuze kuthi labo abakuphikisayo bayangeke ngoba bengelalutho olubi abangalutsho ngathi. **9** Fundisa izisebenzi ukuba zizehlisele ngaphansi kwamakhosи azo ezintweni zonke, zizame ukuwathokozisa, zingawaphenduli, **10** zingawatshontsheli, kodwa zibonakalise ukuthi zingathembeka okupheleleyo ukuze kuthi ngakho konke zenze imfundiso ngoNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ibe ngebukekayo. **11** Ngoba umusa kaNkulunkulu oletha insindiso usubonakele ebantwini bonke. **12** Uyasisfundisa ukuthi "Hayi" ekweyiseni uNkulunkulu lasezinkanukweni zasemhlabeni njalo siphile ngokuzikhaza, ngokuqonda empilweni yokulalela uNkulunkulu ngesikhathi samanje, (**aiōnios g165**) **13** lapho sisalindele ithemba elibusisiweyo lokubonakala ngenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu wethu omkhulu longuMsindisi ujesu Khristu **14** owazinikela ngenxa yethu ukuba asihlenge eububini bonke kanye lokuthi azihlambululele abantu abangabakhe, abatshisekela ukwenza okuhle. **15** Ngakho lezi yizinto okumele uzifundise. Khuthaza njalo ukuze ngamandla wonke. Ungavumeli muntu ukuthi akweyise.

**3** Khumbuza abantu ukuba bazejhisele ngaphansi kwababusi, labaphathi, lokuba balalele, lokuba balungele ukwenza loba kuyini okuhle, **2** lokunganeyi muttu, lokuba lokuthula kanye lozwelo, kanye lokubonakalisa ukuzithoba okuqotho ebantwini bonke. **3** Ngesinye isikhathi lathi sake saba yiziwula, singalaleli, sikholiswa njalo sithunjwe zinhlobo zonke zenkanuko kanye lenjabulo. Saphila phakathi kwenzondo lomhawu, sizondwa njalo sizondana. **4** Kodwa kwathi umusa lothando lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu sekubonakele, **5** wasisindisa, hatshi ngenxa yezinto ezelungileyo esasizenile kodwa ngenxa yesihawu sakhe. Wasisindisa ngokugeziswa kokuzalwa kutsha kanye lokuvuselelwa nguMoya oNgcwele **6** amthela kakhulu phezu kwethu ngoJesu Khristu uMsindisi wethu **7** ukuze kuthi sesilungiswe ngumusa wakhe, sibe zindlalifa silethemba lokuphila okulaphakade. (**aiōnios g166**) **8** Leli yilizwi eliqotho. Njalo ngithanda ukuba izinto lezi uzigcizelele ukuze kuthi labo abathembele kuNkulunkulu bananzelele ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle. Izinto lezi zinhle kakhulu njalo zilosizo ebantwini bonke. **9** Kodwa xwaya impikiswano yobuwula lezindaba zosendo kanye lemibango lengxabano mayelana lomhetho ngoba lokhu akulasizo njalo kuyize. **10** Umuntu oxabanisayo mlaye kanye, uphinde umlaye okwesibili. Emva kwalokho mxwaye. **11** Ungaba leqiniso ukuthi umuntu onjalo uxhwalile njalo uyisoni; nguye ozilahlayo yena ngokwakhe. **12** Ngingaze ngithumele u-Athemasi kumbe uThikhikhasi kuwe, kumele uzame ngamandla akho wonke ukuza kimi eNikhopholisi ngoba sengizimisele ukuhlala khona ebusika. **13** Yenza

konke ongakwenza ukuba usize uZenasi igqwetha kanye lo-Apholoohanjweni lwabo ubone ukuba balakho konke abakuswelayo. **14** Abantu bakithi kumele bafunde ukuzinikela ekwenzeni okuhle ukuze bagcwalise izinswelo zansuku zonke njalo bangaphili impilo eyize. **15** Bonke abalami bayakubingeleta. Bingelela labo abasithandayo ekukholweni. Umusa kawube lani lonke.

# UFilimoni

**1** Mina Phawuli, isibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu, loThimothi umzalwane wethu, KuFilimoni umngane wethu othandekayo loyisisebenzi kanye lathi, **2** ku-Afiya udadewethu, ku-Akhiphasi olibutho kanye lathi, lasebandleni elihlanganelo ekhaya lakho ngithi: **3** Umusa kawube kuwe kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba leNkosini uJesu Khristu. **4** Ngihlezi ngimbonga kokuphela uNkulunkulu wami lapho ngikukhumbula emikhulekweni yami **5** ngoba ngyezwa ngothando lwakho lokukholwa eNkosini uJesu kanye lothando lwakho kubo bonike abangcwele. **6** Ngikhulekela ukuba ukuhlanganyela kwakho kanye lathi ekukholweni kube lomfutho ngokujula ekuqedisiseni kwakho konke ukulunga esikwabelana ngenxa kaKhristu. **7** Uthando lwakho lungiphe ukuthokoza okukhulu lokududuzeka ngoba wena, mzalwane, uvuselele inhlizyo zabangcwele. **8** Ngakho-ke, lanxa kuKhristu ngingaba lesibindi ngikulaye ukuba wenze lokho okumele ukwenze **9** kodwa ngyakuncenga ngenxa yothando. Ngakho-ke, mina Phawuli, umuntu omdala khathesi oyisibotshwa sikaKhristu uJesu futhi, **10** ngyakuncenga ngenxa yendodana yami u-Onesimasi owaba yindodana yami ngibotshiwe. **11** Kuqala wayengelasizo kuwe kodwa khathesi uselusizo kuwe lakimi. **12** Ngimthuma kuwe yena othandwe yinhlizyo yami. **13** Kade ngingathanda ukuhlala laye ukuze athathe indawo yakho yokungisiza ngisabotshelwe ivangeli. **14** Kodwa angithandanga ukwenza lutho kungelamvumo yakho ukuze kuthi loba ngumusa owenzayo ube ngowokuzithandela hatshi ukubanjwa ngamandla. **15** Mhlawumbe isizatho sokwehlukaniswa lawe okwesikhatsana sasiyikuthi ube laye futhi kokuphela (**aiōnios g166**). **16** engaseyiso sigqili kodwa esengcono kulesigqili njengomzalwane othandekayo. Uyathandeka kimi kodwa uthandeka kakhulu kuwe njengomunye wakho lanjengomzalwane eNkosini. **17** Ngakho-ke, nxa ungithatha njengohlanganyela lawe, mamukele ngendlela obuzangamukela ngayo. **18** Nxa kulokubi akwenze kuwe kumbe elesikwelede kuwe, kubalele kimi. **19** Mina Phawuli, ngiloba lokhu ngesandla sami. Ngizahlawula ngingabali ukuthi lawe ulomlandu kimi wena ngokwakho. **20** Ngiyafisa, mzalwane, ukuba ngithole usizo oluthile kuwe eNkosini; uvuselele inhlizyo yami kuKhristu. **21** Ngileqiniso ngokulalela kwakho, ngikulobela ngisazi ukuthi uzakwenza okudlula engikucelayo. **22** Okunye njalo yilokhu: Ngilungisela indlu yezihambi ngoba ngithemba ukuba ngizabuyiselwa kuwe ngenxa yemikhuleko yakho. **23** U-Ephafrasi oyisibotshwa kanye lami ngenxa kaKhristu uJesu, uyakubingelela. **24** UMakho, lo-Aristakhasi, loDemasi kanye loLukha abayizisebenzi kanye lami bayakubingelela. **25** Umusa weNkosi uJesu Khristu kawube lomoya wakho.

# KumaHebheru

**1** Kudala uNkulunkulu wakhuluma kubokhokho kanenginengi ngabaphrofethi langezindlela ezechlukeneyo **2** kodwa ngalezizinsuku zokucina ukhulume kithi ngeNdodana yakhe, ayibeka ukuba yindlalifa yezinto zonke, yona adala ngayo izulu lomhlaba. (aiōn g165) **3** INdodana iyikubenyelza kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kanye lomfanekiso wokuba nguye kwakhe uqobo, iqinisa izinto zonke ngelizwi layo elilamandla. Emva kokuba isikufezile ukuhanjululwa kwezono, yahlala phansi esandleni sokunene sobukhosu ezulwini. **4** Ngakho yaba ngaphezu kwezingilosu ngoba ibizo eyalithola njengelifa lilikhulu kulelazo. **5** Ngoba kukuyiphi ingilosu uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo: “Wena uyiNdodana yami; lamhlha sengibe nguYihlo”? Kumbe njalo wathi, “Ngizakuba nguYise, yona izakuba yiNdodana yami”? **6** Njalo, lapho uNkulunkulu eletha izibulo lakhe emhlabeni, uthi: “Zonke izingilosu zikaNkulunkulu kazimkhonze.” **7** Lapho ekhuluma ngezingilosu uthi, “Wenza izingilosu zakhe zibe yimimoya, izinceku zakhe zibe ngamalangabi omilo.” **8** Kodwa ngeNdodana uthi, “Isihlalo sakho sobukhosu, Oh Nkulunkulu, sizakuma nini lanini, intonga yokwahlulela okulungileyo izakuba yintonga yombsuso wakho. (aiōn g165) **9** Ukuthandile ukulunga wazonda ububi; ngakho uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho usekubeko ngaphezu kwabakhula bakho ngokukugcoba ngamafutha entokozo.” **10** Njalo uthi, “Ekuqaleni, Oh Nkosi, wabeka izisekelo zomhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla zakho. **11** Kuzabhubha kodwa wena uzasala; konke kuzaguga njengesigqoko. **12** Uzakugoqa njengesembatho; kuzantshintshwa njengesigqoko. Kodwa wena uhlala unjalo, leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela.” **13** Kukuyiphi ingilosu uNkulunkulu ake wathi kuyo: “Hlala ngakwesokunene sami; ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisinyathelo senyawo zakho”? **14** Izingilosu kazisimymoa esebezayao yini, ethunye ukukhonza labo abazakudla ilifa lokusindiswa na?

**2** Ngakho kufanele siqapelelisise lokho esikuzwileyo ukuze singaduki. **2** Ngoba nxaxilizi elakhulunywa yizingilosu liqinisa njalo konke ukona lokungalaleli kuthole isijeziso sakho esifaneleyo, **3** pho thina sizaphepha njani nxaxinganaki insindiso enkuluka kangaka na? Lokhu kusindiswa okwabikwa kuqala yiNkosi, kwafakazwa kithi yilabo abayizwayo. **4** LoNkulunkulu wakufakaza ngezibonakaliso langezimangaliso ezithile, langezipho zikaMoya oNgcwele ezabiwa ngokwentando yakhe. **5** Akusikho ezingilosini abeka khona ngaphansi kwazo ilizwe elizayo esikhuluma ngalo. **6** Kodwa ikhona indawo lapho omunye ofakaza khona esithi: “Uyini umuntu osungaze uzihluphe ngaye na, loba indodana yomuntu ukuba uyinanze na? **7** Wamenza waba mncinyazana kulezingilosu; wamethesa umqhele wodumo lobukhosu, **8** wabeka lezinto zonke ngaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe.” Ekubekeni izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe

uNkulunkulu katshiyanga lutho olungekho ngaphansi kwakhe. Kodwa khathesi kasiboni zinto zonke zingaphansi kwakhe. **9** Kodwa sibona yena, owenziwa waba ngaphansanyana kwezingilosu okwesikhatshana, uJesu, ebekwa umqhele wobukhosu lodumo ngoba wavuma ukufa ukuze kuthi ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ezwe ukufa ngenxa yabantu bonke. **10** Ekuletheni amadodana amanengi enkazimulweni, kwakufanele ukuba uNkulunkulu, yena owenza zonke izinto njalo zabakhona ngenxa yakhe, enze umsunguli wokusindiswa kwabo aphelele ngokuhlupheka kwakhe. **11** Ngoba lowo owenza abantu babengcwele kanye labalo abenziwe baba ngcwele ngabendlunye. Ngakho uJesu kakumyangisi ukuba athi bangabafowabo. **12** Uthi, “Ngizamemezela ibizo lakho kubafowethu; ngizahlabelela udumo lwakho phambi kwebandla.” **13** Njalo uthi, “Ngizabeka ithemba lami kuye.” Uphinda athi, “Mina ngilapha, kanye labantwana uNkulunkulu angiphe bona.” **14** Njengoba abantwana belomzimba legazi, laye wahlanganyela ebuntwini babo ukue kuthi ngokufa kwakhe amchithe lowo ophethe amanda okufa okutsho uSathane, **15** abakhulule ababesebugqilini impilo yabo yonke ngenxa yokwesaba kwabo ukufa. **16** Ngoba impela akusizo ingilosu azisizayo kodwa inzalo ka-Abrahama. **17** Ngenxa yaloku kwakumele enziwe afane labafowabo kukho konke ukuze abe ngumphristi omkhulu olesihawu lothembekileylo enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu, lokuba abeyinhlawulo yezono zabantu. **18** Njengoba laye wahlupheka lapho elingwa, uyelenisa ukubasiza abalingwayo.

**3** Ngakho-ke, bafowethu abangcwele, abahlanganyela ekubizweni ezulwini, bekani imicabango yenu kuJesu, umpostoli lomphristi omkhulu esimvumayo. **2** Wathembeka kulowo owambekayo, njengoMosi owayethembekile kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu. **3** UJesu ufunyenewe efanele udumo olukhulu kuloMosi njengomakhi wendlu elodumo olukhulu kulendu yona ngokwayo. **4** Ngoba yileyo laleyondlu yakhiwa ngumuntu othize kodwa uNkulunkulu ungmumkhi wezinto zonke. **5** “UMosi wayethembekile njengencuku kuyo yonke indlu kaNkulunkulu,” efakaza lokho okwakuzatshiwo ensukwini ezizayo. **6** Kodwa uKhristu uthembekile njengendodana endlini kaNkulunkulu. Njalo thina siyindlu yakhe nxaxibamelela ngesibindi langethembra lethu esizincoma ngakho. **7** Ngakho, njengoba uMoya oNgcwele esithi: “Lamuuhla nxaxisizwa ilizwi lakhe, **8** lingazensi zibe lukhuni inhliziyozenu, njengelakwenza ekuhlamukeni, ngesikhathi sokulingwa enkangala, **9** lapho okhokho benu abangihlola khona bangilinga, babona engakwenzayo okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. **10** Yikho-nje ngasithukuthelela isizukulwane leso, njalo ngathi, ‘Inhliziyozabozihlezi ziduka, njalo kabazazanga izindlela zami.’ **11** Ngakho ngamemezela ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi, ‘Kabayikungena ekuphumulenii kwami.’” **12** Bonani bazalwane ukuthi kakho omunye wenu olenhliziyozabozihlezi yokona lokungakholwa, ephambukayo kuNkulunkulu ophilayo. **13** Kodwa khuthazanani insuku

zonke kusabizwa ngokuthi lamuhla, ukuze angabikhona kasibambeleleni kakhulu okholweni esiluvumayo. owenu oba luhkuni ngenxa yokukhohliswa yisono. **15** Ngoba kasilamphristi omkhulu onganelisiyo ukusiwela ebuthakathakeni bethu kodwa silaye oseke walingwa ngezindlela zonke njengathi kodwa akazange one. **16** Kasisondeleni esihhlalweni sobukhos somusa ngesibindi ukuze samukele isihawu njalo sithole umusa wokusisiza ezikhathini zokuswela kwethu.

**16** Babengobani labo abezwayo basebehlamuka na? Akusibo yini bonke labo uMosi abakhupha eGibhithe na? **17** Njalo ngobani ayebathukuthelele okweminyaka engamatshumi amane na? Akusibo yini labo abanoya, abazidumbu zabo zawela enkangala na? **18** Ngobani uNkulunkulu abafungela ukuthi kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe nxax kungayisibo labo abangalalelanga na? **19** Ngakho siyabona ukuthi babengeke bangene ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

**4** Ngakho-ke, njengoba isithembiso sokungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe silokhu sikhona, kasiqapheleni ukuba kakho phakathi kwenu otholakala engafinyeleli kuso. **2** Ngoba ivangeli latshunayelwa kithi njengakubo; kodwa ilizwi abalizwayo lalingelasizo kubo ngoba labo abalizwayo kabalihlanganisanga lokholo. **3** Thina esakholwayo siyangena kulokho kuphumula njengoba uNkulunkulu etsihilo ukuthi: "Ngakho nganamemeza ngesifungo ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi, 'Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.'" Kodwa umsebenzi wakhe wapheleliswa ekudalweni komhlaba. **4** Ngoba kwenye indawo ukhulume ngosuku lwasikhombisa ngala amazwi athi: "Ngakho ngosuku lwasikhombisa uNkulunkulu waphumula kuwo wonke umsebenzi wakhe." **5** Njalo endirimeni engapehzulu uthi, "Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami." **6** Kulokhu kunjalo ukuthi abanye bazangena kulokho kuphumula, lalabo ivangeli elatshunayelwa kubo kuqala kabangangenya ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo. **7** Ngakho uNkulunkulu wabuya wamisa olunye usuku, elubiza ngokuthi Lamuhla, lapho kwathi emva kвесихати eside wakhulumo ngoDavida, njengokwakutshiwo mandulo ukuthi: "Lamuhla nxax lisizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazensi zibe luhkuni inhliziyo zenu." **8** Ngoba aluba ujoshuwa wayebanikile ukuphumula, ngabe uNkulunkulu kakhulumanga muva ngolunye usuku. **9** Ngakho kulokhu kukhona ukuphumula kweSabatha kwabantu bakaNkulunkulu; **10** ngoba loba ngubani ongena ekuphumuleni kukaNkulunkulu uyaphumula lakowakhe umsebenzi njengokwenziwa nguNkulunkulu kowakhe. **11** Ngakho-ke, kasenzeni imizamo yonke ukuba singene kulokho ukuphumula, ukuze angabikhona ozawisa yikulandela isibonelo sakhe sokungalaleli. **12** Ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liyaphila njalo liyasebenza. Libukhali kulenkemba esika inxa zombili, ingena ize yehlukanise umphefumulo lomoya, amalunga lomnkantsho; lahlulela imicabango lomumo wenhliziyo. **13** Kukho konke okudaliweyo akulalutho olufihlakeleyo emehlweni kaNkulunkulu. Konke kwambuliwe kwabekwa obala phambi kwamehlo akhe yena okumele sizibike kuye. **14** Ngakho-ke, njengoba silomphristi omkhulu kakhulu osengene emazulwini, ujesu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu,

kakhulu okholweni esiluvumayo. **15** Ngoba kasilamphristi omkhulu onganelisiyo ukusiwela ebuthakathakeni bethu kodwa silaye oseke walingwa ngezindlela zonke njengathi kodwa akazange one. **16** Kasisondeleni esihhlalweni sobukhos somusa ngesibindi ukuze samukele isihawu njalo sithole umusa wokusisiza ezikhathini zokuswela kwethu.

**5** Wonke umphristi omkhulu ukhethwa ebantwini abekwe ukuba abamele ezindabeni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu, ukunikela izipho lemihlatshelo yezon. **2** Ulakho ukubaphatha ngesineke labo abangaziyo abadukayo, njengoba laye uqobo ephethwe yikuba buthakathaka. **3** Yikho-nje kumele anikele imihlatshelo yezon zakhe kanye leyezon zabantu. **4** Kakho ozethesa udumo lolu phezu kwakhe; kumele abizwe nguNkulunkulu njengo-Aroni. **5** Ngakho loKhristu kazethesanga udumo lokuba ngumphristi omkhulu. Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathi kuye, "Wena uyiNdodana yami; lamuhla sengibe nguYihlo." **6** Njalo kwenye indawo uthi, "Wena unguumphristi kuze kube nini lanini, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi." (aiōn g165) **7** Ngensuku zokuphila kukaJesu emhlabeni, wakhuleka wacela ngokukhala kakhulu langezinyembezi kuye lowo owayengamphephisa ekufeni njalo wezwakala ngenxa yokuzelhisa kwakhe okuhloniphekayo. **8** Lanxa wayeyindodana wafunda ukulalela kulokhu ahlpheka ngakho, **9** kwathi lapho esephelelisiwe, waba ngumthombo wokusindisa okulaphakade wabo bonke abamlalelayo (aiōnios g166) **10** wasekhethwa nguNkulunkulu ukuba abe ngumphristi omkhulu, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi. **11** Kunengi esingakutsho ngalokho kodwa kunzima ukuchaza ngoba liyaphuza ukufunda. **12** Ngeqiniso, lanxa ngealesikhathi lifanele ukuba ngabafundisayo, liswela omunye ukuba alifundise amaquiniso okuqala elizwi likaNkulunkulu Lifuna uchago, hatshi ukudla okuqinileyo! **13** Lovo ophila ngochago, ulokhu elusane, kayazi imfundiso emayelana lokulunga. **14** Kodwa ukudla okuqinileyo ngokwabakhulileyo asebazifundisa ukwehlukanisa okuhle kokubi.

**6** Ngakho kasiyekeleni imfundiso elula ngoKhristu sighubeke siye ekukhulen. Kasingasibeki futhi isisekelo sokuphenduka ezenzweni eziholela ekufeni, lezokukhola kuNkulunkulu, **2** lemfundiso ngemibaphathizo, lokubekwa kwezandla, lokuvuka kwabafileyo kanye lokwahlulelw okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **3** Njalo nxax uNkulunkulu evuma sizakwenza njalo. **4** Akwenzakali kulabo asebake bakhanyiselwa, asebenambitie isipho sasezulwini, asebehlanganye kuMoya oNgewe, **5** asebenambitie ubumnandi belizwi likaNkulunkulu kanye lamandla esikhathi esizayo, (aiōn g165) **6** njalo nxax behlamuka ukuba babuyiselwe ekuphendukeni ngoba ekulahlekkelweni kwabo bayayibethela futhi esiphambanweni iNdodana kaNkulunkulu beyethesa ihlazo phambi kwabantu bonke. **7** Umhlabathi onatha izulu elihlezi lisina phezu kwawo loveza isilimo esilusizo kulabo abawulimayo uthola isibusiso

sikaNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa umhlabathi oveza ameva lokhula kawulasizo njalo usengozini yokuqalekiswa. **9** Kodwa lanxa sikhuluma kanje basalwane abathandekayo, silethemba lezinto ezingcono ngani, izinto ezilokwenza lokusindiswa. **10** UNkulunkulu ulungile, kasoke awukhohlwe umsebenzi wenu lothando elamtshengisa lona njengoba lasiza abantu bakhe njalo liyaqhubeka libasiza. **11** Sifuna omunye lomunye wenu abonakalise ukukhuthala lokhu kuze cube sekupheleni ukuze ithemba lenu liqiniseke. **12** Kasifuni ukuba libe ngamavila kodwa ukuba lilingisele labo okwathi ngokukholwa langokubekeliza bathola ilifa lalokhu okwakuthenjisiwe. **13** Lapho uNkulunkulu esenza isithembiso sakhe ku-Abrahama, njengoba wayengekho omkhulu ayengafunga ngaye, wafunga ngaye yena ngokwakhe **14** esithi, “Ngempela ngizakubusa njalo ngikuphe inzalo enengi.” **15** Ngakho emva kokulinda ngokubekeliza, u-Abrahama wathola okwakuthenjisiwe. **16** Abantu bafunga ngomunye omkhulu kulabo njalo isifungo siqinisa lokho okutshiwoyo siqede lokuphikisana konke. **17** Njengoba uNkulunkulu wathanda ukuba enze ukungaguuki kwesimo senhlosa yakhe cube sobala kuzindlalifa zalokho okwathenjiswayo, wakuqinisa ngesifungo. **18** UNkulunkulu wenza lokhu ukuze kuthi ngezinto ezimbili ezingagukuylekiyo, uNkulunkulu angeke aqambe amanga ngazo, thina esibaleke sabambelela ethembeni esiliphiwayo sikhuthazeke kakhulu. **19** Silethemba leli njengensika yemiphefumulo yethu, eliqinileyo njalo eligxilileyo. Lingena endaweni engcwele yangaphakathi ngemva kwamakhetheni **20** lapho ujesu owahamba phambi kwethu angena khona ngenxa yethu. Usebe ngumphristi omkhulu emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi kuze cube nini lanini. (aiōn g165)

**7** UMelikhizedekhi lo wayeyinkosi yaseSalemu lomphristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke. Wahlangabeza u-Abrahama evela kwehlula amakhosí, wambusa, **2** u-Abrahama wamnika okwetshumi kwakho konke. Okwauqala, ibizo elithi Melikhizedekhi litsho ukuthi “Nkosi yokulunga”; lokuthi futhi, “Nkosi yaseSalemu” kutsho ukuthi “Nkosi yokuthula.” **3** Engelayise loba unina, engelamdagabuko, engelakuqala kwensuku loba ukuphela kokuphila njengeNdodana kaNkulunkulu uhlezi engumphristi nini lanini. **4** Ake licabange ukuthi wayemkhulu kangakanani: Lokhokho u-Abrahama wamnika okwetshumi kwempango! **5** Khathesi umthetho ufuna abenzalo kaLevi ababa ngabaphristi ukuba baqoqe okwetshumi ebantwini, lokhu kutsho abafowabo lanxa abafowabo beyinzalo ka-Abrahama. **6** Umuntu lo kazange alonde umdabuko wakhe usukela kuLevi kodwa waqoqa okwetshumi ku-Abrahama njalo wambusa yena lowo owayelezithembiso. **7** Kakulakuthandabuza ukuthi umuntu omncinyane ubusisa ngomkhulu. **8** Kwesinye iseohlakalo, okwetshumi kuthathwa ngabantu abafayo kodwa kwesinye iseohlakalo kuge ngulowo okuthiwe uyaphila. **9** Umuntu

angatsho lokuthi uLevi oqoqa okwetshumi, wanikela okwetshumi ngo-Abrahama **10** ngoba lapho uMelikhizedekhi ehlangabeza u-Abrahama uLevi wayelokhu esesemzimbeni kakhokho wakhe. **11** Nxa ukuphelela kwakungatholakala ngobuphristi babaLevi njalo ngempela umthetho owaphiwa abantu wasungula lobobuphristi, pho kungani kwakulokhu kudingeka ukuba omunye umphristi abuye evela emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi, engasiwemkhondweni ka-Aroni na? **12** Ngoba lapho kulokuguqulwa kobuphristi, kufanele kuge lokuguqulwa komthetho futhi. **13** Yena lowo okutshiwo lezintzo ngaye ngowesinye isizwana njalo kakho owalessosizwana owake wakhonza e-alithareni. **14** Ngoba kusobala ukuba iNkosi yethu yadabuka kojudha njalo mayelana lalesosizwana uMosi katshongo lutho ngabaphristi. **15** Njalo lokhu esesikutshilo kucace kakhulu nxa omunye umphristi onjengoMelikhizedekhi evela, **16** omunye obe ngumphristi kungayisiko komthetho ngokosendo lwakhe kodwa ngokumayelana lamandla okuphila okungeke kuchithwe. **17** Ngoba kumenyelzelwe ukuthi: “Wena ungumphristi kuze cube nini lanini, emkhondweni kaMelikhizedekhi.” (aiōn g165) **18** Umthetho wakuqala ubekwe eceleni ngoba wawubuthakathaka njalo ungelasio **19** (ngoba umthetho kawenzanga lutho olupheleleyo) ngakho kulethwa ithemba elitsha esisondela ngalo kuNkulunkulu. **20** Njalo kwakungayisiko ngaphandle kweisifungo! Abanye babangabaphristi kungekho sifungo, **21** kodwa yena waba ngumphristi ngesifungo lapho uNkulunkulu athi kuye: “INkosi ifungile njalo kayiyikuguqula ingqondo yayo: ‘Wena ungumphristi kuze cube nini lanini.’” (aiōn g165) **22** Ngenxa yesifungo lesi, uJesu usebe yisiqiniselos sesivumelwano esingcono. **23** Abaphristi labo sebebanengi njengoba babevinjelwa yikuwa ukuba baqhubeke besezikhundleni; **24** kodwa uJesu uphila kuze cube laphakade, ulobuphristi obuyisimakade. (aiōn g165) **25** Ngakho ulamandla okubasindisa ngokupheleleyo labo abea kuNkulunkulu ngaye ngoba uhlezi ephilela ukubancengela. **26** Umphristi omkhulu onjalo wagcwalisia izinswelo zethu, ongongcweli, ongelasici, lohlanzekileyo, lowehlukaniswe lezonzi, lophakanyiswelw ngaphezu kwamazulu. **27** Hatshi njengabanye abaphristi abakhulu, yena kadinga kunikela imihlatshelo insuku zonke, kuqala eyezono zakhe, kulanle owezonzo zabantu. Wabenzela umhlatshelo wezonzo zabo kwaba kanye kuphela lapho ezinikela. **28** Ngoba umthetho ubeka abantu ababuthakathaka ukuba ngabaphristi abakhulu kodwa isifungo eseza emva komthetho sabeka iNdodana eyenziwe yaba ngepheleleyo kuze cube nininini. (aiōn g165)

**8** Isiqokoqela salokho esikutshoyo yilesi: Silaye umphristi omkhulu onjalo, owahlala phansi esandleni sokinene kwestihlalo sobukhosí soMkhulu ezelwini, **2** okhonzayo endaweni engcwele, ithabanikeli eliqotho elamiswa yiNkosi hatshi ngabantu. **3** Umphristi omkhulu ngamunye ubekelwe ukumikela izipho lemihlatshelo, ngakho kwakufanele ukuba lalo abe lolutho alunikelayo. **4** Aluba

wayesemhlabeni wayengayikuba ngumphristi ngoba bevelebekhona abantu abanikela izipho eziphawulwa ngumthetho. **5** Bakhonza endaweni engcwele engumfanekiso leithunzi salokho okusezulwini. Yikho-nje uMosi waxwayiswa lapho esezakwakha ithabanikeli ngokuthi: "Qaphela ukuba wenze konke njengalokhu owakutshengiswa entabeni." **6** Kodwa inkonzo ujesu ayemukeleyo ingcono kuleyabo njengesivumelwano yena angumeli waso singcono kulesidala njalo sakhelwe phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono. **7** Ngoba aluba kwakungelalutho olungalunganga kusivumelwano sakuqala leso, akulasizatho esasingadingelwa esinye. **8** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wathola isici ebantwini wasesithi: "Isikhathi siyeza, kutsho iNkosi, lapho engizakwenza khona isivumelwano esitsha lendlu ka-Israyeli kanye lendlu kajuda. **9** Kasiyikufana lesivumelwano engasenza labokhoko babo lapho engababamba khona ngesandla ukuba ngibakhuphe eGibhithe, ngoba kabaqhubekanga bethembekile esivumelwanen sami, ngasengibadela, kutsho iNkosi. **10** Nansi isivumelwano engizasenza lendlu ka-Israyeli, ngemva kwalessokhathi, kutsho iNkosi. Ngizabeka imithetho yami ezingqondweni zabo, ngiyilobe ezinhliyizwensi zabo. Ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona babengabantu bami. **11** Umutu kasayikufundisa umakhelwane wakhe, kumbe umfowabo, esithi, 'Yazi iNkosi,' ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncinanye wabo kusiya komkhulu. **12** Ngoba ngizabathethela ububi babo, njalo angiyikuhumbula izono zabo futhi." **13** Ngokuthi isivumelwano lesi "sitscha" wenze esakuqala sangasasebenzi; futhi okungasasebenzi lokugugileyo kuzanyamalala masinyane.

**9** Isivumelwano sakuqala sasislezimiso zokukhonza kanye lendawo engcwele yasemhlabeni. **2** Kwakhiwa ithabanikeli. Ekameleni lalo lakuqala kwakuloluthi lwasibewa, letafula kanye lesinkwa esingcweliweye; lokhu kwakubizwa ngokuthi yiNdawo eNgcwele. **3** Ngemva kwekhetheni lesibili kwakulekamelio elalithiwa yiNdawo eNgcwelengcwele, **4** eyayile-alithare lokutshisela impepeha elalihuqe ngegolide kanye lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano owawuhuqwe ngegolide. Umtshokotsho wakhona wawulembizanya yemana, lentonga ka-Aroni eyahlumayo kanye lezibhebhedu zamatshe esivumelwano. **5** Phezu komtshokotsho kwakulamakherubhi eNkazimulo enze ithunzi phezu kwendawo yomhlathshelo. Kodwa khathesi asingeke silandise okugweleyo ngaleozintso. **6** Kwathi konke sekulungisiwe kanje, abaphristi bangena njalonjalo ekamelweni langaphandle ukuba benze inkonzo yabo. **7** Kodwa umphristi omkhulu nguye kuphela owayengena ekamelweni langaphakathi kanye ngomnyaka, njalo kungeke kwenzeke engelagazi alinikelela yena kanye lezonzo abantu abazenza bengazi. **8** UMoya oNgcwele wayetshengisa ngalokho ukuthi indlela eya eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele yayingabonakalisa nxo ithabanikeli lakuqala lilokhu likhona. **9** Lokhu kungumfanekiso walesiskhathi, okubonakalisa ukuthi izipho lemihlatshelo okwakunikelwa kwakunganelisi ukuhlambulula izazel

zabakhonzayo. **10** Kuyindaba yokudla lokunatha kuphela kanye lemikhuba eyehlukeneyo yokugeza imilayo yangaphandle komzimba eseberza kuze kufike isikhathi sezimiso ezintsha. **11** Kwathi lapho uKhristu esefikile njengomphristi omkhulu wezinto ezinhle esezikhona, wadabula phakathi kwethabanikeli elikhulu elipheleleyo elingenziwanga ngabantu, okuyikuthi, kalisingxyene yale indalo. **12** Kangenanga ngokusebeniza igazi lembuzi loba elamathole; kodwa wangena kanye kuphela eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele ngegazi lakhe, esethole ukuhlengwa okulaphakade. (**aiōnios g166**) **13** Igazi lembuzi lelenkunzi lemilotha yamathokazi okufafazwa ebantwini abangahlambulukanga ngokomkhuba kuyabangcwelisa ukuba babe ngabahlbambulukileyo ngaphandle. **14** Pho igazi likaKhristu, owazinikela engelasici kuNkulunkulu ngomoya olaphakade, lizazihlambulula kakhulu okungakanani izazel zethu emisebenzini edonsela ekufeni, ukuze sikhonze uNkulunkulu ophilayo! (**aiōnios g166**) **15** Ngenxa yalokhu uKhristu ungumeli wesivumelwano esitsha ukuze kuthi labo ababiziweyo bathole ilifa elingapheliyo elathenjiswayo njengoba sewafa njengenhlawulo ukuba abakhlule ezonweni abazenzayo esivumelwanen sakuqala. (**aiōnios g166**) **16** Mayelana lentando yokwaba ilifa, kuyadingakala ukuba kufakazwe ukufa kwalowo owakwenzayo, **17** ngoba intando yokwaba ilifa isebeza kuphela lapho kukhona ofileyo; kayisebeni nxa lowo owayenzayo elokhu esaphila. **18** Yikho-nje lesivumelwano sakuqala kasifezwanga kungekho gazi. **19** Kwathi uMosi esememezele imilayo yonke yomthetho ebantwini bonke, wathatha igazi lamathole lelempongo ndawonye lamanzi, lewulu ebomvu kanye lezingatsha zehisophi, wachela umqulu kanye labantu bonke. **20** Wathi, "Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu alaye ukuba lisigcine." **21** Ngendlela efanayo wachela ithabanikeli ngegazi kanye lezinto zonke eziisetshenziswayo emikhosini yalo. **22** Ngempela umthetho uphose ufune ukuba izinto zonke zihlanjululwe ngegazi, njalo kungekho kuchithwa kwegazi akukho ukuthethethela. **23** Ngakho kwakufanele ukuba imifanekiso yezinto zasezelwini zihlanjululwe ngemihlatshelo le kodwa izinto zasezelwini uqobo kube ngemihlatshelo engcono kulale. **24** Ngoba uKhristu kangenanga endaweni engcwele eyenziwa ngabantu eyayungfanekiso waleyo eqotho kuphela; yena wangena ezelwini uqobo, ukuba asimele phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **25** Kangenanga ezelwini ukuba azinikele njalonjalo, njengomphristi omkhulu engena eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele minyaka yonke legazi elingayisilo lakhe. **26** Ngakho uKhristu wayezahlupheka kanengi kusukela ekodalweni komhlaba. Kodwa khathesi usebonakale kanye kuphela ekupheleni kwezikhathi ukuba asuse isono ngomhlathshelo ongye. (**aiōn g165**) **27** Njengalokhu umuntu wamiselwa ukufa kanye, kuthi emva kwalokho abhekane lokwahluelwa, **28** ngokunjalo uKhristu wanikelwa kanye ukuba asuse izono zabantu abanengi; njalo uzabonakala okwesibili,

hatshi ukuthwala isono, kodwa ukuletha ukusindiswa kulabo abamlindeleyo.

**10** Umthetho uysithunzi nje sezinto ezinhle ezizayo kodwa hatshi lokho okuyikho uqobo. Ngenxa yemihlatshelo efanayo ephindwaphindwa kokuphela iminyaka leminyaka ayingeke ibenze baphelele labo abasondela ekukhonzeni. **2** Aluba wawusanelisa, imihlatshelo yayingayikuyekelwa ukunikelwa na? Ngoba abakhonzayo babezahlanjululwa kube kanye kuphela, njalo babengasayikuzizwa belecalo lezonzo zabo. **3** Kodwa imihlatshelo iyisikhumbuzo sezono zeminyaka yonke, **4** ngoba akwenzakali ukuba igazi lenkunzi lelembuzi lisuse izono. **5** Ngakho-ke, uKhristu esefikile emhlabeni wathi: “Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawukufunanga, kodwa wena wangilungisela umzimba; **6** kawuthokozanga ngeminikelo yokutshisa leminikelo yesono. **7** Ngasengisithi, ‘Ngilapha, kolutshiwe ngami emqulwini, ngilande ukuzokwenza intando yakho, Oh Nkulunkulu.’” **8** Kuqala wathi, “Imihlatshelo leminikelo, iminikelo yokutshisa kanye leminikelo yesono kawuyifunanga, njalo kayikuthokozisanga” (lanxa umthetho usithi kayenziwe). **9** Wabuya wathi, “Ngilapha, ngilande ukuzokwenza intando yakho.” Ususa okokuqala ukuze amise okwesibili. **10** Njalo ngaleyontando senziwe saba ngcwele ngomihlatshelo womzimba kajesu Khristu kanye kuphela. **11** Insuku zonke umphristi uyema enze imisebenzi yakhe yenkonzo, anikele njalonjalo imihlatshelo minye, engeke isuse izono. **12** Kodwa kwathi umphristi lo esenikelele izikhathhi zonke umhlatshelo owdoda wezono, wahlala phansi esandleni sokinene sikaNkulunkulu. **13** Kusukela ngalesokkhathi ulindele izitha zakhe ukuba zibe yisenabelo sakhe, **14** ngoba ngomihlatshelo owdoda usephelelise nini lanini labo abenziwayo ukuba ngcwele. **15** LoMoya oNgcwele uyaifikaza kithi ngalokho. Kuqala uthi: **16** “Lesi yisivumelwano engizasenza labo emva kwalessokkhathi, kutsho iNkosi. Ngizafaka imithetho yami ezinhliziwayi zabo ngiyilobole lasezingqondweni zabo.” **17** Wabuya wengeza wathi: “Izono zabo lezenzo zokungabi lomthetho, angiyikukhumbula futhi.” **18** Nxa lezi sezithethelwe, kawusekho umhlatshelo wesono. **19** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, njengoba silethemba lokungena eNdaweni eNgcwelengcwele ngegazi likajesu, **20** ngendlela entsha ephilayo, esiyivulelwu ekhethenini, okuyikuthi umzimba wakhe, **21** njalo njengoba silomphristi omkhulu ophethe indlu kaNkulunkulu, **22** kasisondeleni kuNkulunkulu ngezinhlizyo eziqotho ngethembra elipheleleyo lokholo; sibe lezinhlizyo ezicheliwayo ukuba sihlanjululwe isazela secalo lemizimba yethu igeziswe ngamanzi ahlanzekileyo. **23** Kasibameleleni ngokuqina kulo ithembra esilikholwayo, ngoba lowo owathembisayo uthembekile. **24** Njalo kasicabangeni ukuba singakhuthazana njani ethandweni lasezenzweni ezinhle. **25** Kasingakudeli ukuhlangana, njengalokhu abanye abajayele ukukwenza kodwa kasikhuthazaneni ikakhulu njengoba sibona uSuku lusondela. **26** Nxa

sighubeka sisenza izono ngabomu emva kokuba iqiniso sesilazi, kawusekho umhlatshelo wezono, **27** kodwa umlindelo owesabekayo wokwahlulelu kuphela kanye lomlilo ovuthayo ozaqothula izitha zikaNkulunkulu. **28** Owawalayo umthetho kaMosi wafa kungela sihawu ngobufakazi babafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu. **29** Pho licabanga ukuthi ufanele ukujeziswa kakhulu kangananani umuntu owanyathela iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ngaphansi konyawo, ophathe igazi lesivumelwano elamenza waba ngcwele njengento engangcwele, lohlambaza uMoya womusa na? **30** Ngoba thina siyamalo lowo wathi, “Ukuphindisela ngokwami; ngizabuyisela,” njalo wathi, “INkosizakwahlulela abantu bayo.” **31** Kuyinto eyesabekayo ukuwela ezandleni zikaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **32** Khumbulani insuku zakuqala lezyiana emva kokuba selamukele ukukhanya, lapho elaqinisela khona ebunzimeni obukhulu phakathi kokuhluphekha. **33** Ngezinye izikhathhi lenziwa umbukiso wokuhlanjazwa lokuhlukuluzwa; kwathi ngezinye izikhathhi lamanyana labalo ababephathwa kanjalo. **34** Laba lozwelo kulabo ababesentolongweni, lamukela ngentokozo ukuthunjwa kwempahla yenu, ngoba lalikwazi ukuthi lina lilempahla engcongo engapheliyo. **35** Ngakho lingalilahli ithembu lenu; lizavuzwa ngokunengi. **36** Kuyadingeka ukuba libekezele ukuze kuthi lapho seliyenzile intando kaNkulunkulu, lamukele lokho akuthembisayo. **37** Ngoba, “Ngesikhathhana nje, lowo ozayo uzafika njalo kasoze aphauze.” **38** Kodwa, “Olunglelo wami uzaphila ngokukholwa. Angahlehlela emuva, kangiyikuthokoza ngaye.” **39** Kodwa thina kasisibo balabo abahlehlela emuva babhujiswe, kodwa labo abakholwayo basindiswe.

**11** Ukuholwa yikuba leqiniso lalokhu esikulindeleyo njalo kuqinisekile ngalokho esingakuboniyo. **2** Lokhu yikho abendulo abanconywa ngakho. **3** Ngokukholwa siyezwisiza ukuthi izulu lomhlaba kwadalwa ngokulaya kukaNkulunkulu, ngoba okubonakalayo kakwenziwanga ngalokho okwakubonakala. (aiōn g165) **4** Ngokukholwa u-Abheli wanikela kuNkulunkulu umnikelo omuhle kulokaKhayini. Ngokukholwa wanconywa njengomuntu olunglelo, ngesikhathhi uNkulunkulu ekhulumu kuhle ngeminikelo yakhe. Njalo ngokukholwa ulokhu ekhulumu, lanxa sewafa. **5** Ngokukholwa u-Enoki wasuswa kulumhlaba ephila ukuze angakuzwa ukufa: “Kabonakalanga ngoba uNkulunkulu wayesemthetho.” Engakathathwa, wayenconywe njengowayethokozise uNkulunkulu. **6** Kungelakukholwa awkeneliseki ukumthokozisa uNkulunkulu ngoba oza kuye kumele akholve ukuthi ukhona lokuthi uyabanika umvuzo labo abamdinga ngobuqotho. **7** Ngokukholwa uNowa esexwayisiwe ngezinto ezazingakabonakali, ngokwesaba okungcwele wakha umkhumbi ukuba ahlenge abendlu yakhe. Ngokukholwa kwakhe wawulahla umhlabu waba yindalifa yokulunga okuza ngokukholwa. **8** Ngokukholwa u-Abrahama esebizelwe ukuba aye endaweni ayezayamukela muva njengelifa lakhe,

walalela wahamba, lanxa wayengakwazi lapho ayesiya khona. **9** Ngokukholwa wahlala elizweni lesithembiso emathenteni, njengokwenziwa ngu-Isaka lojakhobe, ababezindalifa zalelolizwe lesithembiso kanye lojefttha, loDavida, loSamuyeli kanye labaphrofethi, **10** laye. **10** Ngoba wayelindele idolobho elilezisekelo, abangoba imibuso ngokukholwa benza okulungileyo elimcandi walo lomakkii walo nguNkulunkulu. **11** njalo bathola okwakuthenjisive; bona abavala imilomo Ngokukholwa, lanxa u-Abhrahamama wayeseluphele yezilwane, **12** Kuyini okunye engingakutsho? Kangilasikhathi loSara eyiyumba, wanikwa amandla okuba lomntwana baphepha lasebukhalini benkemba; ubuthakathaka ngoba wambona njengothembekileyo lowo owayenze baphepha lamanda; njalo baba isithembiso. **13** Ngakho-ke, kusukela kulumuntu oyedwa, owayefana lofileyo, kwavela inzalo enengi njengezinkanyezi emkhathini njalo engeke ibalwe njengenhlabathi ekuhunjini lolwandle. **14** Abantu bonke laba bafa belokhu bephila ngokukholwa. Kabazamukelanga izinto ezathenjiswayo; bazibona nje kuphela bazithakazeleza zikude. Njalo bavuma ukuthi bona babeyizizwe lezhambi emhlabeni. **15** Abantu abakhulumu izinto ezinje babonakalisa ukuthi bafuna ilizwe elingelabo. **16** Aluba babecabanga ngelizwe abasuka kulo, babezakuba lethuba lokubuyela. **17** Kodwa-ke bona babefuna ilizwe elingcono, lona elisezulwini. Ngakho uNkulunkulu akumyangisi ukubizwa ngokuthi unguNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba usebalungisele idolobho. **18** Ngokukholwa, kwathi u-Abhrahamama ehlolwa nguNkulunkulu, wanikela u-Isaka njengomhlathelo. Yena owayamukele izithembiso wayeseseduze ukuba anikele indodana yakhe eyodwa njalo eyiyo kuphela, **19** lanxa uNkulunkulu wayethe kuye, "isizukulwane sakho sizabalwa ngo-Isaka." **20** U-Abhrahamama wanakana ukuthi uNkulunkulu wayengabavusa abafileyo, njalo nxa kuzekeliswa, wamamukela u-Isaka evela ekufeni. **21** Ngokukholwa u-Isaka wabusisa uJakhobe lo-Esawu ngekusasa labo. **22** Ngokukholwa uJakhobe, esesifa wawabusisa wonke amadodana kajosefa, wasekhonza eyame phezu kwentonga yakhe. **23** Ngokukholwa uJosefa, isiphetho sakhe sesisondele, walandisa ngokuphuma kwabako-Israyeli eGibhithe njalo walayezela ngamathambo akhe. **24** Ngokukholwa abazali bakaMosi bamfiha izinyanga ezintathu emva kokuzalwa kwakhe, ngoba babona ukuthi wayengasumntwana nje ojayebolekileyo, njalo babengawesabi umthetho wenkosi. **25** Ngokukholwa uMosi esekhulile, wala ukuba aziwe njengendodana yendodakazi kaFar. **26** Wakhetha ukuphathwa kubi kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu kulokuba akhollise injabulo yesono okwesikhathi esifitshane. **27** Wakhetha ihlazo ngenxa kaKhristu njengegugu elikhulu kuleno tho yaseGibhithe ngoba wayekhangelele umvuzo phambili. **28** Ngokukholwa wasuka eGibhithe, engalwesabi ulaka lwenkosi; wabekezelu ngoba wambona lowo ongabonakaliyo. **29** Ngokukholwa wagcina iPhasika lokuchelwa kwegazi, ukuze umbulali wamazibulo angawathinti amazibulo aka-Israyeli. **30** Ngokukholwa abantu badabula phakathi kolWandle oluBomvu njengasemhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa kwathi amaGibhithe ezama ukwenzanjalo agalula. **31** Ngokukholwa imiduli yaseJeriko yadilika emva kokuba abantu beyibhode okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **32** Kuyini okunye engingakutsho? Kangilasikhathi baphepha lasebukhalini benkemba; ubuthakathaka njalo baba ngamandla; njalo baba lamanda; empini bawachitha amabutho eziwени. **33** Abesifazane bamukela abafayo babo sebeveselwe ekuphileni futhi. Abanye bahlukuluzwa njalo bala ukukhululwa, ukuze bathole ukuvuka ekufeni okuhle. **34** Abanye bahozwa batshaywa, kwathi abanye babotshwa ngamaketane bafakwa entolongweni. **35** Batshaywa ngamatshes, baqunywa ngesaha baba yiziqa ezimbili; babulawa ngenkemba. Bahamba begqoke izikhumba zezimvu lezikhumba zembusi, beswela, behlukuluzwa, bephathwa kubi, **36** umhlabu kubo wawungabafanele. Bantula enkangala lasezintabeni lasezimbalwini kanye lasemilindini emhlabathini. **37** Bonke laba banconya ngokukholwa kwabo, kodwa kakho phakathi kwabo owayefana okwakuthenjisive. **38** Thina uNkulunkulu wayesimisele okuhle ukuze kuthi sebe kanye lathi bapeheleliswe.

**12** Ngakho-ke, njengoba sihanqweli xiku elikhulu kangaka labafakazi, kasikulahleni konke okusivimbelayo kanye lesono esisibopha lula njalo kasigijimeni ngokubezelu kulo umjaho ophawulelwethina. **2** Kasikhangeleni kufesu, uMqalisi loMpheleli wokukholwa kwethu, okwathi ngentokozo eyayibekwe phambi kwakhe wabekezelu isiphambano, engananzi ihlazo laso, wahlala phansi esandleni sokunene sobukhosu sikaNkulunkulu. **3** Cabangani ngaye owabekazelela ukuphikisia okungaka ngabantu abayizoni ukuze lingabi buthakathaka lilahle ithembu. **4** Ekulweni kwenu lesono, kalimelananga laso kwaze kwaba sebangeni lokuchitha igazi lenu. **5** Njalo selilikohliwe lelizwi lokulikhuthaza elikhulumu kini njengamadodana elithi: "Ndodana yami, ungeyisi ukulaya kweNkosi. Njalo ungalahli ithemba lapho ikukhuza, **6** ngoba uThixo ulaya labo abathandayo, abuye ajezise bonke abamukela njengendodana." **7** Bekezelani ukuhlupheka njengokulawayu; uNkulunkulu uliphatha njengabantwana bakhe. Kambe yibaphi abantwana abangalaywa nguyise na? **8** Nxa lingalaywa (umuntu wonke uyalaywa), liyabe lingabantwana abazalwa ngokungekho emthethwenni njalo abangasiwo amadodana lamadodakazi uqobo. **9** Phezu kwalokho, sonke sake saba labobaba abasilayayo njalo sabahlonipha ngenxa yalokho. Pho kufanele sizehlise kakhulu okungakanani kuBaba wemimoya yethu njalo siphile! **10** Obaba basilaya okwesikhathshana ngababekubona kukuhle, kodwa uNkulunkulu usilaya ukuba sisizakale, ukuba sihlanganyele ebungcweleni bakhe. **11** Akukho kulawayu okukhanya kukuhle ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kubuhlungu. Kodwa muva, kuletha isivuno

sokulunga lokuthula kulabo abafundiswa yikho. **12** Ngakho-ke, qinisanis izingalo zenu ezibuthakathaka lamadolo enu axegayo. **13** "Lungiselani inyawo zenu izindlela ezibekekileyo," ukuze abaqhulayo bangagogeki, kodwa basiliswe. **14** Zamani kakhulu ukuhhlalisana ngokuthula labantu bonke lokuba ncwle; kungekho bungcwle kakho ozayibona inKosi. **15** Bonani ukuthi kakho oswela umusa kaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi akulampande ebabayekhulayo ukuba idale uhhluhlo ingcolise abanengi. **16** Bonani ukuthi kakho oyisifebe, loba ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu njengo-Eswau okwathi ngenxa yokudla kune wathengisa amalungelo elifa lakhe okuba lizibulo. **17** Muva, njengoba lisazi, lapho esefuna ukuzuza isibusiso lesi waliwa. Wayengeke enze kube lokuguquka kwengqondo, lanxa wafuna isibusiso leso ngezinyembezi. **18** Kalizanga entabenengathintwayo njalo ebhebha umlilo; ebumnyameni lasekufiphaleni lesiphepho; **19** ekukhaleni kwecilongo loba ilizwi elinjalo elikhulumayo, okwenza labo abalizwayo bacela ukuba kungabi lelizwi elikhulunywa kubo futhi, **20** ngoba babengeke bakumele ukulawyoka wakusithi: "Lenyamazana ingathinta intaba, kumele itshaywe ngamatshes." **21** Okwabonwayo kwakusesabeka kakhulu uMosi waze wathi, "Ngiyathuthumela ngenxa yokwesaba." **22** Kodwa lina lize eNtabeni iZiyoni, iJerusalem lasezulwini, umuzi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Lize kuzinkulungwane lezinkulungwane zezingilosii ezihangane ngentokozo **23** ebandleni lezibulo, ezmabizo azo alotshiwe ezulwini. Lize kuNkulunkulu, umahluleli wabantu bonke, emimoyeni yabantu abalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo, **24** kujesu umeli wesivumelwano esitsha, lasegazini elicheliweyo elikhuluma ilizwi elihle kulegazi lika-Abheli. **25** Bonani ukuthi kalimenqabeli lowo okhulumayo. Nxa bengaphephanga lapho benqabeli lowo owabaxwayisa emhlaben, koba kuncane kangakanani kithi, nxa sidela lowo osixwayisa ezulwini na? **26** Ngalesosikhathi ilizwi lakhe lanyikinya umhlaba, kodwa khathesi usethembisile wathi: "Ngizaphinda njalo futhi nginyikinye, hatshi umhlaba kuphela, kodwa lamazulu futhi." **27** Amazwi la "njalo futhi" atsho ukususwa kwalokho okunganyikinyiswa, okuyikuthi izinto ezadalwayo, ukuze kuthi lokho okungeke kunyikinyiswe kusale. **28** Ngakho-ke, njengoba sisamukela umbuso ongeke unyikinye, kasibongeni njalo sikhonze uNkulunkulu ngokufaneleyo ngenhloniphlo langokwesaba, **29** ngoba "uNkulunkulu wethu ungumliro ooqothulayo."

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**13** Qhubekani lithandana njengabazalwane. **2**

**13** Lingakhohlwa ukwamukela izihambi ngoba ngokwenza njalo abanye abantu bamukela izingilosibengazi. **3** Khumbulani abasentolongweni ngokungathi lani liyizibotshwa kanye labo, kanye lalabo abaphethwe kubi ngokungathi lani uqobo liyahlupheka. **4** Ukuthathana kumele kuholnitshwe ngumuntu wonke, kuthi loemndlalo wokuthathana uhlaile uhlambululela ngoba uNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela isifebe labo bonke abahlobongayo. **5** Ekuphileni kwenu xwayani

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# UJakhobe

**1** Ujakhobe inceku kaNkulunkulu leyeNkosi ujesu Khristu, Kuzo izizwana ezilitshumi lambili ezihlakazekele phakathi kwezizwe: Ngiyalibingeleyo

**2** Bazalwane bami, lapho lisehlelwa yizilingo ezitshiyenyo, kubaleni njengentoko epheleleyo

**3** ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi ukhulolwa kokholo lwenu kukhulisa ukubekezel. **4** Ukubekezelu kufanele kuwuqede umsebenzi wakho ukuze lina likhule njalo liphelele, lingasileli ngalutho. **5** Nxa omunye wenu eswela ukuhlakanipha kumele acele kuNkulunkulu onika bonke ngesihle engadinganga sici, ngempela uzakuphiwa. **6** Kodwa lapho ecela kumele akholwe angathandabuzi ngoba othandabuzayo unjengegagasi lolwandle eliphethulwa ngumoya uliphose. **7** Umuntu lowo akumelanga acabange ukuthi kulolutho azaluthola eNkosini; **8** ungumuntu ongqondombili, kazinzanga kukho konke akwenzayo. **9** Umzalwane olesimo abathandekayo: Kanti uNkulunkulu kabakhethanga esipansi kumele aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe yini labo abangabayanga emehlwani omhlaba ukuba esiphezulu. **10** Kodwa lowo onothileyo kumele babengabanothileyo ekukholweni kanye lokudla ilifa aziqhenye ngesikhundla sakhe esipansi, ngoba lombuso awuthembisa labo abamthandayo na? **6** uzadluu njengeluba leganga. **11** Ngoba ilanga liphuma litshisa okuhangulayo libunise ihlumela, umqahako walo uwohloke lobuhle balo buphele. Ngokufanayo umuntu onothileyo uzanyamala eloekhu esawenza umsebenzi wakhe. **12** Ubusisiwe umuntu oqiniselayo ekulingweni, ngoba lapho esephumelele ekuhlolweni, uzaphiwa umqhele wokuphila, ukuphila uNkulunkulu akuthembisa labo abamthandayo. **13** Ekulingweni, kakho okumele athi, “UNkulunkulu uyangilinga.” Ngoba uNkulunkulu angeke alingwe yibubi, futhi kalingi muntu; **14** kodwa lowo lalowo ulingwa yinkanuko yakhe embi, lapho edonsela kude ehugwa. **15** Ngakho-ke, nxa inkanuko isidaliwe izala isono; njalo isono lapho sesikhulile okugcweleyo, sizala ukufa. **16** Khulumani njalo lenze njengalabo abazakwahlulewa Lingakohliswa bazalwane bami abathandekayo. **17** Zonke izipho ezhinle lezipheleleyo zivela phezulu, zehlele phansi zivela kuYise wezibane zasezulwini, ongaguqukiyo njalo ongelathunzi lokuphenduka. **18** Wakhetha ukusizala ngelizwi leqiniso ukuze sibe luhlobo lwezithelo zakuqala kukho konke akudalayo. **19** Bazalwane bami abathandekayo, qaphelani lokhu: Umuntu wonke kumele aphange alale, aphuze ukukhuluma, njalo aphuze lokuthukuthela **20** ngoba ukuthukuthela komuntu kakulethi ukuphila okulungileyo okufiswa nguNkulunkulu. **21** Ngakho-ke, lahlani amanya wonke lobubi obande kangaka, lilamukele ngokuthobeka ilizwi elahlanyelwa kini, mina ngilezenzo. **22** Lingalaleli ilizwi nje kuphela, beselizikhohlisa ngalokho. Yenzani lokho elikutshoyo. **23** Loba ngubani olalela ilizwi kodwa angaze enza elikutshoyo unjengomuriti okhangela ubuso bakhe esibukweni **24** kuthi esezipukile asuke ahle akhohlwe ukuthi unjani. **25** Kodwa umuntu owukhangela ngenjongo umthetho opheleleyo oletha ukukhuleka, njalo aqhubeke esenza lokhu engakohlwa asekuzwile, ngenza yalokhu akwenzayo lapho anikela indodana kodwa ekwenza, uzabusiswa kulokho akwenzayo. **26** Nxa yakhe u-Isaka e-alitharen na?

umuntu ecabanga ukuthi uyakholwa kodwa engabambi ulimi lwakhe okuqinileyo, uyazikhohlisa njalo lokholo lwakhe luyize. **27** Ukukholwa okwamukelwa nguNkulunkulu uBaba okuhlambulukileyo njalo kungelasici yiolkhu: ukugcina izintandane labafelokazi ekuhluphekeni kwabo, kanye lokuzigcina thina ngokwethu ekungcolisweni ngumhlaba.

**2** Bazalwane bami, njengabakholwayo eNkosini yethu elenkaZimulo ujesu Khristu, lingabandlululi. **2** Kasithi umuntu ufika emhlanganweni wenu eggize indandatho yegolide, eggoke leziggoko ezinhle, besekungena umyanga eggoke iziqgoko ezinithizelayo.

**3** Nxa limnaka kakhulu lowo oggoke iziqgoko ezinhle lithi kuye, “Nansi isihlalo esingcono,” kodwa kongumyanga lithi, “Wena mana laphayana,” kumbe lithi, “Hlala phansi eduze kwezinyawo zami,” **4** Kambe kalibandlululanga njalo laba ngabahluleli abalemicabango emibi na? **5** Lalelani, bazalwane bami uzadluu njengeluba leganga. **6** Ngoba ilanga liphuma Kodwa lina libathukile abayanga. Abanothileyo akusibo yini abadinga inzuzu ngan? Akusibo yini abalihudulela emithethwandaba? **7** Akusibo yini abahlambaza ibizo lobukhosи elalowo lina elingabakhe na? **8** Nxa liwugcina sibili umthetho wobukhosи otholakala eMbhaliweni othi, “Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengaloku uzithanda,” lenza okulungileyo. **9** Kodwa nxa libandlulula lenza isono njalo lilahlwa ngumthetho njengabephuli bomthetho. **10** Ngoba loba ngubani ogcina umthetho wonke, kodwa akhubeke endaweni eyodwa, ulecalo lokuwephula wonke. **11** Ngoba yena owhati, “Ungafebi,” wathi futhi, “Ungabulali.” Nxa ungafebi, kodwa ubulala, usube yisaphulamthetho. **12** Khulumani njalo lenze njengalabo abazakwahlulewa Lingakohliswa bazalwane bami abathandekayo. **13** ngumthetho onika ukukhululeka, **14** Kusizani bazalwane Isihawu sinqoba ukwahlulela! **15** Kasithi luhlobo olunjalo lungamsindisa na? **15** Kasithi luhlobo lwezithelo zakuqala kukho konke akudalayo. **16** Nxa omunye wenu esithi kuye, “Hamba, ngikufisela okuhle; hlala ufudumala njalo usutha,” kodwa angenzi lutho ngalezi zinswelo zakhe zomzimba, kusizani na? **17** Ngokunjalo, ukukholwa nje kuphela, nxa kungelamisebenzi kufile, **18** Kodwa omunye uzakuthi, “Wena ulokukholwa; kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa. Kulungile! Lamadimonii ayakukholwa lokhu njalo ayathuthumela. **20** Wena ndoda eyisiwula, ufuna ubufakazi bokuthi ukukholwa okungelamisebenzi kuyize na? **21** Kanje ukhoko ngenza yalokhu akwenzayo lapho anikela indodana

ngenza yalokhu akwenzayo lapho anikela indodana kodwa ekwenza, uzabusiswa kulokho akwenzayo. **26** Nxa yakhe u-Isaka e-alitharen na? **22** Liyabona ukuthi

ukukholwa kwakhe lezenzo zakhe kwakusebenza ndawonye, njalo ukukholwa kwakhe kwapheliswa yilokho akwenzayo. **23** Njalo umbhalo wagcaliseka othi, "U-Abrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu, njalo kwabalwa kuye njengokulunga," njalo wabizwa ngokuthi ngumngane kaNkulunkulu. **24** Liyabona ukuthi umuntu ulungiswa yilokho akwenzayo hatshi ngokukholwa kuphela. **25** Ngokunjalo, loRahabi isifebe konje kabalwanga njengolungileyo ngalokho akwenzayo lapho anika inhlozi indawo yokulala wabuya wazikhupha ngenye indlela na? **26** Njengoba umzimba ongelamoya ufile, ngokunjalo ukukholwa okungelamisebenzi kufile.

### **3** Bazalwane bami, abanengi benu akumelanga

babe ngabafundisi ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi thina esifundisayo sizawkahlulewa kalukhunikazi. **2** Sonke siyakhubeka ngezindlela ezinengi. Nxa umuntu engakaze abelesici kulokho akutshoyo, ungumuntu opeheleleyo, oyenelisayo ukuwubamba wonke umzimba wakhe. **3** Lapho sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamabhiza ukuba asilalele, ibhiza singaliphendula lonke. **4** Kumbe lithathe imikhumbi njengesiboneko. Lanxa imikhulu kangaka njalo iqhutshwa ngumoya olamanda, iqondisa ngophinyana oluncane loba kungaphi lapho umtshayeli afuna ukuya khona. **5** Ngokufanayo ulimi luyisitho esincane somzimba kodwa luyazincoma kakhulu. Cabangani ngehlathi elikhulu elithungelwa yinhlansi encane yomlilo. **6** Ulimi lalo lungumlilo, umhlaba wobubi phakathi kwezitho zomzimba. Lungcolisa lonke uqobo lomuntu, luyithungele ngomlilo yonke impilo yakhe, lalo luthungelwe yisihogo somlilo. (**Geenna g1067**) **7** Zonke inhlobo zezinyamazana, izinyoni, lezihuquzelayo kanye lezidalwa zasowlandle ziyathanjiswa njalo sezathanjiswa ngumuntu, **8** kodwa akulamuntu ongathambisa ulimi, luyibubi obuyaluzelayo, lugcwele itshefu ebulalayo. **9** Ngolimi siyayibonga iNkosi ubABA, njalo ngalo sithuka abantu abenziwa ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. **10** Emilonyeni munye kumphuma ukubonga lokuthuka. Bazalwane bami, lokhu akufanelanga. **11** Kambe amanzi amnandi lamanzi aletswayi angagobhoza mthombo munye na? **12** Bazalwane bami, umkhwi ungathela ama-oliva na, kumbe ivini lithele imikhiwa na? Lomthombo oletsawayi awungeke ukhuphe amanzi amnandi. **13** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo loqedisisayo phakathi kwenu na? Kakubonakalise ngokuphila kwakhe kuhle, langezenzo ezenziwa ngokuzithoba okuvela ekuhlakanipheni. **14** Kodwa nxa ligcine umhawu lokulangazelka kobukhwele ezhinhliziwayeni zenu, lingazincomi ngakho kumbe liphike iqiniso. **15** "Ukuhlakanipha" okunjalo kakwehli kuvela ezulwini, kodwa ngokwasemhlaben, akusikomoya, ngokwamadimon. **16** Ngoba lapho okulomhawu khona lokutshisekela kokuzisuthisa kulapho okutholakala khona ingxabangxoza kanye lezenzo zonke ezimbi. **17** Kodwa ukuhlakanipha okuvela ezulwini kuqala ngokuhlambuluka; besekuthanda ukuthula, kulozwelo, kuyazehlisa, kugcwele isihawu lezithelo ezinhle, kakukhethi njalo kuqotho. **18** Abalamuli abahlanya ukuthula bathola isivuno sokulunga.

**4** Kuyini okubangela ukulwa lengxabano phakathi kwenu na? Kakueli ezinkanukweni zenu eziwilayo phakathi kwenu na? **2** Lifuna ulutho oluthile, kodwa kalilutholi. Liyabulala njalo lihawukele kodwa kalingeke likuthole lokho elikufunayo. Liyaxabana lillwe. Kalilalutho ngoba kaliceli kuNkulunkulu. **3** Lapho licela, kaliphiwa ngoba licela ngenjongo embi, ukuba lichithe lokho elikuzuzayo enjabulweni yenu. **4** Lina zifebe zabantu, kalikwazi yini ukuthi ubungane lomhlaba kuyikuzonda uNkulunkulu na? Umuntu okhetha ukuba ngumngane womhlaba uba yisitha sikaNkulunkulu. **5** Kumbe licabanga ukuthi umbhalo utsho kungelasizatho ukuthi umoya awenza ukuba uhiale phakathi kwethu ubeleba ebukhweleni? **6** Kodwa yena usinika umusa owengeziweyo. Yikho-nje umbhalo usithi: "UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo." **7** Ngakho-ke, zehliseni kuNkulunkulu. Menqabeleni uSathane, uzalibaleka. **8** Sondelani phansi kukaNkulunkulu laye uzasondela kini. Gezani izandla zenu lina zoni, lihlambulule lezhinhliziyo zenu, lina abangqondombili. **9** Dabukani, ltlile, likhale. Guqlani ukuhleka kwenu kuge yikuhala, kuthi ukuthokoza kwenu kuge yikudana. **10** Zithobeni phambi kweNkosi, izaliphakamisa. **11** Bazalwane, lingachothozani. Umuntu okhuluma kubi ngomzalwane wakhe, loba amahlulele, ukhuluma kubi ngomthetho awahlule. Lapho lisahlulela umthetho, kaliwugcini kodwa liyawahlulela. **12** KuloMenzi wemithetho loMahluleli oyedwa kuphela, lowo olamanda okusindisa lokubhubhisa. Kodwa lina lingobani ukuba lahlulele omakhelwane benu na? **13** Lalelani lina elithi, "Lamhla loba kusasa sizakuya kuleli loba kuleliyana idolobho, siqede umnyaka khona, senze imisebenzi sizuze imali." **14** Kungari ngoba phela kalikwazi okuzakwenzakala kusasa. Ukuphila kwenu kuyini na? Liyinkungu ebonakala okwesikhathshana ibe isinyamalala. **15** Kodwa kumele lithi, "Nxa kuyintando yeNkosi sizaphila senze lokhu loba lokhuyana." **16** Okwakhathesi liyazincoma lizikhukhumeza. Konke ukuzincoma okunje kubi. **17** Ngakho-ke, loba ngubani okwaziyo okulungileyo okumele akwenze kodwa angwenzi, wenza isono.

**5** Lalelani lina bantu abanothileyo, khalani ltlile ngenxa yosizi oluzayo phezu kwenu. **2** Inotho yenu isibolile, leziqqoko zenu sezidliwe linondo. **3** Isiliva legolide lenu sekuthombile. UKuthomba kwakho kuzaFakaza kubi nganii, kudle inyama yemizimba yenu njengomlilo. Libuthelele inotho ensukwini zokucina. **4** Khangelani! Imiholo elingayihadalanga izisebenzi ezavuna amasimu enu iyalkhalela. Ukukhala kwabavuni sekufikile ezindlebeni zeNkosi uSomandla. **5** Emhlabeni lihlale ngentokozo langokuminza. Selikhuluphele ngenxa yokuhlabi imihla ngemihla. **6** Libagwebile lababulala abantu abamsulwa, ababengamelani lani. **7** Ngakho, bazalwane, bekezelani iNkosi ize ifike. Khangelani

ukuthi umlimi uyilindela njani insimu ukuba ithele izilimo zayo eziligugu kanye lokuthi ukubekezelela njani ukuna kwezulu lentwasa. **8** Lani futhi, bekezelani liqine ngoba ukufika kweNkosi sekusondele. **9** Lingasolani bazalwane hlezi lahlulelw, UMahluleli umi emnyango! **10** Bazalwane, njengesibonelo sokubekezela ekuhluphekeni, khumbulani abaphrofethi abakhulumu ngebizo leNkosi. **11** Njengoba lisazi, labo ababekezelayo sibabala njengababusisiweyo. Selezwu ngokubekezelala kukaJobe njalo selikubonile okwalethwa yiNkosi ekucineni. INkosi igcweli isihawu esikhulu lomusa. **12** Phezu kwakho konke, bazalwane bami, lingafungi, kungaba ngezulu loba ngomhlaba kumbe ngolunye ulutho. “U-Yebo” wenu kabe nguyebo, lo “Hattshi” wenu abenguhatshi, hlezi lilahlwe. **13** Ukhona phakathi kwenu ohluphekayo na? Kakhuleke. Ukhona othokozayo na? Kahlabele izingoma zokudumisa. **14** Ukhona kini ogulayo na? Kumele abize abadala bebandla bamkhulekele njalo bamgcobe ngamafutha ebizweni leNkosi. **15** Umkhuleko owenziwe ngokukholwa uzakwenza lowomuntu ogulayo asile; iNkosi izamvusa. Nxa enze isono, uzathethelelwa. **16** Ngakho-ke, vumanu izono zenu omunye komunye njalo likhulekelane ukuze lisiliswe. Umkhuleko womuntu olungileyo ulamandla njalo uyasebenza. **17** U-Elija wayengumuntu njengathii. Wakhuleka ngokutshiseka ukuba izulu lingani, lakanye kalinanga elizweni iminyaka emithathu lengxeny. **18** Wakhuleka futhi, amazulu aletha izulu, kwathi umhlaba lawo wathela izilimo zawo. **19** Bazalwane bami, nxa omunye wenu ephambuka eqinisweni, omunye ambuyisele, **20** khumbulani lokhu: Lowo onqanda isoni ekoneni kwaso uzasisindisa ekufeni, agubuzele izono ezinengi.

# 1 UPhetro

**1** UPhetro, umpostoli kajesu Khristu, Kwabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, lasezihambini emhlabeni labahlakazekileyo kulolonke elasePhontusi, laseGalathiya, laseKhaphadokhiya, lase-Ezhiya kanye laseBhithiniya, 2 abakhethwe ngokumayelana lokwazi mandulo kukaNkulunkulu uBaba, ngomsebenzi ongcwelisayo kaMoya, ngokulalela uJesu Khristu langokuchelwa ngegazi lakhe: Umusa lokuthula kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo. 3 Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu! Ngenxa yesihawu sakhe esikhulu usinike ukuzalwa kutsha ethembeni eliphilayo ngokuvuka kwabafileyo kukaJesu Khristu, 4 kanye laselifeni elingasoze libole, lonakale loba libune njalo elilicinelweyo ezelwini. 5 Ngokukholwa livikelwe ngamandla kaNkulunkulu kuze kufike ukusindiswa okulungiselwe ukubonakaliswa ngesikhathi sokucina. 6 Liyathokoza kakhulu ngalokhu lanxa like lahlupheka okwesikhathshana ngezinsizi zezinhlobo zonke zezilingo. 7 Zifikile ukuze ukukholwa kwenu okulunganisiweyo, okuqakatheeke kakhulu kulegolide, elonakalayo lanxa licengwe ngomlilo kubonakaliswa kuqotho njalo kulethe ukubonga, lenkazimulo kanye lodumo lapho uJesu Khristu esebonakaliswa. 8 Lanxa lingambonanga, liyamthanda; njalo lanxa lingamboni khathesi, liyakholwa kuye njalo ligcweli entokozo engakhulumekiyo lemangalisayo, 9 ngoba lamukela umvuzo wokukholwa kwenu, ukusindiswa kwemiphefumulo yenu. 10 Mayelana lokusindiswa lokhu, abaphrofethi abakhulumu ngomusa owawuzakuza kini, badingisia ngesineke esikhulu, 11 bezama ukwazi isikhathi lomumo okwakutshiwo nguMoya kaKhristu owayekubo lapho atsho mandulo ngezinhlupheko zikaKhristu lenkazimulo eyazalandela. 12 Kwabonakaliswa kubo ukuthi bona babengazisebenzeli kodwa besebenzela lina lapho babekhuluma ngezinto khathesi eselizitshelwe yilabo abatshumayele ivangeli kini ngoMoya oNgcwele owhunywa evela ezelwini. 13 Ngako-ke, lezihambi emhlabeni ukuba lizile izinkanuko Lezingilosu ziya fisa ukuzibona lezizinto. 14 Lanxa besithi lenza okubi, babone izenzo zenu Njengabantwaria abalalelayo lingavumeli izinkanuko ezimbi elalilazo lingakazi. 15 Kodwa njengoba lowo ovalibizayo engcwele, ngakho wobani ngcwele kukho konke elikwenzayo; 16 ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: "Wobani ngcwele ngoba mina ngingcwele." 17 Njengoba likhuleka kuYihlo owahlulela imisebenzi yomuntu ngamunye kungekho bandlululo, philani impilo yenu lapha njengezihambi ngokuhlonipha. 18 Ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi kalihlengwanga ngezinto ezifayo ezinjengegolide lesiliva endleleni yokuphila eyize elakutshiyelwa ngokhokho benu, 19 kodwa ngegazi eliligu glikahristu imvana engelacala loba isici. 20 Wakhethwa umhlaba ungakadalwa, zabazalwane, lihloniphe umuntu wonke, mesabenzi kodwa wabonakaliswa ngalezi izikhathi zokucina

ngenxa yenu. 21 Ngaye liyakholwa kuNkulunkulu, owamvusa kwabafileyo wammika inkazimulo, ngakho ukukholwa kwenu lethemba kukuNkulunkulu. 22 Njengoba khathesi selizihlambulule ngokulalela iqiniso ukuze libe lothando oluqotho kubazalwane benu, thandanani kakhulu, kusuka enhliziyeweni. 23 Ngoba selizewi kutsha, kungasikho ingenhlanyelo ebolayo, kodwa ngengaboliyo, ngelizwi eliphilayo eliqinileyo likaNkulunkulu. (aiōn g165) 24 Ngoba, "Abantu bonke banjengotshani, bonke ubukhosu babo bunjengamaluba eganga; utshani buyabuna njalo amaluba ayakhithika, 25 kodwa ilizwi leNkosi limi kuze kuge nini lanini." Njalo leli yilo ilizwi elatshunayayelwa kini. (aiōn g165)

**2** Ngakho-ke, lahlani ububi bonke lenkohlisoyonke, lokuzenzisa, lomona, kanye lesinyeyo senhlobononke. 2 Njengabantwana abasanda kuzalwa, funani uchago lwakomoya oluhlambukileyo, ukuze likhuliswe yilo ekusindisweni kwenu, 3 njengoba selibonile ukuthi iNkosi ilungile. 4 Lapho lisiza kuye, iLitshe eliphilayo, elalahlwangabantu, kodwa elakhethwa nguNkulunkulu njalo liliugu kuye, 5 lani futhi, njengamatshesaphilayo lakihiwa laba yindlu yakomoya ukuba libe ngabaphristi abangcwelo, linikile imihlatshelo yakomoya eyamukelekyo kuNkulunkulu ngoJesus Khristu. 6 Ngoba emibhalweni kuthiwa: "Khangelanini, ngibeka ilitshe eZiyoni, ilitshe lekhoneneli khethiweyo eliligu, njalo lowo okholwa kuye akayikuyangiswa." 7 Kini lina abakholwayo, ilitshe leli liliugu. Kodwa kulaboa abangakholwayo, "Ilitshe elalahlwangabakhi seliyilonila liliugu," 8 njalo, "Ilitshe elikhubekisa abantu ledwala elibeniza bawo." Bayakhubeka ngoba badelela ilizwi okuyikho njalo abakumiselweyo. 9 Kodwa lina lingabantu abakhethiweyo, ubuphristi bobukhosu, isizwe esingcweli, abantu abangabakaNkulunkulu, ukuba limemezele indumiso yakhe yena ovalibiza liseemnyameni ukuba lize ekukhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo. 10 Lake langabi ngabantu, kodwa khathesi selingabantu bakaNkulunkulu; lake laswela isihawu; kodwa khathesi selithole isihawu. 11 Bangane abathandekayo, ngiyalincenga, njengabezizweni Lezingilosu ziya fisa ukuzibona lezizinto. 12 Philani impilo bekani ithemba lenu ngokupheleleyo emuseni elungileyo phakathi kwabangakholwayo ukuze kuthi elizawuthola lapho uJesu Khristu esebonakaliswa. 13 Zehliseni ngenxa yeNkosi emibusweni yonke ebekwe phakathi kwabantu: loba enkosini, njengamandla amakhulu, 14 loba kubabusi abathunywe yiyo ukuba bajezise labo abenza okubi kanye lokubonga labo abenza okulungileyo. 15 Ngoba kuyintando kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ngokwenza okulungileyo lizaqeda inkulumo yokungazi yabantu abayiziwula. 16 Philani njengabantu abakhulekileyo, kodwa lingasebenzisi inkululeko yenu njengezabala lokufihla ububi; philani njengezinceku zikaNkulunkulu. 17 Tshengisani inhlonipho eqondileyo kwabanye. Thandanizimuli loba isici. 18 Wakhethwa umhlaba ungakadalwa, zabazalwane, lihloniphe umuntu wonke, mesabenzi kodwa wabonakaliswa ngalezi izikhathi zokucina uNkulunkulu, lihloniphe umbusi. 18 Ziggili, zehliseni

emakhosini enu ngenhloniph yonke, hatshi kuphela ezinhliziyweni zenu njengeNkosi engcwele. Hlalani kulawo alungileyo lalezewelo, kodwa lakulawo alolaka. **19** Ngoba kuyabongeka nxa umuntu eqinisa ngelilungele ukuphendula loba ngubani olibuza isizatho ebuhlungwini bokuhlupheka okungafanelanga ngoba kuthi labo abakhulumu okubi ngokuziphatha kwenu uyazi ngoNkulunkulu. **20** Kodwa kuba ludumo njani kini nxa litshayelwa ukwenza okungalunganga njalo likubekezelela? Kodwa nxa lihlkuluzelwa ukwenza okuhle njalo likubekezelela, lokhu kuyancomeka phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **21** Labizelwa lokhu, ngoba uKhristu wahiluphekela, walitshiyela isibone ukuba lilandele ezinyathelweli zakhe. **22** “Yena kenzanga sono, njalo akubo nkohliso eyatholakala emlonyeni wakhe.” **23** Kwathi bemthethisa, yena kaphindiselang; lapho ehlupheka, kazange asonge. **24** Kodwa wathembeka kulowo owahlulela ngokulunga. **25** “Yena ngokwakhe wathwala izono zethu” emzimbeni wakhe esiphambanweni ukuze siphephe ezonweni njalo siphilele ukulunga; “lisilisiwe ngamanxeba akhe.” **26** Ngoba “lina lalinjengezimvu ezilahlekileyo,” kodwa khathesi selibyele kuMalusi loMbonisi wemiphefumulo yenu.

**3** Ngokunjalo, bafazi zehliseni kubomkenu ukuze kuthi lanxa abanye babo bengalikhulwa ilizwi, baphenduke ngokuziphatha kwabomkabo kungekho kukhuluma, **2** lapho bebona ukuhlanzeka lenhloniph yokuphila kwenu. **3** Ubuhele benu kabungaveli ekuziceciseni kwangaphandle, okunjengenewe ezelukiwego lokugqiza iziqqizo zegolide kanye lokugqoka iziqqoko ezinhle. **4** Kodwa kumele bube ngobangaphakathi kwenu, ubuhle obungapheliyo bomoya omnene lothuleyo, oligugu elikhulu emehilweni kaNkulunkulu. **5** Ngoba le yiyo indlela abesifazane abangcwele bakudala ababethermebe uNkulunkulu bejayele ukuzicola ngayo. Babezehlisa kubomkabo, **6** njengoSara ovalalela u-Abrahama wambiza ngokuthi yinkosi yakhe. Lingamadodakazi kaSara nxa lisenza okulungileyo njalo lingavumeli ukwesaba. **7** Ngokufanayo, madoda ekuphileni kwenu labomkenu wobani lozwelo, libaphathe ngenhloniph njengababuthakathaka labazindlalifa kanye lani zesipho sokuphila esomusa, ukuze kungabi lalutho oluzavimbela imikhuleko yenu. **8** Okokucina lonke hlalisanani ngokuthula; wobani lozwelo, lithandane njengabazalwane, libe lesihawu kanye lokuthobeka. **9** Lingaphindiseli okubi ngokubi loba inhlamba ngenhlamba, kodwa ngesibusiso, ngoba labizelwa ukuze lizuze ilifa lokubusiswa. **10** Ngoba, “Lowo othanda ukuphila abone lensuku ezinhle kumele anqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi lezindebe zakhe ekukhulumeni inkohliso. **11** Kumele batshiye ububi benze okulungileyo; kumele bafune ukuthula njalo bakunxwanele. **12** Ngoba amehlo kaThixo akhangelo abalungileyo lezindlebe zakhe ziyezwa, imikhuleko yabo, kodwa ubuso bukajehova bumelana lalabo abenza okubi.” **13** Ngubani ozalilimaza nxa litshisekela ukwenza okulungileyo na? **14** Kodwa lanxa lingahlupheka ngenxa yokulungileyo, libusisekile. “Lingakwesabi lokho abakwesabayo; kalingethuswa.” **15** Kodwa yamukelani uKhristu

ezinhliziyweni zenu njengeNkosi engcwele. Hlalani kulawo alungileyo lalezewelo, kodwa lakulawo alolaka. **16** Kodwa lokhu kwenzeni ngobumnene langenhloniph, lilesazela esihle, ukuze kuthi labo abakhulumu okubi ngokuziphatha kwenu okuhle kuKhristu bayangeke ngokuhlambaza kwabo. **17** Ngoba kungcono nxa kuyintando kaNkulunkulu, ukuze alise kuNkulunkulu. Wabulawa emzimbeni, kodwa wavuswa nguMoya, **18** wahamba ngaye wayatshumayela emimoyeni eyayisentolongweni yona zenu kwaba kanye, olungileyo efela abangalunganga, **19** ukuze alise kuNkulunkulu. Siyalisila ngokuvuka usakhiwa. Phakathi kwavo abantu abalutshwana rje kuphela, abayisificaminwembili bebonke, basindiswa ngamanzi, **20** njalo amanzi la afanekisa umbaphathizo osusilisa lani futhi, kungayisikho kususa ingcezea emzimbeni kodwa kuyisibambiso sesazela esihle kuNkulunkulu. Siyalisila ngokuvuka kwabafileyo kukajesu Khristu, **21** oseye ezulwini njalo usesandleni sokuene sikaNkulunkulu, lezingilos, leziphathamandla kanye lezikhulu ekuezhliseni kuye.

**4** Ngakho, njengoba uKhristu wahilupheka emzimbeni wakhe, lani hlomani ngesimo esifanayo, ngoba lowo owahluphekayo emzimbeni wakhe usehlule isono. **2** Ngakho-ke, ukuphila kwakhe kwasemhlabeni okuseleyo kakuphileli izinkanuko ezimbi zabantu, kodwa intando kaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba selichithe isikhathi esaneleyo ngaphambilisensa lokho abahedeni abakhetha ukwenza, impilo yobudlova, inkanuko, lokudakwa, ukuzitika, ukuzivisa amadlabuzane kanye lezithombe eziyisinengiso. **4** Bakubona kumangalisa ukuthi kalibhudlukeli kanye labo kusikhukhula sinye sencithakalo, njalo bayalithuka kakhulu. **5** Kodwa kuzamela baziphendule kuye olungele ukwahlulela abaphilayo kanye labafileyo. **6** Ngoba lesi yiso isizatho esenza kwatshunyayelwa ivangeli lakulabo khathesi asebefile, ukuze bahlulewe ngokwabantu ngokomzimba, kodwa baphile ngokukaNkulunkulu ngokomoya. **7** Ukuphela kwezintzo zonke sekusondele. Ngakho-ke, kumele liqedisisi njalo lizithibe ukuze likhuleke. **8** Phezu kwakho konke, thandanani ngokupheleleyo, ngoba uthando lugqibela izono ezinengi. **9** Yamukelani emakhaya enu kungekho kukhonona. **10** Lowo lalowo kumele asebenzise loba yisiphi isipho somoya asamukelayo ekusizeni abanye, njengenceku ezithembekileyo zomusa kaNkulunkulu ngesimo sawo olezimo ezechlukenyero. **11** Nxa umuntu ekhuluma, kumele akhulume njengokhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu wona ngokwawo. Nxa umuntu ekhonza, kumele akhonze ngamandla awaphiwa nguNkulunkulu, ukuze kuthi ezintweni zonke uNkulunkulu adunyiswe ngoJesu Khristu. Uduomo lamandla kakube kuye kuze kuge nini lanini. Amen. (*aiōn g165*) **12** Bangane bami abathandekayo, lingamangalisa yibuhlungu besilingo elibuzwayo, kungathi kwenzakala into engaziwayo

kini. **13** Kodwa thokozani ngokuthi liyahlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kukaKhristu, ukuze lithokoze kakhulu lapho inkazimulo yakhe isibonakaliswa. **14** Nxa lithukwa ngenxa yebizo likaKhristu, libusisiwe, ngoba uMoya wenkazimulo lokaNkulunkulu uhezi phezu kwenu. **15** Nxa lihlupheka, akungabi njengombulali loba isela kumbe olunye uhlobo fwesigebenga loba lanjengongenelayo ezindabeni zabanikazi. **16** Kodwake, nxa lihlupheka njengomKhristu, lingayangeki, kodwa dumisani uNkulunkulu ngebizo lakhe. **17** Ngoba kuyisikhathi sokuthi ukwahlulela kuqalise ngabendlu kaNkulunkulu; njalo nxa kuqalisa ngathi, isiphetho sizakuba yini kulabo abangalaleli ivangeli likaNkulunkulu na? **18** Njalo, "Nxa kunzima ukuba abalungileyo basindiswe, pho kuzakuba njani kwabangakholwayo labayizoni na?" **19** Ngakhoke, labo abahlupheka ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu kumele bazinikele kuMdali wabo othembekileyo njalo baqhubeke besenza okulungileyo.

**5** Ebadaleni abaphakathi kwenu, ngiyakhala za njengomunye wabadala, ufakazi wezinhlupheko zikaKhristu lomunye laye ozahlanganyela enkazimulweni ezabonakaliswa: **2** Wobani ngabelusi bomhlambi kaNkulunkulu eliwugcinayo, lisebenze njengababonisi, kungasikubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa ngenxa yokuthanda kwenu, njengoba uNkulunkulu efuna ukuba libe njalo; lingelamhawu wemali, kodwa lifisa ukusiza; **3** hatshi ukubusa ababekwe ezandleni zenu, kodwa liyisibonelo emhlambini. **4** Lapho uMalusi oMkhulu evela, lizakwamukela umqhele wenkazimulo engayikufiphala. **5** Majaha, ngokunjalo zehliseni ebadaleni. Lonke zembathiseni ngokuthobeka omunye komunye, ngoba, "UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa abe lomusa kwabathobekileyo." **6** Ngakho-ke, zithobeni ngaphansi kwesandla sikaNkulunkulu esilamandla, ukuze aliphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo. **7** Yetbulani kuye konke ukukhathazeka kwenu ngoba yena uyalikhathalela. **8** Zithiben, liqaphele. Isitha senu uSathane, siyazulazula njengesilwane esibhongayo sidinga esingamudla. **9** Menqabeni, liqine ekukholweni ngoba liyakwazi ukuthi abazalwane benu emhlabeni wonke baphakathi kwalezo zinhlupheko. **10** Njalo uNkulunkulu womusa wonke, yena owalibizela enkazimulweni kaKhristu engulaphakade, emva kokuba lihlupheke okwesikhathshana, yena uqobo uzalivuselela alenze libe lamandla, liqine njalo lithembeke. (*aiōnios g166*) **11** Amandla kawabe kuye kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. (*aiōn g165*) **12** Ngosizo lukaŠayilasi, engimthanda njengomzalwane othembekileyo, ngililobele ngamafitshane ngilikhuthaza njalo ngifakaza ukuthi lo ngumusa oqotho kaNkulunkulu. Bambelani kuwo. **13** Lowo oseBhabhiloni, owakhethwa kanye lani, uyalibingelela, loMakho indodana yami iyalibingelela. **14** Bingeelanani ngokwangana kothando. Ukuhula kakube kini lonke elikuKhristu.

## 2 UPhetro

**1** Usimoni Phethro, inceku lompostoli kajesu Christu, Kulabo abamukele ukholo oluligugu njolgolwethu ngokulunga kukaNkulunkulu wethu loMsindisi ujesu Christu. **2** Umusa lokuthula kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo ngokumazi uNkulunkulu lojesu iNkosi yethu. **3** Amandla akhe obuNkulunkulu asesinike konke esikudingayo ekuphileni kanye lokumesaba uNkulunkulu ngokumazi kwethu yena owasibiza ngenkazimulo yakhe langokulunga. **4** Ngalokhu-ke usesinike izithembiso zakhe ezinkulu kakhulu eziligugu, ukuze kuthi ngazo lihlanganye esimeni sobuNkulunkulu njalo liphephe ekonakaleni kwasemhlabeni okubangelwa yizinkanuko ezimbi. **5** Ngenxa yalesisizatho, yenzani imizamo yonke ukuba lengeze ukulunga ekukholweni kwenu; lekulungeni lengeze ukwazi; **6** ekwazini lengeze ukuzithiba; ekuzithiben lengeze ukubekezela; ekubekezeleni lengeze ukumesaba uNkulunkulu; **7** ekumesabeni uNkulunkulu lengeze umusa wobuzalwane; lasemuseni wobuzalwane lengeze uthando. **8** Ngoba nxa lilazezinto ngokwanda kwazo, zizalingqanda ekubenit ngabangafezi lutho labangelazithelo ekwazini kwenu iNkosi yethu ujesu Christu. **9** Kodwa nxa umuntu engelazo ubona kalufifi njalo uyisiphofu, ekhohlwa ukuthi usehlanjululwe ezonweni zakhe zakudala. **10** Ngakho-ke, bazalwane bami, tshisekelani kakhulu ukwenza ukubizwa lokukhethwa kwenu kuqiniseke. Ngoba nxa lisenza lezizinto kalizukuwa, **11** njalo lizakwamukelwa ngokupheleleyo embusweni olaphakade weNkosi loMsindisi wethu ujesu Christu. (aiōnios g166) **12** Ngakho ngizahlala ngilikhumbuza lezizinto, lanxa lizazi njalo liqinile ngokupheleleyo eqinisweni eselilalo. **13** Ngibona kufanele ukuba ngilikhumbuze nxa ngisaphila kulelithente lomzimbalo, **14** ngoba ngiyawazi ukuthi ngizaphanga ngilibeke eceleni, njengoba iNkosi yethu ujesu Christu isikwenze kwabasobala kimi. **15** Njalo ngizakwenza imizamo yonke ukubona ukuthi emva kokusuka kwami lizahlala lizikhumbula lezizinto. **16** Sasingalandeli izinganekwane eaqaaliswa ngokuhlananipha lapho silitshela ngamandla langokuza kweNkosi yethu ujesu Christu kodwa sasingofakazi bobukhosibakhe. **17** Ngoba wamukela udumo lenkazimulo kuNkulunkulu uBaba lapho ilizwi lifika kuye livela eNkazimulweni yoBukhosib, lisithi, "Le yiNdodana yami engiyithandayo; ngiyathokoza kakhulu ngayo." **18** Thina ngokwethu salizwa ilizwi lelo elavela ezulwini silaye phezu kwentaba engcwele. **19** Njalo ilizwi labaphrefethi seliqinise kakhulu, futhi kuzakuba kuhle kini ukuba lilinake njengesibane esikhanyise endaweni emnyama, kuze kuse lendonsakusa ize iphume ezirihliziyweri zenu. **20** Phezu kwakho konke, kumela liqedisise ukuthi akukho siphrefethi soMbhalo esavela ngokuchasisa okungokomphrefethi. **21** Ngoba isiphrefethi kasizange sivele entandweni yomuntu, kodwa abantu bakhulumkuvela kuNkulunkulu beholwa nguMoya oNgcwele.

**2** Kodwa phakathi kwabantu kwakulabaphrefethi bamanga futhi, njengoba kuzakuba labafundisi bamanga phakathi kwenu. Ngasese bazangenisa inkolo yamanga echithayo, baze bamphike loThixo iNkosi yobukhosib eyabathengayo, bazilethele ukubhujiswa ngokuphangisa. **2** Abanengi bazalandela izindlela zabo ezilihlazo benze lendlela yeqiniso idumazeke. **3** Ngobugovu babo abafundisi laba bazakwenza inzuzo ngani ngezinganekwane zokuzibumbela. Ukualahlwa kwabo kubengamile, lokubhujiswa kwabo akuzange kutkholhakale. **4** Ngoba nxa uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga izingilos iekwenzeni kwazo isono, kodwa wazisa egehena, wazifaka emigodini emnyama ukuba zigcinelwe ukwahlulelwa. (Tartarōō g5020) **5** Nxa engayekelanga umhlaba wasendulo lapho aletha khona uzamcolo ebantwini bawo ababengamesabi uNkulunkulu, kodwa wamvikela uNowa, umtshumayeli wokulunga, labanye abayisikhombisa. **6** Nxa watshabalala amadolobho aseSodoma leGomora ngokutwatshisa aba ngumlotha, wawenza aba yisibonelo salokho okuzakwenzakala kwabangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. **7** Njalo nxa wahlenga uLothi, umuntu olungileyo, owayekhathazekile ngokuphila okungcolileyo kwabantu ababengelamthetho **8** (ngoba lowomuntu olungileyo, wayehlala phakathi kwabo insuku zonke, ehlutshwa emoyeni yizenzo zabo ezimbi ayezibona layezizwa). **9** Nxa lokhu kunjalo, uThixo uyawazi ukuhlenga abantu abamesabayo ekulingweni kanye lokucinela abangalunganga usuku lokwahlulela, equehubeka ngokujeziswa kwabo. **10** Lokhu kuliqiniso ikakhulu kulabo abalandela izinkanuko ezonakeleyo zenyama njalo beseyisa umthetho. Ngesibindi lokuzikhukhumeza, abantu laba kabakwesabi ukuhlambaza izidalwa zasezulwini; **11** ikanti lezingilos, lanxa ziqinile njalo zilamandla amakhulu, kazizethesi macala ngokuhlambaza izidalwa ezinjalo phambi kukaThixo. **12** Kodwa abantu laba bahlambaza ngezindaba abangaziqedisisiyo. Banjengezinyamazana ezinganakanayo, izidalwa eziibuswa yimvelo, ezaazalelwu ukubanjuwa lokubulawa kuphela, labo njalo njengezilo bazabhubha. **13** Bazaphindiselwa ngokubi ngenxa yokubi abakwenzileyo. Umcabango wabo ngenjabulo yikuminza emini libalele. Bayizixhwali lezonii, bekitita enjabulweni yabo besidla lani edilini. **14** Ngamehlo agcwele ubufibe kabayekeli ukwenza isono; baxhwalisa abangaqinanga; bazingcitsi zogubovu, inzalo eqalekisiweyo! **15** Bayitshiyle inzalo qondileyo, baduka belandela inzalo kaBhalamu indodana kaBheyori owayethanda inzuzo yobubi. **16** Kodwa wakhuzwa ngezenzo zakhe ezimbi ngubabhemi, inyamazana eyisimungulu, eyakhulumu ngelizwi lomuntu yanqanda ukuphambana komphrefethi. **17** Abantu laba bayimithombo engelamanzi lenkungu equehubsha yisiphepheto. Ubumnyama obukhulu bugcinelwe bona. **18** Ngoba bakhulumu amazwi okuzikhukhumeza ayize, njalo ngokulangatha izinkanuko zemizimba yabantu elesono, bahuga abantu abasanda kuphunyuka kulabo abahlala ekoneri. **19** Babathembisa inkululeko, bona beyizigqili zobuxhwali,

ngoba umuntu uysigqili salokho okumbusayo. **20** kweminye iMibhalo, okuzaletha ukubhujiswa kwabo. Nxa bebalekele ukonakala komhlaba ngokwazi iNkosi **17** Ngakho-ke, bangane abathandekayo, njengoba selike yethu loMsindisi ujesu Khristu baphinde bahitsheleke kukho behlulwe, isiphetho sabo sibi njalo siyesabeka kulasekuqaliseni kwabo. **21** Kwakuakuba ngcono kubo ukungayazi indlela yokulunga, kulokuthi sebeyazzi bafulathele imilayo engcwele ababeyiphiwe. **22** Izaga ziqinisile ngabo ukuthi: "Inja iyawabuyeleta amahlanzo ayo," njalo ukuthi, "Ingulube egezisiwego iyabuyela iyezibhixa edakeni."

**3** Bangane abathandekayo, le yincwadi yami yesibili kini. Ngizilobe zombili njengezikhumbozo ukuba ngivuselele kini ukucabanga kuhle. **2** Ngithanda ukuba likhumbule amazwi akhulunywa kudala ngabaphrofethi abangcwele lomlayo owaphiwa yiNkosi loMsindisi ngabapostoli benu. **3** Phezu kwakho konke, kumele liqedisise ukuthi ngezinsuku zokucina kuzafika abaklolodayo baklolode belandela izinkanuko zabo ezimbi. **4** Bazakuthi, "Kungaphi 'ukuza' lokhu akuthembisayo? Selokhu obaba bafayo, konke kuqhube ka njengokwakuvele kusenzakala kusukela ekuqaleni kwendalo." **5** Kodwa bakhohlwa ngabomo ukuthi endulo ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu amazulu abakhona lomhlaba wavela emanzini njalo ngamanzi. **6** Ngamanzi futhi umhlaba wakulezozinsuku wakhukhulwa wachitheka. **7** Ngelizwi elifanayo amazulu akhathesi kanye lomhlaba kugcinelwe umlilo, kulindele usuku lokwahlulelwu lokubhujiswa kwabantu abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa, bangane abathandekayo, lingakhohlwa into le eyodwa ukuthi: KuThixo usuku lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane leminyaka eyinkulungwane injengosuku olulodwa. **9** INkosi kayiphuzi ukugcwala isithembiso sayo, njengoba abanye bekuqedisisa njengokuphuza. Iyalibekezelela, ingafuni ukuba lamunye abhubhe, kodwa ukuba umuntu wonke aphenduke. **10** Kodwa usuku IweNkosi lutzafika njengesela. Amazulu azanyamalala ngokuhlokoma; imimoya izaqothulwa ngomlilo, lomhlaba lakho konke okukuwo kuzatshabalalisa. **11** Njengoba izinto zonke zizachithwa ngale indlela, lina kumele libe ngabantu abanjani na? Kumele liphile impilo engcwele leyokumesaba uNkulunkulu **12** lisalindele usuku lwakhe liphangisise ukufika kwalo. Lulosuku lutzaletha ukuchithwa kwamazulu ngomlilo, njalo imimoya izancibilikisa yikutshisa. **13** Kodwa mayelana lesithembiso sakhe silindele izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha, ikhaya lokulunga. **14** Ngakho-ke, bangane abathandekayo, njengoba lokhu likulindele, yenzani imizamo yonke ukuba litholakale lingelasici, lingelacala njalo lihlalisane laye ngokuthula. **15** Khumbulani ukuthi ukubekezela kweNkosi yethu kutsho ukusindisa, njengalokhu umzalwane wethu othandekayo uPhawuli walilobela ngenhlakaniph o uNkulunkulu amupha yona. **16** Uloba ngendlela efanayo kuzozonke izincwadi zakhe, ekhuluma lezizindaba kuzo. Izincwadi zakhe zimumetha ezinye izinto okunzima ukuziwisisa, okuthi abantu abangaziyo labangaqinanga bazihlanekele, njengabakwenzayo

lenqatshelwa, qaphelani ukuze lingedukiswa yibubi babantu abangelamthetho beselisiwa ezindaweni zenu eziqinileyo. **18** Kodwa khulani emuseni lasekwazini iNkosi yethu loMsindisi ujesu Khristu. Inkazimulo kayibe kuye khathesi lanininini! Ameni. (aiōn g165)

# 1 UJohane

**1** Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni, esesikuzwile, esesikubone ngamehlo ethu, esesikuhangele lezandla zethu zakuthinta, lokhu siyakutshumayela mayelana leLizwi lokuphila. **2** Ukuphila kwabonakala; sikubonile njalo siyakufakaza, njalo sitshumayela kini ukuphila okulaphakade okwakukhona kuBaba njalo sekubonakele kithi. **(aiōnios g166)** **3** Sitshumayela kini esikubonileyo lesikuzwileyo ukuze lani libe lokuhlanganyela lathi. Ukuhlanganyela kwethu kuloBaba kanye leNdodana yakhe, ujesu Khristu. **4** Siloba lokhu ukuze ukuthokoza kwethu kuphelele. **5** Leli yilizwi esilizwe kuye esilitshumayela kini elokuthi: UNkulunkulu uyikukhanya; kuye akukho ubumnyama. **6** Nxa sisithi silokuhlanganyela laye, kodwa sihamba ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga, njalo leqiniso kasilenzi. **7** Kodwa nxa sihamba ekukhanyeni, njengoba esekukhanyeni, silokuhlanganyela omunye lomunye legazi likajesu iNdodana yakhe liyasilhambulu ezonweni zonke. **8** Nxa sisithi kasilasono, siyazikhohila njalo kasilaqiniso. **9** Nxa sivuma izono zethu, yena uthembekile njalo ulungile, uzasithethelela izono zethu, asihlambulule kukho konke ukungalungi kwethu. **10** Nxa sisithi akulasono esasenzayo, simenza abe ngumqambi wamanga, njalo ilizwi lakhe kalilandawo kithi.

**2** Bantwabami abathandekayo, ngilobelwa incwadi le ukuze lingensi izono. Kodwa nxa umuntu enze isono, silaye osimelayo kuBaba esivikela yena ujesu Khristu oLungileyo. **2** Ungumhlatsheli wenhlawulo yezeno zethu, kungasizonu zethu kuphela kodwa lezonzo zomhlaba wonke. **3** Siba leqiniso ukuthi siyamazi nxa silalela imilayo yakhe. **4** Umuntu othi, "Ngiyamazi," kodwa angagcini imilayo yakhe uqamba amanga, leqiniso kalalo. **5** Kodwa nxa umuntu elalela ilizwi lakhe, uthando lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliwa sibili kuye. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi sikuye: **6** Lowo othi uhlala kuye kumele aphile njengokwenziswa nguJesu. **7** Bangane abathandekayo, kangilobelwa umlayo omutsha, kodwa omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni. Umlayo lo omdala uylizwi elalizwayo. **8** Ikanti ngilobelwa umlayo omutsha; iqiniso lawo libonakala kuye lakini, ngoba ubumnyama buyedlula lokukhanya kweqiniso sekukhanya. **9** Lowo othi usekukhanyeni kodwa ezonda umzalwane wakhe ulokhu eseumnyameni. **10** Othanda umzalwane wakhe uhlala ekukhanyeni njalo akulutho kuye olungamenza akhubeka. **11** Kodwa lowo ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni njalo uyazula ebumnyameni. Kakwazi lapho aya khona ngoba ubumnyama sebumenze waba yisiphofu. **12** Ngiyalobelwa bantwana abathandekayo, ngoba izono zenu zithethelelw ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **13** Ngiyalobelwa bobaba, ngoba selimazi yena okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngiyalobelwa majaha, ngoba limmqobile omubi. **14** Ngiyalobelwa, bantwana abathandekayo, ngoba liyamazi uBaba. Ngiyalobelwa bobaba, ngoba selimazi yena okhona

kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngiyalobelwa majaha, ngoba lilamandla lelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini, njalo limmqobile omubi. **15** Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba olunye ulutho olusemhlabeni. Nxa umuntu ethanda umhlaba, uthando lukaBaba kalukho kuye. **16** Ngoba izinto zonke ezesemhlabeni, izinkanuko zabantu abalezono, ukulangazelwa kwamehlo abo kanye lokuzigqaja ngempahla akuveli kuBaba, kodwa emhlabeni. **17** Umhlaba lezinkanuko zavo kuyadlula, kodwa umuntu owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uphila kuze kube nininini. **(aiōn g165)** **18** Bantwana abathandekayo, lesi yisikhathi sokucina; njalo njengoba lizwile ukuthi umphikuKhristu uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi abaphika uKhristu sebekhona. Yikho esikwazi ngakho ukuthi lesi yisikhathi sokucina. **19** Baphuma besuka kithi, kodwa impela babengasibo bakithi. Ngoba aluba babengabakithi, babezahlala lathi; kodwa ukusuka kwabo kwatshengisa ukuthi kakho kubo owayengowakithi. **20** Kodwa lina ligcotshwe ngoNgcwele, njalo lonke liyalazi iqiniso. **21** Kangilobelwa ngoba iqiniso kalilazi, kodwa ngoba liyalazi langenxa yokuthi akulamanga aphuma eqinisweni. **22** Umqambi wamanga ngubani? Ngumuntu ophikayo ukuthi ujesu unguKhristu. Umuntu onjalo ngumphikuKhristu, uphika uYise leNdodana. **23** Kakho ophika iNdodana oloYise; lowo owamukela iNdodana uloYise futhi. **24** Bonani ukuthi lokho elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kuyahlala kini. Nxa kuhlala, lani lizahlala likhona eNdodaneni lakuYise. **25** Njalo nanku asithembisa khona, ukuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **26** Ngilobelwa ngalezizinto mayelana labalo abazama ukulidukisa. **27** Ukugcotshwa kwenu elakwamukela kuye, kuhlezi kukini, njalo kalisweli muttu wokulifundisa. Kodwa njengoba ukugcoba kwakhe kulifundisa izinto zonke njalo njengoba ukugcoba lokho kuqotho, akusinkohliso njengoba kulifundisile, hlalani likuye. **28** Ngakho-ke, bantwana abathandekayo, qhubekani likuye ukuze kuthi lapho esebonakala sibe lesibindi njalo singabi lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe. **29** Nxa likwazi ukuthi ulungile, liyakwazi ukuthi umuntu wonke oyenza okulungileyo uzelwe ngaye.

**3** Yeka ubukhulu bothando uBaba asinika lona, ukuba sibizwe ngokuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu! Njalo lokho yikho esiyikho! Okwenza umhlaba thina ungasazi yikuthi laye kawumazanga. **2** Bangane abathandekayo, khatthesi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, njalo lokho esizakuba yikho akukaziwa. Kodwa siyakwazi ukuthi lapho ebonakala sizakuba njengaye ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo. **3** Wonke umuntu olethembwa leli ngaphakathi kwakhe uyazihlambulula njengoba laye ehlambulukile. **4** Umuntu wonke owenza izono wephula umthetho; ngempela isono yikungabi lomthetho. **5** Kodwa liyakwazi ukuthi wabonakala ukuze asuse izono zethu. Njalo kuye akulasono. **6** Kakho ohlala kuye oqhube kaesona. Kakho oqhube kaesona owambonayo kumbe omaziyo. **7** Bantwana abathandekayo, lingavumeli

muntu eledukisa. Lovo oyenza okulungileyo ulungile, lowo ongasuye kaNkulunkulu kasilaleli. Simbona njengoba laye elungile. **8** Lovo owonayo ngokaSathane ngalokhu uMoya weqiniso lomoya wamanga. **7** ngoba uSathane wona kusukela ekuqaleni. INdodana kaNkulunkulu yabonakala ukuze ichithe imisebenzi kaSathane. **9** Kakho ozelwe ngokukaNkulunkulu ozaqhubeka esona, ngoba inhlanyelo kaNkulunkulu ihlala ikubo, abasoze baqhubeke besona ngoba bazelwe nguNkulunkulu. **10** Sibazi ngalokhu ukuthi abantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngobani kanye lokuthi abangabantwana bakaSathane ngobani. Lovo ongenzi okulungileyo kasuye mntakaNkulunkulu, loba lowo ongamtandiyo umfowabobo lodadewabo. **11** Leli yilizwi elalizwa kusukela ekuqaleni: Kumele sithandane. **12** Lingabi njengoKhayini, owayengokaSathane wasebulala umfowabobo. Wambulalelani na? Ngoba ezakhe izenza zazizimbi ezomfowabobo zilungile. **13** Lingamangali bazalwane bami nxa umhlabo ulizonda. **14** Siyakwazi ukuthi sesidlulile ekufeni saya ekuphileni, ngoba siyabathanda abazalwane bethu. Lovo ongathandiyo ulokhu esekufeni. **15** Lovo ozonda umzalwane wakhe ungumbulali, njalo liyakwazi ukuthi akulambilali olukuphila okungapheliyo kuye. (*anñios g166*) **16** Nanku esazi ngakho ukuthi uthando luyini: Ujesu Christu wadela ukuphila kwakhe ngenxa yethu. Lathi kufanele sidele ukuphila kwethu ngenxa yabazalwane bethu. **17** Nxa umuntu enothile abone umzalwane wakhe oswelayo, kodwa angabi lesihawu kuye, uthando lukaNkulunkulu lungaba kuye kanjani na? **18** Bantwana abathandekayo, kasingathandi ngamazwi loba ulimi kuphela kodwa ngezenzo langeqiniso. **19** Ngalokhu sazi kanje ukuthi singabeqiniso lokuthi sizibeka njani inhliziyozethu ekuphumuleni phambi kwakhe **20** lapho inhliziyozethu zisilahla. Ngoba uNkulunkulu mkhulu kakhulu kulezinhliziyo zethu njalo wazi izinto zonke. **21** Bazalwane abathandekayo, nxa inhliziyozethu zingasilahlah, silesibindi phambi kukaNkulunkulu **22** njalo samukela kuye konke esikucelayo ngoba siyayilalela imilayo yakhe senze okumthokozisayo. **23** Nanku umlayo wakhe: ukukholwa ebitzweni leNdodana yakhe, uJesu Khristu, lokuthandana njengokusilaya kwakhe. **24** Labo abalalela imilayo yakhe bahlala kuye, laye kubo. Njalo sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi uhlala kithi: Sikwazi ngoMoya asinika yena.

**4** Bazalwane abathandekayo, lingaze labakholwa omoya bonke, kodwa bahloleni omoya ukuba libone bangabe bevela kuNkulunkulu na ngoba abaphrofethi bamanga abanengi sebekhona emhlaben. **2** Lingamazi kanje uMoya kaNkulunkulu: Umoya wonke ovumayo ukuthi uJesu Khristu weza esenyameni uvela kuNkulunkulu, **3** kodwa wonke umoya ongavumyo uJesu kawuveli kuNkulunkulu. Lovo ngumoya womphikuKhristu, elezwa ukuthi uyeza njalo osukhona khathesi emhlaben. **4** Lina, bantwana abathandekayo, lingabakaNkulunkulu njalo selibanqobile ngoba lowo okini mkhulu kulalowo osemhlaben. **5** Bona bangabasemhlaben, ngakho bakhuluma ngokwengqondo yasemhlabeni njalo umhlabo uyabalalela. **6** Thina singabakaNkulunkulu njalo lowo omaziyo uNkulunkulu uyasilalela, kodwa Bangane abathandekayo kasithandaneni, ngoba uthando luvela kuNkulunkulu. Umuntu wonke othandayo uzelwe ngoNkulunkulu njalo uymazi uNkulunkulu. **8** Lovo ongathandiyo kamazi uNkulunkulu, ngoba uNkulunkulu uluthando. **9** UNKulunkulu walubonakalisa kanje uthando lwakhe kithi: Wathumela emhlabeni iNdodana yakhe eyiyo yodwa ukuba siphile ngayo. **10** Lolu luthando: kungayisikuthi sasimthanda uNkulunkulu kodwa ukuthi yena wasithanda wathumela iNdodana yakhe njengomhlatshelo wenhlawulo yezonu zethu. **11** Bangane abathandekayo, njengoba uNkulunkulu wasithanda kangaka, lathi kumele sithandane. **12** Kakho owake wabona uNkulunkulu; kodwa nxa sithandana, uNkulunkulu uhlala kithi lothando lwakhe luyapheleliwa kithi. **13** Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi sihlala kuye laye uhlala kithi ngoba usinike okukaMoya wakhe. **14** Sibonile njalo siyafakaza ukuthi uBaba uyithumele iNdodana yakhe ukuba ibe nguMsindisi womhlabo. **15** Nxa umuntu evuma ukuthi ujesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uhlala kuye laye kuNkulunkulu. **16** Ngakho siyazi njalo sithembre uthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi. UNKulunkulu uluthando. Ohlala ethandweni, uhlala kuNkulunkulu, loNkulunkulu kuye. **17** Uthando luyapheleliwa kithi ukuze sibe lesibindi ngosuku lokwahlulewa, ngoba kulumhlabo lathi sinjengaye. **18** Ethandweni akulakwesaba. Uthando olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngoba ukwesaba kukhumbuza isijeviso. Umuntu owesabayo kapheleliwa ethandweni. **19** Siyathanda ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala. **20** Nxa umuntu esithi, "Mina ngiyamthanda uNkulunkulu," kodwa ezonda umfowabobo, ulamanga. Ngoba umuntu ongamtandiyo umfowabobo ambonayo, angeke amthande uNkulunkulu angakaze ambone. **21** Njalo wasinika umlayo lo: Lovo othanda uNkulunkulu kumele athande lomfowabobo.

**5** Umuntu wonke okholwayo ukuthi uJesu nguKhristu uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, njalo umuntu wonke othanda uBaba uyamthanda lomtanakhe. **2** Sikwazi ngalokhu ukuthi siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu: ngokuthanda uNkulunkulu sigcina imilayo yakhe. **3** Ukuthanda uNkulunkulu yilokhu: ukulalela imilayo yakhe. Njalo imilayo yakhe kayinzima, **4** ngoba umuntu wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu uwunqobile umhlabo. Lokhu yikungoba okwehlule umhlabo, okuyikukholwa kwethu. **5** Ngubani lowo onqoba umhlabo? Ngulowo kuphela okholwayo ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **6** Lo nguye oweza ngamanzi langegazi, uJesu Khristu kabuyanga ngamanzi kuphela, kodwa ngamanzi langegazi. Njalo ngoMoya ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya uliqiniso. **7** Ngoba bathathu abafakazayo: **8** uMoya, lamanzi kanye legazi; njalo bobathathu laba bayavumelana. **9** Siyabamukela ubufakazi babantu, kodwa ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu bukhulu ngoba yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu abunikayo ngeNdodana yakhe. **10** Lovo okholwayo eNdodaneni

kaNkulunkulu ulobufakazi lobu enhliziyweni yakhe. Lowo ongamkhholwayo uNkulunkulu umenze waba ngolamanga ngoba engabukholwanga ubufakazi uNkulunkulu abunike ngeNdodana yakhe. **11** Ubufakazi lobo yilobu: UNkulunkulu usinike ukuphila okulaphakade njalo lokhu kuphila kuseNdodaneni yakhe. **(aiōnios g166)** **12** Lowo oleNdodana yakhe ulokuphila; lowo ongelayo iNdodana kaNkulunkulu kalakho ukuphila. **13** Ngililobelala lezizinto lina abakhholwayo ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu ukuze lazi ukuthi lilokuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **14** Silesiqiniselo lesi ekusondeleni kuNkulunkulu: ukuthi nxaxicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa. **15** Nxaxisazi ukuthi uyasizwa loba kuyini esikucelayo siyakwazi ukuthi sesilakho esikucele kuye. **16** Lapho umuntu ebona umzalwane wakhe esenza isono esingakhokheleli ekufeni, kumele akhuleke, uNkulunkulu uzamnika ukuphila. Ngitsho kulabo abasono sabo kasikhokheleli ekufeni. Kulesono esikhokhelela ekufeni. Kangitsho ukuthi akhuleke ngaleso. **17** Konke ukwenza okubi kuyisono, njalo kulesono esingakhokheleli ekufeni. **18** Siyakwazi ukuthi umuntu ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kaqhubeki esenza izono; lowo owazalwa nguNkulunkulu uyamlikela, loSathane kamthinti. **19** Siyakwazi ukuthi singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu kanye lokuthi umhlaba wonke ungaphansi kwamandla omubi. **20** Siyakwazi lokuthi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu yeza yasinika ukuqedisisa, ukuze siyazi yona eqotho. Njalo sikuye yena oqotho kanye laseNdodaneni yakhe ujesu Khristu. Yena unguNkulunkulu oqotho kanye lokuphila okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **21** Bantwana abathandekayo, xwayani izithombe.

## 2 UJohane

**1** Mina omdala, Ngilobela inkosikazi ekhethiweyo labantwana bayo, engibathandayo eqinisweni, kungayisimi kuphela, kodwa labo bonke abalaziyo iqiniso, **2** ngenxa yeqiniso elikhona kithi njalo elizakuba lathi kuze kube nininini: (**aiōn g165**) **3** Umusa, lesihawu kanye lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba lakujesu Khristu, iNdodana kaBaba, kuzakuba lathi ngeqiniso langothando. **4** Kungithokozise kakhulu ukufumana abanye babantwana benu bephila ngeqiniso njengokulawayo kwethu nguBaba. **5** Khathesike, nkosikazi ethandekayo, ngikulobelna umlayo omutsha, kodwa esasilawo kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngicela ukuba sithandane. **6** Uthando yilolu: ukuba siphile ngokulalela imilayo yakhe. Njengoba uwile kusukela ekuqaleni, umlayo wakhe yikuthi uphile impilo yothando. **7** Ngitsho lokhu ngoba abakhohlisi abanengi abangavumiyo ukuthi ujesu Khristu weza engumuntu sebekhona emhlabeni. Lowomuntu onjalo ungumkohlisi lomphikuKhristu. **8** Qaphelani ukuba lingalahlekelwa yilokho elakusebenzelayo, kodwa ukuba liphiwe umvuzo ngokupheleleyo. **9** Lowo odlulela phambili angabe esaqhube kaKhristu kalaye uNkulunkulu; lowo oqhube kayo ngemfundiso uloBaba leNdodana. **10** Nxa umuntu esiza kini engalethi imfundiso le, lingamngenisi ezindlini zenu njalo lingamamukeli. **11** Lowo omamukelayo uyahlanganyela emisebenzini yakhe emibi. **12** Ngilokunengi engingalilobelna khona, kodwa angifuni ukusebenzisa iphepha le-inki. Kodwa ngithemba ukuthi ngizalethekelela ngikhulume lani sikhangelene ukuze intokozo yethu iphelele. **13** Abantwana bakadadewenu okhethiweyo bayakubingelela.

### 3 UJohane

**1** Mina omdala, Ngilobela umngane wami othandekayo uGayiyasi, engimthanda ngeqiniso. **2** Mngane wami othandekayo, ngiyakhuleka ukuba ube lempilo enhle lokuthi konke kukuhambele kuhle njengalokhu umphefumulo wakho uphila kuhle. **3** Kwangithokozisa kakhulu ukuba labanye abazalwane abafika bafakaza ngokuthembeka kwakho eqinisweni kanye lokuthi uyaqhubeuka uphila ngeqiniso. **4** Angilakuthokoza okukhulu okudlula ukuzwa ukuthi abantwabami baphila ngokweqiniso. **5** Mngane othandekayo, uthembekile kulokho okwenzela abazalwane, lanxa nje kuwe bengabemzini. **6** Sebetshele ibandla ngothando lwakho. Ngicela ubathume ngendlela edumisa uNkulunkulu. **7** Baphuma ngenxa yeBizo, abaze bathola usizo kwabangakholwayo. **8** Ngakho kufanele sitshengise ukuphana ebantwini abanjalo ukuze sisebenzele ndawonye iqiniso. **9** Ngalobela ebandleni kodwa uDiyothrefasi othanda ubukhulu akasoze asemukela. **10** Ngakho-ke, ngingeza ngizakukhanelisa lokhu akwenzayo, ekhulumu kakubi ngathi. Kasuthiseki ngalokho, uyalu ukwamukela abazalwane. Labafuna ukwenzanjalo uyabalela abaxotshe ebandleni. **11** Bangane abathandekayo, lingalingiseli okubi, kodwa lingisani okuhle. Lowo oyenza okuhle ngokaNkulunkulu. Lowo oyenza okubi kakamboni uNkulunkulu. **12** UDemetriyasi unconywa ngabantu bonke kanye laliqiniso uqobo. Lathi sikhulumu okuhle ngaye njalo liyawazi ukuthi ubufakazi bethu buliqiniso. **13** Ngilokunengi engingalilobela khona, kodwa angifuni ukusebenzisa usiba le-inki. **14** Ngithemba ukuthi ngizalibona masinyane lapho esizakhulumu khona ubuso ngobuso. Ukuthula kakube kini. Abangane abalapha bayalibingeleta. Bingelela abangane abangapho munye ngamunye.

# UJuda

**1** UJuda, inceku kajesu Khristu lomfowabo kajakhobe, Kulabo ababiziweyo, abathandwa nguNkulunkulu uBaba belondolozwa ngujesu Khristu: **2** Isihawu, lokuthula kanye lothando kakube ngokwenu ngokwandileyo. **3** Bangane abathandekayo, lanxa kade ngitshisekela kakhulu ukulilobelwa mayelana lensindiso esilayo, kodwa ngibone kufanele ukuthi ngilobele ukulikhuthaza ukuba lilwele ukholo lolu olwaphiwa abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu **4** Ngoba abantu abathile abokulahlwa kwabo okwalotshwa ngakho endulo sebengene phakathi kwenu ngasese. Bangabantu abangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu abaguqulela umusa kaNkulunkulu ukuthi ubeyimvumo yokuganga bamphike lojesu Khristu ongyue kuphela iNkosi yethu Yobukhosi. **5** Lanxa likwazi konke lokhu, ngithanda ukulikhumbuza ukuthi iNkosi yakhupha abantu bayo eGibhithe, kodwa muva yababbhubhisa labo abangakhwlwanga. **6** Lezingilos ezingagcinanga izikhundla zazo zamandla, kodwa zadela ikhaya lazo, lezi wazigcina ebumnyameni, zibotshwe ngamaketane angaqamukiyo zilindele ukwahluelwa ngoSuku olukhulu. (aiōnios g126) **7** Ngokunjalo, iSodoma leGomora lamadolobho aseduzane azinikela ekuxhwaleni kobufabe lokonakala. Ayisibonelo salabo abezwa isijeziso somlilo waphakade. (aiōnios g166) **8** Ngokunjalo, ngamandla okuphupha kwabo lababantu abangalunganga bangcolisa imizimba yabo, baphike ubukhkheli, bachothonze lezidalwa zasezulwini. **9** Kodwa lengilos enkulu uMikhayeli lapho ephikisana loSathane ngesidumbu sikaMosi kazange alokothe ukumthuka ngenhlamba, kodwa wathi, "INkosi kayikukhuzel!" **10** Kodwa abantu laba bakhuluma behlambaza lokho abangakuwisisiyo; njalo lezozinto abazizwisisayo ngokwemvelo njengezinyamazana ezingacabangiyo, lezi yizo kanye izintu ezizababhubhisa. **11** Maye kubo! Balandela indlela kaKhayini; baphuthuma inzuko besona njengoBhalamu; babhujiswa emvukeleni kaKhora. **12** Abantu laba bayisinengiso emadilini enu abantu abathetheneyo besidla lani bengelanloni lakancane, abelusi abazitika ngokudla bona bodwa. Bangamayezi angelazulu, aphetshulwa ngumoya; izihlahla zasekwindla ezingelazithelo njalo ezsitshuniweyo, ezife kibili. **13** Bangamagagasi olwandle alamandla, bebhuhhudla ihlazo labo; izinkanyezi ezintulayo, ezilobumnyama obukhulu obugcinelwe zona kuze kube nininini. (aiōn g165) **14** U-Enoki, owesikhombisa kusukela ku-Adamu waphrofitha ngabantu laba wathi: "Khangelani, iNkosi iza lezinkulungwane lezinye izinkulungwane zabangcwele bayo **15** ukwahlulela abantu bonke, lokubalahla ngerixa yamacala abawenzayo ebubini babo, langenxa yamazwi wonke okudelela, izoni ezingamesabiyo uNkulunkulu ezawakhulumu ngaye." **16** Abantu laba bangabakhononi labachothozi; balandela izinkanuko zabo ezimbi; bayazikhukhumeza, bancome abanye ngamanga ukuze bazitholele inzuko. **17** Kodwa-ke, bangane abathandekayo, khumbulani okwatshiwo ngaphambilini ngabapostoli beNkosi yethu uJesu Khristu. **18** Bathi kini, "Ngezikathhi zokucina kuzakuba labaklolodayo, belandela izinkanuko zabo zokungalungi." **19** Laba yibo abantu abalehlukanisayo, abalandela isazela semvelo nje bengelawo uMoya. **20** Kodwa lina, bangane abathandekayo, zakheni ekukholweni kwenu okungcwele kakhulu likhuleke kuMoya oNgcwele, **21** lizigcine lisothandweni lukaNkulunkulu lisalindele isihawu seNkosi yethu ujesu Khristu ukuba ilingenise ekuphileni okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) **22** Yibani lesihawu kulabo abathandabuzayo; **23** lenyule abanye emililweni libasilise; kwabanye bonakalisani isihawu, kuhlangene lokwesaba, lizonde leziggoko ezingcoliswe yimizimba exhwalileyo. **24** Kuye olamandla okuligcina ukuba lingawi, lokulibeka phambi kwenkazimulo yobukhona bakhe kungelasci njalo ngentokozo enkulu, **25** kuye yedwa uNkulunkulu onguMsindisi wethu, kakube lodumo, ubukhosu kanye lamandla ngoJesu Khristu iNkosi yethu, mandulo kwezikathhi zonke, khathesi kanye lanininini! Amen. (aiōn g165)

# Isambulo

**1** Isambulo esivela kujesu Khristu, asiphiwa nguNkulunkulu ukuba atshengise izinceku zakhe okufane kwenzakale masinyane. Wakwenza kwazakala ngokuthuma ingilosu yakhe encekwini yakhe uJohane **2** ofakaza konke akubonayo, lona ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kanye lobufakazi bukajesu Khristu. **3** Ubusisiwe lowo ofunda amazwi alesisiphrofethi njalo babusisiwe lalabo abakuzwayo bakugcine ezhinliziyweni okulotshwe kuso ngoba isikhathi sesisondele. **4** Johane, Emabandleni ayisikhombisa esifundeni sase-Ezhiya: Umusa lokuthula kakube kini okuvela kuye okhona, lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, lokuvela kubomoya abayisikhombisa phambi kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosu, **5** lokuvela kujesu Khristu, ongufakazi othembekileyo, izibulo kwabafileyo, lombusi wamakhosi asemhlabeni. Kuye osithandayo lowasikhululayo ezonweni zethu ngegazi lakhe, **6** njalo osenze saba ngumbuso labaphristi ukuba sisebenzele uNkulunkulu wakhe loYise, kakube kuye udumo lamandala kuze kuge nininini! Amen. (**aiōn g165**) **7** “Khangelanli uyeza ngamayezi, amehlo wonke azakumbona, lalabo abamgwazayo”; **8** “Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega,” kutsho iNkosi **7** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshivo nguMoya uNkulunkulu, “okhona, lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo ngizamnika ilungelo uSomandla.” **9** Mina Johane, umzalwane wenu lokudla esihlahleni sokuphila esisepharadise lomkhula wenu ekuhluphekeni lasembusweni kanye lekubekezeleni ngesineke okungokwethu kujesu, ngangisesihlengeni sasePhathimosi ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu lobufakazi bukajesu. **10** NgoSuku lweNkosi ngangenwa nguMoya kwathi ngemva kwami ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu kungathi licilongo, **11** elathi: “Loba emqluwini lokhu okubonayo uwuthumele emabandleni ayisikhombisa: kwelase-Efesu, lelaseSimina, lelasePhegamami, lelaseThiyathira, lelaseSadisi, lelaseFiladelifya kanye lelaseLodikheyuma.” **12** Ngatshibiliuka ukuze ngimbone lowo owayekhuluma lami. Sengiphendukile gabona izinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **13** njalo phakathi kwezinti zezibane kwakulomuntu owayenjengendodana yomuntu, egqoke isembatho esasifika phansi ezinyaweni zakhe, ibanti legolide libophe isifuba sakhe. **14** Ikhanda lakhe lezinwele zakhe kwakumhlophe njengotshinda, kumhlophe nke njengongqwaqwane, lamehlo akhe ayenjengomlilo ovuthayo. **15** Inyawo zakhe zazinjengethusi elikhazimulayo emvuthweni, ilizwi lakhe linjengokuhuba kwamanzi agelezayo. **16** Esandleni sakhe sokunene wayephethie izinkanyesi ezimbawo engilensolo ngazo kuwe: Kulabantu eziyisikhombisa, emlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma khonapho ababambelele emfundisweni kaBhalamu, insingo. Ubuso bakhe babunjengelanga likhanyisa owafundisa uBhalaki ukuhugela abako-Israyeli ngenkazimulo yalo yonke. **17** Kwathi ngimbona ekwenzeni isono ngokudla ukudla okwakunikelwe ngawela ezinyaweni zakhe njengofileyo. Wabeka isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwami, wathi: “Ungesabi. Mina ngiyisiQalo lesiPhetho. **18** NgingoPhilayo; ngangifile njalo khangela ngiyaphila kuze kuge nininini! Njalo ngiphethie izihluthulelo zokufa kanye leHadesi. (**aiōn g165, Hadēs g86**) **19** Ngakho-

ke, loba lokhu okubonileyo, okukhona khathesi kanye lokuzakwenzakala muva. **20** Imfhlakalo yeziyankanyesi eziyisikhombisa ozibone esandleni sami sokunene kanye lezinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa yile: Izinkanyesi eziyisikhombisa yizingilosu zamabandla ayisikhombisa, izinti zezibane ngamabandla ayisikhombisa.”

**2** “Ingilosu yebandla lase-Efesu ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe izinkanyesi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe sokunene ehamba phakathi kwezinti zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho lokusebenza kwakho nzima kanye lokubekezelu kwakho. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi awungeke ubabekezelele abantu abaxhwalileyo lokuthi ubahlolile labo abathi bangabapostoli, kodwa bengayisibo, njalo wabafumana bengabalamanaga. **3** Ubekezele waqinisela ebunizimeni ngenxa yebizo lami, kawaze wadinwa. **4** Kodwa ngilale insolo ngawe: Usuludelile uthando lwakho obulalo kuqala. **5** Khumbula isiqongo owe kuso! Phenduka wenze izinto owawuzenza kuqala. Nxa ungaphenduki, ngizakuza kuwe, ngisuse uluthi lwakho lwasibane endaweni yalo. **6** Kodwa ulokoku okuhile ngawe: Uyayizonda labantu bonke abasemhlabeni “bazalila ngenxa imikhuba yamaNikholayitha, engiyizondayo lami. yakhe.” **8** “Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega,” kutsho iNkosi **7** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshivo nguMoya uNkulunkulu, “okhona, lowayekhona, lozakubakhona, emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo ngizamnika ilungelo uSomandla.” **9** Ngiyakwazi ukuhlambaza kwalabo abathi bangamajuda uthi: La ngamazwi akhe yena oyisiQalo lesiPhetho, owaafayo wabuya wavuka. **9** Ngiyazazi inhlupheko zakho kanye lobuyanga bakho, kanti-ke unothisle! Ngiyakwazi ukuhlambaza kwalabo abathi bangamajuda uthi: La ngamazwi akhe yena oyisiQalo lesiPhetho, owaafayo wabuya wavuka. **9** Ngiyakwazi inhlupheko zakho kanye lobuyanga bakho, kanti-ke unothisle! **10** Ungazesabi inhlupheko eseziakwehlela. Ngiyakutshela ukuthi uSathane uzabeka abanye benu entolongweni ukuba alilinge njalo lizahlukululawa okwensuku etilishumi. Thembeka, lanxa kuselungeni lokufa, mina ngizakupha umqhele wokuphila. **11** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshivo nguMoya emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo kasoze alinyazwe lakancane yikuwa kweibili.” **12** “Ingilosu yebandla lasePhegamami ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe insingo. **13** Ngiyakwazi lapho ohlala khona, lapho uSathane alesihlalo sakhe. Ikanti wena uqhubeke uqotho ebizweni lami. Kawukuphikanga ukukholwa kwakho kimi, lasezinsukwini zika-Antiphasi, ufakazi wami othembekileyo, owabulawayo edolobheni lakini, lapho uSathane ahlala khona. **14** Kodwa-ke, kulezinto esandleni sakhe sokunene wayephethie izinkanyesi ezimbawo engilensolo ngazo kuwe: Kulabantu eziyisikhombisa, emlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma khonapho ababambelele emfundisweni kaBhalamu, insingo. Ubuso bakhe babunjengelanga likhanyisa owafundisa uBhalaki ukuhugela abako-Israyeli ngenkazimulo yalo yonke. **15** Njalo ulabanye ababambelele emfundisweni yamaNikholayitha. **16** Ngakho-ke, phenduka! Hlezi ngize kuwe labo ngenkemba yomlomo wami. **17** Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshivo nguMoya emabandleni. Lowo onqobayo, ngizamupha enye

yemana efihliwego. Ngizamupha lelitshe elimhlophe abathi bangamaJuda bona bengayisiwo, kodwa beqamba okulotshwe kulo ibizo elitsha, elaziwa ngulowo kuphela amanga beze kuwe bawele phansi ngasezinyaweni olamukelayo.” 18 “Ingilos yebandla laseThiyathira zakho bavume ukuthi ngikuthandile. 10 Njengoba ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi eNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ugcine umlayo wami ukuba ubekezele ngesineke, emehlo ayo anjengomilo ovuthayo lezinyawo lami ngizakugcina esikhathini sokulingwa esizafika zayo zinjengethusi elikhazimulayo. 19 Ngiyayazi emhlabeni wonke ukuhlola labo abahlala emhlabeni. imisebenzi yakho, uthando lokholo lwakho, kanye 11 Ngiyeza masinyane. Bambelela kulokho olakho, lokuthi khathesi ususena okunengi kulakuqala. 20 ukuze kungabikhona othattha umqhele wakho. 12 Kodwa-ke, ngilale insolo ngawe: Uyambekazele Lowo onqobayo ngizamenza abe yinsika ethempelinis owesifazane lowana ujezebheli, ozibiza ngokuthi likaNkulunkulu. Kasoze asuke kulo futhi. Ngizaloba ngumphrefethikazi. Ngemfundiso yakhe udukisela phezu kwakhe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami kanye izinceku zami ekuxhwaleni kobufabe lekudleni lebizo ledolobho likaNkulunkulu wami, ijerusalemka ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni. 21 Ngimnikke elitsha, elehela phansi liphuma ezulwini livela isikhathini ukuba aphenduke ekuxhwaleni kwakhe, kuNkulunkulu wami; njalo ngizaloba phezu kwakhe kodwa kafuni. 22 Ngakho ngizamphosela phezu lebizo lami elitsha. 13 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe kombheda wokuhlupheka, njalo labo afeba labo okutshivo nguMoya emabandleni.” 14 “Ingilos ngizabenza bahlupheke kakhulu, ngaphandle kokuba yebandla laseLodikheya ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi baphenduke ezindleleni zakhe. 23 Abantwabakhe ka-Ameni, ufakazi othermekileyo loqotho, umbusi ngizabatshaya bafe. Ngakho-ke, amabandla wonke wendalo kaNkulunkulu. 15 Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho, azakwazi ukuthi mina nginguye ohlola inhliyizo ukuthi kawuqandi njalo kawutshisi. Ngifisa ukuthi ngabeyiokhu loba lokhuyana. 16 Ngakho-ke, njengoba ubuthukuthuku, ungatshisi njalo unaqandani, sekuseduze ukuba ngikukhafule emlonyeni wami. yakhe njalo lingafundanga okuthiwa zimfihlo ezipikileyo zikaSathane, ‘Kangiyikulethesa omunye umthwalo, 25 lina bambelelani kuphela kulokho elilakho ngize ngifike.’ 26 Lowo onqobayo esenza intando yami kuze kuge sekupheleni ngizamniki amandla phezu kwezizwe, 27 ‘Uzazibusa ngentonga yensimbi; aziphahlaze zibe yizicuza njengokwenziwa ngebumba,’njengalokhu ngiphiwe amandla avela kuBaba. 28 Ngizamupha lendonsakusa. 29 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshivo nguMoya emabandleni.”

**3** “Ingilos yebandla laseSadisi ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo ophethe omoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu kanye lezinkanyezi eziyisikhombisa. Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho; ulodumo lokuba ngophilayo, kodwa ufile. 2 Vuka! Qinisa okuseleyo osekuseduze lokufa, ngoba izenzo zakho angizifumananga ziphelele emehlweni kaNkulunkulu.

3 Ngakho, khumbula okwamukeleyo lokuzwileyo; kulalele, uphenduke. Kodwa nxa ungavuki, ngizakuzu njengesela njalo kawusoze wazi ukuthi ngizafika kuwe ngasiphi isikhathi. 4 Kodwa ulabantu abalutshwana eSadisi abangangcolisanga izigqoko zabo. Bazahamba lami begqoke ezimhlophe, ngoba bazifanele. 5 Lowo onqobayo uzaggoka ezimhlophe njengabo. Ibizo lakhe kangisoze ngilesule encwadini yokuphila, kodwa ibizo lakhe ngizalivium phambi kukaBaba lezingilosizakhe. 6 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshivo nguMoya emabandleni.” 7 “Ingilos yebandla laseFiladelifiya ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi akhe lowo ongcwele loqotho, ophethe isihluthulelo sikaDavidia. Akuvulileyo kakho ongakuvala; lakuvalileyo kakho ongakuvala. 8 Ngiyazazi izenzo zakho. Khangelia phambi kwakho sengibeki umnyango okungelamuntu ongawuvala. Ngiyakwazi ukuthi ulamandla amancinyane, kodwa ilizwi lami uligcinile njalo ibizo lami kawuliphikanga. 9 Ngizakwenza labo abangabesinagogu likaSathane,

abathibangamaJuda bona bengayisiwo, kodwa beqamba amanga beze kuwe bawele phansi ngasezinyaweni olamukelayo.” 18 Ingilos yebandla laseThiyathira zakho bavume ukuthi ngikuthandile. 10 Njengoba ilobele uthi: La ngamazwi eNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ugcine umlayo wami ukuba ubekezele ngesineke, emehlo ayo anjengomilo ovuthayo lezinyawo lami ngizakugcina esikhathini sokulingwa esizafika zayo zinjengethusi elikhazimulayo. 11 Ngiyeza masinyane. Bambelela kulokho olakho, lokuthi khathesi ususena okunengi kulakuqala. 12 ukuze kungabikhona othattha umqhele wakho. 13 Lowo onqobayo ngizamenza abe yinsika ethempelinis owesifazane lowana ujezebheli, ozibiza ngokuthi likaNkulunkulu. Kasoze asuke kulo futhi. Ngizaloba ngumphrefethikazi. Ngemfundiso yakhe udukisela phezu kwakhe ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami kanye izinceku zami ekuxhwaleni kobufabe lekudleni lebizo ledolobho likaNkulunkulu wami, ijerusalemka ukudla okunikelwe ezithombeni. 14 Ngiyakucebisa ukuba uthenge kimi sekuseduze ukuba ngikukhafule emlonyeni wami. 15 Wena uthi, ‘Nginothile; sengazu inotho njalo kangisweli lutho.’ Kodwa kawananzelili ukuthi uyahlupheka, ulusizi, ungumyanga, uysipofhu njalo unqunu. 16 Ngakho-ke, njengoba ubuthukuthuku, ungatshisi njalo unaqandani, igolide elihlanjululwe emlilweni ukuze unotho; ugqoke izigqoko ezimhlophe ukuze uvale ubunqunu bakho obulihlazo, lamafutha okugcoba amehlo akho ukuze ubone. 17 Lowo engibathandayo ngiyabakhaza ngibajezise. Ngakho-ke, woba lokutshisek euphenduke. 18 Ngiyakucebisa ukuba uthenge kimi igolide elihlanjululwe emlilweni ukuze unotho; ugqoke izigqoko ezimhlophe ukuze uvale ubunqunu bakho obulihlazo, lamafutha okugcoba amehlo akho ukuze ubone. 19 Labo engibathandayo ngiyabakhaza ngibajezise. Ngakho-ke, woba lokutshisek euphenduke. 20 Mina ngilaphal! Ngimi emnyango ngiqeqoda. Nxa kukhona ozwa ilizwi lami avule umnyango, ngizangena ngidle laye, laye adle lami. 21 Lowo onqobayo, ngizamniki ilungelo lokuhlala lami esihlalweni sami sobukhos, njengoba lami nganqoba ngasengihlala obuBaba esihlalweni sakhe sobukhos. 22 Lowo olendlebe, akezwe okutshivo nguMoya emabandleni.”

**4** Emra kwalokhu ngakhangelia, ngabona umnyango phambi kwami uvulekile ezulwini. Ilizwi engangilizwe kuqala lingkhulumisa kungathi licilongo lathi, “Woza lapha ngikutshengise okuzakwenzakala emva kwalokhu.” 2 Khonokho nje ngahle ngehlela nguMoya, kwathi phambi kwami ngabona isihlalo sobukhos, eziyisikhombisa. 3 Lowo owayehlezi lapho wayefana lejaspa lekhaneliya. Umchilowamakhosikazi owawufana le-emeralidi wawuzingezele isihlalo sobukhos. 4 Kwakulezinye izihlalo zobukhos, ezingamatshumi amabili lane ezazizingelezele isihlalo sobukhos leso, kuzo kuhlezi abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane. Babegqoke okumhlophe njalo belemiqhele yegolide emakhandaa abo. 5 Esihlalweni sobukhos kwaba lokuphazima kombane, lokundindizela kanye lokukhwaza kwezulu. Phambi kwesihlalo sobukhos kwakuvutha izibane eziyisikhombisa. Lezi zazingomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu. 6 Phambi kwesihlalo futhi kucwebezela

jengelitshe elikhazimulayo. Phakathi, emaceleni wonke esihlalo sobukhosи, kwakulezidalwa ezine eziphilayo, zilamehlo phambili langemuva. 7 Isidalwa sakuqala esiphilayo sasinjengesilwane, esesibili sinjengenkabi, esesithathu sasilobuso obunjengobomuntu, esesine sasinjengokhozi olupaphayyo. 8 Esinye lesinye salezozidalwa eziphilayo sasilempiko ezyisithupha njalo sigcwele amehlo amacele wonke, kanye langaphansi kwempiko. Emini lebusuku kazizange zithule ukuthi: 9 Kuthi lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zimduumisa, zimhloniphia njalo zimbonga lowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи njalo ophila kuze kube nininini, (aiōn g165) 10 abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kwakhe ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи, bamkhonza yena ophila kuze kube nininini. Babeka imiqhele yabo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosи bathi: (aiōn g165) 11 "Ufanele, Nkosi yethu loNkulunkulu wethu, ukwamukela udumo lenhloniphо kanye lamandla, ngoba wena wadala izinto zonke, njalo zadalwa ngentando yakho, njalo zilabo ubukhona bazo." zisithi: "Lifanele iWundlu, elahlatshwayo, ukwamukela amandla lenotho lenhlakaniphо lokuqina lodumo lenkazimulo kanye lokudunyiswa!" 13 Ngezwa izidalwa zonke ezulwini lasemhlabeni langaphansi komhlaba lasolwandle lakho konke okukukho, kuhlabela kusithi: "Kuye ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи lakulo iWundlu kakube lenhloniphо lodumo lenkazimulo kanye lamandla kuze (aiōn g165) 14 Izidalwa ezine eziphilayo zathi, "Ameni," kwathi abadala bawela phansi bakhonza.

**5** Esandleni sokinene salowo owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи ngabona umqulu ulombhalo emaceleni womabili ungcinwe ngempawu eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ngabuya ngabona ingilosи elamandla imemeza ngelezwi eliphakemayo isithi, "Ngubani ofanele ukuqhaqa impawu avule umqulu na?" **3** Kodwa kakho ezelwini loba emhlabeni loba ngaphansi komhlaba owayengawuvula umqulu kumbe akhangeli phakathi kwavo. **4** Ngakhala, ngakhala ngoba kakho owaytholakala efanele ukuwuvuva umqulu loba ukukhangela phakathi kwavo. **5** Omunye wabadalathiki kimi, "Ungakhali! Khangela, iNgonyma yesizwe sakojuda, iMpande kaDavid, sinqobile. Sizakwanelisa ukuwuvuva umqulu lezimpawu zaho eziyisikhombisa." **6** Ngabona iWundlu, kukhanya angathi lalibulewe, limi phakathi laphakathi kwenishlalo sobukhosи, lizingelezwе yizidalwa eziphilayo ezine labadala. Lalilempondo eziyisikhombisa lamehlo ayisikhombisa, okungomoya abayisikhombisa bakaNkulunkulu abathunywe emhlabeni wonke. **7** Leza lathatha umqulu esandleni sokinene salowo owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosи. **8** Esewuthethe, izidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kweWundlu. Omunye lomunye wabo wayelechacho njalo babepehthe imiganu yegolide igcwele impepha, eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. **9** ukuba alinde okwesikhatshana, inani lezinicekue Bahlabela ingoma entsha besithi: "Wena ufanele ezingabakhula bayo labazalwane ababezabulawa ukuwuthatha umqulu lokuvula impawu zaho, ngoba wahlatshwa, kwathi ngegazi lakho wahlengela unKulunkulu abantu beiziwana zonke lezindimi labantu kanye lezizwe. **10** Usubenze baba ngumbuso labaphristi ukuba honkonze uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo bazabusa emhlabeni." **11** Ngakhangela ngasengisizwa amazwi ezingilosи ezinengi, ezaziyizinkulungwane lezinkulungwane, lezinkulungwane ezilitsumi ziphindwe okuzinkulungwane ezilitsumi. Zazizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosи lezidalwa eziphilayo kanye labadala. **12** Zahlabela ngamazwi aphezulu amazwi ezingilosи ezinengi, ezaziyizinkulungwane lezinkulungwane, lezinkulungwane ezilitsumi ziphindwe okuzinkulungwane ezilitsumi. Zazizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosи lezidalwa eziphilayo kanye labadala. **13** Zahlabela ngamazwi aphezulu amazwi ezingilosи ezinengi, ezaziyizinkulungwane lezinkulungwane, lezinkulungwane ezilitsumi ziphindwe okuzinkulungwane ezilitsumi. Zazizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosи lezidalwa eziphilayo kanye labadala. **14** Umkhathi babulalane. Waphiwa inkemba eruklu. **5** Kwathi iWundlu livula uphawu lwestithathu, ngezwa isidwalwa sesithathu esiphilayo sisithi, "Woza!" Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza elimnyama! Umgadi walo wayephethi isikali sokulinganisa. **6** Ngasengisizwa okwakungathu yilizwi phakathi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo lisithi, "Ikhilogramu eliodwa lamabele umholo wosuku, lamakhilogramu amathathu ebhali umholo wosuku njalo ungoni amafutha lewayini!" **7** Kwathi iWundlu livula uphawu lwestine, ngezwa ilizwi lesidwalwa sesine esiphilayo lisithi, "Woza!" **8** Ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza eliliyanu! Umgadi walo wayethiwa ngenKufa, leHadesi lalimlandela eduzane emva kwakhe. Babephewe amandla phezu kwengxene yesine yomhlabu ukuba babulale ngenkemba langendlala langezifo kanye langezilo zeganga zasemhlabeni. **(Hades g86)** **9** Kwathi livula uphawu lwestishanu ngabona ngaphansi kwe-alithari imiphefumulo yalabo ababebulewe ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu lobufakazi abema ngabo. **10** Yamemeza ngelezwi elikhulu yathi, "Koze kube nini, Thixo wobukhosи, engcwele leqotho ukuze wahlulele abasemhlabeni uphindisele igazi lethu na?" **11** Lapho-ke omunye lomunye wayo waphiwa isembatho esimhlophe igcwele impepha, eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. **12** Ngakhangela lapho wahlengela livula uphawu lwestishupha. Kwaba lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba. Ilanga laphenduka laba mnyama tshu njengesigqoko samasaka esenziwe ngoboya bembizi, inyangya yonke yaphenduka yaba bomvu okwegazi, **13** izinkanyezu emkhathini zawela emhlabeni njengemikhwa yamuva ikhithika esihlahleni somkhiwa lapho sinyikinywa ngumoya olamandla. **14** Umkhathi wahlela wagoqeka njengomqulu, kwathi izintaba zonke lezihlenge kwasuswa ezindaweni zakho. **15** Amakhosi omhlabu lamakhosana lezinduna zamabutho

lezinothi labalamandla leziggili zonke kanye labantu bonke abakhululekileyo bacatsha ezimbawini kanye lasemadwaleni ezintaba. **16** Babiza izintaba lamadwala besithi, “Welani phezu kwethu lisifihle ebusweni balowo ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu kanye lasolakeni lweWundlu! **17** Ngoba usuku olukhulu lolaka lwabo selufikile, pho ngubani ongema na?”

**7** Emva kwalokhu ngabona izingilosu ezine zimi emagumbini womane omhlaba, zivimbele imimoya emine yomhlaba zisenqabela loba yiuphi umoya ukuvunguza elizwenu loba olwandle loba kwsinye isihlahla. **2** Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosu isiza ivela empumalanga, ilophawu lukaNkulunkulu ophilayo. Yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ezingilosini ezine ezaziphwi amandla okulimaza umhlaba lolwandle, isithi: **3** “Lingawulimazi umhlaba loba ulwandle loba izihlahla size sibeke uphawu emabunzini ezinceku zikaNkulunkulu wethu.” **4** Ngasengisizwa inani lalabo ababekwa uphawu: Abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane abeziwana zonke zako-Israyeli. **5** Abesizwana sakoJuda abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili bafakwa uphawu, abesizwana sakoRubheni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoGadi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, **6** abesizwana sako-Asher abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoNafithali abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoManase abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, **7** abesizwana sakoSimiyoni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoLevi abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sako-Isakhari abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, **8** abesizwana sakoZebhuluni abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sakoJosefa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, abesizwana sikaBhenjamini abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. **9** Emva kwalokhu ngakhangela khonapho phambi kwami kwakulexuku elikhulukazi elingela kubala livela eiziweni zonke lezizwanenilasebantwini kanye lasezindimini zonke limi phambi kwsihlalo sobukhosu laphambi kweWundlu. Babegqoke izembatho ezimhlophe bephethe ingatsha zelala ngezandla zabo. **10** Bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu besithi: “Ukusindisa ngokukaNkulunkulu wethu, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu, kanye lokweWundlu.” **11** Izingilosu zonke zazimi zizingeleze isihlalo sobukhosu njalo zizingeleze abadala kanye lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo. Zathi mbo phansi ngobuso bazo phambi kwsihlalo sobukhosu zakhonza uNkulunkulu **12** zisithi: “Ameni! Uduomo lobukhosu lokuhlanipha lokubongwa lokuhlonitshwa lamandla kanye lokuqina kakube kuNkulunkulu wethu nini lanini. Ameni!” (*aion g165*) **13** Emva kwalokhu omunye wabada wangibuba wathi, “Laba abezembatho ezimhlophe ngobani, njalo bavele ngaphi?” **14** Ngaphendula ngathi, “Nkosi, uyakwazi.” Wasesithi, “Laba yibo abaphume ekuluphekeni okukhulu; bagezise izembatho zabo egazini leWundlu bazenza zaba mhlophe. **15** Ngakho-

ke, baphambi kwsihlalo sobukhosu sikaNkulunkulu bemkhonza emini lebusuku ethempelini lakhe; njalo yena ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosu uzakubavikela ngobukhona bakhe. **16** ‘Kabasoze balambe futhi; njalo kabasoze bome futhi. Ilanga kalisayikuahlaba phezu kwabo’ loba ukutshisa okuhangulayo. **17** Ngoba iWundlu elingaphakathi kwsihlalo sobukhosu lizakuba ngumelusi wabo; lizabaholela emithonjeni yamanzi okuphila. ‘UNKulunkulu uzazesula zonke inyembezi emehlwensi abo.’”

**8** Kwathi lapho iWundlu livula uphawu lwasikhombisa kwaba lokuthula ezulwini okwesikhathi esasingaba yingxene yehola. **2** Ngasengibona izingilosu eziyisikhombisa ezima phambi kukaNkulunkulu ziphiwa amacilongo ayisikhombisa. **3** Enye ingilosu eayilomganu wegolide wokutshisela impepha yeza yema ngase-alithareni. Yanikwa impepha enengi ukuba iyinikele lemikhuleko yabangcwele bonke e-alithareni legolide phambi kwsihlalo sobukhosu. **4** Intuthu yemppeha kanye lemikhuleko yabangcwele kwaya phezulu phambi kukaNkulunkulu kususa esandleni sengilosu leyo. **5** Ingilosu yasithatha umganu wokutshisela impepha yawugcwala ngomilo osuka e-alithareni yasiwuphosela emhlabeni kwasekusiba lokukhwaza kwezulu lokundindizela lokuphazima kombane kanye lokuzamazama komhlaba. **6** Izingilosu eziyisikhombisa ezazilamacilongo ayisikhombisa zalungisela ukuwakhalisa. **7** Ingilosu yokuqala yakhalisa icilongo layo kwasekusiba lesiqhotho lomilo kuhlangene legazi kwasekuphoselwa phansi emhlabeni. Ingxene yesithathu yomhlaba yatsha lotshani bonke obuluhlaza batsha. **8** Ingilosu yesibili yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi ulutho olwalunjengentaba enkuu olwalubhebba, lwaphoselwa olwandle. Ingxene yesithathu yowlandise yaphenduka yaba ligazi, **9** kwathi ingxene yesithathu yezidalwa eziphilayo olwandle yafa, kwathi lengxenyeyesithathu yemikhumbi yatshabalaliswa. **10** Ingilosu yesithathu yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi inkanyezu enkulukazi eyayivutha njengesibane yawa ivela emkhathini yawela phezu kwengxene yeithathu yemifula lasermithonjeni yamanzi, **11** ibizo lenkanyezu leyo nguMhlonylene. Ingxene yesithathu yamanzi yaphenduka yababa, abantu abanengi bafa ngenxa yamanzi ayesebaba. **12** Ingilosu yesine yakhalisa icilongo layo, kwathi ingxene yesithathu yelanga yatshaywa, lengxenyeyesithathu yenya kanye lengxenyeyesithathu yezinkanyezu, okwenza ingxene yesithathu yalokhu yaphenduka yaba mynyama. Ingxene yesithathu yemini yayingelakukhanya, kanye lengxenyeyesithathu yobusuku. **13** Kwathi ngilokhu ngikhangele ngezwa ingqungqulu iphapha emkhathini imemeha ngelizwi elikhulu isithi, “Maye! Maye! Maye kwabahlezi emhlabeni ngenxa yokukhala kwamacilongo asezakhaliswa ngezinye izingilosu ezintathu!”

**9** Ingilosu yesihlanu yakhalisa icilongo layo ngasengibona inkanyezu eyavela emkhathini iwela

emhlabeni. Inkanyezi leyo yayiphiwe isihluthulelo soMgodi ongelamkhawulo. (**Abyssos g12**) **2** Isivule umgodi ongelamkhawulo kwaphuma kuwo izikhatha zentuthu ezazifana leziphuma esihogweni somlilo esikhulukazi. Ilanga lomkhathi kwaba mnyama ngenxa yezikhatha lezi ezaphuma emgodini ongelamkhawulo. (**Abyssos g12**) **3** Entuthwini leyo kwaphuma izintethe zehlela phansi emhlabeni ziphwi amandla anjengawezinkume zasemhlabeni. **4** Zazitshelwe ukuthi zingalimazi tshani basemhlabeni loba olunye ulutho olwamilayo loba isihlahla, kodwa kuphela labobantu ababengelalo uphawu lukaNkulunkulu emabunzini abo. **5** Zazingaphiwanga amandla okubabulala, kodwa ukubazwisa ubuhlungu okwezinyanga ezinhlanu. Ubuahlungu ababuzwayo babufana lobuhlungu benkume lapho intinyela umuntu. **6** Ngalezonzu abantu bazadinga ukufa, kodwa bazakuswela; bazafisa ukufa, kodwa ukufa kuzababalekela. **7** Izintethe lezo zazifana lamabhiza alungele impi. Emakhanda azo zazigqoke ulutho olwalunjengemiqhele yegolide, ubuso bazo babufana lobuso babantu. **8** Uboya bazo babunjengenwe zabesifazane, amaziny azo enjengamazinyo esilwane. **9** Zazilezivikelo zesifuba ezirjengezivikelo zensimbi njalo umdumo wempiko zazo wawunjengodumo wamabhiza amanengi lezinqola zempi zigijimela empini. **10** Zazilemisila elobuhlungu njengezinkume, njalo emisileni yazo zazilamandla okuwisa abantu ubuhlungu okwezinyanga ezinhlanu. **11** Inkosi yazo ezazilayo yingilosu yoMgodi ongelamkhawulo, ebizo layo ngesiHebheru lalingu-Abhadoni, ngesiGrikhi lingu-Apholyioni (okuyikuthi, uMtshabalali). (**Abyssos g12**) **12** Uhluhpho lwakuqala selwedlule; ezinye inhlupho ezimbili zisazobuya. **13** Ingilosu yesithupha yakhalisa icilongo layo ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela empondweni ze-alithare legolide eliphambi kukaNkulunkulu. **14** Lathi engilosini yesithupha eyayiphethe icilongo, "Khulula izingilosu ezine ezibotshiweyo emfuleni omkhulu uYufrathe." **15** Ngakho izingilosu ezine lezo ezazigcinwe zilindele lesisikhathi losuku lenyanga kanye lomnyaka zakhlulelwu ukubulala ingxene yeithathu yolu. **16** Inani lamabutho ayegade amabhiza laliyizigidi ezingamakhulu amabili. Ngalizwa inani lawo. **17** Amabhiza labagadi engakubona embonweni wami kwakukhanya kunje: Inqaba zabo zesifuba zazibomvu okmlilo, ziluhlazanyana njalo zilithanga njengesolufa. Amakhanda amabhiza ayenjengamakhanda ezilwane njalo emilonyeni yawo kwaphuma umlilo lentuthu kanye lesolufa. **18** Ingxene yeithathu yolu yabulawa yizifo ezintathu zomlilo lentuthu kanye lesolufa okwaphuma emilonyeni yawo. **19** Amandla amabhiza ayesemilonyeni yawo lasemisileni yawo ngoba imisila yawo yayinjengezinyoka ilamakhanda elimaza ngawo. **20** Abanengi boluntu ababengbulawanga yizifo lezi kabazange baphenduke emisebenzini yezandla zabo; kabayekelanga ukukhonza amadimonzi lezithombe zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi, lezamatshs kanye lezezigodo, izithombe ezingeke zibone loba zizwe loba

zihambe. **21** Njalo kabaphendukanga ezenzweni zabo zokubulala, lasebuthakathini babo, ekuxhwaleni kwabo kobufabe loba ebuseleni babo.

**10** Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosu elamandla isebla ivela ezulwini. Yayembethe iyezi kulomchilo wamakhosikazi ngaphezu kwekhanda layo; ubuso bayo babunjengelanga; imilene yayo injengensika zomlilo.

**2** Yayiphethe umqulu omncane, uvlekile usezandleni zayo. Yagxilisa unyawo lwayo lokwesokunene olwandle kwathi unyawo lwayo lwesokunxele lwaba semhlabathini **3** njalo yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu njengokubhonga kwestilwane. Ekumemezeni kwayo imidumo eyisikhombisa yakhulum. **4** Kwathi imidumo eyisikhombisa ikhulumga ngasengilungele ukuloba kodwa ngezwa ilizwi elavela ezulwini lisithi, "Vala lokho okutshivo yimidumo eyisikhombisa njalo ungakulobi." **5** Ingilosu engangiyibone imi olwandle lasemhlabathini yaphakamisela isandla sayo sokunene ezulwini. **6** Yafunga ngaye ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, owadala amazulu lakho konke okukuwo, lomhlabo lakho konke okukuwo lolwandle lakho konke okukulo, yathi, "Kakusayikuba khona ukuphuza futhi! (aiōn g165)

**7** Kodwa ngezinsuku lapho ingilosu yesikhombisa isizakhalisa icilongo layo imfihlakalo kaNkulunkulu izafezeka njengokutsho kwakhe ezincekwini zakhe abaphrophethi." **8** Ilizwi engangilizwe livela ezulwini lakahuluma lami futhi lathi: "Hamba uyethatha umqulu ovulekileyo esandleni sengilosu emi olwandle lasemhlabathini." **9** Ngakho ngaya kuleyongilosu ngacela ukuba ingiphe lowomqulu omncane. Yathi kimi, "Uthathe uwudle. Uzaqubula isisu sakho ngokubaba, kodwa emlonyeni wakho uzakuba mnandi njengolju." **10** Ngawuthatha umqulu omncane esandleni sengilosu ngawudla. Emlonyeni wami wanambitheka mnandi njengolju, kodwa sengiwudlile isisu sami saqubuka, sababa. **11** Ngasengitshelwa ukuthi, "Kumele uphrofitha futhi ngabantu abanengi, langezizwe, langezindimi kanye langamkhosi."

**11** Ngaphiwa umhlanga njengomqwayi wokulinganisa, ngasengitshelwa ukuthi, "Hamba uyelinganisa ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lealithari, ubale labakhonza khona. **2** Kodwa utshiye iguma langaphandle ungalilinganisi ngoba liphiwe abeZizweni. Bazanyathela idolobho elingcwele izinyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. **3** Ofakazi bami ababili ngizabanika amandla njalo baphrophitha insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha, begqoke izigqoko zamasaka." **4** Laba "bayizihlahla ezimbili zama-oliva" lezinti ezimbili zezibane "ezimi phambi kweNkosi yomhlabo." **5** Umuntu angazama ukuzilimaza, kuphuma umlilo emilonyeni yazo uqothule izitha zazo. Le yiyo indlela umuntu ofuna ukuzilimaza afa ngayo. **6** Abantu laba balamandla okuvala umkhathi ukuba izulu lingani lapho bephrophitha njalo balamandla okuphendula amanzi abe ligazi lawokutshaya umhlabo ngezinhlobo zonke zezifo kanengi njengokuthanda kwabo. **7** Kuzakuthi

lapho sebeqedile ukufakaza kwabo isilo esiphuma eMgodini ongelamkhawulo sizabahlasela sibehlule sibabulale. (**Abyssos g12**) 8 Izidumbu zabo zizalala emgwaqweni wedolobho elikhulu okuthi ngokufaniswa libizwe ngokuthi yiSodoma leGibhithe lapho leNkosi yabo eyabekelwa khona esiphambanweni. 9 Okwensuku ezintathu lengxenyen yosuku abantu abavela emihlotsheni yonke yabantu lasezizwaneni zonke lasezindimini zonke kanye lasezizweni zonke bazakhangelle izidumbu zabo bale ukuba zingwatshwe. 10 Abantu basemhlabeni bazazikhangelia ngokuthokoza bazijabulise ngokuthumela izipho ngoba abaphrofethi ababili laba babebahuliphile abahlala emhlabeni. 11 Kodwa emva kwalezonuku ezintathu lengxenyen yosuku umoya wokuphila owavela kuNkulunkulu wabangena, basebesima ngezinyawo zabo, kwathi labo abababonayo besaba kakhulu. 12 Bezwilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini lisithi kubo, "Wozani phezulu lapha." Baya phezulu ezulwini bephakathi kweyezi izitha zabo zilokhu zikhangele. 13 Ngalesokhathi kwaba lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlabi kwathi ingxenyen yetshumi yedolobho yabhidi. Abantu abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa bafa ekuzamazameni komhlabi, abaphephayo, besaba kakhulu bamdumisa uNkulunkulu wasezulwini. 14 Uhlupho lwasibili selwedlule; uhlupho lwesthathu luyeza masinyane. 15 Ingilosyi yesikhombisa yakhala icilongo layo kwasekusiba lamazwi amakhulu ezulwini, ayesithi: "Umbuso wasemhlabeni usube ngumbuso weNkosi yethu loKhristu wayo, njalo izabusa kuze kube nininini." (**aīōn g165**) 16 Abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane ababehlezi ezhilalweni zobukhosu phambi kukaNkulunkulu bathi mbo phansi ngobuso babo bakhonza uNkulunkulu, 17 besithi: "Siyakubonga Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, ongyue okhona lowayekhona, ngoba usuwathethe amandla akho amakhulu njalo usuqalisile ukubusa. 18 Izizwe zazithukuthele; lolaka lwakho selufikile. Isikhathi sokwahlulela abafileyo sesifikile kanye lesokuvuza izinceku zakho abaphrofethi labangcwele bakho kanye lalabo abalihloniphayo ibizo lakho, abancinyane labakhulu kanye lesokuchitha labo abachitha umhlaba." 19 Emva kwalokho ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lavulwa ezulwini phakathi kwethempeli lakte kwabonakala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sakhe. Kwasekusiba lokuphazima kwemibane lokundindizela lokukhwaza kwezelu lokuzamazama komhlabi kanye lesiqhotho esikhulu.

**12** Isibonakaliso esikhulu lesimangalisayo sabonakala ezulwini: ovesifazane eggoke ilanga, inyanga ingaphansi kwezinyawo zakhe, umqhele wezinkanyezi ezilitshumi lambili usekhandha lakhe. 2 Wayezithwele njalo ekhala ngobuhlungu bomhelo ngoba wayesebaletha. 3 Kwabuya kwabonakala esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini: umgobho omkhulukazi obomvu olamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi kanye lemiqhele eyisikhombisa emakhanda awo. 4 Umsila waho wakhucula ingxenyen yesithathu yezinkanyezi emkhathini waziphosela emhlabeni. Umgobho wema phambi kowesifazane owayesebaletha kuze kuthi umntswana angazalwa uhle umtshwabadele. 5 Wazala indodana, "eyayizabuswa izizwe zonke ngentonga yensimbi." Umntanakhe wahluthunelwa phezulu kuNkulunkulu lasesihhlalweni sakhe sobukhosu. 6 Ovesifazane wabalekela enkangala endaweni ayeyilungiselwe nguNkulunkulu lapho ayezacinakala khona okwensuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha. 7 Kwaba lempi ezulwini. UMikhayeli lezingilosu zakhe balwa lomgobho kwathi umgobho kanye lezingilosu zavo lawo walwa labo. 8 Kodwa wawungelamandla kangako njalo wona lezingilosu zavo balahlekewa yindawo yabo ezulwini. 9 Umgobho omkhulu waphoselwa phansi, inyoka leyana endala ethiwa ngoMubi loba uSathane odukisa umhlabi wonke. Waphoselwa emhlabeni ekanye lezingilosu zakhe. 10 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu ezulwini lisithi: "Khathesi ukusindiswa sekufikile lamandla kanye lombuso kaNkulunkulu wethu kanye lobukhosu bukaKhristu wakhe. Ngoba umangaleli wabazalwane bethu, obamangalelayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku, usephoselwe phansi. 11 Bamnqobile ngegazi leWundlu langeliziwi lobufakazi babo; kabakuthandanga kakhulu uphilia kwabo ukuba besabe ukufa. 12 Ngakho-ke, thokozani lina mazulu kanye lani elihlala kuwo! Kodwa maye kuwo umhlabi lolwandle ngoba omubi useze phansi kin! Ugcwele intukuthelo ngoba uyakwazi ukuthi isikhathi sakhe sifitshane." 13 Kwathi umgobho ubona ukuthi wawusuphoselwe emhlabeni wamdinga ovesifazane owayebelethe umntswana wesilisa. 14 Ovesifazane lowo wayephiwe amaphiko amabili okhozi olukhulu ukuze andizele endaweni ifice ovesifazane imkhucule ngesikhukhula. 16 Kodwa umhlabi wasiza ovesifazane ngokuvula umlomo waho wasugirya umfula owawukhutshwe ngumgobho emlonyeni waho. 17 Ngakho-ke, umgobho wamthukuthelela ovesifazane wasusuka usiyakulwa impi lenzalo yonke yowesifazane, labo abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu bebambelele kubo ubufakazi bukajesu. Umgobho wema okhunjini lolwandle.

**13** Ngabuya ngabona isilo siphuma olwandle. Sasilempondo ezilitshumi lamakhanda ayisikhombisa silemiqhele elitshumi phezu kwempondo zaso njalo ekhanda ngaliganje kulebizo elihlambazayo. 2 Isilo engasibonayo sasinjengengwe, kodwa silenyawo ezifana lezebhele lomlomo onjengowesilwane. Umgobho wanika isilo leso amandla awo lesihlalo sawo sobukhosu kanye lamandla amakhulu. 3 Elinye lamakhanda esilo leso lalingathi lalike laba lenxeba elibulalayo, kodwa inxeba elibulalayo lelo laselipholie. Umhlabi wonke wamangala wasilandela isilo. 4 Abantu bawukhonza umgobho ngoba wawunike isilo amandla, lesilo basikhonza bebuza besithi, "Ngubani onjengesilo?

Ngubani ongalwa impi laso na?" **5** Isilo saphiya behlambulukile. Balandela iWundlu loba kungaphi umlomo ukuba sikhulume amazwi okuzigqaja lapho eliya khona. Bah lengwa phakathi kwabantu lokuhlambaza kanye lokuthi sisebenzise amandla aso okwezinyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. **6** Savula umlomo waso ukuba sihlambaze uNkulunkulu lokuba sichothezo ibizo lakhe lendawo yakhe yokuhlala kanye lalabo abahlala ezulwini. **7** Sasiphi amandla okulwa impi labangcweli kanye lokubanqoba. Saphiya lamandal phezu kwezizwana zonke labantu lezindimi kanye lezizwe zonke. **8** Bonke abantu abahlala emhlabeni basazikhonza isilo leso, bonke abalamabizo abo angalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila yeWundlu elahlatshwayo kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. **9** yesibili yalandela yathi, "Liwile! Liwile! iBhabhiloni Lowo olendlebe, akezwe. **10** "Nxu umuntu kumele eliKhulu elenza izizwe zonke zanatha iwayini layo aye ekuthunjweni, uzakuya ekuthunjweni. Nxu elihlanyisayo ngobufabe balo." **9** Ingilosи yesithathu umuntu kumele abulawe ngenkemba, uzabulawa ngayo inkemba." Lokhu kufuna ukubekezelu okuqinileyo lokuthembeka kwabangcweli. **11** Ngabuya ngabona esinye isilo siphuma emhlabeni. Sasilempondo ezimbili njengewundlu, kodwa sikhuluma njengomgobho. **12** Sasibenzisa wonke amandla esilo sakuqala esikhundleni saso njalo senza umhlaba labahlezi kuwo bakhonze isilo sakuqala, esinxeba laso eselapholayo. **13** Njalo senza izibonakaliso ezinkulu lezimangalisayo, kanye lokwenza ukuthi umlilo wehlele phansi usuka ezulwini usiza emhlabeni abantu bezibone. **14** Ngenxa yeziponakaliso saphiya amandla okumela isilo sakuqala, sakohlisa abahlezi emhlabeni. Sabalaya ukuba bamise umfanekiso wokuhlonipa isilo esalinyazwa ngenkemba, kodwa saphila. **15** Saphiya amandla okuba umfanekiso wesilo sakuqala siwunike umphefumulo ukuze sikhulume njalo sibangele ukuthi bonke abala ukukhonza umfanekiso babulawo. **16** Njalo sabamba abantu bonke ngamandla, abancane labakhulu, abanothileyo labayanga, abakhululekileyo kanye leziqqili ukuba babekwe uphawu ezandleni zabo zokudla loba emabunzini abo **17** ukuze angabikhona ozathenga kumbe athengise ngaphandle kokuba elophawu lololulibizo lesilo leso loba inombolo yebizo laso. **18** Lokhu kufuna inhlakanipho. Umuntu olombono lengqondo ebonayo, kayidingsise inombolo yesilo ngoba yinombolo yomuntu. Inombolo yaso ngamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha.

**14** Ngabuya ngakhangela, khonapho phambi kwami kwakuleWundlu, limi phezu kweNtaba iZiyoni, lilabazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane ababelotshwe ibizo lalo lelikayise emabunzini abo. **2** Ngezwa umdumo ovela ezulwini ufana lokuhuba kwamanzi agelezayo lanjengokukhwaza okukhulu kwezulu. Umdumo engawuzwayo wawunjengowabatshayi bamachacho betshaya amachacho abo. **3** Bahlabela ingoma entsha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosu laphambi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo kanye laphambi kwabadalala. Kakho owayengayifunda ingoma leyo ngaphandle kwaba zinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane ababehlengwe emhlabeni. **4** Laba yilabo abangazingcolisanga ngabesifazane ngoba bazicina

behlambulukile. Balandela iWundlu loba kungaphi umlomo ukuba sikhulume amazwi okuzigqaja lapho eliya khona. Bah lengwa phakathi kwabantu lokuhlambaza kanye lokuthi sisebenzise amandla aso okwezinyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. **5** Akulamanga atholakala emilonyeni yabo; kabalsaci. **6** Ngabuya ngabona enye ingilosи indiza emoyeni ilevangelii elingapheliyo ukuba ilitshumayele kulabo abahlezi emhlabeni lasezizwemi zonke lasezizwanen lasezindimini kanye lasebantwini. (**aiōnios g166**) **7** Ngelizwi elikhulu yathi, "Mesabenu uNkulunkulu limdumise ngoba isikhathi sokwahlulela kwakhe sesifikile. Mkhonzeni yena owadala amazulu, omhlaba, lolwandle kanye lemithombo yamanzi." **8** Ingilosи elahlatshwayo kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba. **9** yasilandela yathi ngelizwi elikhulu, "Nxu umuntu angakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso afakwe uphawu lwaso ebunzini loba esandleni, **10** laye uzanatha iwayini lentukuthelo kaNkulunkulu elithelwe ngamandla agcweleyo enkezweni yolaka lwakhe. Uzahlukuluzwa ngesolufa elitshisayo phambi kwezingilosи ezingcweli laphambi kweWundlu. **11** Intuthu yokuhulkuluzwa kwabo ithunqa kuze kube mininini. Akukho suku loba ubusuku bokuphumula kulabo abakhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso loba lowo owerukela uphawu lwebizo laso." (**aiōn g165**) **12** Lokhu kufuna ukubekezelu okuqinileyo kwabangcweli abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu baqhubeke bethembekile kujesu. **13** Ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi, "Loba ukuthi: Babusisi abafileyo befela eNkosini kusukela khathezi kusiya phambili." "Yebo," kutsho uMoya, "bazaphumula ekutshikatshikeni kwabo ngoba izenzo zabo zizabalanda." **14** Ngakhangela khonapho phambi kwami kwakuleyezi elimhlophe njalo phezu kweyezi lelo kwakuhlezi ofana lendodana yomuntu elomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe lesikela ebukhali esandleni sakhe. **15** Enye ingilosи yaphuma ethempelin ozathenga kumbe athengise ngaphandle kokuba yamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu kulowo owayehlezi elophawu lololulibizo lesilo leso loba inombolo phezu kweyezi isithi, "Thatha isikela uvune ngoba yebizo laso." **16** Lokhu kufuna inhlakanipho. Umuntu isikhathi sokuvuna sesifikile kalokho isivuno emhlabeni sesivuthiwe." **16** Ngakho-ke, lowo owayehlezi phezu kweyezi watshibilikisela isikela yakhe emhlabeni, umhlaba wavunwa. **17** Enye ingilosи yaphuma ethempelin ezulwini layo futhi yayilesikela ebukhali. **18** Enye njalo ingilosи eyaylamandla phezu komilo yeza ivela e-alithareni yamemezela ngelizwi elikhulu kulowo owayehlezi ebukhali isithi, "Thatha isikela yakho ebukhali ubuthe amahlukozo amavini esivinini somhlaba, ngoba amavini aso asevuthiwe." **19** Ingilosи leyo yatshibilikisela isikela yayo emhlabeni yabutha amavini awo yawaphosela esikhamelweni sewayini solaka lukaNkulunkulu. **20** Avoxwa phakathi kwesikhamele sewayini ngaphandle kwedolobho, igazi lageleza liphuma esikhamelweni, laphakama okufika ematomini ebhiza okwebanga elingaba ngamakhilomitha angamakhulu amathathu.

**15** Ezulwini ngabona esinye isibonakaliso esikhulu lesimangalisayo: Izingilosи eziyisikhombisa zilezifo zokucina eziyisikhombisa, ezokucina ngoba

ngazo ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyapheleliswa. 2 Ngabuya omkhulu uYufrathe, amanzi awo asesitsha ukuba ngabona okwakungathi lulwandle lwamangilazi kulungiswe indlela yamakhosi avela empumalanga. axutshaniswe lomlilo njalo eceleni kolwandle 13 Ngabuya ngabona imimoya emibi emithathu kwakumi labo ababesinqobile isilo lomfanekiso eyayifana lamaxoxo eyaphuma emlonyeni womgobho waso kanye lenombolo yebizo laso. Babephethethe lasemlonyeni wesilo kanye lasemlonyeni womphrofethi amachacho ababewaphiwe nguNkulunkulu 3 wamanga. 14 Yimimoya yamadimonni eyenza behlabeleda ingoma kaMosi inceku kaNkulunkulu kanye izibonakaliso ezimangalisayo njalo iyahamba iye lengoma yeWundlu besithi: "Mikhulu iyamangalisa emakhosini omhlaba wonke iwaqqqela impi ngosuku imisebenzi yakho Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla. olukhulu lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. 15 "Khangelani, Zilungle njalo ziqotho izindlela zakho, Nkosi ngiza njengesela! Ubusisiwe lowo ohlala elindile egcina iziqqoko zakhe zikuye ukuze angahambi nqunu abehlazzo." 16 Basebeqoqela amakhosni ndawonye endaweni ethiwa yi-Amagedoni ngesiHebheru. 17 Ingilos yesikhombisa yathululela umganu wayo emoyeni kwasekuphuma ilizwi elikhulu ethempelini livela esihlalweni sobukhosni, lisithi, "Sokwensiwe!" 18 Kwasekusiba lokuphazima kwemibane lemidumo lokukhwaza kwezulu kanye lokuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba. Akulakuzamazama komhlaba okunjengakho okwake kwenzeke selokhu umuntu waba semhlabeni, kwakukhulu kakkuhlu lokho kuzamazama komhlaba. 19 Idolobho elikhulu lehlukana laba yizigaba ezintathu, amadolobho eziwze abhidliku. UNkulunkulu wakhumbula iBhabhiloni elikhulu walinika inkezo yewayini egcwele ukuvutha kolaka lwakhe. 20 Izihlenge zonke zabaleka kwathi izintabu zanyamalala. 21 Emkhathini kwehla amatshe amakhulukazi esiqhotho, liliyine lingaba ngamakhilogramu angamatshumi amatathu, awela phezu kwabantu. Bamthuka uNkulunkulu ngenxa yohlupo lwestiqhotho ngoba uhlupo lolo lwalusesabeka.

**16** Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livelela ethempelini lisithi ezingilosini eziyisikhombisa, "Hambani, lithululele emhlabeni imiganu eyisikhombisa yolaka lukaNkulunkulu." 2 Ingilos yakuqala yahamba yathululela umganu wayo emhlabeni kwasekuphilihika izilonda ezenyanyekayo njalo ezbihlungu ebantwini ababelophawu lwersilo njalo bekhonza umfanekiso waso. 3 Ingilos yesibili yathululela umganu wayo olwandle lwaphenduka lwaba ligazi elinjengelomuntu ofileyo, kwathi yonke into ephilayo esowlandle yafa. 4 Ingilos yesithathu yathululela umganu wayo emifuleni lasemthonjeni yamanzi yaba ligazi. 5 Ngasengisizwa ingilos eyayingumphathi wamanzi isithi: "Ulungile ngalezizahlulelo, wena oNgcwele wena okhona lowayekhona, 6 ngoba bachitha igazi labangewe bakho lelabaphrofethi, ngakho ubanike igazi ukuba balinathe njengokubafeleyo." 7 Ngezwa i-alithari liphindula lisithi: "Yebo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, ziqotho njalo zilungle lezi zahlulelo zakho." 8 Ingilos yesine yathululela umganu wayo elangeni, ilanga laseliphiwa amandla okutshisa abantu ngomlilo. 9 Bosiwa yikutshisa okukhulu kwelanga njalo balithuka ibizo likaNkulunkulu, owayelamandla phezu kwezifo lezi, kodwa bala ukuba baphenduke bamdumise. 10 Ingilos yesihlanu yathululela umganu wayo phezu kweishlalo sobukhosni sesilo, umbuso waso wembeswa yibumnyama. Abantu baxhanxatha inlimi zabo ngobuhlungu, 11 bamthuka uNkulunkulu wasezulwini ngenxa yobuhlungu bezilonda zabo, kodwa bala ukuphenduka kulokho ababewenzile. 12 Ingilos yesithupha yathululela umganu wayo emfuleni

**17** Enye yezingilos eziyisikhombisa ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa yeza kimi yathi, "Woza ngikutshengise ukujeziswa kwsesiphingi esikhulu esihlezi phezu kwamanzi amanengi. 2 Amakhosni omhlaba afeba laso njalo abahlezi emhlabeni badakwa yiwayini yobufabe baso." 3 Ingilos yasingithatha ngiseMoyeni yangisa enkangala. Khonapho ngabona owestifazane ehlezi phezu kwestilo esibomvu gebhu sigcwele amabizo ahlambazayo njalo yailamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. 4 Owestifazane lowo wayegqoke okuyibubende lokubomvu gebhu njalo wayekhazimula ngegolide langamatshe aligugu kanye langobuhlu. Esandleni sakhe wayephethie inkezo igcwele izinto ezenyanyekayo kanye lamanya obufabe bakhe. 5 Umbhalo owawulotshwe ebnunzi lakhe wawusesabeka: iBhabhiloni elikhulu uNina weziPhingi kanye lamaNyala wonke omhlaba. 6 Ngabona ukuthi owestifazane lowo wayedakwe ligazi labangewe, igazi lalabo abalobufakazi bukajesu. Ekumboneni kwami ngamangala kakhulu. 7 Ingilos yasisithi kimi, "Kungani umangala? Ngizakuchazela imfihlakalo yowestifazane lesilo asigadileyo esilamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. 8 Isilo osibonileyo sake saba khona, kodwa khathesi kasikesho njalo sizaphuma eMgodini ongelankhawulo siye ekubhujisweni kwaso. Abahlezi emhlabeni abalamabizo abo angalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila kusukela ekudalweni komhlaba bazamangala lapho besibona lesilosilu ngoba sake

saba khona, kodwa khathesi kasisekho, kodwa sizabuya sivele. (*Abyssos g12*) **9** Lokhu kufuna ingqondo elokuhlakanipha. Amakhanda ayisikhombisa ngamaqaqa ayisikhombisa owesifazane ahlezi phezu kwavo. **10** Njalo angamakhosi ayisikhombisa. Amahlanu kudala awa, eyodwa ikhona, enye kayikaveli, esake saba khona njalo khathesi esingasekho yinkosi yesicaminwembili. Ngenye yalawo ayisikhombisa njalo isisiya ekubhujisweni kwayo. **12** Impondo ezilithumi ozibonileyo ngamakhosi alitshumi angakatholi mbuso, kodwa azathola amandla obukhosii okwehola elilodwa kanye lesilo. **13** Alenjongo yinje njalo azakupha isilo amandla awo kanye lelungelo. **14** Azakulwa impi leWundlu, kodwa iWundlu lizawanqoba ngoba liyiNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, njalo lizabe lilababiwego balo abangabalandeli abakhethiwayo labathembekileyo.” **15** Ingilosil yabuya yathi kimi, “Amanzi owabonileyo lapho isiphingi esihlezi khona ngabantu bemihlobo yonke, amaxuku lezizwe kanye lezindimi. **16** Isilo lempondo ezilithumi ozibonileyo kuzasizonda isiphingi. Zizasichitha zisitsihiye size; zizakudla inyama yomzimba waso zisitsihiye ngomlilo. **17** Ngoba uNkulunkulu ubike ezinhliyizweni zazo ukuba afeze injongo yakhe ngokuvuma ukunika isilo amandla azo okubusa amazwi kaNkulunkulu aze agcwalseke. **18** Owesifazane ombonileyo lidolobho elikhulu elibusu amakhosi omhlaba.”

Bhabhiloni, dolobho lamandla! Ngehola linye nje incithakalo yakho ifikile! **11** Abathengisi basemhlabeni bazalikhalela balililele ngoba kungasekho othenga impahla yabo, **12** imithwalo yegolide leyesiliva leyamatshe aligugu leyobuhllalu; eyelineni elihle inhlobo zonke zezigodo zesithironi lezinhlolo zonke ezizinto ezenziwe ngempondo zendlovu lezigodo ezidulay lethusi lensimbi kanye lelitshe elimhlophe; **13** imithwalo yesinamoni leyeziyoliso, eyempeha leyemure kanye leyamakha, eyewayini lamafutha e-oliva, eyefulawa ecolekileyo kanye lengqoloyi; inkomo lezimvu; amabhiza lezingola leziggili kanye lempiphfumulo yabantu. **14** Bazakuthi, “Izithelo owawuzilangathela zisukile kuwe. Yonke inotho yakho lenkazimulo sekunyamalele, kakuyikutholakala futhi.” **15** Abathengisi ababethengisa lezizinto bezuza inotho yabo kuyo bazakuma khatshana, besesaba njalo bakhale kakhulu besithi: “Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu, eligqoke ilineni elihle, okuyibubende lokubomvu, elikhazimulay ngegolide langamatshe ngokuhlukuluzwa kwalo. Bazalila babubule **16** njalo bakhale kakhulu besithi: “Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu, eligqoke ilineni elihle, okuyibubende zemikhumbi labo bonke abahamba ngayo labatshayeli labo bonke abazuza ukuphila kwabo olwandle bazakuma khatshana. **18** Lapho bebona izikhatha zokutsha kwalo bazachaza bathi, “Kambe kwake kwaba ledolobho elinjengaleli idolobho elikhulu na?” **19** Bazathela uthuli emakhanda abo balile babubule behkala besithi: “Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu, lapho bonke ababelemikhumbi olwandle abanthiswa khona yinotho yalo! Ngehola linye nje selichithiwe! **20** Thokoza ngalo, Oh Zulu! Thokozani bangcwele labapostoli kanye labaphrofethi! UNkulunkulu uselahlulele ngendlela elaliphatha ngayo.” **21** Ingilosil elamandla yasidobha ilitshe elingangembokodo enkulu yaliphosela olwandle, yathi: “Idolobho elikhulu laseBhabhiloni lizaphoselwa phansi, ngodlakela olunje, lingaphindi libonakale futhi. **22** Umculo wabatshayi bamachacho labahlabeledi labatshayi bemihlanga lamacilongo, kawusoze uwzakale kuwe futhi. Akukho sisebenzi lesawuphi umsebenzi esizatholakala kuwe futhi. Umsindo wembokodo kawusoze uwzakale kuwe futhi. **23** Urukuxanya kwasibane akusoze kukhanye kuwe futhi. Iliizi lomyeni lelomlobokazi kalisoze lizwakale kuwe futhi. Abathengisi bakho babeyizikhulu zomhlaba. Izizwe zonke zadukiswa yibuthakathi bakho. **24** Kuwe kfawfunyanwa igazi labaphrofethi lelabangcwele, kanye lelabo bonke ababulawayo emhlabeni.”

**18** Emva kwalokhu ngabona enye ingilosil isebla ivela ezulwini. Yayilamandla amakhulu njalo umhlaba wakhanyiswa yikukhazimula kwayo. **2** Yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu yathi: “Liwile! Liwile iBhabhiloni elikhulu! Selibe likhaya lamadimonil lomango wabomoya ababi, lomango wezinyoni zonke ezingcolileyo lezenyanyekayo. **3** Ngoba izizwe zonke zinathe iwayini elihlanyisayo lobufube balo. Amakhosi omhlaba afeba lalo, labathengisi basemhlabeni banothiswa yinotho yalo eddlusileyo.” **4** Ngabuya ngezwa elinye ilizwi livez ezulwini lisithi: “Bantu bami, phuman kulo,” ukuze lingahlanganyeli ezonweni zalo ukuze lingehlelwu yizifo zalo; **5** ngoba izono zalo ziyingqwaba efika ezulwini, njalo uNkulunkulu usekhumbule amacala alo. **6** Lipheni njengokupha kwalo; buyiselani ngokuphindiweyo kulokho elikwenzileyo. Thelani kabilis isilinganiso enkezweni yalo. **7** Lizwiseni uchuku olukhulu losizi okulingana inkazimulo lenotho elizipha khona.” Enhliziyweni yalo liyazincoma lisithi, nighlezi njengendlovukazi; kangisumfelokazi, njalo kangisoze ngilile. **8** Ngakho-ke, ngosuku olulodwa izifo zalo zizalifica: ukufa lokukhala kanye lendlala. Lizahangulwa ngumililo ngoba ilamandla iNkosi uNkulunkulu olahlulelayo. **9** Lapho amakhosi asemhlabeni afeba lalo njalo abelana lalo inotho yalo ebona intuthu yokutsha kwalo azalikhalela alililele. **10** Azesaba ngenxa yokuhlukuluzwa kwalo eme khatshana akhale esithi: Maye! Maye, Oh dolobho elikhulu, Oh

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Abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo bawela phansi bakhonza uNkulunkulu owayehlezi esihlalweni sobukhos. Bamemeza njalo bathi: "Ameni, Haleluya!" **5** Kwasekuzwakala ilizwi elavela esihlalweni sobukhos, lisithi: "Dumisani uNkulunkulu wethu, lonke lina zinceku zakhe, lina elimesabay, abancane labakhulu!" **6** Ngabuya ngezwa okwakungathi lixuku elikhulu, kunjengokuhlokoma kwamanzi agelezayo lanjengokukhwaza kwezulu besithi: "Haleluya! Ngoba iNkosi yethu uNkulunkulu uSomandla uyabusa. **7** Kasithokozeni sijabule simuphe udumo. Ngoba umthimba weWundlu usufikile, lomlobokazi walo usesilzungise. **8** Ilineni elihle elicazimulayo elihlanzekileyo uliphiwe ukuba agqokey." (Ilineni elihle limele imisebenzi emihle yabangcweli.) **9** Ingilos yasisithi kimi, "Loba ukuthi: Babusisiwe labo abanxusiweyo edilini lomtshado weWundlu!" Yengeza yathi, "La ngamazwi aqotho kaNkulunkulu." **10** Ngawela ezinyaweni zayo ngayikhonza. Kodwa yathi kimi, "Ungakwenzi lokhu! Mina ngiyinceku kanye lawe kanye labazalwane bakho abalobufakazi bukajesu. Khonza uNkulunkulu! Ngoba ubufakazi bukajesu bungumoya wesiphrofethi." **11** Ngabona izulu livulekile njalo khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza elimhlophe, umgadi walo ethiwa nguThembekile loQiniso. Wahlulela ngokulunga alwe impi. **12** Amehlo akhe anjengomilo ovuthayo njalo ekhanda lakhe kulemiqhele eminengi. Ulebizo elioltshwe kuye elingaziwa muntu ngaphandle kwakhe yena ngokwakhe. **13** Uggoke isembatho esigxanyuzwe egazini njalo ibizo lakhe nguLizwi likaNkulunkulu. **14** Amabutho asezelwini ayemlandela egade amabhiza amhlophe njalo eggoke ilineni elihle elimhlophe njalo lihlanzekile. **15** Emlonyeni wakhe kuphuma inkemba ebukhali agalela ngayo izizwe. "Uzazibus gentonga yensimbi." Unyathela isikhamelo sewayini sentukuthelo yolaka lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. **16** Esambathweni sakhe lasemlenzeni wakhe kolutshwe ibizo leli elithi: INkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi. **17** Ngasengibona ingilos imi elangeni eyamemezel ngelizwi elikhulu ezinyonini zonke ezaizindiza emoyeni isithi, "Wozani libuthanele idili elikhulu likaNkulunkulu **18** ukuze lidle inyama yemizimba yamakhosi, eyezinduna zempi, eyamadoda alamandla, eyamabhiza labagadi bawo kanye leyabantu bonke abakhululekileyo lezigqili, abancane labakhulu." **19** Ngabuya ngabona isilo lamakhosi asemhlabeni lamabutho awo ebuthanele ukulwa impi lomgadi webhiza kanye lebutho lakhe. **20** Kodwa isilo sathunjwa ndawonye lomphrofethi wamanga owayenze izibonakaliso ezmangalisayo emele sona. Ngalezi zibonakaliso wabedukisa labo ababekwe uphawu lwestilo bakhonza umfanekiso waso. Sona lomphrofethi wamanga baphoselwa bephila echibini lomlilo wesolufa ovuthayo. (**Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442**) **21** Abanye babo babulawa ngenkemba eyaphuma emlonyeni womgadi webhiza njalo izinyoni zonke zazitika ngenyama yemizimba yabo.

**20** Ngasengibona ingilos isehelela phansi isuka ezulwini ilesihluthulelo soMgodi ongelamkhawulo iphethe ngesandla sayo iketane enku. (**Abyssos g12**) **2** Yabamba umgobho, inyoka leyana endala, engoMubi loba uSathane, yambopha okweminyaka eyinkulungwane. **3** Yamphosela eMgodini ongelamkhawulo, yawuhluthulela, yauvuala silikici, ukumvimbela ukuba angakohlisi izizwe futhi kuze kuphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane. Emva kwalokho kumele akhululwe okwesikhathshana. (**Abyssos g12**) **4** Ngabona izihlalo zobukhos okwakuhelezi kuzo labo ababephiwe amandal okwahlulela. Ngabona imiphefumulo yalabo ababequnye amakhandha genxa yobufakazi bukajesu langenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu. Babengasikhonzanga isilo loba umfanekiso waso njalo bengabekwanga uphawu Iwaso emabunzini abo loba ezandleni zabo. Bavuka baphila njalo babusa loKhristu iminyaka eyinkulungwane. **5** (Inengi labafileyo kalivukanga kwaze kwaphela iminyaka eyinkulungwane.) Lokhu yikuvuka ekufeni kwakuqala. **6** Babusisiwe njalo bangcwele labo abahlanganyela ekuvukeni kwakuqala. Ukufa kwsibili akulamandla bakanKkulunkulu labakaKhristu njalo bazabusa phezu kwabo, kodwa bazakuba ngabaphristi laye okweminyaka eyinkulungwane. **7** Iminyaka livulekile njalo khonapho phambi kwami kwakulebhiza entolongweni yakhe **8** aphume ukuyakohlisa izizwe emagumbini womane omhlabo, uGogi loMagogi, ukuba abaqoqe empini. Ngobunengi bangangenhlabathi okhunjini lolwandle. **9** Badabula phakathi komhlaba bahonqolozela izihonqo zabantu bakanKkulunkulu, idolobho alithandayo. Kodwa kwehla umlilo uvela ezelwini wabaqothula. **10** Omubi owayebakhohlisel waphoselwa echibini lesolufa elivuthayo, lapho okwakuphoselwe khona isilo lomphrofethi wamanga. Bazakutsha emini lebusuku kuze kuge nininini. (**aiōn g165, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442**) **11** Ngabuya ngabona isihlalo sobukhos esikhulu kanye lalowo owayehlezi kuso. Umhlabo lomkhathi kwabaleka phambi kwakhe, akwaze kwaba lendawo yakho. **12** Ngasengibona abafileyo, abancane labakhulu, bemi phambi kwsihlalo sobukhos, kwasekuwlwa izincwadi. Kwavulwa enye incwadi, eyincwadi yokuphila. Abafileyo bahlulewa mayelana lalokho ababekwenzile okwakulotshwe ezincwadini. **13** Ulwandle Iwakhupha abafileyo ababekulo, ukufa leHadesi kwakhupha abafileyo ababekukho, umuntu ngamunye wahlulewa mayelana lalokho akwenzayo. (**Hadēs g86, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442**) **14** Ukufa leHadesi kwaphoselwa echibini lomlilo. Ichibi lomlilo liyikufa kwsibili. (**Hadēs g86, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442**) **15** Nxa umuntu ibizo lakhe lalitholakala lingalotshwanga encwadini yokuphila wayephoselwa echibini lomlilo. (**Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442**)

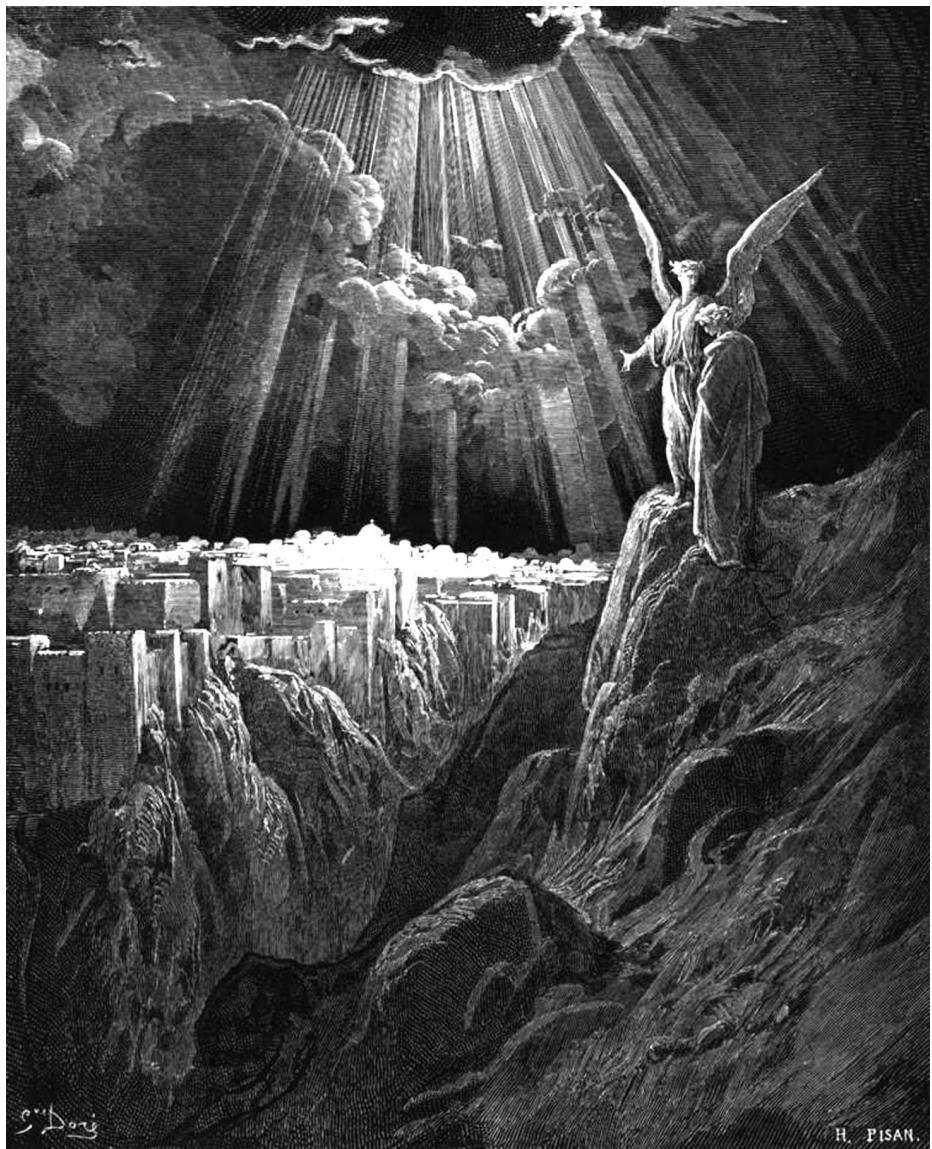
**21** Ngabuya ngabona "izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsa," ngoba izulu lakuqala lomhlaba wakuqala kwasekudlule njalo ulwandle lwalungasekho. **2** Ngabona iDolobho eliNgcweli, ijerusalem elitsha, lisehlela phansi liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu

lilungiswe njengomlobokazi ececele umkakhe. **3** kuyithophazi, esetshumi kuyikhrisophirase, esetshumi Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livela esihlalweni sobukhosu lanye kuyijasinti, esetshumi lambili kuyi-amethisithi. lisithi, "Khathesi ikhaya likaNkulunkulu selisebantwini, **21** Amasango alitshumi lambili ayengamatshe obuhlu uzahlala labo. Bazakuba ngabantu bakhe njalo alitshumi lambili, isango ngalinye lenziwe ngelitshe uNkulunkulu yena uqobo uzakuba labo abe elilodwa lobuhlu. Umgwaqo omkhulu wedolobho nguNkulunkulu wabo. **4** Uazesula zonke inyembezi wawuligolide elicengekileyo njengengilazi elibonisa emehlwensi abo. Akusayikuba khona futhi ukufa okungale kwalo. **22** Kangibonanga thempeli edolobheni loba ukulila loba ukukhala loba ubuhlungu ngoba ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla leWundlu umumo omdala wezinto usudlure." **5** Lowo balithempeli lalo. **23** Idolobho kalisweli langa owayehlezi esihlalwensi sobukhosu wathi, "Ngenza loba inyanga ukukhanya kulo ngoba inkazimulo izinto zonke zibe zintsha!" Wabuya wathi, "Kulobe kaNkulunkulu ilinika ukukhanya leWundlu liyisibane lokhu ngoba amazwi la aqotho njalo aliciniso." **6** salo. **24** Izizwe zizahamba ekukhanyeni kwalo Wasesithi kimi, "Sekwenzakele. Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega, lamakhosi omhlaba azaletha ubukhazikhazi bavo isiQalo lesiPhetho. Lowo owomileyo ngizamnathisa kulo. **25** Akulasuku lapho amasango alo azake emthonjeni wamanzi okuphila kungekho mbadalo. avalwe ngalo ngoba akuyikuba lobusuku khona. **26** Inkazimulo lodumo lwezizwe kuzalethwa kulo. **27** Akulalutho olungcolileyo oluzake lungene kulo, loba ngubani owenza amanyala kumbe inkohliso, kodwa labo kuphela abalamabizo abo alotshwe encwadini yokuphila yeWundlu.

**7** Lowo onqobayo uzakudla ilifa lakho konke lokhu njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wakhe yena abe yindodana yami. **8** Kodwa amagwala, abangakhwayo, abaxhwalileyo, ababulali, iziphingi, abathakathi, abakhonza izithombe labo bonke abaqamba amanga; indawo yabo izakuba sechibini lomlilo wesolufa ovuthayo. Lokhu yikufa kwasibili." (**Linnē Pyr g3041 g4442**) **9** Enye yezingilosu ezyisikhombisa eyayilemiganu eysikhombisa eyayigcwele izifo zokucina ezyisikhombisa yefa yathi kimi, "Woza, ngizakutshengisa umlobokazi, umkaWundlu." **10** Yangithwala ngiseMoyenja entaben enkuende yangitshengisa idolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema lisehla liphuma ezulwini kuNkulunkulu. **11** Lakhanya sakenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu, ukucwebezela kwalo kwakufana lokwelitshe eliligugu, njengejaspa, licwebezela njengelitshe elikhanyisayo. **12** Lalilomdui omkhulu, ophakemeyo lamasango alitshumi lambili kanye lezingilosu ezilitshumi lambili emasangweni. Emasangweni kwakulotshwe amabizo ezizwana ezilitshumi lambili zako-Israyeli. **13** Kwakulamasango amathathu ngasempumalanga, lamathathu ngasenyakatho, lamathathu ngaseningizimu, kanye lamathathu ngasentshonalanga. **14** Umduli wedolobho wawulezisekelo ezilitshumi lambili njalo phezu kwazo kwakulamabizo abapostoli beWundlu abalitshumi lambili. **15** Ingilosu eyakhulumu lami yayilomqwayi wegolide owokulunganisa idolobho, amasango alo lomduli walo. **16** Idolobho lalakhwi lalingana inxa zonke, lilide okungangobubanzi balo. Yalilinganisa idolobho ngomqwayi yathola lingaba ngamakhilomitha azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amabili ubude njalo libanzi liphakeme okulingana lobude balo. **17** Yalilinganisa umduli walo isebezanza isilinganiso sabantu, wawuzingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane ubuqatha bawo. **18** Umduli wawakhwiwe ngejaspa, idolobho lalakhwi ngegolide elicengeke njengengilazi. **19** Izisekelo zemiduli yedolobho zaziceciswe ngezinhlubo zonke zamatshe aligugu. Isisekelo sakuqala sasiyijaspa, esesibili kuyisafire, esesithathu kuyikhalisedoni, esesine kuyi-emaralidi, **20** esesihlanu kuyisadonikisi, esesithupha kuyikhanelyari, esesikhombisa kuyikhrisolithe, esesificamnwembili kuyibherili, esesificamnwemuye

**22** Ingilosu yasingitshengisa umfula wamanzi okuphila acengekileyo kakhulu egeleza evela esihlalwensi sobukhosu sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu **2** esehla ephakathi komgwao omkhulu wedolobho. Eceleni ngalinye lomfula kwakulesihlahla sokuphila sithele izithelo ezilitshumi lambili, sithele izithelo zaso nyanga zonke. Amahlamu esihlalha lesu ngawokwelapha izizwe. **3** Akusoze kubesiqalekiso futhi. Isihlalo sobukhosu sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu zizakuba sedolobheni njalo izinceku zakhe zizamkhonza. **4** Zizabubona ubuso bakhe lebizo lakhe lizakuba semabunzini azo. **5** Akusayikuba lobusuku futhi. Kaziyikukuswela ukukhanya kwasibane loba okwelanga ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu izazikhanyisela. Njalo zizabusa kuze kubesiqalekiso. (**aiōn g165**) **6** Ingilosu yasisithi kimi, "Amazwi la aqotho njalo aliciniso. INkosi, uNkulunkulu wemimoya yabaphrofethi wathuma ingilosu yakhe ukuba itshengise izinceku zakhe izinto okumele zenzakale masinyane." **7** "Khangelani, ngyeza masinyane! Ubusisiwe lowo ogcina amazwi esiprophethi asencwadini le." **8** Mina Johane, yimi engazibonayo njalo ngazizwa izinto lezi. Kwathi lapho sengizwile njalo ngazibona, ngawela phansi ukuba ngikhonze ezinyaweni zengilosu eyayingitshengisa zona. **9** Kodwa yathi kimi, "Ungakwenzi lokhu! Mina ngiyinceku njengawe kanye labazalwane bakho abaphrofethi labo bonke abagcina amazwi encwadi le. Khonza uNkulunkulu!" **10** Yabuya yathi kimi, "Ungawagciki amazwi esiprophethi sencwadi le, ngoba isikhathi sesidese. **11** Owenza okubi kaqhubeke esenza okubi; oxhwalileyo kaqhubeke ngokuxhwala; olungileyo kaqhubeke esenza okulungileyo; njalo ongcwele kaqhubeke engcwele." **12** "Khangelani, ngyeza masinyane! Ngilomvuzo wami, njalo ngizakupha umuntu munye ngamunye ngalokho akwenzayo. **13** Ngingu-Alfa lo-Omega, ngiyikuqala loKicina, isiQalo lesiPhetho. **14** Babusisiwe labo abagezisa izembatho zabo ukuze babe lelungelo esihlahleni sokuphila njalo bangene ngesango edolobheni. **15** Ngaphandle

kulezinja, labo abenza imisebenzi yobuthakathi, izifebe ezixhwalileyo, lababulali, labakhonza izithombe labo bonke abathanda inkohliso njalo beyenza. **16** Mina Jesu, ngithume ingilos i yami ukuba ilinike ubufakazi lobu emabandleni. NgiyimPande leNzalo kaDavid, kanye leNdonsakusa ekhanyayo.” **17** UMoya lomlobokazi bathi, “Woza!” Ozwayo katsho athi, “Woza!” Loba ngubani owomileyo, keze; njalo loba ngubani ofisayo, kathathe isipho esingahlawulelwayo samanzi okuphila. **18** Ngiyabaxwayisa bonke abezwa amazwi esiphrofethi sencwadi le: Nxa umuntu ezakwengeza olunye ulutho kuwo, uNkulunkulu uzazengeza kuye izifo ezibaliswe kule incwadi. **19** Njalo nxa umuntu esusa amazwi kule incwadi yesiphrofethi, uNkulunkulu uzamthathela isabelo sakhe esihlahleni sokuphila laseDolobheni eliNgcwele, okubaliswe kule incwadi. **20** Yena lowo ofakaza izinto lezi uthi, “Yebo, ngiyeza masinyane.” Ameni. Woza, Nkosi Jesu. **21** Urmusa weNkosi uJesu kawube sebantwini bakaNkulunkulu. Ameni.



*Ngabona iDolobho eliNgcwele, iJerusalema elitsha, lisehlela phansi liphuma ezulwini  
kuNkulunkulu lilungiswe njengomlobokazi ececele umkakhe. Ngezwa ilizwi elikhulu livela  
esihlalweni sobukhosи lisithi, "Khathesi ikhaya likaNkulunkulu selisebantwini, uzahlala labo.*

*Bazakuba ngabantu bakhe njalo uNkulunkulu yena uqobo  
uzakuba labo abe nguNkulunkulu wabo.*

*Isambulo 21:2-3*

# **Isiqondiso sabafundayo**

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The Aionian Bible republishes public domain and Creative Common Bible texts that are 100% free to copy and print. The original translation is unaltered and notes are added to help your study. The notes show the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

Who has the authority to interpret the Bible and examine the underlying Hebrew and Greek words? That is a good question! We read in 1 John 2:27, "*As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you do not need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you remain in him.*" Every Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible! Now that does not mean we will all agree. Each of us is still growing in our understanding of the truth. However, it does mean that there is no infallible human or tradition to answer all our questions. Instead the Holy Spirit helps each of us to know the truth and grow closer to God and each other.

The Bible is a library with 66 books in the Protestant Canon. The best way to learn God's word is to read entire books. Read the book of Genesis. Read the book of John. Read the entire Bible library. Topical studies and cross-referencing can be good. However, the safest way to understand context and meaning is to read whole Bible books. Chapter and verse numbers were added for convenience in the 16th century, but unfortunately they can cause the Bible to seem like an encyclopedia. The Aionian Bible is formatted with simple verse numbering, minimal notes, and no cross-referencing in order to encourage the reading of Bible books.

Bible reading must also begin with prayer. Any Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible with God's help. However, this freedom is also a responsibility because without the Holy Spirit we cannot interpret accurately. We read in 1 Corinthians 2:13-14, "*And we speak of these things, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. Now the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.*" So we cannot understand in our natural self, but we can with God's help through prayer.

The Holy Spirit is the best writer and he uses literary devices such as introductions, conclusions, paragraphs, and metaphors. He also writes various genres including historical narrative, prose, and poetry. So Bible study must spiritually discern and understand literature. Pray, read, observe, interpret, and apply. Finally, "*Do your best to present yourself approved by God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, properly handling the word of truth.*" 2 Timothy 2:15. "*God has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ,*" 2 Peter 1:4-8.

# Uhlelo Iwamagama

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The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven special words to help us better understand the extent of God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies. The original translation is unaltered and a note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Compare the meanings below to the Strong's Concordance and Glossary definitions.

## **Abyssos** g12

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 9 times in 3 books, 6 chapters, and 9 verses

Meaning:

Temporary prison for special fallen angels such as Apollyon, the Beast, and Satan.

## **aīdios** g126

Greek: adjective

Usage: 2 times in Romans 1:20 and Jude 6

Meaning:

Lasting, enduring forever, eternal.

## **aiōn** g165

Greek: noun

Usage: 127 times in 22 books, 75 chapters, and 102 verses

Meaning:

A lifetime or time period with a beginning and end, an era, an age, the completion of which is beyond human perception, but known only to God the creator of the aiōns, Hebrews 1:2. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

## **aiōnios** g166

Greek: adjective

Usage: 71 times in 19 books, 44 chapters, and 69 verses

Meaning:

From start to finish, pertaining to the age, lifetime, entirety, complete, or even consummate. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Koine Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

## **eleēsē** g1653

Greek: verb, aorist tense, active voice, subjunctive mood, 3rd person singular

Usage: 1 time in this conjugation, Romans 11:32

Meaning:

To have pity on, to show mercy. Typically, the subjunctive mood indicates possibility, not certainty. However, a subjunctive in a purpose clause is a resulting action as certain as the causal action. The subjunctive in a purpose clause functions as an indicative, not an optative. Thus, the grand conclusion of grace theology in Romans 11:32 must be clarified. God's mercy on all is not a possibility, but a certainty. See [ntgreek.org](http://ntgreek.org).

**Geenna** g1067

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 12 times in 4 books, 7 chapters, and 12 verses

Meaning:

Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's trash dump, a place of ruin, destruction, and judgment in this life, or the next, though not eternal to Jesus' audience.

**Hades** g86

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 11 times in 5 books, 9 chapters, and 11 verses

Meaning:

Synonomous with Sheol, though in New Testament usage Hades is the temporal place of punishment for deceased unbelieving mankind, distinct from Paradise for deceased believers.

**Limnē Pyr** g3041 g4442

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: Phrase 5 times in the New Testament

Meaning:

Lake of Fire, final punishment for those not named in the Book of Life, prepared for the Devil and his angels, Matthew 25:41.

**Sheol** h7585

Hebrew: proper noun, place

Usage: 66 times in 17 books, 50 chapters, and 64 verses

Meaning:

The grave or temporal afterlife world of both the righteous and unrighteous, believing and unbelieving, until the general resurrection.

**Tartaroō** g5020

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 1 time in 2 Peter 2:4

Meaning:

Temporary prison for particular fallen angels awaiting final judgment.

# Uhlelo Iwamagama +

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Glossary references are below. Strong's Hebrew and Greek number notes are added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Questioned verse translations do not contain Aionian Glossary words and may wrongly imply *eternal* or *Hell*. \* The note placement is skipped or adjusted for verses with non-standard numbering.

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1 UJohane 2:17  
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1 KwabaseKhorinte 2:6  
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1 KwabaseKhorinte 2:8  
1 KwabaseKhorinte 3:18

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1 KwabaseKhorinte 8:13  
1 KwabaseKhorinte 10:11

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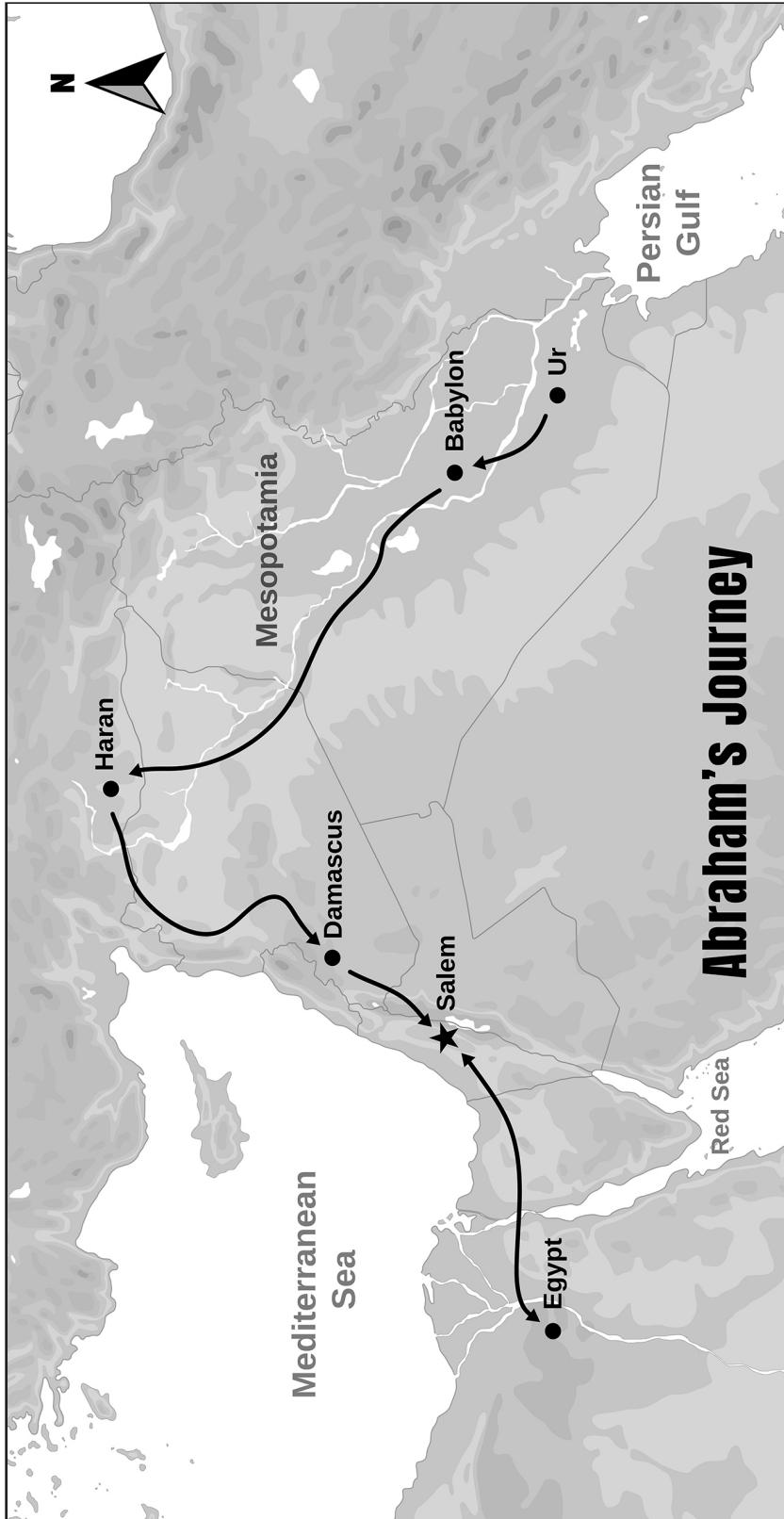
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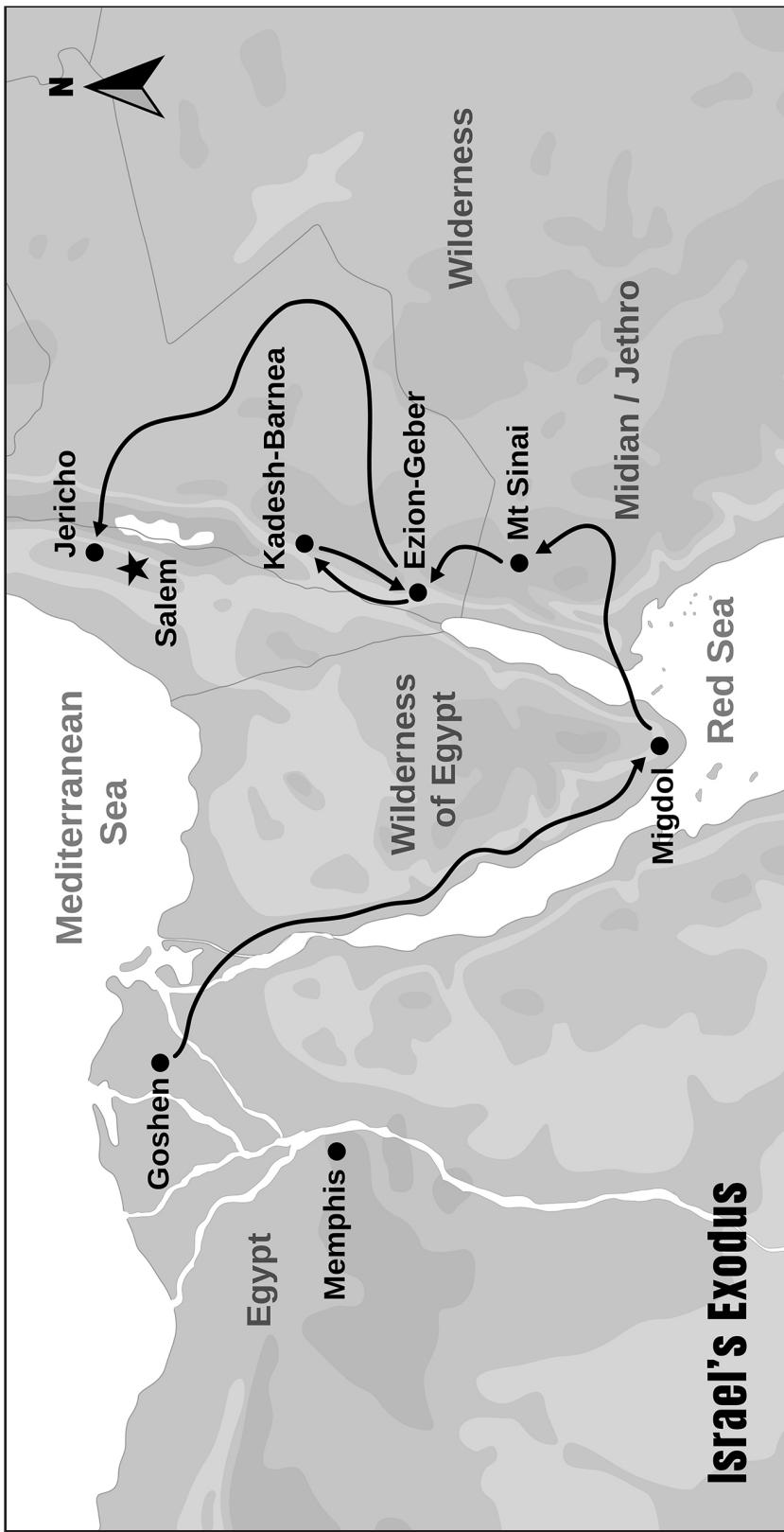
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UMathewu 23:15	Amahubo 86:13	
UMathewu 23:33	Amahubo 88:3	
UMakho 9:43	Amahubo 89:48	



## Abraham's Journey

Ngokukholwa u-Abrahama esebizelwe ukuba aye endaweni ayezayamutela muva njengelia lakte,  
walaleta wahamba, lanxa wayengakwazi lapho ayesija khona. - KumaHebheru 11:8



## Israel's Exodus

Ufaro esebarumle abantu ukuthi bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendela edabula elizweni lamaFilistiya lobaya yayiquma.  
Ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi, "Nxa behlangana lempi mhlawumbe bangethuka babuyele eGibhithe." - U-Eksodusu 13:17



Mediterranean Sea

Sidon  
Tyre  
Caesarea-Philippi

Galilee  
Capernaum  
Bethsaida

Cana  
Nazareth

Sychar

Samaria

Ephraim

Jerusalem ★  
Bethany

Bethlehem

Judea

Syria

Decapolis

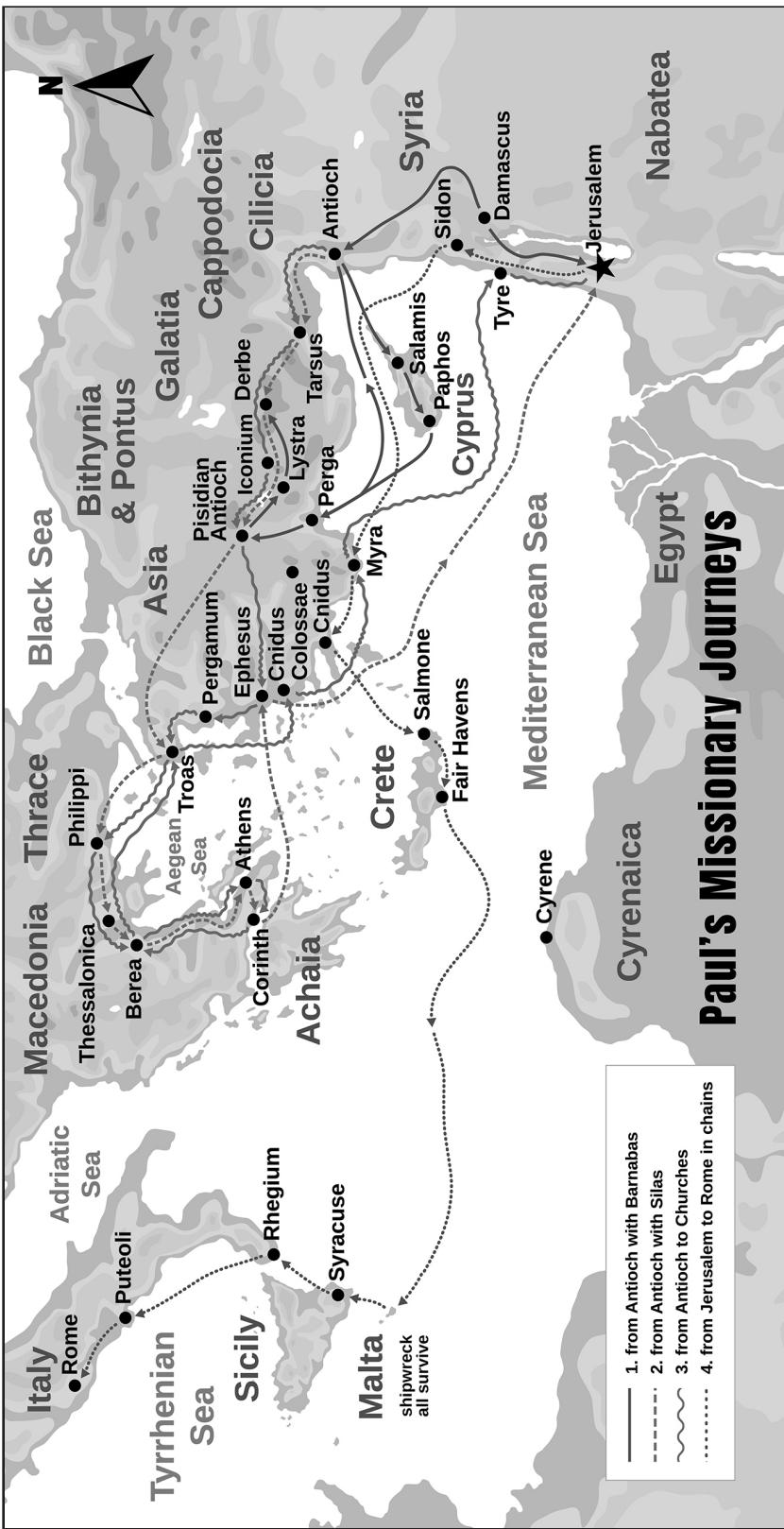
Peraea

► Egypt

**Jesus' Journeys**

Ngoba leNddana yoMuntu kayibuyelanga ukuzokhonza, kodwa ukuzokhonza lokunikela impilo yayo njengemlawulo yatanengi. - U Makho 10:45

# Paul's Missionary Journeys



UpHawuli, inceku kaKhristu wjesu, owabizelwa ukuba ngumpostoli njalo wahukanselwa ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, - KwabaseRoma 1:1

# **Creation 4004 B.C.**

<b>Adam and Eve created</b>	<b>4004</b>
<b>Tubal-cain forges metal</b>	<b>3300</b>
<b>Enoch walks with God</b>	<b>3017</b>
<b>Methuselah dies at age 969</b>	<b>2349</b>
<b>God floods the Earth</b>	<b>2349</b>
<b>Tower of Babel thwarted</b>	<b>2247</b>
<b>Abraham sojourns to Canaan</b>	<b>1922</b>
<b>Jacob moves to Egypt</b>	<b>1706</b>
<b>Moses leads Exodus from Egypt</b>	<b>1491</b>
<b>Gideon judges Israel</b>	<b>1245</b>
<b>Ruth embraces the God of Israel</b>	<b>1168</b>
<b>David installed as King</b>	<b>1055</b>
<b>King Solomon builds the Temple</b>	<b>1018</b>
<b>Elijah defeats Baal's prophets</b>	<b>896</b>
<b>Jonah preaches to Nineveh</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Assyrians conquer Israelites</b>	<b>721</b>
<b>King Josiah reforms Judah</b>	<b>630</b>
<b>Babylonians capture Judah</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>Persians conquer Babylonians</b>	<b>539</b>
<b>Cyrus frees Jews, rebuilds Temple</b>	<b>537</b>
<b>Nehemiah rebuilds the wall</b>	<b>454</b>
<b>Malachi prophesies the Messiah</b>	<b>416</b>
<b>Greeks conquer Persians</b>	<b>331</b>
<b>Seleucids conquer Greeks</b>	<b>312</b>
<b>Hebrew Bible translated to Greek</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Maccabees defeat Seleucids</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Romans subject Judea</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Herod the Great rules Judea</b>	<b>37</b>

(The Annals of the World, James Usher)



# **Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.**

# New Heavens and Earth



- Christ returns for his people
- 1956 Jim Elliot martyred in Ecuador
- 1830 John Williams reaches Polynesia
- 1731 Zinzendorf leads Moravian mission
- 1614 Japanese kill 40,000 Christians
- 1572 Jesuits reach Mexico
- 1517 Martin Luther leads Reformation
- 1455 Gutenberg prints first Bible
- 1323 Franciscans reach Sumatra
- 1276 Ramon Llull trains missionaries
- 1100 Crusades tarnish the church
- 1054 The Great Schism
- 997 Adalbert martyred in Prussia
- 864 Bulgarian Prince Boris converts
- 716 Boniface reaches Germany
- 635 Alopen reaches China
- 569 Longinus reaches Alodia / Sudan
- 432 Saint Patrick reaches Ireland
- 397 Carthage ratifies Bible Canon
- 341 Ulfilas reaches Goth / Romania
- 325 Niceae proclaims God is Trinity
- 250 Denis reaches Paris, France
- 197 Tertullian writes Christian literature
- 70 Titus destroys the Jewish Temple
- 61 Paul imprisoned in Rome, Italy
- 52 Thomas reaches Malabar, India
- 39 Peter reaches Gentile Cornelius
- 33 Holy Spirit empowers the Church

(Wikipedia, Timeline of Christian missions)

## Resurrected 33 A.D.

What are we? ►			Genesis 1:26 - 2:3	
How are we sinful? ►			Romans 5:12-19	
Where are we?			Innocence	
			Eternity Past	Creation 4004 B.C.
► Who are we?	God	Father	John 10:30  God's perfect fellowship	Genesis 1:31  God's perfect fellowship with Adam in The Garden of Eden
		Son		
		Holy Spirit		
	Mankind	Living	Genesis 1:1  No Creation No people	Genesis 1:31  No Fall No unholy Angels
		Deceased believing		
		Deceased unbelieving		
	Angels	Holy		
		Imprisoned		
		Fugitive		
		First Beast		
		False Prophet		
		Satan		
Why are we? ►			Romans 11:25-36, Ephesian 2:7	

Mankind is created in God's image, male and female He created us

Sin entered the world through Adam and then death through sin

## When are we?



Fallen				Glory
Fall to sin No Law	Moses' Law 1500 B.C.	Christ 33 A.D.	Church Age Kingdom Age	New Heavens and Earth
1 Timothy 6:16 Living in unapproachable light				Acts 3:21 Philippians 2:11 Revelation 20:3
John 8:58 Pre-incarnate	John 1:14 Incarnate	Luke 23:43 Paradise		
Psalm 139:7 Everywhere	John 14:17 Living in believers			
Ephesians 2:1-5 Serving the Savior or Satan on Earth				God's perfectly restored fellowship with all Mankind praising Christ as Lord in the Holy City
Luke 16:22 Blessed in Paradise				
Luke 16:23, Revelation 20:5,13 Punished in Hades until the final judgment				
Hebrews 1:14 Serving mankind at God's command				
2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 Imprisoned in Tartarus				Matthew 25:41 Revelation 20:10
1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:10 Rebelling against Christ Accusing mankind				Lake of Fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels
		Revelation 20:13 Thalaasa		
		Revelation 19:20 Lake of Fire		
		Revelation 20:2 Abyss		

For God has bound all over to disobedience in order to show mercy to all

# Isiphetho

Ndebele at [AionianBible.org/Destiny](http://AionianBible.org/Destiny)

The Aionian Bible shows the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of after-life destinies. The underlying Hebrew and Greek words typically translated as *Hell* show us that there are not just two after-life destinies, Heaven or Hell. Instead, there are a number of different locations, each with different purposes, different durations, and different inhabitants. Locations include 1) Old Testament *Sheol* and New Testament *Hadēs*, 2) *Geenna*, 3) *Tartaroō*, 4) *Abyssos*, 5) *Limnē Pyr*, 6) *Paradise*, 7) *The New Heaven*, and 8) *The New Earth*. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The key observation is that fallen angels will be present at the final judgment, 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. Traditionally, we understand the separation of the Sheep and the Goats at the final judgment to divide believing from unbelieving mankind, Matthew 25:31-46 and Revelation 20:11-15. However, the presence of fallen angels alternatively suggests that Jesus is separating redeemed mankind from the fallen angels. We do know that Jesus is the helper of mankind and not the helper of the Devil, Hebrews 2. We also know that Jesus has atoned for the sins of all mankind, both believer and unbeliever alike, 1 John 2:1-2. Deceased believers are rewarded in Paradise, Luke 23:43, while unbelievers are punished in Hades as the story of Lazarus makes plain, Luke 16:19-31. Yet less commonly known, the punishment of this selfish man and all unbelievers is before the final judgment, is temporal, and is punctuated when Hades is evacuated, Revelation 20:13. So is there hope beyond Hades for unbelieving mankind? Jesus promised, "*the gates of Hades will not prevail*," Matthew 16:18. Paul asks, "*Hades where is your victory?*" 1 Corinthians 15:55. John wrote, "*Hades gives up*," Revelation 20:13.

Jesus comforts us saying, "*Do not be afraid*," because he holds the keys to *unlock* death and Hades, Revelation 1:18. Yet too often our Good News sounds like a warning to "*be afraid*" because Jesus holds the keys to *lock* Hades! Wow, we have it backwards! Hades will be evacuated! And to guarantee hope, once emptied, Hades is thrown into the Lake of Fire, never needed again, Revelation 20:14.

Finally, we read that anyone whose name is not written in the Book of Life is thrown into the Lake of Fire, the second death, with no exit ever mentioned or promised, Revelation 21:1-8. So are those evacuated from Hades then, "*out of the frying pan, into the fire?*" Certainly, the Lake of Fire is the destiny of the Goats. But, do not be afraid. Instead, read the Bible's explicit mention of the purpose of the Lake of Fire and the identity of the Goats, "*Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the consummate fire which is prepared for... the devil and his angels,'*" Matthew 25:41. Bad news for the Devil. Good news for all mankind!

Faith is not a pen to write your own name in the Book of Life. Instead, faith is the glasses to see that the love of Christ for all mankind has already written our names in Heaven. "*If the first fruit is holy, so is the lump*," Romans 11:16. Though unbelievers will suffer regrettable punishment in Hades, redeemed mankind will never enter the Lake of Fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And as God promised, all mankind will worship Christ together forever, Philippians 2:9-11.

# Disciple All Nations



